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TO THE BELL-RINGERS

By the Rev. W. Basil Williams,
Vicar of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester.

HOW frequently, throughout the long centuries, have the poets of Old England, its writers and its sages, paid gracious tribute to your Sabbath day skill! How very often has the sonorous music of church bells inspired them! Such music, declared Charles Lamb, is "nighest bordering upon heaven", as indeed it truly is. Time and again, I imagine, as your bells sing out over the far countryside, or wing their Sabbath message through tiny hamlet or bustling town, your thoughts must surely accompany them in their summons to the call of faith. Deep, sonorous, harmonious, emerges that summons, as you in your belfries apply the skill and the ardour that motivates the metal monsters. Obediently they respond to your orders, and bring forth the music of the angels.

As you manipulate the bellropes and, manlike, may sometimes entertain a lurking doubt whether all this effort, all this prodigal expenditure of physical energy is justified after all, take heart at the word-poem of immortal Thomas Moore:

> Those evening bells! Those evening bells!
> How many a tale their music tells
> Of youth, and home, and that sweet time
> When last I heard their soothing chime.

Or the familiar lines of gentle William Cowper:

> How soft the music of those village bells
> Falling at interludes upon the ear
> In cadence sweet.

One is indeed justified in looking upon you all as the *winged messengers* of the Church, whose melodious call to arms, Sabbath after Sabbath day, serves as a reminder of man's duty to his Creator. Your professional experience is such as to enable you to recognise instantly any deviation from the *purity* of a bell-note. You have learned from that long experience to appreciate *flawlessness.* "Sound as a bell", "Clear as a bell-note", mean just what they say. Flawlessness!

So it is with human beings. Some there are, "sound as a bell", men and women who elect to tread the path of honesty and uprightness; who prefer to walk in the steps of the Master. Automatically, happily, zestfully, they respond to the call of the bell. They look upon church going not as a chore, not as an ordeal, but because deeply sensible of the vital truth that without a spiritual background their lives would be aimless, utterly without purpose. How comforting it all is, to realise that only twice in England's story has the voice of the church bell been silenced. Once, in those far-off anxious days when the armies of Napoleon threatened to invade our shores; and as recently as a couple of decades ago, when our churches were ordered to unmuffle their bells only in the event of an enemy landing. By the blessing of Almighty God that unhappy eventuality did not arise; the ban of silence was lifted on that unforgettable Sunday in November, 1942, when the church bells pealed joyously again to celebrate the Libyan victory.

And ever since, the bells of England have pealed triumphantly, winging their deep-toned call to prayer to the devout, to the faint hearted, to the doubters, to the misguided men and women who appear to measure life by the yardsick of hard cash; who approach religion with a "what's-in-it-for-me" attitude that will get them nowhere. To them and theirs church bells fall upon occluded ears. They grumble at what they call "this Sunday morning racket"; the chiming disturbs their tardy Sabbath rising. Probably they are people, so to speak, at loggerheads with God, conveniently forgetting that most of the ills that befall them are troubles of their own making. The message of the bells is wasted on them. The Sabbath call to prayer is to them just a nuisance—no more, no less. Anyhow, *their* sentiments were unshared by the eminent Housman, whose "Shropshire Lad" poem sings pleasantly of the music of the bells:

> "Oh, come you home of Sunday
> When Ludlow streets are still
> And Ludlow bells are calling
> To farm and lane and mill.
>
> Or come you home of Monday
> When Ludlow market hums
> And Ludlow chimes are playing
> 'The conquering hero comes'.

Take heart, then, in these tributes in the not-so-distant past to the skill, the devotion, the ingenuity of such as you, to whose belfry summons respond the godly, the thoughtful, men and women of every rank and every station, who sense the influence of the Almighty on every moment of their lives. You, I repeat, my friends, may rightly regard yourselves as the *winged messengers* of the church.

From your vantage-point beneath the steeple, and with the skill and the knowledge begotten of experience, yours is the Sabbath day call to arms; the awareness to man of the eternal verities, May the Almighty God continue to bless the work of your hands, and preserve you in happiness and health to serve Him in tonal harmony in all the happy years that lie ahead.

Let us, with immortal Tennyson

> Ring out old shapes of foul disease
> Ring out the narrowing lust of gold
> Ring out the thousand wars of old
> Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Change Ringing in the Newcastle Area

By RODNEY A. YEATES

ST. CUTHBERT'S, BLAYDON-ON-TYNE

(Six bells, 6 cwt. 27 lb.)

The Victorian Parish Church of the industrial town of Bladon has a ring of six cast in 1876 by Blews' of Birmingham. The local ringers were affiliated to the Association from 1885 to 1892. They seem, however, to have taken little interest in it and to have done little change ringing. This was changed in 1898, when Joseph Pattison, a keen enthusiast, who had done some ringing with the St. John's band, moved from Winlaton to Bladon. He became Ringing Master and tutor of the Society. Progress is indicated by 19 local 720's being rung in 1900 and the bells being rehung the following year. In 1902 the indefatigable E. E. Ferry was called in to assist the band and regular joint Saturday practices between Winlaton, Bladon and Whickham towers took place. In 1904 Pattison died. From 1906 until the beginning of World War I only Plain Bob could be rung.

Due to the bad "go," the bells were silent after the war until they were rehung in 1929. Then James Cliff started a young band, and a band was kept in being until World War II with some help from Newburn. Methods up to Treble Bob were rung.

After the war little local ringing was done. Mr. R. W. Leighton, a veteran local ringer, has attempted, without success, to start a band.

ST. NICHOLAS', CRAMLINGTON

(Six bells, 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.)

In 1873 a ring of six donated by Edward Potter, cast by Taylor's, was installed in the village of Cramlington. The bells were of poor "go"; a call change band was established until 1896. The organist of the church invited R. S. Story, of Whitley Bay, to visit Cramlington with his ringers. The result of Storey's efforts were that the local band became attached to the Association in the next year. Oswald Simm (died 1948) became the most prominent local ringer and perhaps the only one who regularly travelled into Newcastle to ring. The progress of the band was no doubt hindered by the remoteness of Cramlington and by the bad "go" of the bells, in spite of Story's efforts. Up until 1921 the band remained static, never advancing beyond Plain Bob. Then the band lapsed into call changes. Until World War II there was a regular band: almost all the ringers, however, were old. In 1934 the bells, after "long being painful to the hands and ears," according to the Association report, were recast and rehung. The ringers, however, did not improve

The local Society was revived in 1945. An apathetic call change band was kept up until perhaps 1962. A local attempt is now being made to start a band.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN'S, GATESHEAD

(Eight bells, 15 cwt.)

A ring of six was installed in this ancient church in 1730, the principal contributors being Newcastle Corporation and Newcastle Trinity House. In 1788 they were recast and augmented to eight by Mears. The Union Society of Newcastle and Gateshead (sometimes referred to as just of Newcastle) is said to have been formed at this time (Ernest Morris) and rang its first peal (Grandsire) at Gateshead in 1790, the band including three local ringers. The Society rang other peals of Grandsire at Gateshead in 1794, 1829 and 1850.

When the Association was formed in 1878 most of the Newcastle ringers belonged to the Union Society, then calling itself the Old Society, and it seems probable that they also were in charge of the ringing at Gateshead. The "go" of the bells after a time greatly deteriorated and except for call changes nothing was done. Change ringing took a new lease of life in 1902, when the bells were rehung and quarter-turned. A local band was started, the tutors being A. F. Hillier, of St. John's, and Joseph Keen, of North Shields. Among the new band were John Stuart, who eventually became captain, and Robert Pattinson. Plain Bob and Grandsire seem to be the methods practised. In 1927 the bells were rehung on ball-bearings and quarter-turned. Stuart resigned the captaincy in 1930 and Pattinson succeeded him. In 1931 the band appealed for instruction; W. H. Barber came to help and so invigorated the band that in 1934 they rang a peal of Grandsire with a completely local band, except for Barber, who did not conduct it. It was the first peal for four of the ringers. In 1936 Erin was practised. Stuart died in 1938, aged 74.

After World War II a numerous, if not perhaps skilled, band was collected under Pattinson. Attendance was, however, erratic, and by 1958 all local ringing had stopped. In 1962 a new band was started under Mr. Norman Elliott. Recently the seventh was badly cracked and as there is no money to recast it ringing continues on the front six.

ALL SAINTS', GOSFORTH

(Ten bells, 22 cwt. 23 lb.)

All Saints' Church, Gosforth, was built in 1887 and a tower added in 1897. A ring of eight bells was installed here in 1961 by John Taylor's, being the gift of Mr. Cecil and Miss B. Cochrane in memory of their mother. The new band was taught by R. S. Story and John Foreman (Cathedral). Considerable assistance as also given in the next few years by C. L. Routledge, E. E. Ferry and W. H. Barber. With such attention the band advanced well and a peal of Plain Bob Triples, conducted by Ferry in 1902, had seven local first pealers in it. Many new methods were mastered and a number of local peals rung, including Forward Major. In 1906 at a meeting the view was expressed that two trebles were desirable.

Due, in part at least to the moving of Ferry, Routledge and Barber to other towers, the band collapsed in 1911 and never fully recovered. By 1914 Triples was occasionally rung, although Minor was more common. In July, 1916, R. W. Falconer, a Gosforth ringer, was killed on the Somme. Through his will the local band received two additional trebles, which were dedicated in October, 1920.

The band at Gosforth remained in being until the Second World War, but ten-bell ringing was recorded on only one occasion. All the same, the band reached third place in Ferry's Sunday Service Ringing list in 1925 and 1932.

Immediately after the war the Church Council approached Mr. John Anderson to teach some ringers, which he did. Later the Association visited Gosforth once a week with little success. In 1960 the Rev. Ian Tinkler, the curate, taught some ringers, and the present local band consists mainly of learners under Mr. W. G. Hedley.

ST. ANDREW'S (PRESBYTERIAN), HEBBURN

(Six bells, 19 cwt.)

The industrial town of Hebburn has the only ring of bells in a Presbyterian church. In 1873 a ring of six was installed in this new church and were opened by the Cathedral ringers (it would be interesting to know whether this was with change ringing). In 1886 the local ringers applied for admission to the Association. The question of this application together with that of the ringers at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Blackhill, Co. Durham, was passed on to the two Bishops. The Bishop of Newcastle thought there was no reason why the ringers should not become attached to the Association. They should, however, inquire of the clergy who took an active interest in it. The Bishop of Durham thought it was better to keep the Association Anglican. This was accordingly done. The result of this is that Blackhill R.C. and Hebburn join Berwick and St. Andrew's, Newcastle, as the only rings never to be attached to the Association.

There may have been some local change ringing done after this; there does not seem to have been anything except call changes after World War I. There is no record of any Association instructor helping the ringers, nor has there ever been a peal in the tower: the writer has never met an Association member who has even rung here. In 1939 the bells required rehanging: there was, however, no money. The rest of the story is clear. A number of former ringers still live near the church.

CHRIST CHURCH, JARROW-ON-TYNE

(Eight bells, 17 cwt. 15 lb.)

Very prominent in the new town centre of industrial Jarrow is Christ Church, founded in 1868. Here in 1883 a Taylor's ring of six was installed. The band, like St. Peter's, was organised by Frederick Harrison and advanced to ringing a number of methods. This, however, lapsed later and by 1898 only Plain Bob could be rung. In about 1906 there was a revival in method ringing but this collapsed and by 1914 little change ringing was done. After the war until 1925 the band was not attached to the Association. It seems, however, to have remained in existence and to have been able to ring standard methods with J. Brewis as the leader.

For the 50th anniversary of the church the bells were augmented to eight in 1923. In 1925 R. S. Russell moved from St. Peter's and inspired the band with his enthusiasm. Due to ill-health, however, he soon had to retire from ringing. A standard methods band was kept up until 1939. After the war the bells were unringable and were last rung for VJ Day in 1945. Recently there has been talk of a rehanging but it has come to nothing. (To be continued)

ST. MARY'S, GATESHEAD

Dear Sir,—The clapper fell out of the seventh bell at St. Mary's, Gateshead, and cracked it during a peal attempt at the end of June, 1964. We have had an estimate of £900 to recast the bell concerned and other small repairs to the other seven bells.

Many ringers from all over the country have rung here either while on tour or for peal attempts. We hope some people who have rung at Gateshead may like to make a donation, no matter how small, to the address below, made payable to the St. Mary's Bell Fund. At the moment our Bell Fund stands at £54 5s.—Yours faithfully,

MARGARET A. THOW (Miss).
Captain.

WILLIAM N. THOW, Secretary.
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THE PEALS OF THE LATE A. PADDON SMITH

Alfred Paddon Smith rang his first peal at the age of 15 at Handsworth, Birmingham, on February 6th, 1897. He was proud of the privilege of taking part in a peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, also the first peals at Exeter and Buckfast.

His last peal was Stedman Cinques on handbells, on April 22nd, 1951. This was rung in the Lord Mayor's Parlour during the time when he was Lord Mayor of Birmingham. The last occasion when he rang a tower bell was at the dedication of the recast ring at Handsworth. He rang the treble, which he had given in memory of his wife.

But throughout his ringing career his chief interest was at St. Martin's. He was a regular worshipper and ringer at St. Martin's for about 45 years and rang 112 peals on these bells. He loved ringing Stedman Cinques and always averred that this was the finest music that could be produced on bells.

A half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted at St. Martin's on December 14th but was unsuccessful, and another attempt will be made on January 4th.

DETAILS OF PEALS

Maximus. — Cambridge Surprise 3, Kent T.B. 3, Forward 2, Grandsire 1, Plain Bob 1.—10.

Cinques.—Stedman 140, Grandsire 1, Erin 1.—142.

Royal.—Cambridge Surprise 4, Kent T.B. 4, Plain Bob 1.—9.

Caters.—Stedman 23, Grandsire 5.—28.

Major.—Cambridge Surprise 15, Superlative 10, Double Norwich 6, Kent T.B. 4, Plain Bob 3, Grandsire 1.—39.

Triples.—Stedman 25, Grandsire 14, Plain Bob 1.—40.

Total.—268.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Considering the very bad weather the annual general meeting of the North Staffs Association at Stoke Church on Dec. 4th was well attended by representatives from 18 towers, namely, Biddulph, Brown Edge, Bucknall, Chesterton, Darley Dale, Draycott, Gnosall, Goostrey, Hanley, Keele, Kingsley, Little Aston, Newcastle, Norton, Stoke, Swynnerton, Tunstall and Wolstanton. Ringing commenced at about 3 p.m. and continued in the standard and Surprise methods until about 9 p.m.

A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Venerable G. Youell, who also gave a very inspiring address. An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall by the lady members of the Stoke band.

The Archdeacon presided over the meeting, at which the following officers were elected: Messrs. C. S. Ryles (chairman), D. Midgley (secretary), A. D. Steele (treasurer), L. Shenton (auditor), W. H. Pickett (Ringing Master), R. S. Anderson and C. S. Ryles (Central Council representatives).

After discussion, a recommendation of the committee to increase subscriptions was carried, viz: Ringing members 5s. per year; junior (under 18) 3s. 6d. per year; non-resident life 7s. 6d.

It was specially stressed by the chairman that secretaries of towers must in future forward the subscriptions to the treasurer before September 30th of each year to enable the treasurer to present a true picture of the Association's finances. The treasurer stated that the sum of £11 4s. had been subscribed to the Harthill Memorial, and the committee had recommended the purchase of a gavel in the shape of a bell with a silver mounting. The meeting agreed that this purchase be made and the balance, if any, be given to the fund being raised for the Parish Memorial. Two new ringing members were elected, and two members of the Biddulph band, Mr. I. Stanway and Mr. L. Higgs, were made life members after 50 years' membership.

The secretary was requested to make inquiries into the possibility of holding the Diocesan Festival at Uttoxeter in October, 1966. D.R.W.

5,021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

By R. F. DEAL

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Rung at Derby Cathedral, July 24th, 1965.

GROTON AND GROTONIAN

Dear Sir,—Is there anyone who can prove the two principles I have invented? None of the people I have been asking since last June has come through with an answer. Would the appropriate Central Council committee kindly give me an answer.

What I call **Groton** starts out:

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Grotonian starts out:

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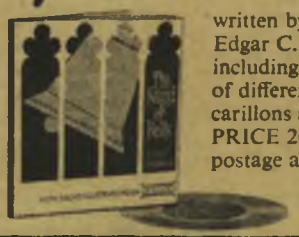
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Many thanks.—Yours sincerely,
RUSSELL YOUNG.
Groton School, Groton, Mass., U.S.A.

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Letters to the Editor

A LINK OF NEARLY SIXTY YEARS SNAPPED

Dear Sir,—This will be my last letter to "The Ringing World," so that any comments hereafter will not be read by me. I shall be giving up the paper at the end of this year: ninepence is too much for the interest I derive from it now that I am an old man, and most of my old ringing friends are dead. When one considers that I have taken the paper continuously since the first issue of 1911, and before that the "Bell News" from 1906—I remember when I was a young constable at Walthamstow the time when every Thursday morning Frank ("Deafy") Hill used to push the week's issue of "Bell News" on a coster's barrow from the printing works at Walthamstow to the publishers in the City—my giving it up is to be regretted.

I am satisfied that during my active years I did as much as most to further the art. When one considers the installation of the eight bells at my home tower of Anstey, Leicestershire, in 1906, the rehanging of the bells of St. George's, Southwark, and later the rehanging of the tenor at Toddington, Beds, in all of which I played an active part, it is tragic that I should be booted out of ringing by a few self-centred folk.

I must also take you to task, Mr. Editor, for describing me by, to me, the derogatory term of "Disgruntled." I am not disgruntled, but bitterly and unutterably disappointed and disillusioned in what I have found amongst some ringers and in the Church and its clergy generally. You also, sir, saw fit to delete some of the more important passages in my letter; that is the usual attitude of the Church, to save the face of the "faithful," not to expose the truth.

With regard to the "Abbot of Seend," I realise I have missed something in not knowing him or he not knowing me, in so far as I know, because it is obvious that he is a most truly wonderful Christian. I would tell him in passing that although my "chin is still sticking out," not one whisper has yet reached me from Canterbury, the cradle of Christianity.

I should also like to take this opportunity, if I may, to thank all those people, from a very wide area, who have written to me personally and to give me words of comfort. O yes, Mr. Abbot, I still have some friends.—Yours faithfully,

W. BOTTRILL.

Luton.

Note.—This correspondence is now closed. In losing a reader of such long standing the Editor regrets that he misinterpreted his letter and used "disgruntled" instead of "disillusioned."

GREAT BRITAIN NOT BRITISH ISLES

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter of Mr. Robert E. J. Dennis, I bow my head and acknowledge his superior geographical learning! My claim regarding the peals at Landewednack and Sennen should, of course, have been that they were at the southern and western extremities of Great Britain, not the British Isles. I challenge a band to ring a peal on the same day at each of the most easterly and northerly towers in **Great Britain!** — Yours sincerely,

ALAN CARVETH.

Truro, Cornwall.

GOLDEN MEMORY OF ENGLISH RINGING

Dear Sir,—On May 30th my tour of duty at R.A.F. Alconbury ended, and with it, woe is me, my bellringing activities in England. The time that has elapsed since then has only brightened the golden memory of the friendliness, the patient helpfulness and genuine interest demonstrated by many people in the wonderful ringing world of England, who helped me to learn about the glorious ancient art of change ringing and helped to cultivate in me a small budding skill for the Exercise. This experience provided me with so much joy, dismay, frustration and fulfilment in its challenge that it is one I will never be able to match or forget.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to all those who contributed to this unforgettable experience of mine. If this entire planet could be a "ringing world," operating with "methods" acceptable to all, and with the same friendly interchange between countries as there is between towers and ringers, it would be a "swinging" world.

I hope that all tower captains and ringers will continue to press forward with new and better ways to interest and teach the young so that the art of change ringing will prosper through the years. As a visitor from a country that provides very few opportunities for ringing, I can see how important it is to have many towers with different practice nights and experienced ringers to ring with in the course of learning.

Thank you for being hospitable ringers and I hope the bells will ring out a very happy New Year for every one of you.—Very sincerely,

MARYBELLE J. NISSLY.
(Capt.)

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KENT FOLK ARE KIND AND HELPFUL

Dear Sir,—May I, in reply to Mr. Bottrill's letter (p. 795, 1965), say all organisations, all people, all counties and even you, Mr. Bottrill, have their faults. The Canterbury District has always been a quiet part of the county for peal and change ringing. In the last couple of months we have heard some of the bad side of Kent ringing: now let us look at the better side.

Last year there were 143 peals rung by the Association in methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Royal. Of these peals, 62 were Surprise Major and nine Spliced Surprise Major. Twenty-six members rang their first peal. I believe this year's figures are well up on last year's.

A meeting held by the Lewisham District at Bexley last January attracted some 90 ringers from Kent. Ringing at the meeting was of a high standard and methods ranged from rounds to Yorkshire, London, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge and Spliced.

As far as Kent ringers are concerned, I do not think you could find more helpful, kind and pleasant folk. We all enjoy a good ring, but we do not mind helping a learner through his first touch.

I have always been told that Mr. Bottrill is good at criticising other people's ringing but does not do anything to help improve it. In a nutshell, I suppose this was his last attempt to upset as many people as he could before returning to his butterflies. — Yours sincerely,

TONY LEWIS.

Chislehurst, Kent.

A MIDDLESEX SUGGESTION TO KENT

Dear Sir,—Reading between the lines of your correspondence columns I rather get the impression that the general standard of striking in Kent is not too good at the moment. May I suggest, however, that instead of continuing their present pointless correspondence and lurking behind bushes, they attempt a more constructive approach. To this end I would like to draw attention to our experience in S.W. Middlesex.

Over the last few years we have faced a steady decline in the attendance and quality of our Saturday meetings. To try and improve this situation we have recently introduced a series of mid-week practice meetings held at various towers on their practice nights. Initial results have been very encouraging from two points of view. Firstly, those who find Saturdays inconvenient for regularly going out ringing are often willing to come out on a week-night. Secondly, but even more important, peal ringers who are generally active on Saturdays also come along and give a hand. By strengthening the attendances in this way we are hoping to build a stronger framework in which our learners will find greater opportunities for advancement than have of late existed in the area.

Although I appreciate that the population distribution in Kent makes their problems somewhat different from ours, I feel that they might well find it worth considering a similar scheme in selected areas. — Yours sincerely,

W. S. DEASON.

Hampton, Middlesex.

AN INVITATION

Dear Sir,—Some years ago when I was a younger man and welcomed the opportunity to be included in a peal attempt, I felt especially honoured when the band included such perfect strikers as Mark and Bert Lancefield, Tom Cullingworth, Fred Huckstepp and Wilfred Ring. The quiet efficiency of the last named always aroused my admiration.

It is therefore with considerable sadness that I find that Wilfred has degenerated into a sort of campanological picador, when his talents deserve a much more creditable outlet.

I doubt whether anybody was ever **goaded** into improvement, but if such methods, combined with "lurking," produce improved striking in the district, so much the better.

However, Wilfred, why not get around and join us on practice nights or for Sunday service ringing? It is much more chummy than "lurking" outside on a cold night, and you know you would be welcome.—Yours faithfully,

W. P. GARNER.

Willesborough.

TWO DAVID J. MARSHALLS

Dear Sir,—I would not like to be associated with the views on Grandsire expressed by David J. Marshall in his letter in "The Ringing World" of December 17th. I should explain, therefore, that there are two David J. Marshalls; this one rings at Sawley and likes Grandsire and Surprise. — Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. MARSHALL.

Long Eaton, Notts.

"NUTS"

Dear Sir,—I believe that volumes could and may be written in answer to Mr. D. J. Marshall's letter on "Grandsire," but my own inclination this festive season is restrained to just "Nuts."—Yours sincerely,

A. F. WARREN.

Finchley.

(Correspondence continued on page 7)

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

Duties and Responsibilities of the Tower Captain

Substance of a lecture given by N. Chaddock at the Derby Association Week-end Course at Lea Green, November, 1965.

THE designation "Tower Captain" implies a wider responsibility than that of "Ringing Master," a more modern term, and will, therefore, demand a wider range of experience and ability than is needed for the latter office, which could, for instance, only involve the control of ringing at a District meeting.

The function of a Tower Captain is to create or maintain a tower organisation where the bells are rung regularly, punctually and effectively for Sunday services, special Church occasions and at other appropriate times. The organisation should be designed to provide conditions favourable to its future continuance. There should be happy relationships and mutual respect among the members of the organisation and with the clergy, church members and officials and with the general public. The more closely the ringers are associated with the life of the Church the better, and ideally the ringers should be well represented at church services. It is an advantage for the Tower Captain to be a member of the parochial church council and enjoy good relationships with the clergy and church officials.

The time, energy and abilities necessary to produce all the conditions leading to such a happy state of affairs may well be beyond the capacity of one man or woman, especially at a church with a large number of bells or where initial conditions create difficulties.

TASKS SHARED

In the interests of all, not least the Tower Captain, it is necessary that he should possess good powers of organisation so that either he himself carries out the duties and responsibilities attributed to his office, or competent colleagues undertake these duties which the Captain himself cannot do

Indeed, it is an advantage for many of these tasks to be shared, to give others a sense of responsibility and train them for future office, whether it be in the field of conducting teaching bell control or splicing a rope. In short, though the Tower Captain may not be able to do everything himself he is responsible for co-ordinating efforts to bring about the desired results.

An important part of the Tower Captain's responsibility is the control of the ringing. Ideally, this should be perfect at all times, but human limitations, physical conditions and the need for progress and training at all stages prevent the ideal being achieved. A balance or compromise has therefore to be made, so that all are given a fair opportunity, having regard to their ability and so that the best is obtained from the band. This may mean some restriction on individual wishes from time to time for the good of the whole. The Captain will, however, as far as is sensible, try to meet individual aspirations of various members of the band. Obviously, the ringing should be at its best when the audience is greatest, e.g., when nearing service time.

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In organising the ringing, however, the Captain has to consider the overall picture over a long period of time, having in mind future needs and prospects of the band. It is necessary, therefore, to formulate a definite policy having all these considerations in mind. His policy must take account of future contingencies such as impending loss of ringers due to academic training, mobility of labour, marriage and normal wastage. He must try to ensure that other ringers become competent to fill potential gaps. Training must go on all the time at an intensity which will vary with the current situation and prospects. It is necessary, of course, to retain the interest of the more advanced ringers by providing opportunity to enjoy the most advanced ringing of which the band is capable. There should be parallel efforts to secure the progress of each individual ringer and of the band as a whole. An urge to progress should be present and a sense of stagnation avoided.

Of course, progress may be made towards more advanced methods, longer lengths in a particular method, or better striking in rounds or in any method. It may be progress in pulling off and quickly settling to good rounds, in call changes, in better raising and falling in peal, or in assisting the progress of some promising young conductor. A wise Captain will ensure that touches called are graded to the capabilities of the band, or individuals, for in this way the same final success is often achieved more quickly and much bad ringing and frustrating breakdowns avoided.

It will obviously be the duty of the Captain to call attention to faults in the ringing, either of the band or of the individual. Criticism should always be constructive and given in such a way that it is likely to bring about an improvement having regard to the temperament of the person to whom it is addressed. Any who find advice or helpful criticism irksome may content themselves with the thought that as one's efforts become more effective, constructive criticism becomes unnecessary and disappears.

Persistent nagging on too many points and **frequent** and repeated ambiguous exhortations to "listen to them," without reference to any particular defect, have little value. The Captain should endeavour to speak clearly and refer his advice to the particular bells and blows which are most faulty. For instance, "Give a clear open lead with the second at handstroke, please," or "Bring the eighth on at backstroke over the little bells, please" is much more helpful and constructive to ringers less than expert than "Come on, listen to them."

RESPONSIBILITIES

So far, we have concerned ourselves mainly with the Tower Captain's responsibilities whilst ringing is in progress. He has other responsibilities which are concerned with providing flourishing conditions and environment to promote such ringing. These involve:

1.—The physical conditions in which ringing takes place, such as the state of the ropes, the sound of the bells inside and outside, the "go" of the bells, the light, warmth, ventilation, cleanliness and general attractiveness of the ringing chamber and its approaches. Seldom are all these ideal, and mutual efforts to promote improvement can stimulate the ringers and create added interest.

2.—Administration of the tower in such matters as belfry prayers, personal relationships, records of attendance, handling of any moneys re weddings, etc., tower records and ringing literature.

3.—Initiating various social activities which do so much to engender a friendly atmosphere in the band, e.g., annual outing, dinner, joint visits to other towers and ringing meetings.

4.—Good relations with the church and outside bodies. A good status for ringers and ringing. Liaison with vicar, choirmaster, churchwardens, etc., regarding the ringing of the bells.

5.—Recruitment and training.—A balanced band should be aimed at which will usually include people of both sexes of a wide range in age and occupation and drawn from a wide area It is worth remembering that the right temperament can be a more valuable quality than sheer ability alone. Training is a subject of its own and should include encouraging suitable ringers to support and take their place in the wider ringing organisations outside their own tower. Every tower should have a regular weekly practice which should have as one of its main aims the improvement of service ringing at that church. Whatever the attendance, the Captain should endeavour to turn it to advantage If small, beginners may get a better opportunity than normally possible. The practice should be purposeful towards improving Sunday ringing, providing for the future and towards maintaining interest and progress The Captain should vary the sequence of types of touches to encourage punctual attendance by all As far as possible all the band should be present from the start, the experienced ringers to help with the learners and the less experienced to learn by watching.

It is evident that many qualities are needed to become a successful Tower Captain, some of which have already been indicated. He must be able to secure the loyalty and respect of the band. It is obvious that some standard of discipline must be demanded, remembering that, ultimately, ringers will fall off if a sense of enjoyment is lost. The two things, discipline and enjoyment, are not, however, incompatible.

Finally, the Tower Captain needs loyal support and co-operation from all members of the band and encouragement from the clergy and laity if the bells are to fulfil their purpose.

The Rt Rev Gordon D Savage is Bishop of Southwell, and not Southall, as inadvertently stated in December 17th issue (page 852).

The Editor thanks Miss Elaine Crabtree, secretary of Clitheroe Parish Church Bellringers, for sending a postal order towards our funds. She states that it should have accompanied a quarter peal rung last June, but one of the ringers lost the postal order.

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ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Spliced Minor in four methods: Carol Cousins 1, Amanda Powell 2, Wendy Wallace 3, R. Rayfield 4, C. H. Maeve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. Most methods to quarter of Minor 2, 4 and 5. For Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Johnson (first quarter) 1, S. H. Reader 3, R. J. Palfreyman 4, C. J. Lovatt 5, B. J. Ongley 6, A. J. Yorke (cond.) 7, T. G. Clay (covering) 8. For Evensong.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. Hughes 1, D. C. Andrews 2, F. H. Erith 3, Susan Wenden 4, Janet Semken 5, J. Gould 6, P. G. Erith (cond.) 7, A. G. Semken 8.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. E. Hinman 1, Mrs. D. Day 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, H. T. Bonshor 4, J. L. Day 5, J. W. Day 6. A wedding compliment to Cpl. Graham Leonard Day, son of the second and fifth ringers, and Jane Adele Sidebottom, W.R.A.F., which took place the same day at St. George's Church, R.A.F. Changi, Singapore.

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: V. P. Evans 1, P. Slight 2, G. J. N. Colborne 3, R. W. Morant 4, D. A. Frith 5, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 6.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 19th, 1,328 Plain Bob Major: I. Margetts 1, Miss D. Constance 2, Miss J. Cooper 3, N. P. J. Cossey 4, E. R. Goate (cond.) 5, F. Sutton 6, R. W. Bickers 7, H. W. Barrett 8. For carol service.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob): C. M. Smith 1, P. C. Bowen (first in two methods) 2, C. T. Collins 3, L. E. Monk 4, J. Chamberlain 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Mary Christian 1, S. Christian 2, A. R. Walters 3, M. H. Whittell 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5. Rung on the eve of St. Lucy's Day, and as a birthday compliment to the Rev. R. Christian, Vicar. Also on Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Lockwood 1, S. Christian 2, A. R. Walters 3, M. J. Howes 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Dec. 17th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. W. Holland (cond.) 1, W. J. Chester 2, R. Vickers 3, B. E. Saunders 4, W. A. Yates 5, M. G. Hooton 6, J. Linnel 7, B. R. Eglesfield 8.

BURITON, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. P. Gallup (Rector, first quarter) 1, Jane Walker 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, A. Reeves 4, K. Tipper 5, A. Marriner 6. For the First Communion of Christmas.

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. V. Clendon (first of Surprise) 1, Mrs. D. Redfearn 2, D. Redfearn 3, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 4, G. Dodds 5, A. E. Rushton 6.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, with 4, 6, 8 covering): Pauline Wildman 1, Susan Devev 2, Shelagh Guthrie 3, Lynda Roberts 4, R. D. Baker 5, Susan Lloyd 6, G. Bradbury (cond.) 7, E. Borley 8. Rung in honour of the christening this day of Clyde William Wallbanks, step-brother of R. D. Baker.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Dec. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Diane Wickens (first quarter in method) 1, Carol Wickens 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, D. G. Little (first quarter) 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6. Also on Christmas Day, 1,380 Doubles (three methods): Judith Skinner 1, D. Nicholsan (first "inside" Doubles) 2, J. Nicholson (first as cond.) 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens 5, G. Wickens 6.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Pratt (first of Stedman) 1, A. Mann 2, M. Uphill 3, R. Cooles 4, M. D. Fellows 5, J. Euston 6, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 7, A. Clayton 8. Rung in memory of Reuben Sanders, of this parish, on the bells rung for his wedding.

DARWEN, LANCS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Parsons 1, N. J. Ward (first "inside") 2, M. J. Halliwell 3, P. S. Woods 4, M. Bell 5, A. J. Helliwell (cond.) 6. To welcome Nigel Bowker, nephew of 3rd ringer, born December 11th, 1965.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. A. Page 1, J. L. Claughton 2, P. Scholfield 3, R. T. Jones 4, L. F. Cobb 5, J. Musel 6, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 7, C. W. Churchill 8.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Sprackling 1, A. M. Stacey 2, Susan Davis 3, F. Ransom 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 6, F. Bishop cover. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

EALING, MIDDX.—At Christ the Saviour, on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Wilson (cond.) 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, Susan Davis 3, M. Sprackling 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, A. M. Stacey 6, F. Ransom 7, B. Rose 8. For evensong service

ELY, CAMBS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. S. Peacock 1, D. F. Murfet 2, K. J. Hesketh 3, A. M. Barber (cond.) 4, B. B. Hullah 5, H. Foster 6, B. Sims 7, J. H. Bluff 8. Rung for 2nd anniversary of induction of Rev. Bagley as Vicar of Ely: also 18th birthday compliment to conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's, on Oct. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Jill Oakshott 1, Rosemary Astridge 2, Sally Patrott 3, C. Chapman (first quarter) 4, S. Warren 5, Adrienne Gibson 6, L. D. Kingswood 7, W. J. Munton 8, J. C. Davidge (first as cond.) 9, M. Morris 10. First on ten 1, 2, 5, 10. Grandsire Doubles: A. Lightfoot (first of Grandsire Doubles on treble) 1, Miss B. Sawden 2, R. Hutchings 3, J. Lightfoot 4, A. Cox (first quarter as cond.) 5, D. Haines (first quarter) 6.

EYAM, DERBYS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Bateman 1, Miss E. Hearnshaw 2, D. Kingman 3, J. Arkwell 4, T. Wylie (cond.) 5, B. Bateman 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Rev. P. B. (Tubby) Clayton, founder padre Toc H.

FINDON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Howard 1, E. Ann Godfrey 2, M. J. Harmer 3, Janette R. Kipling (first of Doubles) 4, R. M. Cox (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, G. Hills (first quarter) 6.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Andrews 1, Joan Hayward 2, G. Philpott 3, P. Beal 4, N. Chesson 5, B. Trill (first as cond.) 6, L. Crouch 7, R. Macmillian (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

FROXFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Tipper 1, D. White 2, D. Hughes 3, K. Sansom (cond.) 4, B. Walton 5, K. Tipper 6.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,568 Plain Bob Major: G. J. N. Colborne (first of Major as cond.) 1, A. J. Colborne 2, D. J. Hopkinson 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, J. R. S. Jordan 5, H. R. Woods 6, D. A. Frith 7, D. R. Baxter 8. For Evensong.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain): Heather McArthur 1, Susan Bostock 2, D. Bloyce 3, Susan Wenden 4, A. G. Semken (cond.) 5, P. G. Erith 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Dec. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Jill M. May 1, Gennebeth C. Webb 2, Carolyn White 3, P. G. Sherwood 4, Yvonne Eloie 5, C. D. J. Webb 6, S. G. Ponting 7, D. A. R. May (cond.) 8, D. J. Tubbs 9, E. R. Warner 10. For Patronal Festival service.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. Cloxton 1, W. Holmes 2, D. Hopkinson 3, F. Pinchbeck 4, L. Squires 5, G. Colborne (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. Lord, churchwarden.

HURST, BERKS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,296 Treble Bob Minor (Cambridge and Oxford): W. R. Churchill 1, Joan A. Rance 2, C. W. Bailey 3, A. J. N. Rance 4, S. G. Scott 5, F. C. Price (cond.) 6. Rung by Easthampstead ringers at request to commemorate the dedication, while the ringing was in progress, of the new daughter Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Winnersh.

ILTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. J. Hill 1, R. Beale (cond.) 2, R. J. Dean 3, J. T. Locke 4, D. J. Beale 5, R. J. Welch 6. A compliment to Bob and Barbara, both ringers at this church, on their engagement.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At the Church of St. Clement, on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Derrick 1, S. Christian 2, A. R. Walters 3, M. J. Howes 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam verger of this church. Also on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. J. Derrick 1, S. Christian 2, M. H. Whittell 3, R. Lockwood 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5. For morning service.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles: A. J. Lewis 1, Gilbert W. Rendell 2, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Gordon W. Rendell 5, M. Eastment (15 years, first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Miss J. Wilson, of Knole.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Butcher 1, A. Neilson 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, Elizabeth Todd 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Matins.

MARTIN, HANTS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Kerly 1, Rev. G. Moule 2, C. Kimber (first "inside") 3, J. Baverstock 4, P. Waterman 5, G. Poore (first quarter) 6. A 95th birthday compliment to Mrs. Moule, mother of the ringer of the second.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Young (first of Minor) 1, H. Clayton 2, W. Clamp 3, Mrs. D. Day 4, O. Homewood 5, R. E. Manton (cond.) 6. Rung on the front six.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire: D. Strong 1, L. Derrick 2, L. Childs 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, J. Evered 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: J. Collier 1, Jill M. May 2, P. G. Sherwood 3, J. F. M. Maybrey 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 5, T. Page 6. In memoriam Leslie C. W. Hunter, of Shalford.

RAMPISHAM, DORSET.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): H. Goringe 1, Maxine Lush 2, E. Goringe 3, G. Goringe 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Dec. 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Knipe (first on ten) 1, A. J. Bull 2, W. Dunn 3, A. Streeter 4, M. Foster 5, C. Dalton (first in method "inside") 6, K. G. Game (cond.) 7, W. Inwood 8, A. T. Shelton 9, Joan Hanning 10.

ROPLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Prisca Hornby 1, Kay Tremeer (first of April Day) 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, D. Hughes 4, Lesley Read 5, A. Hoar 6.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth M. Hail 1, Vera C. Bell 2, Mrs. M. Dodd 3, G. McKay 4, D. Hunns 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6. For carol service.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Dunstan (first quarter) 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, A. J. Davidson 3, A. Locke 4, G. F. Dunstan (cond.) 5, A. Beattie 6.

SCALBY, YORKS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. Davies 1, H. Pickup 2, Miss K. Duck 3, C. Easton 4, M. Pickup 5, B. Sutton (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 3. For the 4th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

STAFFORD.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Fairbrother 1, E. Fairbrother 2, F. Beech 3, Jennifer Beech 4, F. Elev 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, R. Stanley 8. For Evensong.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Smith 1, F. J. Vallender 2, J. Warr 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, M. D. Fellows 5, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 6, G. Westwood 7, A. D. Fellows 8. By the local band for Evensong, and as a farewell to William A. Robinson, assistant curate.

STURRY, KENT.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Keeler 1, P. Harrison 2, Miss C. Bouldin 3, K. Davies 4, R. Button (cond.) 5, W. Epps 6. For the 19th birthday of the conductor.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Warner 1, Mrs. G. Webb 2, R. Caporn 3, P. Henry 4, J. Maybrey 5, P. J. King (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

TREGARE, MON.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Stephens 1, M. Smith 2, Rev. I. I. Richards 3, G. Ward (cond.) 4, S. D. Edwards 5. Rung in honour of the 90th birthday of the Vicar, Rev. Wm. Phillips, and to mark the diamond jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood on St. Thomas' Day, 1905. Also a compliment to the Rev. I. I. Richards, on the 35th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

THRYBERGH, W. YORKS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Smith 1, F. Brunt 2, Margaret Donovan 3, J. Smalley 4, Penelope Smith 5, R. E. Price (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 3, 4 and 5.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 19th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Miss S. Hallett 1, P. Hull 2, Miss M. Legg 3, E. Chivers 4, R. Short 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6, V. Roberts 7, V. Savage 8, W. Rice 9, S. Smith 10.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, 6, 8 covering): D. J. White 1, Mary White 2, Christine Mason 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, Maureen White 6, B. Pink 8. A wedding compliment to the Rector's son, Anthony Hurst, and Victoria Cruickshank, married this day at Rochampton.

WITTERSHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Denne 1, J. E. Snree 2, Miss V. Relf 3, M. P. French 4, L. Sweatman 5, J. Burden 6. Conducted jointly by Miss V. Relf and L. Sweatman. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the life and service of Albert Paine, died Dec. 17th, aged 88. For 72 years a member of the choir. Interred this day.

LETTERS—Continued

BELL ROPES

Dear Sir,—An important consideration with tower bell ropes is the many variations in conditions they are subjected to. Factors harmful to ropes will almost certainly be prevalent in areas of industry, i.e. polluted atmospheres of high sulphur content and grit, to say nothing of 40th generation low-class pigeonry. A tower subject to these conditions could be filthy to work in, consequently less maintenance, no ropemanship, and as a result —costly belfry and/or silent tower.

Without doubt, the first clue to impending trouble will be from rope examination by the garter hole. Now let us get this straight—the garter hole is the hole the rope passes through in the soling on its way to the high spokes of the wheel. Fillet hole and garter hole are one and the same thing.

To continue, the first sign of trouble will be noted at the garter hole, when by pulling the rope through the soling towards the bell side and examining the strands, the presence of powder will denote rotting of fibres, or with a darker interior, a sign of mildew. A preventive measure for this problem is an application of Russian tallow on good ropes and this is for two prime reasons: (a) it has waterproof qualities and (b) it is reckoned to be salt free. Weight for weight, price for price, it is cheaper than some other concoctions. To apply, first get your Russian tallow, then select a comfortable position on top cill of bell-frame. Take a handful of the stuff and allow the heat of one's hand to soften it. Take rope in same hand and rub it well in and well down to ringing room ceiling, then wipe vigorously with linen-type rag (not wool) to remove surplus. This last operation will prevent the tallow forming a cumbersome candy-like coating on the rollers in their boxes. When purchasing Russian tallow it will be cheaper in 7lb. or 14lb. tins, and don't be put off by the smell. Domestic lard, similar in appearance, contains salt, so be warned.

The general weakening of the bell ropes is mainly concentrated in areas (a) in contact with rollers—this is internal friction, and (b) the garter hole—this is external friction. In case (a) more wear will be noted with "drawn" ropes: i.e. use of double rollers, than with single ones of plumb fixings, and will be accentuated where additional floor rollers are fitted. Possibly this may be the cause of trouble as at Kenilworth (page 776). With these thoughts in mind, consider also the service and clock bells, raised and lowered between services for chiming (what a bind!) may cause them to give up sooner than the rest of the set.

Then again there are probably quite a number of rings of bells where the tenor has the single roller for ease of handling whilst the penultimate grinds along with a "double." Almost a pity considering this one (with odd-bell method ringing) can be the most overworked bell, as it is as much a "beat" keeper as its neighbour.

The mention of beat keeping is an interesting subject for I believe that all rings of bells have a "natural" speed that, when attained, enables all the bells to coast along with the minimum of effort and wear. A good beat may be economical.

Now here is something to think about. It will be observed in the case of the handstroke "up" position that the rope is bent from the garter hole towards the top of the bell wheel and the total binding surface on the wheel soling of the rope is about one-eighth of its circumference., whereas the backstroke "down" position from the garter hole is about five-eighths of its circumference. So what! Well, in practical ringing operations it is a fair guess that the majority of strains of backstroke are absorbed in the soling and not at the garter hole position. I maintain it may not be at all a bad idea if the handstroke side of the garter hole be given a radius of about the same as its roller, within the wheel frame to bear on, as I feel this would cut down considerable rope failure at this spot. I am well aware this idea will produce an elongated groove and possible local weakness structurally in the wheel, but could be overcome with specially strengthened shrouding (flanges) about this spot.

The upper quadrant of the soling opposite the garter hole is untouched by the rope (broken stays excepted) so in the event of going to town with sandpaper, save some effort by omitting this section. (See "Ringing World," page 816, 1965).

Now here is something else to ponder over. A "hawser laid" three-strand rope will bear a greater strain in comparison with its size than any other of the same material, whilst four-stranders are about one-fifth weaker than three-strand. Normally, four-strand ropes are "shroud laid" around a central core, but in bell ropes the core is absent. In consequence these ropes can have a tendency to collapse, losing their roundness at the garter hole. Even so, they are really first class to handle: "a case of gaining on the swings what one may have lost on the roundabout."

It will be observed that bell ropes have a right-hand lay or, as we used to say, "with the sun,' and for this reason it seems right-handed ringing (tail-end in left hand) is a smoother operation than the left-handed way, due to the tendency of the rope to go round with itself coming down from back-stroke. In other words, ringing left-handed will tend to kink the rope each time due to the tail being captive.—Yours sincerely,

Swindon, Wilts. PETER MINCHIN.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The 500th peal on the bells of St. Mary's, Willesden, was rung on December 16th. Miss Joan Beresford has rung in 100 of them.

The peal at Long Crichel, Dorset, published last week, was a 21st birthday compliment to the Misses Ruth A. and Mary E. Elmes, of Wareham.

The four ringing members of the Corby family, of Sevenoaks, rang their 25th peal together at Westerham on December 11th. It was five-spliced Surprise.

In memoriam peals to that great ringer, Reuben Sanders, have been rung at Erith, Kent, Streatham, Shalford, Surrey, and Balcombe, Sussex.

Miss Valerie Humphreys will be missed at Sleaford, Lincs, where she is a keen church worker, as she is leaving to take up nursing as a career. She rang in her farewell peal at Silk Willoughby on December 11th.

Three of the ringers in the quarter peal at Ardleigh spend most of their time abroad, and two further ringers are away at college most of the year. A chance to ring a quarter on Boxing Day was therefore too good to be missed.

The 60th anniversary of the first peal at All Saints' Church, Great Horkesley, Essex, was marked on December 9th by ringing a peal in the same methods. Alan R. Andrews rang the second; his father participated in the first peal.

In ringing his first quarter the Rev. P. Gallup, Rector of Buriton, becomes the first incumbent in the Alton and Petersfield District to ring a quarter at his own Parish Church for many years.

The peal of Rutland Surprise Major rung at Shepton Beauchamp on December 4th ("Ringing World," December 24th (page 869) was the first of Surprise on the bells, writes John Cornelius.

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B.B.C.'s CHRISTMAS BELLS

Mr. Claude Rush, of Felixstowe, writes:

Surely everyone will say that the 1965 Christmas Day's broadcast was a very good programme.

Having heard it, I am more inclined than ever I was to think that, unless it is a very heavy ring of a higher number, an octave sounds better than any other number of bells — on a record or over the radio, at any rate.

Most likely the striking of the twelve at **St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth,** and the ten at **St. Paul's, Bedford,** was very good, but the individual bells did not come out sufficiently clearly that the "tune" could be followed and appreciated. Bedford's 8th, 9th and tenor and Yarmouth's 11th and tenor were outstanding, and I think this latter tenor gave the best sound of any bell, which could be clearly heard, in the programme.

St. John's, Cleator Moor (8), were well struck. It would have been even nicer to have heard them "come home" as did **St. Nicholas', Carrickfergus** (8), which were also well struck though they sounded rather harsh —perhaps the position of the microphone caused this.

I suppose one would say that the six at **St. Gwendoline's, Talgarth,** gave a typical light six Doubles performance. The cartwheel call changes of the six at **St. Calixtus', West Down,** were so very, very regular that one might imagine that they were not "hand made." Open leads would have made a great improvement here—improved the "tune" and cancelled the monotony.

But to my mind **St. James', Paisley** (8, 21¼ cwt. in E), was the outstanding item of the programme, although there were a few "clips"; and mentioning "clips" leads me to add that sometimes one or two "near misses"—not clashes—can even improve a performance when it is listened to from the musical angle though. I agree, not from a ringing angle. I would like to hear Paisley again, and for a lot longer.

May I add, happy New Year, ringers, and to you, Mr. Editor.

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD COMMEMORATION

April 19th next year is the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir Arthur Heywood. In memory of this great man, who was instrumental in the formation of the Central Council and responsible for many authoritative publications on the architectural and engineering as well as the practical aspects of church bell ringing, the Derbyshire Association are setting aside April 25th as a special day of remembrance.

The main event of the day is to be a service of thanksgiving for the life and example of Sir A. P. Heywood at Duffield Parish Church, where he was a ringer for most of his life.

Prior to the service, and also afterwards, it is planned to have as many towers available for ringing as possible. All ringers, particularly current Central Council members, are invited to join with ringers from Derbyshire in these activities in memory of a great man.

G. A. H.

REUBEN SANDERS AND ALL SAINTS', FULHAM

One of the favourite London towers of the late Mr. Reuben Sanders was All Saints', Fulham. He rang several peals there, including the two that were rung for the opening and closing of the Festival of Britain. On Sunday evening, December 19th, ten ringers met for a commemorative quarter peal of Cambridge Royal, but after only a few minutes of ringing the attempt had to be stopped when the clapper of the seventh bell broke. After making sure that no damage had been done, six of the company rang a quarter peal of 1,320 Cambridge Minor on the top six. They were: Alison M. Mann 1, M. J. Uphill 2, A. N. Stubbs 3, R. Ashmore 4, A. E. Bagworth 5, A. R. Patterson (conductor) 6.

COURSES BY STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

The Stafford Archdeaconry Society held its second course for instructors at Wednesbury on December 8th and at Willenhall on December 13th. This course dealt with starting change ringing in both change ringing and non-change ringing towers. In the latter the instructors, Messrs. P. G. K. Davies and M. W. Fairey, recommended that a start be made on a small number of bells, emphasising that the learner should think of the total number of bells he is following (i.e. place he is in), and must avoid learning numbers. Common mistakes of learners in striking were mentioned to guide the instructor in correcting these. The evening concluded with general ringing.

WEDDING BELLS AT NOTTINGHAM

Four weddings or wedding anniversaries were commemorated by the peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on December 18th. The first was for a member of the band, Miss Barbara Mary Cragg, the daughter of the verger, whose wedding to Mr. Anthony H. Fieldhouse took place in the church that day. Associated with the peal were the Lincoln couple, Peter Sharp and Joyce Gurnhill, who were married at St. Giles', Lincoln, the same day. It was also Brian and Chris Mills' first and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gobey's 31st wedding anniversary, Mr. Gobey at last ringing a peal at St. Mary's after many failures.

MANCROFT GUILD OF RINGERS

At the annual general meeting of the Mancroft Guild of Ringers, held on November 20th, the following officers were elected: President, the Rev. W. J. Westwood: Ringing Master, Mr. Nolan Golden; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. David Heighton; secretary, Mr. David Cubitt; steeplekeeper, Mr. Clifford Bird.

ANOTHER RECORD

The Dulwich Handbell Ringers, led by Mr. Arthur H. Coombs, have for the 19th consecutive year been out ringing carols in the Dulwich streets and collecting for the Greater London Fund for the Blind. The collection this year was the result of touring the district for 18 consecutive nights and amounted to the record sum of £250. Every house in every road is knocked at and they now will have handed in £4,750 in all.

SUFFOLK CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

"At Bramford we are very proud
To entertain a merry crowd
Of ringers from the district here
And other friends from far and near.
We hope you all enjoy the fun,
From oldest to the youngest one."

These words opened the entertainment at the Suffolk Guild social held at Bramford on December 18th, and the 80 or so ringers and friends from Suffolk and Essex did enjoy the fun. The village hall was gaily decorated, there was food in abundance and a great number of people took part in the entertainment, where, as last year, we again had the opportunity to laugh at ourselves.

Some witty songs by the Bramford ringers made a good start, and this was followed by two excellent handbell arrangements played by the Henley ringers. Allowing themselves plenty of licence, Alice Lester and Lawrence Pizzey gave a report on the Guild's activities during the year. There were lots more: Cleverly altered nursery rhymes by three Bramford girls, a monologue and song by Jim Pipe, and several short sketches by the Henley ringers. One of these deserves particular mention. For a few very funny minutes Laurence Parry was our Ringing Master, George Pipe coping with all the forgetful members of the Guild, only to be shown as forgetful, and trouserless, himself!

The gathering could scarcely do justice to the superb array of food which was provided by ringers and ringers' wives and mothers during the interval. At the end of the evening Mrs. George Pipe picked the 19 lucky tickets for the prizes in the St. Mary-le-Tower Bell Fund draw. Tickets had been sold all over the country, and one prize went as far as Yeovil.

The social committee and all who helped to make the evening so successful are thanked for their hard work. May we have many such gatherings in Suffolk in the future.

A. E. J. L.

ORDAINED 50 YEARS AGO

On St. Thomas's Day at St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, Lincoln, the Rev. William Thomas Dredge celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination. The occasion was marked by an evening Sung Eucharist attended by the Bishop of Lincoln (the Rt. Rev. Kenneth Riches) and members of the congregations of St. Mary's, St. Martin's and St. Faith's Churches.

Born in New Tredegar, Mon, Mr. Dredge was ordained by the Bishop of Llandaff in St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport. Remembered with gratitude is his 13 years' ministry at Port Talbot and 24 years as resident chaplain of Rampton State Institute, near Retford. Since retiring in 1957 he has lived in Lincoln and assisted at the three local churches mentioned above.

A quarter of Bob Minimus was rung before the service, and afterwards in the adjoining Church Hall refreshments were served. The Vicar, the Rev. Colin Evans, presented Mr. Dredge with a cheque from the three congregations as a token of their appreciation, and read letters from St. Agnes', Port Talbot, and Tredegar.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WRINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. in C sharp.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Philip M. J. Gray	6
Gillian M. Hussey	2	C. Martin Press	7
D. John Hunt	3	Roland H. Cook	8
William A. Lacey	4	A. Maxwell Lindsey	9
Malcolm E. Wade	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by R W. Pipe. Conducted by D. John Hunt

WEST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin and All Angels.
On Sat., Dec 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	5
Raymond P. Selway	2	H. Dennis W. Bishop	6
Gilbert W. Rendell	3	Albert W. Dyer	7
Trevor A. Cross	4	William E. Turner	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by William E. Turner.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Edburgha, Yardley.
On Wed., Dec 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Keith H. Mildred	Treble	*Paul H. Evans	5
Alistair Macfadyen	2	Kinsley C. Jones	6
*Ruth M. Gay	3	Rupert A. Clarke	7
Andrew J. Jobson	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 26 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight. (2) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight. (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob. (4) Morning Star Treble Bob. (5) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight. (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 14 cwt

Christine Andrew	Treble	Alexander Richardson	4
Sidney Hough	2	Neil D. Lomas	5
Brian Schofield	3	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lbs. in B.

Frederick S. Sutton	Treble	*John R. Scott	4
*Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	†James S. Baker	5
John E Brough	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of Minor. † Has now "circled the tower." Quickest peal on the bells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY.—At the Cathedral of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat

Harold C. Lonyon	Treble	John Worth	6
Basil Jones	2	Alan A. Potts	7
Giles B. Thompson	3	*David Atkinson	8
Robert J. Warrilow	4	Frank Osbaldiston	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal of Surprise Royal away from the treble.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
PLYMPTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 25 cwt 1 qr. 11 lb. in D.

William G. Lavers	Treble	Robert A. Southwood	5
Thomas G. Myers	2	D. Roy Bould	6
Anthony Locke	3	Frank D. Mack	7
Anthony J. Davidson	4	*Wallace H. Crump	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Southwood.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Timothy Paul, to Bob and Jill Southwood, and rung on the eve of his baptism.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Dec 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

Janet Warwick	Treble	Thomas Cooke	5
William Davidson	2	Andrew G. Craddock	6
*Janet Cooke	3	James Crowther	7
Fred Hodgson	4	†Michael Maughan	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal of Surprise.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Stephen Thompson, tower captain at St. Mary's, Whickham, Co. Durham.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HUNTINGDON.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: Cambridge Surprise (2), Oxford T.B. (1), Kent T.B. (1), St. Clement's Bob (1), Plain Bob (2).
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb

Michael J. Dyer	Treble	Geoffrey A. Lucas	4
Donald F. Murfet	2	Henry C Foster	5
J. Richard Hough	3	Harold S. Peacock	Tenor

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.
50th peal on the bells.
Rung to the Glory of the Fallen, on the eve of Remembrance Sunday.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary the Virgin, Peter and Cedd.
On Mon., Dec 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Comprising four courses Backstroke Home, 12 courses each Tittums and Inverted Tittums and 10 courses Handstroke Home.
Tenor 34 cwt. in C sharp.

Edna M. Cooper	Treble	Christopher K. Cooper	7
Claire Dillamore	2	*Michael W Cowling	8
Peter J. Brown	3	Joe E. G. Roast	9
Patrick W. Saltmarsh	4	Ian R. Panton	10
Andrew S. Hudson	5	†Dennis A. S. Symonds	11
*Richard J. Harrison	6	†James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Andrew S Hudson.
* First twelve bell peal † 75th peal together.
Rung by members of the South-Eastern Division following the diamond jubilee service of the Mid-Essex Technical College.

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat. Dec 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative, and 1,024 each of Bristol Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	Patrick W. Saltmarsh	6
Peter G. Brown	3	George E. Thoday	7
Ian R. Panton	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 1 lb in G sharp

Anne Edwards	Treble	Ian R. Panton	5
Peter S. Bennett	2	James L. Towler	6
Yvonne A. Murray	3	George E. Thoday	7
Philip J. Rothera	4	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe (No. 2). Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

GREAT HORKESLEY, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Dec 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt in F.

David Culham	Treble	Neil V. Avis	4
Alan R. Andrews	2	*Frank B. Lufkin	5
Leslie Ward	3	Peter G. Pitt	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 450th peal as conductor.
Rung on the 60th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. The same methods were rung, and the 2nd ringer is the son of the ringer who rang in the first peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 14 methods, comprising 640 each of Bristol and London, and 320 each of Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Richard J. Bowden	Treble	Anthony R. Peake	5
Brian Bladon	2	James R. Taylor	6
Peter Bridle	3	Rev Roger Keeley	7
Michael J. Hobbs	4	Victor Griffin	Tenor

Composed by John R Mayne. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
Rung to herald the Christmas Festival.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.
On Sat. Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt. 108 lb. in D.

*Peter Henry	Treble	Roy Collins	6
†Dennis G. Blows	2	*David J. Tubbs	7
*Carolyn White	3	Douglas A. R. May	8
†John F. M. Maybrey	4	E. John Wells	9
Stanley G. Ponting	5	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal on ten bells. † 25th peal together.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Leslie C. W. Hunter.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
KNEBWORTH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-à-Becket.
On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

G. William Critchley	Treble	George H. Austin	5
Eric Edmondson	2	David Kingston	6
James S. Hutton	3	Jack S. Dear	7
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Richard Castledine	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Richard Castledine.

ASPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Stephen Ivin	Treble	Robin J. Trebilcock	5
C. Michael Orme	2	Jack S. Dear	6
James S. Hutton	3	Edwin G. Buck	7
Richard Castledine	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

GREAT STAUGHTON, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Richard Castledine	Treble	Edwin G. Buck	4
James S. Hutton	2	Colin A. S. Harwood	5
Robin J. Trebilcock	3	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Castledine.

WALLINGTON. Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., May 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

Rosemary M. Spicer	Treble	Richard Castledine	4
Terry R. Hatchett	2	C. Michael Orme	5
Margaret M. Roden	3	Edwin G. Buck	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Castledine.

LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Katherine.
On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being an extent each of Netherseale, Bourne, London, Beverley, Surfleet, Wells and Norwich. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

Robert D. Bellamy	Treble	George E. Bonham	4
Jack S. Dear	2	Richard Castledine	5
Robin J. Trebilcock	3	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Castledine.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Hilary F. Hinde	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	6
Lucile M. Corby	2	Robert W. Hinde	7
Judith M. Corby	3	Christopher T. Osenton	8
Olive D. Tester	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	9
Colin A. Tester	5	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Robert W. Hinde.

WESTERHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Dec 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, 992 each Superlative and Pudsey, and 928 Bristol, with 100 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 23 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

Ann Jenner	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
*†Lucile M. Corby	2	Stanley Jenner	6
*†Judith M. Corby	3	†Andrew J. Corby	7
Alan R. Patterson	4	†Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Albert J Pitman. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* First peal of five spliced. † 25th peal together.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Dec. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

David S. Osenton	Treble	*Ian H. Oram	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	*†Tony Lewis	6
D. Paul Smith	3	Herbert E. Audsley	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	‡Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* 25th peal together. † First of London Major. ‡ 150th peal.
In memoriam Reuben Sanders.

CHIDDINGSTONE, Kent—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E.

D. Paul Smith	Treble	Richard Hayes	5
Rosamund M. Rawlings	2	John W. Smith	6
*Brian E. Jeffrey	3	Ernest J. Ladd	7
†James B. Cooke	4	Christopher H. Rogers	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.
Rung as a compliment to John Warner and Lynn Taylor, on their wedding, and to Mr. C. Aylward, of Chiddingstone, on his 81st birthday.

WROTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

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

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method "inside." † First in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

John Ryder	Treble	Frank Brazondale	5
*Sue Flint	2	*David J. Bennett	6
†Jennifer A. Ellison	3	Kenneth Edwards	7
Michael Thomson	4	Harold Worrall	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Harold Worrall.
* First peal. † First of Major.

FARNWORTH-with-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Mrs. Doris Mitchell	Treble	A. S. Mason	4
Mrs. A. S. Mason	2	Sydney Osborne	5
Roy E. Cockaday	3	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CROFT, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Fri., Dec. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

Frederick Watson	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	4
Ernest W. Rawson	2	William Johnson	5
Christopher M. Sturgess	3	Michael E. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.
Rung to welcome the birth of Michael Rollett, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Bidder.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

John Freeman	Treble	H. Leslie Pask	7
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Walter Tomlinson	8
Norah M. Randles	3	George H. Randles	9
*Anthony D. Sansom	4	Harold Gibson	10
Geoffrey R. Parker	5	John Walden	11
Edward R. Venn	6	Geoffrey Paul	Tenor

Composed by D. E. Parsons. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Cinques.
Rung to celebrate the marriage of Joyce M. Gurnhill and Peter A. Sharp, which took place this day.

PINCHBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 GRESFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Brian Harris	Treble	Maurice Bennett	5
Denis Woods	2	Alan G. Payne	6
Edwin T. Chapman	3	Cyril R. Burrell	7
Raymond H. Daw	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal in the method by all.

EDENHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., Dec 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 NANTWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¾ cwt.

Derek J. Jones	Treble	Maurice Bennett	5
Dennis R. Woods	2	Alan G. Payne	6
Edwin T. Chapman	3	Cyril R. Burrell	7
Raymond H. Daw	4	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Brian Harris.
The first peal in this method.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., Dec. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Christopher J. Sharp	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Geoffrey Paul	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	John Walden	7
Harold F. Gibson	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
A wedding compliment to Peter A. Sharp and Joyce M. Gurnhill, both members of this tower, who were married in this church on the previous Saturday.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Denis.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Harry Barnes	Treble	Walter Weston	4
Valerie Humphrys	2	William H. Dale	5
Henry P. Collin	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
A farewell to Miss Valerie Humphrys; birthday compliments to Mr. W. H. Dale, and Desmond K. B. Penny (20), only grandson of Mr and Mrs. H. Barnes.

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Graham J. N. Colborne	Treble	Vaughan P. Evans	4
David J. Hopkinson	2	Roland W. Morant	5
John F. Pearson	3	Denis A. Frith	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

ELSHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents: Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

Melvyn A. Rose	Treble	William Bains	4
*Roger Hippisley	2	Harold Judd	5
Maurice Lings	3	John Hall	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Judd.
* First "inside" in seven methods. First as conductor.

NANTWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
x34x14x12x16x34x58x34x78. 8ths place i.e.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Dec. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 BRENTHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

G. William Critchley	Treble	Dennis Knox	5
*Joan Beresford	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	John Hill	7
Alick Cutler	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 100th peal on these bells. This is the 500th peal on these bells. First peal in the method.

STREATHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*Marie D. Simnett	Treble	†Norman F. Edwards	5
†Pamela E. Brown	2	John R. Ketteringham	6
Anne Horsford	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Walter G. Knight	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal † First peal of Major.
Rung as a mark of appreciation for long service by Mr. R. C. Chapman as a churchwarden and friend of St. Leonard's. Also a tribute to the life of Reuben Sanders, who was a member of the local band.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LOWESTOFT, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

George W. Howlett	Treble	Frank Sutton	5
Edwin R. Goate	2	William B. Duncan	6
Thomas Brock	3	Ralph W. Bickers	7
Norman P. J. Cossey	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.
A welcome to the Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle, who was inducted to the living of St. Margaret's earlier in the month; also to commemorate the 22nd anniversary of his ordination.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BULWELL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and All Saints.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Peter Woollven	Treble	John G. Hallett	5
Simon Humphrey	2	David R. Ingram	6
Ann Harris	3	Ian V. J. Smith	7
Robert C. Woodward	4	Paul W. Webb	Tenor

Arranged by S. Humphrey. Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.
First peal in the method for all the band, on the bells and for the Society.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUCKLAND, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

*Jane A. Carruthers	Treble	William Birmingham	5
†J. M. Elaine Dixon	2	Christopher C. Clarke	6
Michael Hatchett	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Giles R. Shedden	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

SPEEN, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Dec. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Durham, Wells, London, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Robert M. Ashman	Treble	Brian Luff	4
Reginald W. Rex	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Frank W. Lewis	3	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
In memory of Beatrice Etwell, sister of the ringer of second, whose funeral took place the same day.

BRADFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Robert M. Ashman	Treble	Frank W. Lewis	4
Reginald W. Rex	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Eunice A. Lewis	3	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third, also in honour of the forthcoming wedding of Miss Rosemary Butler, daughter of the local tower captain.

BRENTHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
36—56, 14, 58—58, 36.14—14, 5—34, 56, 1.
8ths place i.e. 17856342. 4ths place bobs.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PETERBOROUGH, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26¼ cwt.

Gilbert F. Cowlin	Treble	John H. Bluff	5
Wendy Daw	2	Frank Boyall	6
George S. Bush	3	*Raymond H. Daw	7
Roy W. Spencer	4	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by N. Solo. Conducted by Brian Harris.
* 100th peal First peal of Plain and Little by all except the ringer of 5th.

PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	E. Alan Jacques	4
E. Ann Sadler	2	*J. Charles Hudson	5
Keith R. Davey	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
* First peal in more than one method.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRYANSTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Cambridge and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

Christopher J. N. Dalton	Treble	*David Wilson	4
Jeffrey L. Claughton	2	William T. Perrins	5
*John N. Longridge	3	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.
A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23lb. in C sharp.

George A. Dawson	Treble	John R. Pratchett	6
Richard A. G. Inglis	2	Peter R. Humphrey	7
Judith A. Stocker	3	Simon Humphrey	8
*Elizabeth J. Foster	4	William L. Exton	9
Edward F. Gobey	5	Walter Nichols	Tenor

Composed by Henry Johnson Conducted by William L. Exton.
Rung as a compliment to Barbara Mary Cragg and Anthony Harold Fieldhouse, whose marriage took place in this church earlier the same day.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

TETTENHALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Philip R. Johnson	Treble	Clive M. Smith	5
*Elizabeth Timmins	2	Remi M. Hodister	6
*Hilary F. Pardoe	3	J Dennis Holden	7
F. Hector Bennett	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal of Lincolnshire.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON. Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Christopher G. Barnes	Treble	Frank E. Darby	5
Roydon Davies	2	Raymond Talbot	6
Alan R. Millidge	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
Kevin Taber	4	Richard C. Stevens	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. First peal on the light eight.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

SHALFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Anthony E. Clayton	Treble	Christopher Mew	5
*Robert Cooles	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
*Brian J. Bull	3	Michael Uphill	7
Alison M. Mann	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal in the method.
In memory of Reuben Sanders.

SHIPLEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven different extents—two Oxford Bob, and five Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*Carol Wickens	Treble	Nelson Elliott	4
*Eric Brazier	2	Hedley Burton	5
*James Nicholson	3	*Ian Wickens	Tenor

Conducted by Ian Wickens.
* First peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHICHESTER. Sussex.—At the Campanile of the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Individible Trinity
On Sat., Dec 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	Barry J. Davis	5
Stanley G. Ponting	2	Michael J. Wake	6
Kenneth C. Knight	3	E. Winifred Keys	7
Ernest Treagus	4	*Philip Stevens	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.
* 25th peal.

BALCOMBE SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 10 lb

W. Arthur Riddington	Treble	M. Peter Howard	5
David D. Smith	2	Douglas P. Snoswell	6
*Ian M. Robinson	3	Eric H. Knapp	7
Valerie J. Howard	4	John A. Howard	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by John A. Howard.
* First peal "inside."
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Knapp. The band would also like to associate this peal with the memory of Reuben Sanders.

HAMMERWOOD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Thurs., Dec 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

Frank H. Hicks	Treble	†Charlotte M. Harris	3
*Janet E. Blake	2	C. Jane Smart	4
		‡Derek Slater	Tenor

Conducted by Derek Slater.
* First peal attempt. † First in the method. ‡ First of Doubles in the method. First peal as conductor.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CADOXTON DELIGHT MINOR
Seven different extents Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.

William J. Thomas	Treble	John F. I. Turney	4
Raymond J. Hosking	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5
J. Arthur Hoare	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal in the method.

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THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Thurs., Dec 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEATH DELIGHT MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in B flat.

William J. Thomas	Treble	J. Arthur Hoare	4
Gwyn I. Lewis	2	Raymond J. Hosking	5
John F. I. Turney	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal in the method.

NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Dec 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 15 callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in B flat.

*J. Arthur Hoare	Treble	Gwyn I. Lewis	4
*John F. I. Turney	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5
*William J. Thomas	3	*Raymond J. Hosking	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Thurs., Dec 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.

Brian J. Woodruffe	Treble	J. Arthur Hoare	4
William J. Thomas	2	*Ellis N. Thomas	5
*Raymond J. Hosking	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal in the method.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD
ST EWE, Cornwall.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents Stedman, six Plain Bob, four Norfolk, four Reverse Canterbury, six April Day, 18 and one 240 of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 16 lb. in B flat.

Frances M. Rickard	Treble	*Derek A. Trethewey	4
Anthony J. Davidson	2	Anthony Locke	5
Alan Carveth	3	Dennis Stephens	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.
* First multi-method peal "inside."

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 32 extents Plain Bob and 10 April Day. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*James Furness	Treble	Frank R. Tonge	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	Albert Green	5
Peter Furness	3	Francis Kewell	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal. First of Bob Doubles by all except the conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
BREDON'S NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Chapel of Ease to St. Giles'.
On Mon., Nov. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Double Oxford Bob, one each Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, one Spliced Double Oxford and Single Oxford, and two Spliced Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Ronald J. Stephens	Treble	Ian Lloyd	4
*Martin J. Boskett	2	Arthur C. Berry	5
Anne E. Collet	3	James Attwood, jun.	Tenor

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.
* First peal in three Minor methods.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
With 5678 in the "handstroke" for two courses.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Elizabeth Peace	Treble	Richard D. Gibson	5
M. Susan Jackson	2	Ian G. Cambell	6
Cyril Rusby	3	David S. Johnson	7
Leslie F. Bailey	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

PUDSEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Barry Sullivan	Treble	William Barton	5
Edna M. Poulter	2	John Ambler	6
John W. Gibson	3	Hugh Dempster	7
*C. Frederick Dempster	4	Alexander E. Marsh	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by William Barton.
* First peal. Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

NEATH DELIGHT MINOR
x34x16x12x1236x14x56. Lh.=16—56342.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At "Bombay," 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1—2	Robert B. Smith	7—8
Giles B. Thompson	3—4	Gerald Moorhouse	9—10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5—6	John Worth	11—12

Arranged and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At "Bombay," 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Sat., Dec 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1—2	Gerald Moorhouse	5—6
Robert B. Smith (cond.)	3—4	Giles B. Thompson	7—8

Composed by Joseph W. Parker (C.C.C. No. 6).
A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Pamela McFall, and also for the birthdays of May Smith, Peter J. Staniforth and Alfred Ballard.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., Nov. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor size 18 in G.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1—2	Christopher T. Osenton	5—6
Edward J. Beer	3—4	Stuart Sandford	7—8

Composed by John Vicars. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Dec 3, 1965, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley	1—2	Mary Whalley	3—4
Kevin Price (cond.)	5—6		

First peal in the method by all.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At The Glebelands.
On Sat., Dec 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Gwen I. Bloomfield	1—2	Jack Bray	5—6
*John Hall	3—4	Jack L. Millhouse	7—8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal on an "inside" pair.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—All rung at Mor-awelon, Lon Derw, Tycoch.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5168 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way	1—2	*J. Arthur Hoare	5—6
*Brian J. Woodruffe	3—4	Raymond J. Hosking	7—8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* 200th peal together.

On Sun., Nov. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way	1—2	J. Arthur Hoare	5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3—4	Edmund J. Morris	7—8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Wed., Dec. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5010 SPLICED MAJOR
Being 156 Gainsborough Little Bob and 4,854 Plain Bob, 26 changes of method. Tenor size 18 in G.

Raymond J. Hosking	1—2	J. Arthur Hoare	5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3—4	John M. Hughes	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Sun., Nov. 21, 1965, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Sandal, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Kingston, Norbury and Oxford. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way	1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.)	3—4
		J. Arthur Hoare	5—6

First handbell peal in seven Treble Bob methods by all and for the Guild.

On Sun., Dec. 5, 1965, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents Tenor size 14 in D.

*Barry J. Couzens	1—2	†Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.)	3—4
		J. Arthur Hoare	5—6

* First peal of Minor on handbells. † 200th peal for the Guild.

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ENGAGEMENT

CASTLEDINE—FEARN. — The engagement is announced between Eileen Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fearn, of Hazel Grove, Cheshire, and James Richard, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Castledine, of Baldock, Herts.—Correction. 8212

WOODLEY—MARKS.—The engagement is announced, on January 8th, between Patrick Seybian Woodley, of Bristol, and Rosemary Joyce Marks, of Plymouth. God bless you both.—Mum and Dad. 8285

PERSONAL

MR. E. HERRING, of Marsh Gibbon, Bicester, wishes to thank all the ringers at Long Crendon quarterly meeting who helped to make his Christmas drink available. 8248

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." —I John iv., 18.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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FIELDEN.—As from January 2nd, the address of John H. Fielden will be 48, Bath Street, Rugby, Warwicks. Also, as from January 16th, his parents' permanent home address will be 397, Rochdale Road, Walsden, Todmorden, Lancs. 8264

HINDE.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hinde is now 59, Cheyne Walk, Meopham, Kent. 8241

MISS ELIZABETH TIMMINS is transferring from Finchfield Branch Library to Wombourn Branch Library (Staffs County) and will be working there as from Monday, January 3rd, 1966. Telephone: Wambourn 2032. 8242

RETURN THANKS

MASON.—Christine (student-nurse, Southampton: ex-Coton, Nuneaton) thanks ringing friends for kind seasonal remembrances, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bassett and family (Warsash) for wonderful befriending, ringing opportunity, generosity and home life freely shared, especially during her first Christmas away. 8266

PUBLICATIONS

"The Ipswich Bellfounders" (Bevis), 2/4: "The Bells of Cranbrook Church" (Legg), 1/10: "The Theory of Change Ringing," 3/6: "Guidebook to Composition" (Thompson), 5/-: "Joseph Hatch, The Ulcombe Bellfounder" (Hilton), 1/10. All post free from Hilton, 19, Lonewood Way, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent. 8271

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HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Handbells for tune ringing, 12 or over, in good condition. Please state number of semitones. — Rev. J. Homfrey, Staverton Vicarage, near Cheltenham. 8261

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MISCELLANEOUS

At St. Michael's Church, Madeley, Shropshire, a meeting was held to elect a new captain and secretary. Mr. J. Tranter was elected captain and Mr. A. J. Molindi secretary. 8250

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
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18th ANNUAL DINNER DANCE,
Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton,
Saturday, February 12th, 1966,
5.30–Midnight.
Tickets, 23/– each, available from
Honorary Secretary. 8282

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL. — All communications concerning ringing at Guildford Cathedral should be addressed to the Tower Secretary, S. G. Ponting, Highdown, Milford Heath, Milford, Surrey. 8231

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL.—Practices at Guildford Cathedral will be held on the Fridays of each month, as follows: 1st, 3rd and 5th, general practices; 2nd, Surprise Royal; 4th, Surprise Major. 8232

ST. MARY'S, MELTON MOWBRAY. — Commencing January 2nd, 1966, Sunday service ringing 9 to 10 a.m. and 5.30 to 6.15 p.m. Practice night Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. 8236

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MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—General meeting at St. Mary's, Barnsley, Saturday, January 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Rectory Rooms. 5 p.m. Please notify for tea Mr. Peter Carbutt, 17a, Potter Hill Lane, High Green, Sheffield.—J. W. Buxton. 8243

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A.G.M. at Biggleswade on Saturday, January 8th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. Good ringing—friendly atmosphere. 8221

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting. St. Michael's Mansfield (12), Saturday, January 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Short meeting. Vestry, 6 p.m. Nearby cafes for tea. Bells, Christ Church (10) after meeting. 8141

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Monthly meeting at Arlecdon, Saturday, January 8th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own arrangements for tea.—Deirdre Gibson, Branch Sec. 8231

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District. — Annual District meeting, Cambridge, January 8th. Bells: St. Andrew's (8) 3–4.30, 6.30–8: St. Benet's (6) 3–4.30: Great St. Mary's (12) 7–8. Service, Great St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m. Tea, St. Andrew's Church Hall, Emmanuel Street, after the service. Meeting after tea. The agenda includes election of officers for the coming year.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 8238

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District.—Annual meeting at Brentwood, January 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Sitch, 182, Priests Lane, Shenfield. 8197

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, January 8th, at St. Mark's, Swindon. Bells (8) 3 p.m.–5 p.m. Tea at Rodbourne 5.15 p.m. Ringing at Rodbourne Cheney from 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, as early as possible. 8232

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Mid-Devon Branch.—Annual meeting on Saturday, January 8th, at St. Saviour's, Dartmouth. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to B. Shingler, 8 Ness View Road, Teignmouth. Ringing also at St. Petrox's 2.15–4 p.m. and at St. Clement's 6.30–8 p.m. 8215

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting, Oatlands Park, Saturday, January 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following in Church Hall, next to church. Names to Miss J. Smith, 13, Havers Avenue, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 8192

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ross District.—Annual meeting, Ross, January 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following. Names for tea, please, to J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Eastern District — Annual District meeting, All Saints', Hertford (10), Saturday, January 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5.15 p.m. at Y.M.C.A., 15a, Railway Street, Hertford, followed by business and ringing till 8.30 p.m Names for tea to me c/o above address.—P. M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 8228

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Wrotham on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. L. Sills, Glenavon, St. Vincents Lane, Addington, West Malling.—M. L. H., Dis. Sec. 8198

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ashford, Saturday, January 8th. Bells: Willesborough and Great Chart 3 to 4 p.m., Ashford 4. Service 4.30, Washington ringing film to be shown. Names for tea to Miss M. Jones, 30, Park Road, Ashford.—C. T. H. 8237

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch. — Annual general meeting at Clitheroe on Saturday, January 8th. Bells: Downham 2.35–3.20 p.m.; Clitheroe from 3 p.m. and after tea. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by A.G.M. (includes election of officials). Names for tea, please, to Miss Elaine Crabtree, 18, Chatburn Road, Clitheroe, as early as possible.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint Liverpool, Wigan and Wirral meeting on Saturday, January 8th, at St. Nicholas', Liverpool Pier Head. Bells (12) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (2/–) at 5 p.m Names for tea to Miss M. White, Mildmay, Blackburn Place, Liverpool 8. — M. E. D.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting, January 8th, at Loughborough. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Fearon Hall. Names for tea to Mr M. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough. No names, no tea. M. Stevens, Dis. Sec. 8233

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, January 8th, Ebbw Vale. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Bruten, 8, Belle Vue, Ebbw Vale, Mon. 8246

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Nomination meeting, Saturday, January 8th, St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo Road, 2.30-3.30 p.m. Southwark Cathedral, 4.15-4.55 and 6.30-7.30. Service 5. Meeting, Foster Hall, St. Thomas' Street, 5.45 p.m. Monthly practice, first Thursday, St. Mary Abbots, Kensington Church Street, 8-9 p.m.—Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec (Renown 4423) 8179

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 8th, Thatcham. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 8245

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A.G.M., January 8th, Rothwell. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Special methods: D.N.C.B. and Bristol. Names for tea essential to M. A. Coleman, 20, Copelands Road, Desborough, by Tuesday previous. All welcome.—M. A. C. 8220

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Practice meeting at Washington on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Frankland Arms, Washington. Bells after tea.—R. Wake, Hon Div. Sec. 8257

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Andover District. — Annual meeting, Whitchurch (8), January 8th. Bells 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5. Further ringing after tea. Names to Mr. E. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whitchurch, by previous Tuesday. 8247

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Practice meeting at Bishop's Cleeve (8) on Wednesday, January 12th, from 7.30 onwards. 8260

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Annual meeting, St. Cuthbert's, Wells, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Names for tea.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec. 8249

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Monthly practice meeting, Ilton (6), Saturday, January 15th, 7 p.m. — J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 8269

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Annual meeting, Saturday, January 15th, Kempston. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec. 8280

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD — Crewe Branch. — Annual meeting, Crewe, January 15th. Wistaston (6) 2.30-4 p.m. Crewe (10) 3-4.30 and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by January 12th to W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 8284

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Bromborough, January 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying, by Thursday previous, Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 8283

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Rugby on Saturday, January 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. (Venue not yet definite, but place will be stated during the ringing.) Meeting in the ringing chamber of St. Andrew's at 6.15 p.m. Principal business: Coventry Cathedral bells. Numbers for tea would be appreciated as soon as possible.—L. J. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Gen. Sec.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Social meeting at Chester-le Street, Saturday, January 15th. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, in good time, please. 8288

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District — Annual District meeting, St Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) 2.30–4.30 and 7–9. Service 4.30 Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5.15, followed by meeting Shrub End and St. Leonard's also available 2.30–4 and 7–9. Names for tea to Mr. H. J Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 8195

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District —Annual District meeting at Braintree on January 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Syder, 15, Ashoole Road Bocking, Braintree 8226

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. — Stroud Branch. — Practice and quarterly meeting, Woodchester, Saturday, January 15th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please. — E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud. 8287

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Annual District meeting at Guildford, Saturday, January 15th. Bells of Holy Trinity and St. Mary's from 3 p.m. Service St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing after meeting at St. Nicolas'. Names for tea to Mr Ponting, Highdown, Milford Heath, Milford, Godalming 2176, by 12th. 8289

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HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Practice meeting, Ticehurst, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—A. H. Kemp, Sec. 8273

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—A.G.M. at Bredwardine on Saturday, January 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 8286

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting, St. Peter's, St. Albans, January 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Forster, 22, Waverley Road, St. Albans.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 8274

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Frindsbury, Saturday, January 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to G. Philpott, 209, Cliffe Road, Strood, Rochesteer, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8234

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Mary's (8), Rawtenstall, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—P. A. Mason, Branch Sec. 8265

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Barrow-in-Furness on Saturday, January 15th (please note change of date). Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. E. Burles, 10, Red Ley Lane, Walney, Barrow. 8267

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual District meeting at Melton on Saturday, January 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Day, 109, Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray, by previous Wednesday.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 8259

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch. — Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, January 15th. Service 5 p.m Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Special methods: Bristol and Gainsborough Little Bob.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough Tel. 2623. 8184

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual general meeting, Spalding, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding, Lincs, by Wednesday previous.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec, 59, High Street, Holbeach. 8256

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. John's, Stanmore, Saturday, January 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing. Tower secretaries—please bring quarter peal lists for 1965 with you.—E. H. Kilby, Hon. Sec. 8275

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Hingham, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr R. J. Elliott, Caston Road, Carbrooke, Thetford, Norfolk, by the 12th, please.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8197

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD — Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, January 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. J. Dyke, 16, Cocklands, Charminster, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 8213

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch — Meeting, West Overton, January 15th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8279

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting. Wareham, January 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 12th, to Mr. J. Blackwood, Flat 1, South Bestwall House, Wareham, Dorset. 8204

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, January 15th, Shoreditch (12), 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 4.15 to 5.30 Tea 5.30. Meeting in the Vestry Hall at St Martin's 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kerifield Road, London, S.W.15, by January 12th. 8224

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Annual general meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, from 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 15th. Own tea arrangements.—Sec. 8268

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District. — Annual District meeting, Newark, Saturday, January 15th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70, Valley Prospect, Newark, by previous Tuesday.—B. N. Reed. 8277

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting in conjunction with N.W. District meeting at Elveden (8) on Saturday, January 15th. Bells from 2 to 9 p.m. Service at 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. in Village Hall. General meeting 5.30 p.m., followed by N.W. District meeting. **Please do help** the tea caterers by sending names for tea to Mr. J. Paul, Brandon Road, Elveden, near Thetford, Norfolk, by Monday, January 10th.—A. F. Ballam, Dis Sec. 8076

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next general meeting will be at Guiseley on January 15th. Ringing at Rothwell (8) 10.15–11.30 a.m.; Chapel Allerton (6) 11.30–12.30; Guiseley (8) 2 p.m. and after the meeting; Otley 2–3.45 and 6–8 p.m. General committee meeting 2.45 p.m. in the church vestry. Service at 4.15. Tea in the Parish Hall at 4.45, followed by the meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley, near Leeds, **but only** for those who notify him by Thursday, January 13th.—W. F. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8239

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Mid-week practice meeting at Heston, Tuesday, January 18th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8200

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Congresbury, Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. For teas please notify Mr. K. Gatehouse, Quetta, Brinsea, Congresbury, near Bristol. 8252

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting at Luton, Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business in tower afterwards. Names to Mr. Basil Hullatt, 87, St. Monica's Avenue, Luton, by 20th. 8262

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on January 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service and meeting 4.30. Names for tea to Miss A. Sweeney, The Flat, Hale Farm House, Farnham, Surrey, by previous Wednesday.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 8281

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STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY —Meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (10) available 3. Service 4.30 followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Hubble, 2, Mark Street, Wednesbury, Staffs, before January 19th. — C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8105

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual general meeting, Merstham (8), Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Searle, 27, Orpin Road, Merstham, by January 15th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 8258

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting to be held Saturday, January 22nd. Iden bells (6)) 3–4.30 p.m. Tea in Rye 5.15 p.m. Rye bells (8) 6.15–8 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, at 36, London Road, Hailsham.—G. M. Fitz-Hugh, Hon. Div. Sec 8270

LATE NOTICES

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual District meeting will be held at St. Mary's (8), Harlow, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. — G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 8235

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—A.D.M. at Kibworth on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. Martin, 6, Kimberley Street, Kibworth, by Thursday, January 13th.—L. W. Allen. 8234

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham District.—Annual meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent, January 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. —R. Blackshaw. 8233

LATE NEWS

We regret to learn that Mr. G. M. Fitz-Hugh, hon. secretary of the Eastern District, Sussex Association, is ill in Guildford.

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OUR NEW BOOK

From the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Rector of Bromsberrow in the Diocese of Gloucester, and Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

A FEW weeks ago I was asked to review for a quarterly review the excellent new book "Change Ringing," by Wilfrid G. Wilson, and published by Faber and Faber at 63/-. It was with great interest, therefore, that I read Wilfrid Moreton's review of the book in "The Ringing World" and also a letter published later by the author himself. My purpose in writing this article is not to attempt to review the book again, for Mr. Moreton did that very well, but to follow up a point that he raised and that the author referred to in his letter. This concerns the economics of book production.

In the production of a book of this sort, which by its very nature is bound to have a limited appeal, both publisher and author run a considerable financial risk. I must say that I was rather surprised, but pleased, to learn a year or so ago that one of the best publishing houses in the country had decided to publish a book for us, for they knew that if the book did not sell they stood to lose a fair amount of money. Further—and I make this point as an author myself—if the book did not sell, then Mr. Wilson, who must have spent hours writing the book, would have had little financial reward for his labours, for his royalties depend upon the number of copies sold. In fact, the book is selling well, though I should imagine that both publisher and author have been pleasantly surprised by this. It will continue to sell well, if in smaller quantities, through the years. The reason for this is simple; it is a book that ringers need.

In his review, Mr. Moreton said he thought it "a pity that space could not be found for a study of the process of composition." In his letter commenting on this, Mr. Wilson agreed that much had had to be omitted from the book, but he also stated that if he had put in all that he had wanted then its price would have been ten guineas and the book would not have been published. This is a most important point about the economics of book production which ringers need to understand. The size of every book is determined by a lot of factors, one of which is the cost of production. In fact, the book contains more than enough for most ringers, and the very mathematically minded ones who want the really advanced information can get it elsewhere. My own view is that we are very lucky to have a book so well produced and so clearly written.

Mr. Moreton makes the point that those ringers who do not want a copy of their own (though he thinks most ringers will soon want a copy) should see that one is available in the local library or tower library. I should imagine that most librarians will want a copy of the book, for it fills a gap on their shelves for them, though it may be necessary for the book to be brought to their notice. I am not happy about Mr. Moreton's suggestion that there should be a copy in the tower library, for tower library books are so often monopolised by one person.

The book is obviously meant to be used as a text-book at home, and it is difficult to be so used if a ringer does not possess his own copy. Mr. Moreton's review seems to suggest that the price is high. For a book of this sort it is not. Why is it, I wonder, that people are prepared to spend the earth on most things, but think that books should be cheap? If the book is compared with an advanced mathematical text-book, which presents similar difficulties in expensive typesetting, the prices will be found not to be dissimilar.

Personally, I look at a matter like this through the eyes of an amateur musician. Music is one of my hobbies and on instruments I have spent large sums of money, and during the course of any one year I spend on music far more than three guineas. But ringers get their musical instrument, namely a ring of bells, for nothing, and the amount they need to spend on ringing books is negligible. With Mr. Wilson's book any ringer will possess something which will last him a lifetime, unless he foolishly decides to lend it; and with pencil and paper and the will to study he can be sure of many hours of happiness before him in his own home in the pursuit of his hobby.

I am concerned both as an author and as a ringer that we should understand the significance of what has been done for ringers by the publication of this book. My wife's hobbies are gardening, embroidery and bird-watching; she has a large number of books on all these topics and is continually buying new ones. Ringers have few books on which they can spend their money in the pursuit of their hobby; certainly there is no single book containing so much as Mr. Wilson's "Change Ringing." Ringers owe a debt of gratitude to both publisher and author; they took a risk in publishing and writing, but no purchaser need think he is taking a risk. Here is a book, as many have already discovered, of real value: a pearl of great price.

Change Ringing in the Newcastle Area

By RODNEY A. YEATES

(Continued from page 2)

ST. PETER'S, JARROW-UPON-TYNE

(Six bells, 8¼ cwt.)

In 1881, Warner's installed a ring of six in the new Church of St. Peter, Jarrow. The initial band (it is not clear who started it) broke up after about a year at Grandsire Doubles. One of the learners, Frederick J Harrison (a railwayman, who died in 1901), became an outstanding ringer and conductor and helped to revive it. In 1885 the band, together with Christ Church's ringers, rang fifty 720's in six methods. Although the standard varied, a change ringing band was maintained until 1909. Then there appears to have been some quarrel; four of the ringers moved to Christ Church and the connection with the Association was severed. In 1911 there was evidence of a new band. Until 1925 (when Russell moved to Christ Church, note) it was attached to the Association, but never advanced beyond Plain Bob.

The St. Peter's ringers were again attached to the Association from 1929 to 1932 and 1935 to 1939. Little change ringing seems to have been done and it is not clear to the writer even whether the band had a continuous existence. During the war the tower was damaged by a bomb and the bells were said to be unringable. In 1960 Mr C. N. Lea, Ringing Master at South Shields, restored the bells and started a band, which did not last more than about a year.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS', NEWBURN-ON-TYNE

(Six bells, 16 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.)

To the west of Newcastle lies the old village of Newburn. In 1888 a ring of bells, cast by Taylor's and donated by a Spencer of Newburn Steel Works, was installed in the Norman church. In 1895 the local ringers became attached to the Association. Little advance was made and the connection was severed in 1903.

In 1921 E. E. Ferry, of Newcastle Cathedral, succeeded in injecting some enthusiasm into the band. On September 30th, 1924, the band rang a peal of seven Minor methods, with Ferry the only outsider, which was conducted by Edward Lowery. In about 1930, however, there seems to have been some quarrel and the band split up. Edward Lowery rang at Blaydon for some time.

After World War II Robert Swann, a local ringer since 1897 (this implies a continuity of the band), kept up a Plain Bob band. This declined and petered out in about 1959. Swann died in 1962. Recently the Association has been successful in starting a band with Mr. Alan Taylor as Ringing Master.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

(Eight bells, 11 cwt. 5 lb.)

In about 1130 it was found that the fast expanding town of Newcastle was too large for St. Nicholas' Church. An extra church, St. John's, was accordingly built. Now St John's is in the middle of the shops, hotels and cinemas. In the 13th century tower is a superlative ring of eight.

A ring of six was installed in 1706, either by Phelps of London or Samuel Smith of York. In November, 1879, through the efforts of the Vicar, the Rev W E. Houldley, and his Sunday School teachers, a band of change ringers was started. Francis Lees, a member of the old Society, was appointed instructor and remained a ringer at St John's until his death in 1897. He started by rehanging the bells and by 1883 the band was one of the most prominent six-bell companies in the area. The treble was recast in 1881, in 1884 it was again recast and the bells augmented by Warners. One of the local ringers at this time was C. L. Routledge, who later became Ringing Master of Newcastle Cathedral.

Despite a lapse (1887–1890) the band soon became the nucleus of the local peal ringers. In the period 1892 to 1902 a number of the band transferred their attentions to the Cathedral, especially when (1900–02) St. John' tower was closed due to structural weakness. However, after this the ringers returned and a London Surprise band was established. In 1905 the brilliant William Barber (d. 1950) moved to St. John's From 1912 to 1926 the St. John's band almost all rang at the Cathedral also. In that year, however, due to a dispute with the Rev Noel Hudson, the Vicar (later Bishop of Newcastle, then of Ely), the band stopped ringing at St. John's. In the same year the bells were recast and the tower strengthened. The remaining local band, with Robert Welsh (d. 1948), a former churchwarden, outstanding, and tutored for a time by J. E. Keen, never advanced far.

After the war there was no local band until about 1953, when H. P. Cliff started one. This, however, collapsed on his death in 1958. Until recently the bells were rung on a Sunday by the Cathedral ringers. The Newcastle University Society has been revived (1965) and now organisces the regular Sunday service ringing.

ST. JAMES AND ST. BASIL'S, FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

(Eight bells, 14 cwt. 10 lb.)

(Also nine chiming bells)

In the prosperous suburb of Fenham, next to the Town Moor, lies the Church of St. James and St. Basil. This was built in 1931 by Sir James Knott in memory of his sons James and Basil, killed in the first world war. On June 6th, 1931, the bells were dedicated by the Vicar, the Rev. S. Redman. Unfortunately Mr. Redman was not very enthusiastic about ringing and it was with great difficulty that he was persuaded to allow a local band to be formed. This was done in 1933 by Messrs. J. Anderson and W. J. Davidson of Newcastle Cathedral.

The band quickly advanced. In 1934 the first local 720 was achieved. A peal of Minor with a local band was rung in 1937. Other local peals have been rung.

After the war a high standard was maintained. A local peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1956. Numbers of local eight- and six-bell quarter peals have been continually rung, although there has been some falling off recently. The Ringing Master is Mr. E. N. Harrison.

ST. GEORGE'S, JESMOND, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

((Eight bells, 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.)

In 1883 in the residential suburb of Jesmond, St. George's Church was built. A Taylor's ring of eight was donated by Charles Mitchell, a partner in Lord Armstrong's works and he also paid for the church. The bells were dedicated on February 23rd, 1889. The local band was tutored first by Francis Lees for seven years and then by William Holmes. Both these men were from St John's. The band was never really successful. In 1893 a local quarter peal of Triples and some 720's were rung. A decline then set in and in 1899 the band severed its connections with the Association.

In 1904 the local ringers are mentioned as only ringing call changes. However, they rang regularly for services and held a practice The band was next attached to the Association in 1914. This was due to the work of the Rev. Professor M. C. Potter, a former Master of the Cambridge University Guild, and of C. L. Routledge. After the war, E E. Ferry became the principal instructor and the turnover of his young recruits was continuous. Nevertheless, in 1923, a peal of Plain Bob Major, conducted by Ferry with W. H. Barber the only outsider, was rung. In 1924 Treble Bob Major was rung. Shortly before his death in 1932 Ferry transferred his attention to Durham Cathedral and soon afterwards the band gradually fell apart. In 1936 the attachment with the Association was severed.

After World War II until about 1951 a poor apathetic band of ringers was collected by the verger, Mr. Herbert Kennedy. Call changes or poor Bob Doubles at the best were rung. Early in 1957 Mr. (now the Rev.) Philip I. Addison started up a band of ringers which has endured to the present day. Under Mr. A. C. Bolton, and then Mr. A. G. Craddock, the young band has advanced. Recently a tower bell peal attempt of Bob Triples lasted one and a half hours of good ringing; three local handbell peals have been rung.

ST. JAMES', BENWELL, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

(Six bells, 16¼ cwt.)

In the old residential suburb of Benwell is the Victorian Church of St James, which contains a ring of six by Messrs. Carr and Sons of Smethwick, installed in 1897. Unfortunately they were not installed by a proper bellhanger and at first were almost unringable due to an enormous draught of rope. Due to the interest of the area's ringers, among them T. T. Gofton and E. E. Ferry, the bells were made more ringable and a local Society formed (1898). In 1900 a 720 of Plain Bob Minor under Ferry was achieved. By 1902 they were at a standstill and Ferry was called in to help. By 1907 they had a fairly strong band, if only for Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, but in the next few years the band improved and before World War I several Minor methods could be rung.

A continuous period of mediocrity set in after the war. By 1928 the band was still struggling with Plain Bob. Perhaps the bad "go" of the bells, especially the tenor and fourth, was in part the cause of this. The next year the band received instruction from W. H. Barber and improved somewhat. In 1933, the best year for a long time, two quarter peals of Grandsire were rung.

After the war, under Mr. R. Stuart Mallaburn, the band greatly improved. In 1946 one quarter of Grandsire was rung; in 1947 four quarters and a peal. This was conducted by Mr. Mallaburn and was the first for all the band By 1949 the band had still not advanced beyond Grandsire but was ringing regular quarter peals of that. In 1952–54 the band improved and methods such as Double Court were rung on a Sunday. After 1957, however, the standard dropped considerably and there has been no local ringing for perhaps a year.

(To be continued)

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Conductor's Notes on Record Length of Yorkshire

MR. NEIL BENNETT, the conductor, has provided us with the following notes on the record length of 17,258 Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Accrington on December 18th. We feel certain the Exercise will join us in congratulating the band on a fine performance.

The start of the peal was delayed whilst a normal rope, borrowed for the occasion from Ashton, was put on the fourth bell to replace the Yorkshire-style rope with its green sally and red tuft which is favoured by the local ringers at Accrington. This done, the bells went off into changes exactly half an hour later than the eight o'clock planned, and after some initial unsteadiness, due, it is suspected, to nervousness, the bells settled down to a consistent rhythm which was maintained throughout the peal. The speed of ringing remained remarkably constant at between 31 and 31.7 changes per minute, speeding up to exactly 32 only in the last part.

There was momentary uncertainty after about 8,000 changes or so when one of the band seemed likely to succumb to cramp, but happily he recovered very quickly, and the rest of the peal passed without untoward event, the bells coming into rounds after 17,248 changes and 9 hours and 6 minutes. This peal surpasses the 15,520 Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Loughborough on December 8th, 1962, and in changes though not of course in time, the 16,920 Yorkshire Surprise Royal rung at Worsley on December 23rd, 1961, and is the second longest peal of Surprise. It is not, however, the longest peal by the Lancashire Association; that distinction is held by Edward Jenkins and his band with their 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Heptonstall on April 18th, 1927

The thanks of the rest of the band are due to Richard Parker for standing in at short notice when John Fielden had to drop out for personal reasons, also to the three umpires, who between them checked every call throughout, and to the local ringers and incumbent for allowing us the use of the bells.

It says much for the efficiency of the sound lantern above the bells that we were able to ring a nine-hour peal in the midst of a shopping centre only a week before Christmas without apparently incurring anyone's displeasure.

INTRODUCTION TO LONG LENGTHS

Two of the band had not previously rung a long peal: **Jeffrey Brannan** is 19 years of age and a member of the St. Michael's, Ashton, band. His peals total about 70, of which he has conducted about 10, and he has been ringing for four years. He works as a clerk with the Refuge Assurance Company in Manchester

Alan McFall, who rang the 6th, is 27 years of age, recently married, and is yet another of the ringers who began their ringing careers at Marple under the leadership of Jack Pryor. He has rung about 150 peals, quite a number on handbells, and has conducted about 20. Alan is an accountant by profession with Granada Television

The composer of the peal, **Richard Parker**, rang the 2nd. He is 19 years old and now in his first year at Birmingham University reading metallurgy. He has rung one previous long length, 10,080 Yorkshire Surprise Major, at Accrington earlier this year, when he conducted his own composition. Richard has been ringing for about five years now, is a member of St. Peter's, Burnley, band, and has conducted about 15 of his 130 peals to date. His most notable peal is probably that of 24 Spliced Surprise Major at Bilsborrow in 1964, which established the present Lancashire Association record for Spliced Surprise.

CORRECTION TO COMPOSITION (page 846)

The last line of the second part (56423) and the second line of the third part (56342) should be interchanged, and the bracket "A" should include only the 12 courses ending 64523.

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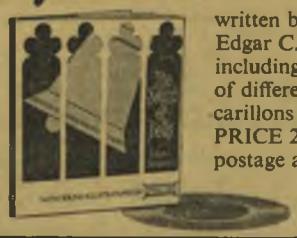
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Letters to the Editor

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I use your columns in order to thank the B.B.C. and all the ringers at the towers where the bells were ringing from on Christmas Day. I have been a bell ringer for over 40 years at our village church at Drighlington in the West Riding of Yorkshire, but two years ago I had to give up ringing owing to a chronic illness, so you can understand the pleasure I got when I heard the bells on Christmas Day morning. There must be a lot of old ringers up and down the country like me, who will never ring again owing to illness or some disability, and I hope that they got the same pleasure as I did on hearing the bells.

I hope this will be a yearly event. There must be a lot of work in organising a programme like this, but I am sure that I can safely say, on behalf of myself and others like me, that it was well worth it.

Thanking you all once again for the pleasure that it gave me.—Yours faithfully,

MAURICE BROWN.

Drighlington, Yorks.

Dear Sir,—Once again I take the opportunity of listening to the "Christmas Bells" broadcast which. I am delighted to say, came over with perfect transmission, particularly the new ring of eight from St. Nicholas', Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, which came through with absolute rhythm. I should like to make at this moment a special request for next "Christmas Bells" forecast to hear Liverpool Cathedral bells, which, with the Nativity bells, Bethlehem, would make a perfect setting.—Yours truly,

B. H. MANSELL.

Handsworth, Birmingham.

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In "The Ringing World" of December 17th Mr. Mottershead asked for the figures of peals of Bristol with under 50 bobs. I enclose a peal which I obtained some time ago, in two parts, having 50 bobs in 17 courses.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL S. BRUCE.

Walsall.

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Chesham. M. HODGSON.

IN DEFENCE OF GRANDSIRE

Dear Sir,—I must take issue with Mr. D. J Marshall concerning his letter "Grandsire—a waste of time" published in the edition of December 17th.

He implies that it is the ultimate ambition of every ringer to ring Surprise methods, when in actual fact this is very far from being the case; the majority of ringers do not ring Surprise methods because they lack either the ability or the inclination or both, and are quite content with their so-called plain methods.

Secondly, I would not agree that it is injurious to a learner to instruct him in Grandsire; I was reared on Grandsire Triples, and certainly did not find this to be a disadvantage when I began ringing Plain and Treble Bob Major methods.

Finally, there is the question of the music produced by the bells, and I am sure that most ringers who listen to what they are ringing would agree that there is little to better the sound of a well-struck peal of Grandsire or Stedman Triples.

There are two ways of appreciating a peal; one is by listening to it, and the other is by looking at it in the peal columns; any ringer who truly enjoys his art must surely prefer the former method.—Yours faithfully,

M. BISHOP.

East Hagbourne, Didcot.

P.S.—I hope the Daventry band enjoyed their peal of Grandsire Royal; if they leave the tenor behind next time and ring Grandsire Caters I am sure they will enjoy this even more.—M. B.

MR. A. J. PITMAN'S REGRETS

Dear Sir,—I had intended to be present at the meeting at Sketty on December 4th, also to attend the installation of the memorial to the late J. W. Jones at All Saints', Newport, but regret that I was taken ill shortly before the time came for me to visit Wales and had to stay in bed for a couple of weeks.

However, I shall be glad of an opportunity to mention in "The Ringing World" the help and encouragement I received from the late Mr. Jones in fixing up the bands for many of my peals and in keeping me interested as regards compositions, etc.

I am pleased to report that I am now on the mend, but afraid ringing will be out of the question for a while.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

Lillington, Leamington Spa.

GRANDSIRE PREDOMINATES IN DEVON

Dear Sir,—I would like to make a reply to Mr. David Marshall's letter on Grandsire.

Grandsire may well be a stepping stone for some people to Surprise methods, but in parts of England Grandsire and Plain Bob are nearly the only methods rung. I have been ringing for two years and have now mastered Grandsire Triples, but in my part of Devon I have little or no chance of learning much else but perhaps Plain Bob Major (which is quite rare) and Stedman Triples.

I believe Surprise methods are rung on practice nights at Heavitree in Exeter, but that tower is well attended and as I know no one there, I rather I would have little chance of learning anything.

Even Exeter Cathedral rings little besides Grandsire and Plain Bob on larger numbers of bells.

So, until perhaps when I leave school and leave Devon, I am stuck on a stepping stone (according to Mr. Marshall) and presumably am in danger of falling in the water and drowning—i.e. losing interest in ringing.

However, I do not think this is the case, for there is much to be learnt about Grandsire and Plain Bob. The Thompson papers show this. Also, when I see the few very good ringers of the Guild having to lower themselves to ring some **well-struck** Grandsire Doubles or Triples, I feel that Grandsire is not such an irrelevant method.

Concerning the peal of Grandsire Royal rung at Daventry—an utter waste of time as far as Mr. Marshall is concerned since the ringers were all perfectly capable of ringing Surprise Royal—isn't it nice to have a change from Surprise methods and try something unusual?—Yours sincerely,

JULIAN M. PORTMAN.

Exmouth, Devon.

DERBY'S WEEK-END COURSE

Dear Sir,—I would like to reply to Mr. Scattergood's letter on page 864 (Dec 24th).

I attended the course concerned, which lasted from Friday evening, November 12th, to Sunday afternoon, November 14th, and was told that it was for people who would be likely to have at some time or other the responsibility of becoming a tower captain, or teaching people to ring, or would-be conductors. I was told that the course was to be held on the dates quoted beecause no others were available.

Finally, I once attended a meeting held some time ago and heard the phrase "incidence of falseness" used with reference to Cambridge Major. Being ignorant of the subject, I aspired to ask another ringer present, who told me that he had never heard of it. However, my second inquiry yielded fruit, a bumper crop in the form of a confusing two and a half hour lecture which had no illustrations; because of this lecture I missed the best ringing of the day and a tea which everyone else enjoyed. Furthermore, the lecture I received confused me more than ever and was hardly as lucid as those given by Messrs. Chaddock, Marshall, Carlisle and Halls at Lea Green, who had obviously taken much time and care in preparing their lectures.

A. HUMPHREY,
Sunday service ringer and
non-tower captain, Sawley.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral Church, on Dec. 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Rea 1, C. G. Barnes 2, A. R. Millidge 3, R. J. Cooles 4, G. W. Shanks 5, A. Griffin 6, R. J. Talbot 7, A. E. Bagworth 8, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 9, J. W. Euston 10. For the Advent Ordination.

LINCOLN.—On Dec. 21st (St. Thomas' Day), at St. Mary-le-Wigford, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: I. R. Marshall 1, Julie Radley 2, H. Radley 3, A. W. Froggatt 4. To mark the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. W. T. Dredge, assistant curate of St. Martin's and St. Mary-le-Wigford.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

REPLY TO MR. SCATTERGOOD

Dear Sir,—The letter by Sam Scattergood, the Ringing Master at Chesterfield is the second in the year which seems to be aimed solely at provoking the whole of the Derbyshire Association, and me in particular, by belittling the efforts made to improve the state of ringing in this part of the country. Why he has embarked on such a policy I cannot think.

To answer factually Mr. Scattergood's allegations: Firstly the quality of the ringers attending the course at Matlock for ringing masters and instructors. Of the 15 or so students attending, at least seven were official ringing masters, viz., those from Long Eaton, Breadsall, Stanton, Scarcliffe, Sawley, Sandiacre and Old Brampton.

Mr. Scattergood must be over inflated with his own importance if he thinks that the presence of himself at a course of this nature is a measure of its value or success.

Secondly, Mr. Scattergood only displays his own ignorance by such statements as "the knowledge imparted could just as easily have been obtained by asking pertinent questions at any monthly meeting." I have no doubt that Mr. Scattergood could transmit every bit of his limited knowledge under such circumstances, but not so the much more well-informed lecturers on the course in question. One of the oft-repeated comments from the students on the course was "I never knew such things existed." Mr. Scattergood's letter seems to say the same thing.

To answer Mr. Scattergood's final point, it is indeed unfortunate that the holding of such a course results in ringers being away from Sunday morning service ringing. If these ringers were missed, this only underlines the problems which part of the course was aimed at providing a solution to.

I, and many others in the Exercise, believe that the best method of improving the standard of ringing is to improve the quality of men taking on the job of Ringing Master. There is a desperate need for men who are able to teach, because they earn and hold the respect of their fellow ringers. The days are numbered. Mr. Scattergood, of the Ringing Master who restricts the progress of his band by confining his limited knowledge to himself—no matter how well he keeps his bells and his belfry.—Yours sincerely,

G. A. HALLS.

Littleover, Derby.

PUBLIC SCHOOL RINGING

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the letter "An Old Blue Recalls" (December 10th). Mr. Godfrey writes of the difficulty of getting official approval for practising the art while still at school. At Dauntsey's School, West Lavington, however, the authorities are most sympathetic towards such useful extra-mural activities, and give would-be ringers every encouragement to pursue their chosen interest.

Every Tuesday evening we are allowed to go to All Saints' Church, West Lavington, where we put in an hour's practice under the tuition of the local ringers. At the moment of writing there are seven of us, five of whom are beginners. We hope to achieve a standard of ringing such that we can ring as a band for the school Matins, which is held in the Parish Church. I feel that Dauntsey sets an excellent example in this respect, which other Public Schools might do much worse than to follow.—Yours faithfully,

HUGH N. LAWRANCE.

Enford Vicarage, Wilts.

MR. A. PADDON SMITH

Dear Sir,—It was a pleasure to watch the late Mr. Paddon Smith manipulating a rope and I well remember a sharp contrast in styles provided by the late James H. Shepherd and Paddon Smith.

It was a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's in 1932, with Shepherd ringing the 10th and Paddon Smith the 11th.

Shepherd, shoeless, as usual when peal ringing, working like a horse and requiring a lot of space for his broad beam end to operate, while Paddon Smith, perfectly erect, was gliding the 11th along without any apparent effort. Both ringers were getting the same results but the methods of obtaining those results were very different.

I would describe Paddon Smith's handling of a bell rope as majestic.—Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON.

Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Wilts.

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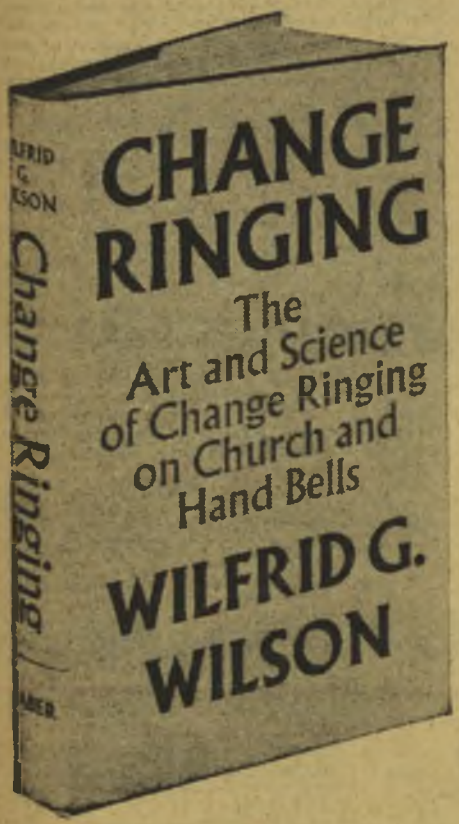
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OBITUARY

MR. REUBEN SANDERS
AN APPRECIATION

It was with deep regret that I read of the passing of Mr. Reuben Sanders. His ringing career was a long and splendid one. He rang 378 peals with the late William Pye, including the first peal of Cambridge Royal in London, 15,264 of Bristol at Hornchurch, and 7,392 of Cambridge Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, when the tenor was 54¼ cwt. and the bells went badly. At Exeter he rang the 11th to Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus. He also took part in the only peals of Middlesex Surprise Royal ever rung.

I had the pleasure of knowing Reuben for 40 years, and found him one of the kindest and most unassuming men I have ever met. He retained a quiet manner in whatever task he accomplished. I shall always remember my last peal with him, which was Stedman Cinques at Southwark. I can picture him now, ringing the tenor and putting it on the dot with that superb style of handling which was truly his own.

I shall retain all these memories until my own turn comes to say "That is all".

E. W. PYE.

MR. JOHN WOODMAN

Blythburgh, Suffolk, ringers are in mourning over the tragic death of Mr. John Woodman, who for the past two years had been helping them with their ringing. John was an assistant engineer at the new power station at Sizewell and on December 27th he had a fall from the gallery in the boiler room at the power station and his injuries proved fatal.

John and his wife, who is also a ringer, both managed to get over from their home at Westleton for ringing at Blythburgh. The former had recently taught some youngsters to handle a bell at Theberton with a view to starting a band. The deepest sympathy of many ringing friends is extended to Mrs. Woodman and their two little children.

MR. JOHN W. WARD

On Christmas Day Jack Ward died at Hauxton Mill, near Cambridge, aged 59. Born at Snaith he came to Sheene Mill, Melbourn, with his parents. He had had his voice trained and when young was in the choir and learned to ring at Melbourn about 1913. The war came, but his asthma prevented him going abroad, and subsequently he was invalided out of the Army. After the war he had plenty of leisure and spent a good deal of his time ringing.

He was very friendly with Fred Dench and with the Ipswich ringers; it was there that he learned most of his Surprise ringing, and rang many peals for the Suffolk Guild. He rang also at Saffron Walden, at Hitchin, when the Surprise practices were held, and became a College Youth, ringing at St. Paul's practices. He visited his uncle in Sheffield, and probably rang there as well. He was a member of the Cambridge Youths and also one of the Ely Diocesan Association. He was married for a while and leaves a son and married daughter.

He rang nearly 300 peals, most of them on higher numbers, many first of Surprise, and his last peal was of Stedman at Bourn, about three years ago. During the past year he had been on a strict diet, when he made a joke about holding a pint mug of lime juice instead of the accustomed beer. Apart from that he was still active, attending recent District meetings, and ringing at Melbourn only a week or so before he died. At Trumpington recently he admitted that he thought he had rung his last peal, a remark which was proved true when two ringers visited his caravan at Christmas.

He was cremated on January 3rd at Cambridge, when there was a large number of ringers present. The bells of Melbourn were rung half-muffled in a quarter of Plain Bob Minor in his memory in the evening by J. Gipson, J. Sanderson, C. Gouldthorp, S. Reed, D. Pepper and F. Harper (conductor).

J. S

MR. H. F. ASHLEY

His many ringing friends will regret to hear of the passing of Mr. H. F. Ashley, of Bulkington, Warwickshire, on December 28th at the age of 77. His ringing goes back to the days when St. James', Bulkington, had only four bells. He was the prime mover in getting them augmented to six, and the six were rung for the first time at his own wedding, and finally he was instrumental in getting the six augmented to eight, as they are today.

All his life he was associated with St. James' Church, as a ringer and also as a churchwarden for many years. He had rung about ten peals, most of these being on the old six bells. Unfortunately, a heart attack about ten years ago forced him to give up active ringing, but he never lost his interest in ringing matters and looked forward to his "Ringing World" each week. He was a member of a number of Guilds and Associations, among which was the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The Coventry Diocesan Guild was represented at his funeral at St. James', Bulkington, on December 31st by the president, Mr. A. H. Beamish, and Mrs. Beamish, Messrs. F. W. Perrens, P. Stone, E. Gower and the general secretary, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, together with many members of the local band. Mr. Ashley will long be remembered both in Bulkington and the Coventry Diocese, and will be missed by us all.

J. L. G. H.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The damp, dismal weather of December 18th was soon forgotten in the warmth of the welcome extended to the St. Albans District at Radlett. This was the first meeting to be held at Radlett since the installation of Hertfordshire's lightest ring of bells. Called by some a "musical box," this seemed an apt name for these delightful and surprisingly easy to handle bells.

Ringing began at 3 p.m. and continued in various methods until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was taken by the Rev. John Blick, a member of the Radlett band. The address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. Christopher Newton, R.D. Tea was taken in the adjacent Church Hall, and was served by the local band, led by Mrs. R. Clouston.

The chair at the business meeting was taken by the Rev. John Blick, who thanked the St. Albans District for their help during the formation of the band at Radlett. The annual District meeting was announced for January 15th, and good attendance asked for. Mr. R. Brown, District secretary, also reminded members that careful thought in the nomination of officers was essential to the success or otherwise of the coming year's programme of work.

The meeting closed with a very hearty vote of thanks proposed by the District Ringing Master, Mr. G. Penney, to the local band for the splendid arrangements, and especially to the ladies for the excellent tea.

M. A. C.

5,059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
No. 4 (12-part)

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

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Rung for the first time at Trowbridge, December 11th, 1965.

LONDON VISIT BY MIDLAND SCHOOL PUPILS

ON Friday, December 17th, "half a coach" left Redditch County High School, Worcestershire, at 8.30 a.m., with a party of 15 pupils, two staff and the wife of the writer. The route lay through Warwick, Southam and along the M.1 with London being the destination.

After a short coffee break on the M.1 the lunch destination was reached—Edmonton County Grammar School, Enfield—where the writer formerly taught. Here Margaret and Anne—pupils at Edmonton—ably saw to the lunch requirements of the travelling party.

By 2 o'clock the Whitechapel Bell Foundry had been reached after negotiating some minor traffic hold-ups! A most interesting hour was spent here—a pity it could not have been longer— but, alas, the timetable had to be adhered to. The coach went along the Embankment to the Houses of Parliament, where the 334 steps of the clock tower were climbed—quickly to begin with, and then slower and slower as the dizzy heights were reached! The guide explained the clock mechanism and the history and details of the bells, and at 3.45 the clock struck whilst the party was among the bells. The timetable, and the fear of the coach following in the tracks of a London Transport double decker bus to a police compound, made it impossible to stop to see Big Ben itself struck, but it was heard as the party descended the 334 steps to the ground level. (At least, someone who had the energy and breath to count the steps proclaimed triumphantly that there were 334!)

The Science Museum in Kensington was the next stop, where Mr. Hughes had very kindly laid on a demonstration of the Carter Ringing Machine. Here a most interesting and instructive hour was spent. Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Cinques were rung on the machine.

From Kensington the driver braved the traffic conditions of the West End and the Christmas lights were viewed in Oxford and Regent Streets as well as Piccadilly Circus. It was remarkable that traffic was so light in density at this time on a Friday evening.

The return route was made, like the outward one, via the M.1 and Warwick, and Redditch was reached at 10.40 p.m. In spite of tiredness, the staff were entertained to songs on the return journey by the pupils!

Our grateful thanks go in particular to Mr. Douglas Hughes, for without his assistance the excursion could not have taken place. Everyone appreciated his thoughtfulness and work he had put into the day. Our thanks go also to the authorities at the Palace of Westminster, the school authorities at Edmonton and to those ringing pupils there who saw to the lunch arrangements.

It is hoped this will be the first of many outings by these pupils who are learning to ring at St. Stephen's, Redditch. They are in fact now helping man the bells every Sunday evening, where formerly they had only been chimed, from all accounts, for very many years. For those who know Redditch, it will be appreciated that it is no easy matter to teach learners, for the bells are most difficult to handle, and consequently progress has been slow.

M. V. WHITE.

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First rung at Macclesfield on December 27th, 1965.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A meeting with a difference aptly sums up the visit of the N. and E. District to St. Lawrence Jewry, the Guild church of the Corporation of London, on December 18th. A company of 45 members and friends at the service heard the Vicar, the Rev. J. F. D. Trimingham, in a short address outline the history throughout the ages of this famous church. Mr. Douglas Birkinshaw accompanied at the organ.

During the brief interval between service and tea, held in the staff luncheon room at the Guildhall, the beadle on duty found a ready audience for a short tour of this historic building. Ringing was of a satisfactory standard and Mr. John Mayne, Master, saw that everyone had an opportunity to ring on the delightful eight.

At the business meeting reference was made to the passing of Mr Reuben Sanders at the age of 91. Mr. J. R. Mayne and Mr. T. J Lock paid tribute to this great ringer and members stood in silence in respect to his memory.

Miss G. McKinley, of the St. John at Hackney band, was elected a ringing member, whilst the provisional elections of Miss Nina B. Thomas (Harpenden), Kenneth Warner (Walthamstow) and Walter G. Knight (Turramurra, New South Wales) as non-resident life members were ratified

Thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success were proposed by Mr. J. R. Mayne with a special word to the ladies who had prepared the tea under difficult circumstances. Evening ringing was at St Andrew's, Holborn E. H. K.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The Cheltenham Branch held its annual general meeting at Leckhampton on December 11th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and during the afternoon and evening some 40 ringers attended. As usual, the standard of ringing was somewhat varied! But many different touches were rung, from Doubles to Surprise Major.

At 5, Evensong was sung and conducted by the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Master of the Association, and the address was given by the Rector of Leckhampton, the Rev. John White, who said how much the work of the ringers was appreciated, and that it was done to the glory of God. Arthur Lawrence, a ringer from Bishop's Cleeve, played the organ.

Tea was provided by the ladies of Leckhampton and the Master of the Association took the chair for the meeting. Mr. W. A. Farmer was unanimously elected chairman of the Branch in succession to Mr. C. Wratten, who felt that it was time for his term of office to come to an end—to the regret of other members. The main item of discussion was the proposal, coming from Stow Branch, that the towers of Blockley, Chipping Campden and Ebrington should be transferred from Cheltenham Branch. It was agreed to refer this to the Management Committee

It was a happy meeting; it was particularly nice to have so many visitors and also to have present two new members from Blockley, the Rev and Mrs. Peter Newing. J. B. T. H.

JOINT MEETING AT CLAY CROSS

Over 40 members and friends from 12 towers were present when the annual meeting of the Chesterfield District of the Derby Diocesan Association was held jointly with the East Derbys and West Notts Association at Clay Cross on December 11th. During the afternoon the delightful six were put to good use in quite a wide variety of methods. The Vicar, the Rev. Wynford Phillips, conducted a short service during which he welcomed both Societies.

After an excellent tea in the Church Hall the East Derbys members returned to the tower whilst the Chesterfield District held its business meeting. In his report the Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Hughes, said that there had been a very large increase in the range of methods rung at meetings and a gratifying improvement in the standard of striking The latter was, he was sure, a direct result of the annual striking competition and was most acceptable.

Presenting the annual report, the secretary Mr. M. Phipps, was pleased to state that meetings had continued to be well supported, with on average an attendance of over 30 each month. There was, however, still room for improvement, particularly from towers where change ringing is limited due to experienced ringers being in a minority.

Outstanding activities during the year had included the unqualified success of the annual dinner at Chesterfield, which was attended by over 230; an attendance of over 70 at the striking contest and a record number of 14 new members In contrast there was, however, the very poorly supported annual outing to East Yorkshire and the loss through removal to other areas of two tower captains and several other experienced ringers.

Officers elected for 1966 were: Chairman, Mr. J. Price (Clay Cross); vice-chairman, Mr. J Newman (Old Whittington); committee, Miss M. Yarnold (Staveley) and Mr. J Arkwell (Old Brampton); Ringing Master, Mr C. J. Hughes (Old Whittington); and secretary Mr. M. Phipps, 23, Walton Drive, Chesterfield.

Next meeting: Barlborough (6), January 15th. M. P. P.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

For the last meeting of the year the Eastern Branch visited Gorleston on December 4th. The service was conducted by the Rev. W J. Sayer, who welcomed some 25 ringers and gave a most appropriate address.

Miss D. Lidbetter (Branch chairman) presided over the business meeting following tea, and extended a vote of thanks to Mr Sayer, the organist and the ladies for tea arrangements. Mr. T J. Newell was elected a ringing member and the belfry election of the following prior to a peal were ratified: Messrs D S. Johnson, H. C. Palmer, R. Ducker and R D. Gibson Members stood in silence to the memory of Mrs. E. K Fletcher, who had died since the last meeting, the chairman paying a tribute to her

Forthcoming meetings: Practice, Carlton Colville, January 15th: annual, Lodden, February 12th. N. C.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Bath Branch

The annual meeting of the Bath Branch was held on January 1st at St. Michael's Broad Street with Bath Abbey bells available in the evening. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. Russel Kinsey, the preacher was the Rev. Edwin Jones, and the lesson was read by the local secretary.

Eighty-five sat down to tea, after which the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Rev. F Pollard (Rector of Freshford) The secretary, in his report, stated that membership had risen by 23 and now stood at 170, one of the largest totals reached, and 12 peals had been rung, including two in memoriam Sir Winston Churchill. The beginners' practice, introduced in 1965, had been very successful and many were learning new methods. Bands were in the process of being instructed at Dunkerton, Bathford and Wellow, so instructors were being kept busy.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Rev. F. Pollard (Freshford): vice-chairmen, L. R. G. Taylor (Corston) and G T. Hawkins (St. Michael's); secretary and treasurer, Alan F. Lee (Twerton-on-Avon): Ringing Masters, Harold Parfree (Corston) and John Owen (Abbey): Fifteen new members were elected (Dunkerton 6, Keynsham 4, St. Mary's, Bathwick, 3, Freshford 2).

Mr E. Naylor proposed that the Branch hold a striking competition and this was supported and will be duly arranged, as will the Corporate Communion, only on a new date just before Advent instead of Maundy Thursday, as in the past.

Visitors were welcomed from 15 parishes from Taunton in the west, to Peasmore (Berks) in the east from Leeds in the north to Dorchester in the south A. F. L.

ST. WENDREDA'S, MARCH

Fourteen bellringers of St Wendreda's, March, enjoyed their customary Christmas outing on December 15th—their 15th festive tour to date. Joined by four young friends from Whittlesey and Chatteris, the party first called at Somersham where they stayed an hour. Godmanchester church has a fine octave and the ringers enjoyed to the full the ethereal renditions produced on this easy-going though heavy ring An excellent course of Cambridge on the back six sounded particularly fine A Christmas-style tea was taken in the homely atmosphere of an old-world establishment at Huntingdon, after which the little bells of All Saints' were rung.

At Brampton the ringers had the opportunity of ringing an augmented six; these bells "go" well and excellent touches ensued. St. Mary's, Whittlesey, was the final call, and the octave sounded well above the surrounding Fens for three-quarters of an hour Throughout the day enthusiasm was the keynote, and a happy time was experienced, as usual. Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., St Clement's, Grandsire and Cambridge were methods rung.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St Ebbe, on Dec. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N D Deam 1, C. R Mordaunt 2, C Coles 3, Miss I M E. Dixon 4, P. J. Heritage 5, R H. Jones 6, A. Gammon 7, P. Tocock (cond.) 8.

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HALF PEAL

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On Dec. 18th, 2,520 Plain Bob Major: F. A. Adams 1, T. Wylie 2, H. Paddison 3, Miss V. Simpson 4, J. Arkwell 5, E. Mould 6, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 7, J. Ford 8. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. A. Batsleer, and as a farewell compliment to Miss V. Simpson, who is leaving the district.

DATE TOUCH

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,966 Minor and Doubles (720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 496 Little Bob, and 30 Grandsire Doubles): Miss L. Ellison 1, Miss K. A. Rivett 2, R. L. Piron 3, D. A. Hammond 4, K. H. Fleming 5, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 6.

ABERDARE, GLAMORGAN.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Evans 1, D. Kerley 2, P. Jones 3, R. N. Bagshaw (first of Triples) 4, George Kerley 5, J. Clatworth (comp. and cond.) 6, Geoffrey Kerley 7, P. Bagshaw (first of Triples) 8.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On New Year's Eve, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss S. Bailey (first on working bell) 1, G. Newman 2, A. Palmer 3, F. Read (cond.) 4, A. Keen 5, J. Poynton (first quarter) 6. Rung on back six.

BARMING, KENT.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Grice 1, Sandra J. Gunner 2, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 3, W. R. Manser 4, A. D. Macfadyen (cond.) 5, B. W. Pankhurst 6. Rung half-muffled at the funeral of Miss Myee Maplesden Noakes, M.B.E., C.A., chairman of Kent Education Committee.

BASSALEG, MON.—On Dec. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. E. Bainham 1, D. Phillips 2, J. E. Phillips 3, L. F. G. Bainham 4, M. J. Pryor 5, C. L. R. Bainham (cond.) 6.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain; 7, 6, 8 cover): Edna Pannell 1, Janet Atkey 2, H. D. Bishop (cond.) 3, M. Hiller 4, J. T. Barrett 5, I. Andrews 6, D. Ellery 7, A. Case 8. First in three methods 1, 2 and 4.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Payne 1, Miss L. Payne 2, H. Deacon 3, Miss C. Wood 4, F. Goodear 5, P. Richardson (first in the method) 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, R. Benstead 8.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 mixed Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Janice Gudge 1, I. L. Andrews 2, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 3, J. T. Barratt 4, D. B. Ellery 5, A. D. Case 6. For the Christmas Festival.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: N. F. Whittell 1, R. E. Lester 2, D. J. Derrick (first "inside") 3, Mrs. W. Lockwood (cond.) 4, R. J. Southgate 5. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Derrick. N. F. Whittell has now "circled the tower" to quarter peals, including the tenor which is still in Denmark being welded.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury and Plain Bob): Lynn Wilson 1, L. Penfold 2, T. Padbury 3, R. Padbury 4, G. Sweet (first as cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung for the 8 a.m. Communion service.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. W. Munday 1, Mrs. H. Penfold 2, M. Morris 3, Alice Ward 4, C. W. Munday 5, P. J. Munday (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Judith Hough and Mr. Colin Clayson, on their engagement.

CHISLEBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. J. Lewis 1, E. H. Amey 2, Miss M. Lush 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, G. W. Rendell 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells, but open to correction.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, at St. John-the-Baptist Church, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: K. Taber 1, E. W. Razzell 2, G. H. Humphries 3, N. G. Steere 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, N. D. Brown 6, M. Parry 7, R. C. Stevens 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, A. Brown 10. A farewell to Canon W. Warren Hunt, Vicar of Croydon. This was his last service before leaving to take up his appointment as Bishop of Repton.

DEANE, HANTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Miss F. Wiltshire 1, P. G. Holmes 2, Miss K. Winterbourne 3, R. B. Pike (cond.) 4, M. S. Holbrook 5, E. C. S. Payne ((first quarter) 6. First in six methods 1 and 3.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Watkins (first quarter) 1, R. Fisher 2, P. Barrett (first "inside") 3, D. Bailey (cond.) 4, B. Osborne (50th quarter) 5, P. Whale 6.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Fox 1, B. Linacre 2, Miss J. Percy (cond.) 3, Mrs. B. Percy 4, R. Percy 5, T. Barlow 6, H. Reynolds 7, I. White 8.

ELING, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Buchanan 1, Mrs. G. D. Northway 2, Ronda M. Purkess 3, L. V. Smith 4, J. Hartless 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6. First in method on bells. For Christmas.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Y. Fowkes 1, G. Seth 2, Miss M. F. Pettitt 3, S. R. Huckle 4, M. J. Marriott 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. For the Festival of Nine Lessons. Also on Christmas Day, 720 Woodbine T.B. and 540 Plain Bob: Miss S. Y. Fowkes 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, Miss M. J. Clarke 3, S. R. Huckle 4, M. J. Marriott 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6. For morning service.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Nov. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. Parrott 1, Sally Parrott 2, R. E. Fentiman 3, S. Warren 4, D. J. Herschell 5, D. J. K. Paul (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. C. Sinden (first quarter) 1, Eleanor Hough 2, Jane Hough 3, Vivienne Dye 4, Rachel Sinden 5, J. R. Hough (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, J. F. Wellard 8.

GORING-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Trent 1, Carol Tull (first "inside") 2, N. Tull 3, S. Franklin 4, L. Haines 5, J. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. For the service of Nine Lessons.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. N. Toon 1, D. Toon 2, S. Toon 3, A. W. Bird 4, A. C. Cooper 5, S. F. High (cond.) 6, A. Fulcher cover. For carol service

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Pink (first quarter) 1, B. Osborne 2, Pamela Osborne 3, R. Whiting 4, D. Bailey (50th quarter as cond.) 5, A. Sturgess 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Miss J. Palmer 1, Miss D. Colcombe 2, J. Bailey 3, Mrs. P. Bird 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. Webb 6, J. King (cond.) 7, W. Webb 8. A 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Colcombe, and a 33rd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Webb.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Marsh 1, R. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, D. Barker 4, M. W. Harrison 5. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): G. Marsh 1, R. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, M. W. Harrison 4, J. Meredith 5. Both for Evensong.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Armstrong 1, Mary I. Hildred 2, Jennifer E. Pearce 3, T. W. Brighton (first "inside") 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: Susan Mitchell (first quarter, first attempt) 1, Susan E. Thompson 2, Jennifer E. Pearce 3, C. J. Groome 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5.

IPSWICH.—At St. Clement's Church on Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Walters 1, D. J. Derrick (first "inside" of Minor) 2, Miss S. Webber 3, R. J. Southgate 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. For Christmas Festival.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Burgess 1, Mrs. M. Barron 2, Miss P. Fearn 3, E. Spence 4, Miss V. Miles 5, R. Aldington (cond.) 6, J. N. Lindon 7, M. Jones 8. For the institution and induction of Rev. A. J. Balmforth as Vicar. Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Fellows 1, Miss P. Fearn 2, Mrs. M. Barron 3, Miss V. Miles 4, J. N. Lindon 5, R. Aldington 6, C. A. Barron (cond.) 7, M. Jones 8. For Matins. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

KIRK DEIGHTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. B. Schofield 1, R. H. Dove 2, A. C. Boorman 3, C. Weaver 4, C. B. Dove (cond.) 5, D. Cox 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,300 Doubles (three methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, Mrs. N. I. Butcher 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Midnight Communion. Also on Christmas Day, 1,290 Doubles (five methods): A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Matins. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: A. Neilson (first as cond.) 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Matins.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Taylor 1, A. Price 2, P. Cuckson 3, M. Soper 4, C. Ward (cond.) 5, C. King 6, T. Pink 7, S. Dinwiddy 8. To mark the passing of 1965.

MORECAMBE, LANCS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Dec. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. J. Handley 1, E. Boumphrey 2, D. Bradshaw (first quarter) 3, B. Maudsley (first quarter) 4, R. Palmer 5, W. T. Gerrard (first as cond.) 6. Rung to mark the dedication of the Lady Chapel by the Bishop of Lancaster.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Stedman and Grandsire Doubles: A. W. E. Bainham 1, J. E. Phillips 2, D. Phillips 3, L. F. G. Bainham 4, C. L. R. Bainham (cond.) 5.

NORWICH.—At St. George's, Colegate, on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss H. Maltman 1, D. P. Mortlock 2, D. Cubitt 3, G. H. Pullin 4, M. Cubitt 5, R. Duesbury (cond.) 6.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Clark (first quarter) 1, Josephine Harris 2, F. W. Croft 3, L. Runnacles 4, A. C. Harris 5, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 6.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Freda Lacey 1, Joyce Finn 2, F. Lord 3, E. Button 4, D. Micklethwaite 5, M. Lings 6, H. Judd (cond.) 7, F. Lacey 8. First in method 1 and 4.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Christmas Day, 1,250 Spliced Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative Surprise Major: F. A. Staveley 1, Marguerite Battram 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3, H. Scott 4, E. Dalingwater 5, H. Wagstaff 6, G. Jackson 7, J. McCluskey 8. Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,250 Spliced Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Surprise Major: E. Short 1, Marguerite Battram 2, Howard Scott 3, G. Jackson 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, H. Wagstaff 6, E. Dalingwater 7, J. McCluskey 8.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sheila Goacher (16, first quarter) 1, Jean Horton 2, Nigel Davidson (15, first "inside") 3, Marcus Davies (cond.) 4, John Taylor 5, Colin Woods (15, first away from treble) 6. First quarter by an all local band.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. R. Toogood 1, B. G. Williams 2, S. Lewis 3, P. J. Hall 4, J. S. B. Powell 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Michael V. White.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. M. Smith 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, E. Ovens 3, K. G. Weeks 4, W. Lampard (first as cond.) 5, M. Brain 6. Also on Dec. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (eleven methods): K. G. Weeks 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, E. Ovens 3, W. Lampard 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, D. M. Smith 6. Also on Christmas Day, 1,320 Doubles (32 methods): C. Gibbs 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, E. Ovens 3, W. Lampard 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, D. M. Smith 6. For Matins.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Valerie Rushforth 1, Maureen White 2, Christine Mason 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. Rung half-muffled for the old year.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. N. Stevenson 1, Hilary Knight 2, D. Witchell 3, R. J. Cowley 4, J. Mitchell 5, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 6.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Sheppard 1, Sheila Hallet 2, M. Bartlett 3, G. Salmon 4, R. Short 5, R. Taylor 6, E. T. Skipsey (cond.) 7, C. Jenkins 8. First in method for all except 3 and 7.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Janet Thornton 1, Penny Miller 2, P. K. Else (cond.) 3, W. L. Ratcliffe 4, B. E. Mozley 5, D. Crossland 6. For carol service. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Crossland 1, Penny Miller 2, W. C. Ratcliffe 3, B. E. Mozley 4, P. K. Else (cond.) 5, K. C. Vokes 6. For Evensong.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: H. Vennell 1, D. G. Massey 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, Frances M. Massey 4, R. H. Abbott 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6. First in method by all. For the Festival of Christmas.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. C. Porter 1, S. G. Smith 2, J. Brain 3, M. Dobson 4, R. W. Rice 5, W. S. Rice 6, P. J. England (first quarter as cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. For Evensong.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. H. Hull 1, T. A. Cross 2, T. E. Marks 3, T. Look 4, D. Beaufoy 5, R. J. Fox 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, T. J. Setter 8. Rung to welcome Inspector F. Sandy.

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LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lambard 1, Marjorie Legg 2, J. Coombs 3, G. Prescott 4, R. Venn 5, A. Skinner 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. T. A. Bale, churchwarden. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. Prescott (cond.) 1, Marjorie Legg 2, Jane Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Venn 5, A. Skinner 6. For early Communion.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Few towers can claim the privilege of ringing a peal on the 200th anniversary of their first peal. This took place at St. Albans Cathedral on December 19th.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Long Crichel on December 10th consisted of seven different 720's with 5–6 right way throughout and not as printed.

Looking at Wilfrid Wilson's new book, a six-year-old daughter in Cumberland asked: "Mummy, why does Daddy want to change ringing?"

A party of handbell ringers led by the Rector of Buxhall, the Rev. C. N. Kendall, raised £33 5s. for the Church of England Children's Society in Buxhall and surrounding villages.

A step forward in ringing in the Lake District is the first peal of Surprise Major rung by a band of resident members of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association. This was at Cockermouth on December 18th.

Miss Valerie Ware rang her first 720 and conducted it on Christmas Eve at St. Mary's, Willesden. She had not previously called a bob. With the distinguished company that assemble at Willesden weekly she has every chance of rapid progress in our art.

Two of the learners at King's Somborne helped in the ringing out of the Old Year. They were Leonard Evans and Fred Boyce. Mr. W. C. Perry, the tower captain, thanks ringers from Crawley, near Winchester, who helped out with the Old Year ringing.

Janet Blake is another young East Grinstead ringer to begin peal ringing in fine style. The band who rang the peal at Hammerwood on December 16th are much indebted to Frank Hicks for his perseverance in teaching them all to ring.

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GOLDEN WEDDING BELLS

Tomorrow is the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Hairs, of Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, Sussex, and they propose to attempt what they achieved on the evening of their wedding day—a peal. We are sure that all our readers will join with us in wishing them every happiness on this day and the years ahead. Both have been real stalwarts of the Exercise and both are still serving loyally in various capacities—Mrs. Elsie Hairs as hon. secretary of the Northern District of the Sussex Association and Mr. Hairs as a member of the Editorial Committee of "The Ringing World" and as a member of the Central Council since 1939.

ST. JOHN'S, CARDIFF, TELEVISED

A feature in the New Year's Eve programme of B.B.C. Wales was the introduction of television shots of St John's, Cardiff, bells that evening. The practice was interrupted by the arrival of the television camera team, and owing to the limited space it was only possible to take shots of four back bells. Viewers saw the intent faces of Tim Yeomans, Nick Simon, David Llewellyn and Jack Pryor taking part in the opening touch.

Next, the interviewer had a short talk with T. Yeomans (towerkeeper) on the subject of bells being rung for the New Year. The interviewer, who had been taught to handle a bell by the towerkeeper 15 years ago but had not persevered with it, now expressed a wish to ring some rounds. Quickly briefed by Don Clift, who stood by him, he managed a few good rounds.

The camera was then taken up to televise a bell in action, and this being the end of the programme a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples was rung, conducted by David Llewellyn, Ringing Master of the Association.

LOOKING BACK THREE GENERATIONS

A paragraph of interest to Kentish ringers appeared in the "Kentish Express" of December 17th concerning Mr. L. Head, of 41, Stotton Street, Wye. An issue of the "Kentish Express" of 1865 referred to his great-grandfather and stated:

"When the bells of the fine old church rang out their merry Christmas peal, few of the inhabitants were probably aware that the ringers of that moment were all members of one family. Mr. Thomas Head and his seven sons, we are told, constituted the happy eight; and the old man, it is said, looked as young as he was happy."

PLYMOUTH GOLDEN WEDDING

A member of St. Andrew's, Plymouth, band for 55 years and still retained on the books as an honorary member, Mr. A. Mitchelmore and his wife celebrated their golden wedding on December 26th. The congratulatory quarter of Caters was rung on the 26th in the same church in which they were married.

THEIR CHRISTMAS BOX

The band at St. George's, Doncaster, gave themselves a Christmas present by ringing a quarter peal of three-Spliced Surprise Major on Christmas morning at St. Mary's, Sprotborough, under the leadership of W. Eric Critchley. This was the first quarter peal of Spliced Surprise by a local band.

THREE CLERES PEALS IN A DAY

Three previous attempts have been made to ring peals on the bells of the three Cleres in one day, but although on one occasion two of the attempts were successful it was not until Boxing Day that all three achieved success.

In 1958 a strong band assembled and seven methods in the morning went well, but Biddenden Surprise at Highclere was brought to an untimely end by the clapper of the seventh falling out half an hour from the finish. The evening peal at Burghclere was then abandoned.

At the next attempt, in 1960, Bob Minor was rung at Burghclere and Bob Major at Highclere, the four-method Minor peal at Kingsclere coming to grief in the second extent.

Even less fortunate was the attempt in 1961. The three-method Minor peal at Burghclere was successful, but Minor at Kingsclere again did not go beyond the second extent, and Major at Highclere was miscalled after two hours' ringing.

With the augmentation at Kingsclere of two trebles, another attempt was fixed for Boxing Day and instead of three different conductors, as on previous occasions, it was decided to have just the one and this time success was with us—three methods: Minor was successful at Burghclere, Grandsire Triples at Kingsclere, and Bob Major once again at Highclere. Three good peals resulted and the same band rang in all three attempts, less two at Burghclere.

All were pleased that it had at last been done and for all but two of the band it was the first time they had rung three peals in one day. G. D.

"TOWER GRABBERS"

Mr. Barrie Dove, of 26, Sycamore Avenue, Leeds 8, is anxious to tabulate the leading tower grabbers of 1965. Those who have rung during the past 12 months in more than 100 new towers, please send total for year and grand total of towers rung in to him.

CHURCH WILNE, DERBYSHIRE

I recently visited Church Wilne, near Sawley, Derbyshire, writes Mr. Derek P. Jones, where there is a large tower and four bells which do not seem to be mentioned in the supplement to "Dove's Guide," unless the entry there as "Draycott" refers to them. Draycott is the nearest main settlement. I was unable to ascend the tower to inspect their condition, but they seem to be chimed nowadays by an Ellacombe apparatus for the summer-only services. The note of the tenor would suggest about 12 cwt. Details of four bells are given in "Churches of Derbyshire," 1877, by the Rev. J. C. Cox.

50 YEARS' RINGING AT SYSTON

At the annual New Year's Eve supper given by Mrs. Payne at her home, 6, The Green, Syston, Leics, Mr. Ernest F. Payne was presented with a copy of "Change Ringing" by the Vicar, the Rev. Colin E. Wall, on behalf of the ringers of Syston Parish Church, to mark the completion of 50 years as a ringer and 15 years as tower captain.

PORTSMOUTH GOLDEN WEDDING

Golden wedding bells were rung at Portsmouth Cathedral on December 27th in honour of Mr. and Mrs. T. Rayson Taylor, of Copnor. Participating in the ringing was Mr. Taylor, now 73, who earlier in December had been made an honorary life member of Portsmouth Cathedral Guild and is also Ringing Master of St. Mary's, Portsea.

He has been ringing since the age of 16, when he joined the Essex Association, being a member of the band of St. Nicholas' Church, Harwich, and it was at this church that he and his wife were married. His working life has been spent as a shipwright in dockyards, first at Harwich, then at Sheerness and later at Rosyth. He came to Portsmouth Dockyard in 1920, later being chargeman of shipwrights, and retired in 1958. Wherever his work took him he found a tower, and in Scotland he rang at St. Cuthbert's Church and at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.

The golden wedding tribute began with 756 Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Taylor. Later came a quarter of Grandsire Triples by Mrs. E. Jones 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, A. R. Cope 3, T. R. Taylor 4, Mrs. K. Baldwin 5, A. A. J. Buswell 6, R. Baldwin (conductor) 7, R. E. Hoodless 8.

The "Portsmouth Evening News" end their report by Mrs. Lily Gertrude Taylor's joking comment when asked what it was like being a bellringer's wife. "He gets the peal, I get the pip!"

YORKSHIRE BELLS HEARD IN NEW ZEALAND

A recording made of the bells of West Tanfield, near Ripon, was used to greet in the New Year at Kawhia, a township on the west coast of New Zealand. A churchwarden of West Tanfield, Mr. John Robinson, on holiday in New Zealand, was asked for a recording of these bells and, knowing of the recording in 1963, sent for it. When the request was received, West Tanfield ringers decided to make a new recording but owing to the illness of their captain, Mr. Henry Gale, were unable to complete it in time, so a copy of the original recording was sent out, which is being used. When conditions are at their best, the bells can be heard five miles away, and their welcome sound is appreciated by residents and visitors alike.

TAUNTON LADIES' FIRST IN NEW YEAR

The customary ringing in of the New Year at St. James', Taunton, was performed by eight of the tower's 15 ladies. It followed immediately after the 11.30 p.m. watchnight service. Those participating were Miss E. Fisher 1, Miss J. Searle 2, Mrs. N. Mardon 3, Miss K. Harewood 4, Miss G. Salter 5, Mrs. R. Beale 6, Mrs. D. Drowley 7, Miss J. Lunn (vice-captain) 8.

ST. PAUL'S, BEDFORD

The announcement in the Christmas Day broadcast regarding one of the bells of St. Paul's, Bedford, is not correct. The present ninth was cast in 1744 but was recast in 1945 and was first rung in November of that year. It was nicknamed by the Vicar, then the Rev. St. G. Colthurst, "The Victory Bell," writes Mr. S. Foskett, who for 30 years was steeplekeeper at St. Paul's.

CHRISTMAS RINGING AROUND LLANDAFF

All peals rung for THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERAVON Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

Gwen Bidgood	Treble	Christopher Aldridge ..	5
*Ruth E. Havard	2	Ellis N. Thomas	6
Christopher Ricketts ..	3	*Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	7
†Thomas Yeomans	4	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland ..	Tenor

Composed by John Holt. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon
* 25th peal together. † 150th peal for the Association. First peal in the method for all the band and for the Association.

SULLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Tues., Dec 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eleven methods: (1) College and Reverse Bob, (2) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (3) Single Oxford and Double Bob, (4) Plain Bob (5) Grandsire, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge S
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

Geoffrey J. B. Stickland ..	Treble	Nicholas W. H Simon ..	4
Ruth E. Havard	2	Christopher Ricketts ..	5
David K. Barrington ..	3	David J. Llewellyn	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
First in eleven Minor methods for all and on the bells.

TREVETHIN, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Cadoc.
On Thurs., Dec 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED MAJOR
Being 4,224 Plain Bob and 792 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*Susan Harber	Treble	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland ..	5
Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	2	Stephen Fenwick	6
Ruth E. Havard	3	Christopher Aldridge ..	7
*Gwen Bidgood	4	David J. Llewellyn	Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Major.

MERTHYR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Tydfil.
On Dec. 24 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 15 lb.

Nicholas D. Evans	Treble	†David J. Llewellyn ..	5
*Geoffrey J. B. Stickland	2	Ellis N. Thomas ..	6
Ruth E Havard	3	Tudor P. Edwards ..	7
Penelope J. Welch	4	*†‡Nicholas W. H. Simon	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal together. ‡ 100th tower-bell peal.
The first peal of Major on the bells and the first peal since 1928.

CAERPHILLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F

*Geoffrey J. B. Stickland	Treble	Tudor P. Edwards ..	5
*Ruth E. Havard	2	Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	6
*Stephen Fenwick	3	*Christopher Aldridge ..	7
Thomas Yeomans	4	Donald G. Clift	Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

LLANDAFF. Glamorgan.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Ruth E. Havard	Treble	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland ..	6
Donald G. Clift	2	Magnus Peterson	7
*David J. Llewellyn ..	3	Christopher Aldridge ..	8
Thomas Yeomans ..	4	Rev. Roger O Fry ..	9
Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	5	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* 100th peal for the Association. 50th peal as conductor.

PONTYPRIDD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Fri. Dec. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Geoffrey J. B. Stickland	Treble	Magnus Peterson	5
Tudor P. Edwards ..	2	†Christopher Aldridge ..	6
Ruth E. Havard	3	David J. Llewellyn ..	7
*Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	4	Rev Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* 100th peal for the Association. † First peal of Surprise.

THREE DAYS IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

*Roger W. Smith	Treble	*Alan A. Paul	5
*David J. Marshall	2	Graham C Paul	6
*Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	3	Barrie Hendry	7
Charles E. Truman	4	A. Patrick Cannon ..	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St Edmund.
On Wed., Dec 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 3 qr. 25 lb. in E.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	Barrie Hendry	5
Eric Billings	2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	6
Shirley E Ruddlesden ..	3	Graham C. Paul	7
Diana M. Frost	4	Alan J. Frost	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed, Dec 29 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D.

*Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	Treble	Alan J Frost	6
Diana M Frost	2	Alan A Paul	7
†Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	3	‡Graham C. Paul	8
Richard F. B. Speed ..	4	Geoffrey E. Watson ..	9
‡Roger W. Smith	5	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal on ten † First of Royal. ‡ 100th peal together.

MOULTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., Dec. 30. 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr 3 lb. in F.

*A Patrick Cannon ..	Treble	†Barrie Hendry	5
Diana M. Frost	2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	3	Anthony J. Sansom ..	7
†Roger W. Smith	4	Alan J Frost	Tenor

Composed by H W Wilde. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* 550th peal as conductor. † 25th peal together.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BLAGDON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

Victor G. Roberts	Treble	John Walton	5
Marjorie Legg	2	‡Christopher R Jenkins ..	6
*George Prescott	3	Francis C. Mogford ..	7
†Sheila Hallett	4	Sydney Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Marjorie Legg.
* 200th peal for the Association. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First of Triples First of Triples as conductor.

CHURCHILL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Wed., Dec. 15 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*John Chaplin	Treble	Reginald Dare	4
Marjorie Legg	2	John Walton	5
†Christopher Avery	3	Kenneth Gatehouse ..	Tenor

Conducted by John Walton.
* First peal away from tenor. † First "inside."
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Christopher Avery.

THE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Great.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 27¼ cwt. in C sharp.

James W. R. Quinney ..	Treble	*Christopher R F. Muncey	6
J. Howard R. Freeborn ..	2	Geoffrey Pratt	7
*Harold J. F. Muncey ..	3	*Harry Foster	8
*Paul Bergdahl	4	Christopher M. P. Johnson	9
Frank E. Haynes	5	Brian D. Threlfall ..	Tenor

Composed by John E. Chilcott. Conducted by Frank E. Haynes.
* First peal of Caters.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Derek Yates	Treble	J. Barry Pickup	7
Richard S. Starkie	2	Edward Jenkins	8
Basil Jones	3	Alan McFall	9
Harold C. Lonyon	4	Derek Butterworth	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Robert B. Smith	11
John Worth	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
An engagement compliment to Miss Eileen M. Fearn and James R. Castledine; also to Miss Kathleen M. Pilsbury and A. Peter Whitehead.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

Paul J. Atkins	Treble	Barry Corbishley	6
Norman Sherratt	2	Denis Latham	7
*Felicity Webber	3	Ivor R. Nichols	8
Harold Dowler	4	Roy Worrall	9
Raymond J. Ballard	5	Charles A. S. Webb	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.
* First peal of Royal. First of Yorkshire Royal as conductor.

GOOSTREY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. in B flat.

F Hector Bennett	Treble	Gerald Parsons	4
*John F. Gibbons	2	William F. Gibbons	5
Brian Schofield	3	Frank Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by F. Hector Bennett.
* First peal "inside"
Rung for the silver wedding of the Vicar and Mrs. A. A. Hughes.

THE CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSN.

COCKERMOUTH, Cumberland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Graham McKay	Treble	Roger W. D. Wetenhall	5
*John H. McTear	2	*Brian William C. Street	6
Mrs. L. Boumphrey	3	Stanley Richardson	7
Harry Byrom	4	Leslie Boumphrey	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Leslie Boumphrey.
* First Surprise peal. First peal of Surprise Major rung by a band of resident members of the Association.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in D flat.

Joseph C. Woolley	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	6
Joan K. Smith	2	David W. Parkin	7
Harold Taylor	3	Douglas Derbyshire	8
J. Ashmore Dodd	4	Michael R. Blore	9
Malcolm P. Phipps	5	Alan Taylor	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P Heywood. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Michael Willis	Treble	David Friend	5
Michael Blore	2	Edmund Shuttleworth	6
Sam Walklate	3	John Coleman	7
David Parkin	4	Derek Taylor	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edmund Shuttleworth.

OLD BRAMPTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Timothy Wylie	Treble	Barrie Bateman	4
*M. Elizabeth Hearnshaw	2	†John Arkwell	5
David Kingman	3	Malcolm P. Phipps	Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm P. Phipps.
* First peal. † First peal "inside."
Rung on the 900th anniversary of the consecration of Westminster Abbey, and as a compliment to the Vicar of Old Brampton, the Rev. A. B. Gordon, recently recovered from pneumonia.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Tues., Dec 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Geoffrey Pearson	Treble	Geoffrey M. Brewin	5
*C. Gay Williams	2	John G Gipson	6
Susan Rothera	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
*Philip J. Rothera	4	Donald F. Murfet	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.

Geoffrey Pearson	Treble	Brian Pratt	4
Hugh E. Bishop	2	John G. Gipson	5
R. Mark Damerell	3	Brian D. Threlfall	Tenor

Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.
Rung to welcome the Vicar, Rev. Michael Tarrant Allen, who was to be inducted on Monday, December 20th, in this church.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Nov 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 11 cwt.

Reginald Gould	Treble	*David Pobjoy	5
Peter Clarkson	2	Leslie Barry	6
Ralph Hazell	3	†Vivian Deane	7
*Peter Gould	4	Harold Austin	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* First peal on eight bells † First of Triples "inside."
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pobjoy.

MANGOTSFIELD, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Alan Tubb	5
Diana M. Chapman	2	Michael J. Hobbs	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	Peter Bridle	7
John F. Pedler	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by J R. Pritchard. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First peal on the bells for 14 years.
A birthday compliment to Michael J. Hobbs.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

James R. Taylor	Treble	D. John Hunt	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Alan Tubb	6
*Richard W. Sweet	3	Richard J. Bowden	7
Gillian M. Hussey	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by B D Price. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Cambridge.
Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.
On Wed., Dec 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
*Diana M. Chapman	2	Alan Tubb	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	John C. Slater	7
Peter Bridle	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by E. A Barnett. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Pudsey.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Fri., Dec 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Alan Tubb	Treble	John C. Slater	5
Richard W. Sweet	2	Peter Bridle	6
Diana M. Chapman	3	James R. Taylor	7
*Gillian M. Hussey	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by J R Pritchard. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* 100th peal this year.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mark (The Lord Mayor's Chapel).
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
One extent of Oxford T.B., and 2 each of Kent T.B., Cambridge and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Peter Bridle	Treble	Alan Tubb	4
Gillian M. Hussey	2	James R. Taylor	5
John C. Slater	3	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHALFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., Dec. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

David D. Smith	Treble	Derek E. Sibson	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Tom Page	6
*Peter M. Fleckney	3	Brian J. Luff	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by David W Beard. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band.
In memoriam Leslie C. W. Hunter.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLAVERLEY, Shropshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

Valerie M. Edge	Treble	Thomas Wood	5
*Elizabeth Taylor	2	Austin T. Wingate	6
Alan D. Elsmore	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	7
*Ralph C. Godsall	4	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Arranged by Roger D. Bailey. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal "inside" on eight. First on eight as conductor.
Rung in memory of Jessie Drew, wife of the local tower captain.

HEREFORD.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Austin T. Wingate	Treble	Thomas Wood	5
Gillian Sims	2	George T. Cousins	6
*Ralph C. Godsall	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	7
*David M. Morton	4	†Kenneth S. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Triples. † First on eight. First of Triples as conductor
Rung for the Christmas Festival.

WOOLHOPE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Dec 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. in A.

Gillian Fanshawe	Treble	Austin T. Wingate	4
*Elizabeth Taylor	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	5
Thomas Wood	3	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal "inside." First of Minor as conductor.
Rung to welcome the birth of Helen Annette Cousins, daughter of the tenor ringer

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of St. Simon, Somerville, Cassington, Eynsham, Elford, St. Albans, St. Martin, Magdalen, St. Peter, St. Leonard. Austrey, St. Paul, St. Nicholas, Nuffield, St. Thomas, Lapley, Shareshill, St. Giles, Winchendon, Wadham, St. Luke, St. John, Ryton, St. Miles, Grandsire, Newborough, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old, Hudibras, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columba and Campion. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Mrs. E. C. Chandler	Treble	Colin A. Lewis	4
H. Lyndon Hatfield	2	Robert A. Hatcher	5
John W. Hope	3	J. Anthony Ellis	Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.
* 80th peal for the Guild. Believed to be the fastest peal on the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REDBOURN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Plain Bob, (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5) Plain Bob, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Walter Ayre	Treble	Keith D. Waples	4
*Gillian S. Martin	2	Peter W. Harper	5
Reginald E. J. Sheppard	3	Kenneth R. Dunstan	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal in three methods.
A farewell peal to the Rev. W. Berry, curate, and a welcome to the new curate, Rev. A. W. Conisbee. Rung within the Christmas Octave.

RADLETT. Hertfordshire.—At Christ Church.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

*Jill M. Denmark	Treble	Rev. John H. L. Blick	4
†Frances Dodds	2	*Brian P. Denmark	5
Geoffrey Dodds	3	Joyce Dodds	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.
* First peal. † First "inside."

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BELFAST.—At the Church of St. Mark, Dundela.
On Sat., Dec 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

*Maud Austin	Treble	John Palmer	5
Gerald D. Brown	2	†John Lindsay	6
Rosemary Thompson	3	Harry Brown	7
William A. Patterson	4	John T. Dunwoody	Tenor

Composed by H Dains Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.
* First peal of Major on tower bells. † 25th peal.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

Harry Brown	Treble	*Jonathan S. N. Porter	5
Gerald D. Brown	2	John Lindsay	6
*Rosemary Thompson	3	†John T. Dunwoody	7
Maud Austin	4	Walter Mann	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff (Ten-Part No. 2). Conducted by Harry Brown.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal for the Northern District of the Association. The conductor has now "circled the tower" and is the first to do so.
Birthday compliments to the ringers of 2 and 6.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Cyril S. Jarrett	Treble	Robert W. Hinde	6
Lucile M. Corby	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
*Judith M. Corby	3	Colin A. Tester	8
Hilary F. Hinde	4	Christopher T. Osenton	9
Olive D. Tester	5	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Yorkshire S. Royal.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Dec 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*Andrew J. Corby	Treble	†D. Paul Smith	5
Christopher T. Osenton	2	‡Stanley Jenner	6
Ann Jenner	3	*†Tony Lewis	7
Arthur G. Mason	4	§Ian H. Oram	Tenor

Composed by Edwin A Barnett. Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* † 25th peal together. ‡ 250th peal. § First peal in the method.
Rung for Christmas.

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*Michael H. O'Callaghan	Treble	Ian H. Oram	5
Tony Lewis	2	Maxwell F. Oakshett	6
Ernest J. Ladd	3	John W Smith	7
Hilda Oakshett	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John W. Smith.
* First peal on eight. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

CRAYFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Paulinus.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher T. Osenton	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
Ann Jenner	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Tony Lewis	7
Stanley Jenner	4	Ian H. Oram	Tenor

Composed by Maurice Hodgson. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOBBING, Kent.—At the Church of St Bartholomew.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, comprising one extent Single Oxford, and two each St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt 2 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

Peter D. J. Beal	Treble	*Nicholas J. Chesson ..	4
*Joan A. Hayward	2	Peter M. Wilkinson ..	5
Jane Foster	3	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
* First peal in four Minor methods.

EYTHORNE Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being seven extents Reverse Canterbury, five St. Nicholas, and six each Winchendon Place, St. Simon, St. Martin, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

James C. Hillis	Treble	George E. Ruck	3
Philip R. Staples	2	Crawford T. Hillis ..	4
David L. Cawley	Tenor		

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
First peal in seven Doubles methods by all except the conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Richard S. Starkie ..	Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	7
*Edward Jenkins	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	8
Neil Bennett	3	J. Barry Pickup	9
†J. Colin Ashworth ..	4	Derek Butterworth	10
†Margaret E. Fort	5	Frederick Shallcross ..	11
Richard J. Parker	6	John H. Fielden ..	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* 120th peal. † First peal of Maximus. First peal of Surprise Maximus by a complete band of resident members of the Association.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sun., Dec. 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Derek Butterworth ..	Treble	*Margaret E. Fort ..	6
Richard S. Starkie	2	J. Barry Pickup	7
Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	3	*Jeffrey Kershaw	8
*J. Colin Ashworth	4	Cyril Crossthwaite ..	9
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	5	Tudor P. Edwards ..	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal of London Royal.
The band would like to associate this peal with the birthday of Edward Jenkins.

BLACKBURN, Lancashire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

Kenneth Davenport ..	Treble	Philip G. K. Davies ..	6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	2	John Robinson	7
Christine Andrew	3	Jeffrey Brannan	8
Allen Twyman	4	Denis Mottershead ..	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

MANCHESTER.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Miles Platting.
On Wed., Dec 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Giles B. Thompson	Treble	Neil Bennett	5
Christine Andrew	2	Peter J. Wycherley	6
Dennis Latham	3	Derek Butterworth	7
Edward Jenkins	4	Jeffrey Brannan ..	Tenor

Arranged by P. J. Wycherley. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 9 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 17,248 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 42 lb. in G.

Giles B. Thompson ..	Treble	Jeffrey Brannan	5
Richard J. Parker	2	Alan McFall	6
Neil Bennett	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	7
Basil Jones	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
Umpires: Christine Andrew, Stephen Kershaw, Margaret Wright.
The longest peal of Yorkshire yet rung, and the longest peal of Surprise by the Association.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 4ths place bobs. Tenor 23 cwt. 16 lb. in E flat.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	*Edward Jenkins	5
Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Tudor P. Edwards ..	7
J. Colin Ashworth	4	Cyril Crossthwaite ..	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* 900th peal of Surprise.

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Dec. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in A.

Dennis H. McCormick ..	Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	5
Cyril Crossthwaite	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	3	John H. Fielden	7
*John T. Parsons	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal in the method.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL of 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Rung with 4ths place bobs. Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	Richard J. Parker ..	5
*Christine Andrew	2	*J. Barry Pickup	6
Basil Jones	3	*Jeffrey Brannan	7
Neil Bennett	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

KIRKBY LONSDALE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Dec. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Peter Handley	Treble	Richard Holt	4
Diana J. Handley	2	Stanley Anderton	5
*Richard Palmer	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal.
Rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar, the Rev. T. Callinan Ledgard.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITWICK, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Dec. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Joseph W. Cotton ..	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Dan S. Pont	2	John A. Underwood ..	6
Edwin Deakin	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Gordon Lane	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
Rung to mark the consecration of the new daughter Church of St. David, Broom Leys, and the induction of its first Vicar.

BLABY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 20 methods/variations: two extents each of Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, St Leonard, St. Paul, St. Martin, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Giles, St. Andrew, St. Nicholas, St. John and three extents of St. Miles and Winchendon Place. Tenor 10 cwt.

Stephen B. Thompson ..	Treble	Brian C. Law	3
Richard A. Cobley	2	A. James Poynor	4
Ron A. Chapman	Tenor		

Conducted by A. James Poynor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Wale, greatly respected honorary member of the local band.

GREAT BOWDEN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Dec. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents Plain Bob, 20 Grandsire, and eight each St. Simon and St. Martin. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb.

Edward C. Cowd	Treble	Edward W. Martin ..	4
Philip Bosworth	2	Raymond H. Martin ..	5
Judith Morris	3	*Eric Gilbert	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* First peal.
Rung with gratitude and best wishes to Canon and Mrs. R. Chalmers, upon their retirement.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

COUNTESTHORPE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

Harold Kilby	Treble	W. Arthur Riddington ..	4
Brian S. Chapman	2	Samuel J. Haines	5
John J. Morris	3	A. James Poyner	Tenor

Conducted by A. James Poyner.

Rung to mark the diamond wedding anniversary (at St. Andrew's, December 26th, 1905) of Mr. and Mrs. E. Riddington, parents and parents-in-law of the ringers of 4 and treble respectively.

ROTHLEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Mary the Virgin and John Baptist.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents Plain Bob and three St. Clement's Bob, rung alternately. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

B. Stedman Payne	Treble	Roger A. Brewin	4
Malcolm Barsby	2	David F. Moore	5
Roger Kendrick	3	Geoffrey M. Brewin	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey M. Brewin.

The conductor's last peal as a bachelor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., Nov 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Ronald Chafer	Treble	Frank G. Bloomfield ..	5
Jack Bray	2	C. Aubrey Harrison ..	6
Geoffrey Bromfield..	3	John Hall	7
*John H. Parker	4	Michael W. Crowder ..	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
* First peal in the method.

HARMSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Dec., 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford and four Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

J. Andrew Colborne ..	Treble	Vaughan P. Evans	4
*Graham J. N. Colborne	2	David J. Hopkinson ..	5
Peter A. Slight	3	Denis A. Frith	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* 25th peal (all rung during 1965).

IRNHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., Dec 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of Union Bob, St. Faith slow course, Stedman slow course, Coxwell Place, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, and two Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in G sharp.

Vaughan P. Evans	Treble	Graham J. N. Colborne ..	3
David J. Hopkinson ..	2	David R. Baxter	4
Denis A. Frith		Tenor	

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Reverse B., Single Oxford, College, Plain B. Tenor 12 cwt.

Janet Hudson	Treble	William Baines	4
Maurice Lings	2	John F. Underwood ..	5
Melvyn Rose	3	John Hall	Tenor

Conducted by John Hall.

OWSTON FERRY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double B., Reverse B., Single Oxford, College Exercise. Tenor 12 cwt.

Janet Hudson	Treble	Melvyn Rose	4
Roger Hippisley	2	John F. Underwood ..	5
Maurice Lings	3	John Hall	Tenor

Conducted by John Hall.

Rung for the 900th anniversary of the dedication of Westminster Abbey, on Holy Innocents' Day.

WRAGBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Christopher J. Sharp ..	Treble	Edward W. Colley	4
Geoffrey Paul	2	Peter A. Sharp	5
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung to the memory of Edward Saggars, late tower captain and a ringer here for over 60 years.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Dec 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WAVENEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

H. George Hart	Treble	Dennis Knox	5
Joan Beresford	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Elsie K. Hart	3	John Hill	7
Alick Cutler	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association. The conductor's 200th peal on the bells.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton ..	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
*Dan S. Pont	2	Derek P. Jones	6
*Edwin Deakin	3	*Gordon H. Lane	7
Joseph W. Cotton ..	4	G. Ronald Edwards ..	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the consecration this day of Canon Warren Hunt as Suffragan Bishop of Repton, in Westminster Abbey.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Dec. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. Ronald Edwards ..	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley ..	5
Richard J. Clifton ..	2	*Dan S. Pont	6
*Edwin Deakin	3	Roland Beniston	7
Joseph W. Cotton ..	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Dec. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Derek P. Jones	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	G. Ronald Edwards ..	6
Edwin Deakin	3	Dan S. Pont	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

STAFFORD.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb in E.

Richard J. Warrilow ..	Treble	Raymond J. Ballard ..	6
Norman Sherratt	2	Ian Friend	7
Hilary F. Pardoe	3	Richard Wharton	8
Paul J. Atkins	4	Dennis Latham	9
Harold Dowler	5	Charles A. S. Webb ..	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Maureen Cubitt	Treble	Peter Adcock	5
Geoffrey H. Pullin	2	Martin Cubitt	6
George Sayer	3	Christopher G. Sayer ..	7
John Knights	4	Nolan Golden	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Margaret and Mary.
On Sun., Dec. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 43 lb. in G.

Anthony H. Roberts ..	Treble	Godfrey G. Walpole ..	4
James W. Forder	2	Norman P. J. Cossey ..	5
Ernest A. Long	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
Rung on the first anniversary of the rededication of the bells, also to celebrate the birth of a son to Michael and Dawn Stokes, former members of the local company.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONG STRATTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

Charles H. Blake	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold ..	4
Betty Syrett	2	Wilfred G. Saunders ..	5
C. Frank W. Phillippo ..	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt.

J. Howard R. Freeborn	Treble	Bruce Wakefield	7
William J. Ridgman ..	2	Vivian Nutton	8
Claire Dillamore	3	Kenneth J. Darvill ..	9
Hadley Hunter	4	C. Clarke Walters	10
Andrew S. Hudson	5	Christopher M. P. Johnson	11
C. Martin Press	6	Christopher H. Rogers ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Hadley Hunter.

GORING-ON-THAMES, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Wed. Dec 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

Michael Hatchett	Treble	*Roy H. Jones	5
*Philippa J. P. Dixon ..	2	Brian W. Hall	6
*Jane A. Carruthers ..	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson ..	7
Dennis Knox	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by E. F. Gobey. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Surprise Major on an "inside" bell.
Rung on the Feast of St. Thomas the Martyr.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr.
On Fri., Dec. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 36 methods, being 120 each of Beckley, Freeland, Gresford, Isis, Northleigh, Oxford, Ray, Stanton, St. Cross, St. Margaret, St Swithin, St. Valentine Harbury, St Tydfil, Jacobstow, Kennington, Southrepps, Allestree, Ladbroke, Middleton Stoney, Pink's, St. Anne, St. Helen, Longparish St. Frideswide, St. Lucy, Keysoe, St. Quintin, Bluebell, Daffodil, Newborough and Zennor, 240 each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Antelope, 480 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

Noel D. Deam	Treble	*Elizabeth M. Barber ..	4
Leonard R. Porter	2	Alec Gammon	5
Roy H. Jones	3	David Pullin	Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
* First peal
Rung for the Festival of St. Nicholas.

LETCOMBE REGIS, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods, being 120 each of St. Anne, Longparish, St. Helen, and 4,680 Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

Richard Miles	Treble	Ian A. Ross	4
Leonard R. Porter	2	Roy H. Jones	5
Joe Strawford	3	Jack A. Rooney	Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
Believed to the first peal on the bells since 1939.

HINTON WALDRIST Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 41 methods, being 240 Grandsire and 120 each Antelope, Beckley, Freeland, Gresford, Isis, Northleigh Oxford, Ray, Stanton, St. Cross, St. Margaret, St. Swithin, St. Valentine Plain Bob, April Day, May Day, Rushall, St. David, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's, Royston's, Seighford, Litchurch, Southrepps, Allestree, Middleton Stoney, Ladbroke, Pink's, St. Anne, St. Helen, Longparish, St. Frideswide, St. Lucy, St. Quintin, Keysoe, Bluebell, Daffodil, Newborough, Zennor. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Paul C. Lucas	Treble	Roy H. Jones	3
Leonard R. Porter ..	2	John A. H. Betts	4
Ian A. Ross	Tenor		

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
Rung to mark the 900th anniversary of Westminster Abbey.

STOWE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of the Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb

Mrs. W. A. Yates	Treble	William A. Yates	3
Raymond A. Vickers ..	2	Frederick Vickers	4
George W. Holland	Tenor		

Conducted by William A. Yates.
First peal on the bells

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

CALDECOTE, Rutland.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Fri., Dec 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of St. Simon, St Martin and Reverse Canterbury, and 12 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Hilary Knight	Treble	J. Charles Hudson	3
E. Ann Sadler	2	Ronald Russell	4
J. Martin Thorley	Tenor		

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

CASTLE ASHBY, Northamptonshire—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 14 Plain Bob, 14 Canterbury, 14 Grandsire.
Tenor 19½ cwt.

Leslie Battison	Treble	Philip Jones	3
Harry Wooding	2	Raymond Henman	4
Allan Jones	Tenor		

Conducted by Allan Jones
Rung in honour of Lord Northampton's 80th birthday, and for the Festival of Christmas

BARROWDEN, Rutland.—At the Church of St Peter.
On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St Martin, St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	Gerald W. Reynolds ..	3
Alan G. Payne	2	Roger D. Bailey	4
J. Martin Thorley	Tenor		

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
To mark the 900th anniversary of the dedication of Westminster Abbey.

GLASTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Tenor 7½ cwt.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	Gerald W. Reynolds ..	4
Robert C. Woodward ..	2	Roger D. Bailey	5
J. Martin Thorley	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
The conductor has now "circled the tower."

BENEFIELD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Wed. Dec 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury, St Clement's, Double Court, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt 3 qr. 6 lb. in G

Denis G. Pearson	Treble	Anthony D. Sansom ..	4
Murray A. Coleman ..	2	Peter M. Fleckney	5
Roger L. Colley	3	Michael J. Staley	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Staley.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHWELL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat. Dec 11 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Geoffrey Paul	Treble	†Ian V. J. Smith ..	6
*Susanna Popleston	2	*Peter J. Humphrey ..	7
John R. Pratchett ..	3	Harold F. Gibson	8
Geoffrey R. Parker ..	4	†George A. Dawson ..	9
*Simon Humphrey	5	Peter A Sharp	Tenor

Composed by Ian M Holland. Conducted by Peter A Sharp.
* First peal of Royal † First peal of Surprise Royal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH Suffolk.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Fri, Dec. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	*Michael Howes	6
B. Gillian Schofield	2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe ..	7
*Jill Harris	3	Ernest G. Pearce ..	8
Clifford R Lovett ..	4	Roderick W Pipe ..	9
George W. Pipe	5	*Peter Harris ..	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
* First peal on 10 bells.
Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Michael Daniels	Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
Cecil W. Pipe	2	Ernest G Pearce	6
Jill Harris	3	†Peter R. Harris	7
*Michael Howes	4	George W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
* First peal of Major † First peal.

BREDFIELD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Dec 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Cambridge, Kent and Oxford, and four 720's of Plain Bob Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Peter R. Harris	Treble	*Michael Daniels	4
Sylvia R. E. Pipe	2	Ernest G. Pearce	5
Jill Harris	3	Cecil W. Pipe	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil W Pipe.
* First peal of Minor.

GREAT BARTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Innocents.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (4 different callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.

Harold J. Culpin	Treble	Janet I. Rogers	4
*Toni M. Rogers	2	Richard S. Seabrook	5
Richard Rose	3	Robin H. Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by Janet I. Rogers.
* First peal "inside" and of Minor.
A compliment to Raymond J. Fordham, local ringer, and Diane V. Farrow, married here this day.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASEBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BASTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in G sharp.

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	Derek E. Sibson	5
*David D. Smith	2	*Richard O. Humphries	6
Ronald F. Diserens	3	George Francis	7
C. Martin Press	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Fri., Dec 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Philip R. Miles	Treble	David D. Smith	5
†Irene Gocher	2	Robert Wake	6
George Francis	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
†Martin Turner	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Major † First of Surprise.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
THREE CLERES PEALS

BURGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being one extent Cambridge Surprise, three each Kent T.B., and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Philip Murduck	Treble	Reginald W. Rex	4
Denby P. Murduck	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Roy H. Jones	3	Brian Mills	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

KINGSCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Brian Mills	Treble	Philip Murduck	5
Bradley Murduck	2	Reginald W. Rex	6
*Christine Mills	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
*Roy H. Jones	4	Denby P. Murduck	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Triples.

HIGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

Bradley Murduck	Treble	Roy H Jones	5
Christine Mills	2	Brian Mills	6
Denby P. Murduck	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	Philip Murduck	Tenor

Composed by John Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
The first time that peals have been rung on the bells of three Cleres in one day.

SOBERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

Jennifer M. Tyack	Treble	Frank E. Fagg	5
Renee Sturgess	2	S. Alan Scott	6
Roger K. Hawkins	3	Alan H. Sturgess	7
John A. G. Ball	4	John W. Stevenson	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Alan H. Sturgess.
Rung by members of the Fareham band.

WOOLTON HILL, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb

Reginald W. Rex	Treble	*Robert M. Ashman	4
*Bradley Murduck	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
*Philip Murduck	3	Reginald F. Crook	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower."
Rung in memory of Mrs. R. Stallwood, mother-in-law of the ringer of the tenor, who died on Boxing Day.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

LEIGH, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Edburgha.
On Thurs., Dec 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

Gillian A. Richards	Treble	M. Roger Ashmore	4
*†Laurence J. Haines	2	Michael J. Robinson	5
*David G. Franklin	3	David Beacham	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Robinson.
* First peal on six and in method. † First "inside". First as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5060 HUNSLET BOB CINQUES
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

Robin Brown	Treble	Ronald H. Dove	7
Iris Lemare	2	*Kenneth B. Sissons	8
James S. Webb	3	†Derek Cox	9
Harold B. Schofield	4	Roger J. Lumley	10
Arnold Cole	5	C. Barrie Dove	11
Adrian C. Boorman	6	*Geoffrey D. Armitage	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First on 12 bells "inside." First peal of Hunslet Bob Cinques
A birthday compliment to Marion Richards.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SOUTHREPPS BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

James S. Webb	Treble	Ronald H. Dove	5
Harold B. Schofield	2	Derek Cox	6
John Webb	3	John Weaver	7
Arnold Cole	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Bason. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method.

ROTHWELL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Ian North	Treble	Douglas Thorp	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Robin Brown	6
Christopher A. Moxon	3	Trevor Tarbatt	7
Arnold Cole	4	Irvin Slack	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Irvin Slack.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 KIRKGATE, BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Harold B. Schofield	Treble	Adrian C. Boorman	5
James S. Webb	2	John Weaver	6
John Webb	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
Ronald H. Dove	4	Robin Brown	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Bason. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method.

SOUTHREPPS BOB MAJOR

34, 18x18x18x18. 2nds place lead-end 4267385. 4ths place bob.

KIRKGATE BOB MAJOR

3456, 18x18x18x18. 2nds place lead-end 4263785. 4ths place bob.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
TADCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, and 992 each Bristol, Superlative and Pudsey, with 101 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 20¼ cwt.

Jeanne E Bottomley ..	Treble	Peter Scholfield	5
Iris Lemare	2	Ronald Ducker	6
Howard Scott	3	Stuart Armeson	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Vernon Bottomley	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

(and The Beverley and District Society).
PATRINGTON, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Patrick.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb.

Eve Rimer	Treble	John S. Rank	5
Robert Hawtree	2	Howard C. Palmer	6
Frances Fairbank	3	Ian G. Campbell	7
F. Charles Hobson ..	4	Ronald Ducker	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by F. Charles Hobson.
Rung in memory of Fred Osgerby, a ringer at Beverley Minster for 57 years, who died December 28th, 1965.

OSSETT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents of Plain Bob, one of Spliced Oxford and Kent T.B., three of Kent T.B., and one of Oxford T.B.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Patricia Lockwood ..	Treble	Eric Robinson	4
Peter Carbutt	2	Rodney Stephenson	5
*Michael Johnson	3	Ian Worth	Tenor

Conducted by Ian Worth.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SCALBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

*Harvey E. Pickup ..	Treble	*Christopher J. Easton ..	4
†Marion Richards	2	*Michael Pickup	5
Ronald H. Dove	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal at first attempt. † First "inside."

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Dec 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (maximum callings). Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

Christopher J. Groome	Treble	†Terence W. Brighton ..	3
*Mary I. Hildred	2	Susan E. Thompson ..	4
A. Colin Banton	Tenor		

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal in the method. † First peal. The quickest peal rung on the bells.
Rung by the local band with best wishes to Susan Thompson and Colin Banton, on their recent engagement.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELLASTON, Derbyshire.—At 34, Sutton Avenue,
On Tues., Oct 26, 1965, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John W. Coleman	1–2	Edmund Shuttleworth ..	3–4
Trevor Taylor (cond.) ..	5–6		

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GOSFORTH, Northumberland.—At 3, Salters Road.
On Thurs., Dec. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John Anderson	1–2	Andrew G. Craddock ..	5–6
Rodney A. Yeates	3–4	Eric N. Harrison	7–8

Composed by Hadley Hunter. Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock.

GOSFORTH, Northumberland.—At 3, Salters Road.
On Thurs., Dec 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*John Anderson	1–2	†Andrew G. Craddock ..	5–6
†Rodney A. Yeates	3–4	‡‡Eric N. Harrison	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock.
* First peal in the method on handbells. † First peal in the method. ‡ 300th peal for the Association. First peal in the method on handbells for the Association.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At 33, Bridge End Road.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5220 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

*E. William Ford	1–2	††‡Anthony R Peake ..	5–6
†Brian Bladon	3–4	§W. Bertram Kynaston	7–8
*Maurice A. New	9–10		

Composed by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal on handbells. ‡ 50th peal on handbells § 250th peal. First of Royal in the method as conductor. Tenor size 12 in F.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 28, Jennings Road.
On Sun., Dec 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Reginald W. Darvill	1–2	Kenneth J. Darvill	5–6
Stephen P. Darvill	3–4	Walter Ayre	7–8

Composed by Geoffrey Dodds. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Wed., Dec. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Maud Austin	1–2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.)	3–4
John Lindsay	5–6		

First in the method "in hand" by all and for the Association.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Wed., Dec 8, 1965, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of St. Clement's, three extents of Plain Bob, and one each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

*Maud Austin	1–2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.)	3–4
John Lindsay	5–6		

First peal in these four methods "in hand." Tenor size 11 in G.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1965, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Plain Bob, and one extent each of College, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford T.B., every extent a change of method. Tenor size 11 in G.

Maud Austin	1–2	*John T. Dunwoody (cond.)	3–4
*John Lindsay	5–6		

* 25th peal together. First peal in these methods by all "in hand" and for the Association.

CARRICKFERGUS, Co. Antrim.—At 9, Windmill Place.
On Fri., Dec. 17, 1965, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

Maud Austin	1–2	*John Palmer	3–4
John Lindsay (cond.) ..	5–6		

* First peal of Minor and "in hand." First peal of Minor as conductor and "in hand."

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Wed., Dec. 22, 1965, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor size 11 in G.

*Maud Austin	1–2	John T. Dunwoody	3–4
*John Lindsay (cond.) ..	5–6		

* First peal of Plain Bob Doubles and as conductor.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor size 14 in D.

*John Palmer	1–2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.)	5–6
*John Lindsay	3–4	*Maud Austin	7–8

* First peal of Triples "in hand."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*John W. Gander	1–2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5–6
Edward J. Beer	3–4	Stuart Sandford	7–8

Composed by C K. Lewis. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton
* First peal of Major "in hand."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At Glebeland.
On Tues., Dec 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

John Hall	1—2	Jack Bray	5—6
Michael W. Crowder ..	3—4	Frank G. Bloomfield ..	7—8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Jack Bray.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss M. Westwood 1, C. Gall 2, M. T. Mulvey (cond.) 3, E. Hough 4, J. Burton 5, S. Arrowsmith 6. For carol service.

AMPORT, HANTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles: M. Lynds (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Tarrant 2, M. H. Routh 3, E. C. Samway 4, T. Tarrant (cond.) 5, F. Lynds (first quarter) 6. First quarter since rehanging of bells in April.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 21st, 1,269 Stedman Triples: Juliet S. Stoy 1, N. Thomson (first in the method) 2, Jean L. Kimber 3, R. J. Talbot 4, L. A. Bance 5, J. Schofield 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, F. D. Jennings 8. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. E. Darby 1, Juliet S. Stoy (first in the method) 2, Kathleen M. Chilcott 3, Jean L. Kimber 4, R. Stevens 5, R. J. Cook 6, R. J. Talbot 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8. Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Dawson-Taylor (first quarter) 1, Jean L. Kimber 2, S. F. Kimber 3, Juliet S. Stoy 4, F. D. Jennings 5, R. J. Talbot 6, R. J. Cook (cond.) 7, L. A. Reece 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Wells 1, P. Corderoy 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. E. Wells 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, M. Corderoy (first of Stedman) 8.

BRECON.—At St. Mary's, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. V. Protheroe 1, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 2, J. A. Ellis 3, M. R. Thomas 4, M. T. Johns 5, K. J. Trimm 6. First of Stedman for all. For Christmas.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: H. A. J. Mowle 1, A. G. Harrison 2, O. P. Claxton (first "inside") 3, P. Cattermole (cond.) 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, H. B. Fuller 6. For New Year's Eve. The same band also rang at midnight.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At the Church of St. George, on Christmas morning, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. McGregor 1, A. Doak 2, P. Brown (first "inside") 3, C. Reede 4, V. Scott (cond.) 5. A compliment to Miss Janet Brown, a member of the tower, on her 21st birthday.

HORWICH, LANCS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Thornley 1, J. Andrews 2, C. Lomax 3, J. Cunliffe 4, N. Tompkins 5, A. Greenhalgh 6, G. Fothergill (cond.) 7, J. Ashcroft 8. To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bratby, and the engagement of Miss Freda Naylor to Philip Hughes. All belong to Holy Trinity Church, Bolton.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. J. Robbins 1, Diana H. Bradford (first more than one method) 2, J. L. Anderson 3, Betty Robbins 4, Rev. P. T. Robbins 5, B. Haley 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Dec. 19th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. O. Tester 1, T. E. Sone (cond.) 2, E. J. Ladd 3, Miss C. A. Sone (first "inside") 4, M. H. O'Callaghan (first of Caters) 5, J. W. Smith 6, T. Lewis 7, C. A. Tester 8, D. P. Smith 9, P. J. Spice 10. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Eve (first quarter) 1, R. W. Smith 2, Mrs. P. A. Smith 3, B. Branston 4, G. Davis 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Midnight Eucharist, and to mark the engagement of the ringers of 1 and 4.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Christmas Day, for 9.45 a.m. Celebration, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. G. Myers (cond.) 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, Mrs. J. Smith 3, D. F. Wheeler 4, R. D. Bell 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, R. G. Bell 7, J. W. Perkins 8, H. F. Myers 9, A. W. Myers 10. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. W. Myers 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, Mrs. J. Smith 3, T. G. Myers (cond.) 4, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 5, H. W. Milford 6, H. F. Myers 7, A. W. Myers 8, D. R. Bould 9, D. F. Wheeler 10. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Mitchelmore, who were married at St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, on December 28th, 1905.

POTTERNE, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Fisher 1, Pamela Osborne 2, W. Alexander 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6.

RAINFORD, LANCS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Lee 1, Myra Roughley 2, W. F. Green 3, T. D. Roughley 4, C. J. Herbert (cond.) 5, R. Sloper 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Ralph Rigby.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (London and Cambridge): A. D. Sansom 1, M. J. Staley 2, D. G. Pearson 3, R. L. Colley 4, P. M. Fleckney 5, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 6.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): I. Sams 1, C. W. Sams 2, B. G. Burton (cond.) 3, W. H. Alcy 4, A. A. Livings 5, G. E. C. Blake 6. For carol service.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: W. J. Arnold (cond.) 1, Miss P. Doorn 2, R. F. Ewer 3, Miss C. Folks 4, W. Little 5, A. Ewer 6, G. Ridgeway 7, M. D. Frost 8. Rung on the 200th anniversary of the first peal rung at the Cathedral, December 19th, 1765, which was Bob Major.

ST. EVAL, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie C. Allen (first of Minor) 1, D. A. Trethewey 2, B. J. Sautelle-Smith 3, Helen A. Hobbins 4, A. Carveth 5, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 6.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Barbara J. Duck (first of Major) 1, G. F. Dunstan (first in method) 2, Frances M. Rickard 3, A. Locke 4, Helen A. Hobbins 5, B. D. Price 6, C. W. Jose 7, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 8.

SHIPTON GORGE, DORSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. Sawtell 1, T. A. Hiller (first of Minimus "inside") 2, D. B. Ellery 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4. For the Feast of Christmas.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mussett 1, R. W. Lockwood 2, Sandra Goodship 3, R. G. Kersey 4, G. R. Goodship 5, R. W. Steward (cond.) 6. For Matins.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Dec. 24th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss J. Davidge 1, M. Penney 2, M. Scowen 3, W. W. T. Daniell 4, M. Stanley 5, W. Merritt 6, P. Minchin 7, P. Spackman 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, L. Picknell 10. First of Stedman 6 and 8.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet E. Hubbard 1, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 2, R. D. Bailey 3, E. Ann Sadler 4, C. J. Groome 5, G. W. Reynolds 6, A. G. Payne 7, J. H. Bluff 8.

WIGGENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Christmas Eve, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Gagen 1, W. Cousins 2, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 3, J. Fox 4, C. Cousins 5, M. Melville 6. Rung after peal failure.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

WILLESDEN, MIDDX.—On Christmas Eve, 720 Plain Bob Minor: C. Bird (first 720) 1, Valerie Ware (first 720, cond.) 2, Elsie Lankester 3, Rose Pacey 4, E. H. Kilby 5, S. Pacey 6, C. E. Lankester cover.

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FROOME.—To Susan (née Tuck) and John, a son, Peter John, on January 1st, 1966. 36, Hartford Road, Hartley Wintney, Hants. (Phone 2368.) 8243

MARRIAGE

UNDERWOOD—STAFFORD. — The wedding was solemnised at Worksop Priory on December 29th, 1965, of John G. Underwood and Pat Stafford. Future address: c/o Department of Chemistry, University College, St. Illogan Road, Dublin 4. 8274

GOLDEN WEDDING

HAIRS — BENNETT. — On Saturday, January 15th, 1916, at St. Mary's Church, Clapham, Frank Ivie to Elsie Laura. 8247

JONES.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. D. Jones is now 16, Pinewood Avenue, Midsomer Norton, Bath, Somerset. Ringing friends welcome. 8271

SHEPHERD—HARDING. — On January 12th, 1916, at St. Paul's, Addlestone, by Rev. Arthur Cuming, William Shepherd to Ethel May Harding. Thankful for 50 years of blessed happiness. 8132

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BREWIN.—The address of Geoffrey and Madeline Brewin is now 339, Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge until March 1st, 1966, when it will be 8, Temple Close, Duxford, Cambridge. 8236

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—B. E. Frost, secretary/treasurer, now lives at 69, High Street, Pitsford, Northampton. Telephone: Brixworth 429. 8256

UNDERWOOD.—The address of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Underwood is now: The Department of Chemistry, University College, Belfield, St. Illogan Road, Dublin 4. 8275

PERSONAL

To MR. and MRS. F. I. HAIRS on the occasion of their golden wedding on January 15th. Our congratulations and best wishes from the Rector and ringers at Withyham. 8280

FRANK STENSON has been in hospital a fortnight, including Christmas, and has got a bit behind with his correspondence but hopes soon to "pull straight." 8238

"Cannot see you in Bath while I'm away in France. Don't worry—am learning new methods."—N. A. C. 8293

"Do all things without murmurings and disputings."—Philippians ii, 14.

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ANNUAL DINNER
February 26th, 1966

Tickets £1, with ringing details from John Hallett, 2, Elm Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham. 8284

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Branch committee meeting will be held at Wooburn, Saturday, January 22nd, 3 p.m. Ringing (8 bells) 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Miss Hague. 8261

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual Dinner to be held on Saturday, February 5th, in Jesus College. Ringing from mid-day onwards at Oxford towers. Tickets (27/-) and programmes from A. P. Foster, St. John's College, Oxford. 8265

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS. —Deposits (£5) should be sent to the undersigned (enclosing s.a.e.) for the tour of Eireland (July 30th–August 13th) by February 12th, in order to secure sailing tickets, passage and hire of vehicles. In the event of insufficient support, deposit will be refunded. **All members' subscriptions (5s.)** are due **now!**—R. Kingsley Mason, Sec., 446, Welford Road, Knighton, Leicester. 8268

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Regret no meeting on Saturday, January 15th. Please make every effort to attend A.D.M. in February to elect new Divisional Secretary.—S. G. R. 8287

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY. — Rag Week tour, Saturday, February 12th, in Montgomeryshire and Welsh borders. Contact Dianne Bird, 20, Terrace Road, Aberystwyth, for details. 8273

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—There will be no practice on Wednesday, January 19th.—H. Stocks, Tower Sec. 8248

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Barrow Gurney (8) on Saturday, January 15th. Bells available at 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8258

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Annual meeting, Saturday, January 15th, Kempston. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec. 8280

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Rugby on Saturday, January 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. (Venue not yet definite, but place will be stated during the ringing.) Meeting in the ringing chamber of St. Andrew's at 6.15 p.m. Principal business: Coventry Cathedral bells. Numbers for tea would be appreciated as soon as possible.—L. J. Garner-Hayward, Hon. Gen. Sec.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at Barlborough, January 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **without fail, please,** to Mr. A. Ashby, 76, Boughton Lane, Clowne, Chesterfield. No name—no tea. Special methods: Double Court and Norwich Surprise.—Malcolm Phipps, Hon. Sec. 8245

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Saturday, January 15th. Ringing from 3.30 to 8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—T. H. Radford, Hon. Sec. 8296

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District —Annual District meeting at Braintree on January 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Syder, 15, Ashpole Road, Bocking, Braintree 8226

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South East District. — Annual general meeting, Goldhanger, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall after service. 8298

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual District meeting will be held at St. Mary's (8), Harlow, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. — G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 8235

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION — Forest Branch. — Annual meeting, Mitcheldean, January 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea.—A. Paton, 8, Orchard Way, Mitcheldean. 8246

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Annual District meeting at Guildford Saturday, January 15th. Bells of Holy Trinity and St. Mary's from 3 p.m. Service St. Mary's 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing after meeting at St. Nicolas'. Names for tea to Mr Ponting, Highdown, Milford Heath, Milford, Godalming 2176. 8289

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting, St. Peter's, St. Albans, January 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. St. Michael's 3 to 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Forster, 22, Waverley Road, St. Albans.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 8274

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Practice meeting, Ticehurst, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—A. H. Kemp, Sec. 8273

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Frindsbury, Saturday, January 15th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please to G. Philpott, 209, Cliffe Road, Strood, Rochester.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8234

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
Manchester Branch.

The A.G.M. will be held on Jan. 15th. Arrangements as follows:
Northenden (6). 9–10 a.m.; West Didsbury (8), 10–11 a.m.; Birch-in-Rusholme (8), 11 a.m.–12 noon.
Dinner, Manchester Town Hall 2/5 p.m.
Tea, business meeting in Town Hall at 6.
Town Hall bells available until 9 p.m.
—J Brannan, Branch Sec. 8242

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Leyland St. Andrew's Parish Church, Saturday, January 15th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. S. Walmsley, 19, Grasmere Avenue, Farington, Leyland. 8240

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual general meeting, Spalding, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding, Lincs.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 59, High Street, Holbeach. 8256

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at St. John's, Stanmore, Saturday, January 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing. Tower secretaries—please bring quarter peal lists for 1965 with you.—E. H. Kilby, Hon. Sec. 8275

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Carlton Colville on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (5) from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 8283

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, January 15th. Shoreditch (12) 2.30–3.45 p.m.; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12) 4.15–5.30 p.m. Tea 5.30. Meeting in the Vestry Hall at St. Martin's 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 8239

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS — Annual general meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, from 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 15th. Own tea arrangements.—Sec. 8268

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD — Bingham District.—Annual meeting at Radcliffe-on-Trent, January 15th. Bells 3. Service 4.30 Tea 5. Names for tea to W. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton.—R Blackshaw. 8233

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District. — Annual District meeting, Newark, Saturday, January 15th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70, Valley Prospect, Newark. —B. N. Reed. 8277

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting in conjunction with N.W. District meeting at Elveden (8) on Saturday, January 15th. Bells from 2 to 9 p.m. Service at 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. in Village Hall. General meeting 5.30 p.m., followed by N.W. District meeting **Please do help** the tea caterers by sending names for tea to Mr J. Paul, Brandon Road Elveden, near Thetford, Norfolk.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 8076

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District. — Annual meeting, January 15th, at St. Mary's, Southampton. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Names for tea to Mr. J. R. Faithfull, 119, Park Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh. 8273

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch. — Meeting at Stourbridge, Saturday, January 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. Phone 3470. 8250

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next general meeting will be at Guiseley on January 15th. Ringing at Rothwell (8) 10.15–11.30 a.m.; Chapel Allerton (6) 11.30–12.30; Guiseley (8) 2 p.m and after the meeting; Otley 2–3.45 and 6–8 p.m. General committee meeting 2.45 p.m. in the church vestry. Service at 4.15. Tea in the Parish Hall at 4.45, followed by the meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley, near Leeds, **but only** for those who notify him.—W. F. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8239

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Mid-week practice meeting at Heston, Tuesday, January 18th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8200

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Congresbury, Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business For teas please notify Mr. K. Gatehouse, Quetta, Brinsea, Congresbury, near Bristol 8252

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Evercreech (10), January 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names essential for tea. — L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8270

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting at Luton, Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business in tower afterwards. Names to Mr. Basil Hullatt, 87, St. Monica's Avenue, Luton, by 20th. 8262

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION and DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Southern District).—Joint meeting on Saturday, January 22nd, at Holy Trinity (6), Darlington. Ringing 2.30–8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. R. Park, 38, Swaledale Avenue, Darlington. 8266

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Annual meeting, Sawley, January 22nd. Bells 3–8 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—D. J. Marshall. 8269

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Peak District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Fairfield, January 22nd. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton. Special method: Double Norwich.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 8297

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch — Annual meeting, Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15. Own arrangements for tea. Meeting in belfry 6 p.m. —J. Fox, Hon. Sec. 8286

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 22nd. Ringing arrangements: Godmanchester (8) 2.45–3.45 p.m.; All Saints' (6), Huntingdon 3.45–4.15 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by business meeting. All Saints' (6), St. Mary's (8), Huntingdon, available after tea.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8303

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on January 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service and meeting 4.30. Names for tea to Miss A. Sweeney, The Flat, Hale Farm House, Farnham, Surrey, by previous Wednesday.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec 8281

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Annual District meeting, St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, Saturday, January 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business at Old House Café, Windhill. Ringing in the evening at Little Hadham. Names for tea essential and to be sent to Mr. A. Richardson, 55, Northolt Avenue, Bishop's Stortford. — D. H. K., Dis. Sec 8295

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District) and LADIES' GUILD (Kent Branch) — Joint meeting at Fynsford on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, the 19th. 8244

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Birstall on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided but names are not required.—Ian North, Hon. Sec. 8289

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Earl Shilton, January 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea to Mr. G. Newton, 23, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 8237

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham, Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting in church 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea between 5 and 6 p.m.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8277

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, January 22nd, at King's Sutton. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Barber, Astrop, King's Sutton, Banbury, by Tuesday previous. —A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 8249

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Rutland Branch. — Annual meeting, Oakham (8), Saturday, January 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea (limited 25) to W. C. A. Clark, 15, Middle Street, Wing, by Tuesday previous. 8282

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting on January 22nd at Oundle. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle, Peterborough, by 18th. 8276

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A.G.M. at Rushden (8) on Saturday, January 22nd. Meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Priestley, 36, Portland Road, Rushden. — R. J. Cowley, Branch Sec. 8290

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, January 22nd, St. Martin's, Salisbury. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 18th. 8260

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Mansfield (8), Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Grove House 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield, by Thursday previous. — D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 8267

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY —Meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (10) available 3. Service 4.30 followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Hubble, 2, Mark Street, Wednesbury, Staffs, before January 19th. — C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8105

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District. — Quarterly meeting, Eye (8), Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Business meeting follows. Names for tea must be received by H. W. H. Leather, Three Ways, Monk Soham, Woodbridge, by Wednesday, 19th. 8259

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual general meeting, Merstham (8), Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Searle, 27, Orpin Road, Merstham, by January 15th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec 8258

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting to be held Saturday, January 22nd. Iden bells (6)) 3–4.30 p.m. Tea in Rye 5.15 p.m. Rye bells (8) 6.15–8 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, at 36, London Road, Hailsham.—G. M. Fitz-Hugh, Hon. Div. Sec 8270

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Annual Branch meeting on Saturday, January 29th, at Lifton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to me by Monday, January 24th, please.—Mrs. M. A. Bould, 1, Mont-le-Grand, Exeter. 8255

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Annual general meeting at Edmonton on January 29th. Bells available from 4 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names for tea, please, to Miss G. E. Newcombe, 11, Findon Road, Edmonton, N.9.—J. Hooton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8288

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, Monmouth, Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by January 24th. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—A.G.M., Grimsby, Saturday, January 29th. Bells (10) 2.30 and 7.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church House, 5 p.m. Names for tea to F. Kennington, 211, Roberts Street, Grimsby, by Thursday previous.—C. A. H. 8294

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — A.G.M., St. Edmund's, Northampton, on Saturday, January 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 8257

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M. on Saturday, January 29th, at Shrewsbury. St. Chad's bells (12) available 3 p.m. to 4.25 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. to 9 p.m. St. Mary's (10) 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Beddoes, 7, Judith Butts, Shrewsbury, by January 26th. No names, no teas. A proposal to change the date of the A.G.M. will be discussed at the business meeting after tea.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8281

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts District.—A.G.M., January 29th. East and West Retford available afternoon and evening. Service (East) 4.30. Names for tea (Ebsworth Hall) to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, by Thursday, 27th. Babworth may be used by complete six-bell teams. 8278

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, January 29th, at Southwark Cathedral. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Chapter House. Cathedral bells in evening. Names for tea to N. Steere, 1, Prior Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 8299

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practices to be held at: Wootton, Wednesday, February 2nd; Woodstock, Thursday, March 10th; Tackley, Friday, April 15th; Yarnton, Monday, May 9th; Witney, Tuesday, June 14th; Cassington, Wednesday, July 13th; Ducklington, Thursday, September 1st; Standlake, Friday, October 7th; Combe, Monday, November 7th; Bampton, Tuesday, December 6th. Branch dinner, Masonic Hall, Witney, February 4th. Spring meeting, Eynsham, April 23rd. Branch outing, Leicestershire, July 9th, including a visit to Taylor's foundry. Branch ringing competition, September 24th. — Ted Patching, Hon. Sec. 8279

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

There were some well-sounding touches of Woodbine and Yorkshire rung on January 1st, when the Guild held its annual meeting at Brighouse. The ringers' service was conducted by the vice-president (the Ven. J. L. Lister, Archdeacon of Halifax), with Mr. V. Nulton at the organ. The local company and staff were thanked for an excellent tea.

The secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master all reported well-attended meetings and steady progress in ringing. The officers re-elected were: Chairman, Mr. P. Birkett; secretary, Miss W. Mortimer; treasurer, Mr. A. W. Bond; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Senior; auditor, Mr. A. Rogers; committee, Mr. H. Quarmby, Mr. D. Smith and Mr. E. Lord. The representatives to the Joint Council of Ringing Societies were asked to serve for a further two years. Mr. E. Hudson stressed the need for continuity in the Council's members to establish it more firmly. He also announced the one-day course for learners to be held at Selby on March 19th. There will be graded classes and experienced ringers were invited for the practical work during the afternoon. The pleasant evening's ringing was rounded off at 9 o'clock. W. M.

LATE NEWS

During the night of January 8th, Hove Town Hall was gutted by fire. A preliminary inspection (by binoculars from the police barrier) shows the clock and the Gillett and Johnston carillon to have fallen into the tower. V. S.

COMPOSITIONS

5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES

By HADLEY HUNTER

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2154638709E	(d)		
214365	Y		

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(c)=2 13s 15s
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5,120 THURSTON SURPRISE MAJOR

By J. R. MAYNE

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52643				—
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THE VALUE OF GRANDSIRE

By DAVID E. HOUSE.

MR. D. J. MARSHALL'S letter on "Grandsire" ("R.W." p. 859) deserved a reply, but I feel Mr. Southwood has left much of Mr. Marshall's argument unanswered. Mr. Southwood implies that so long as striking is good, the method rung is immaterial, yet the recent letters of P. J. Wycherley and C. Crossthwaite show that many ringers show concern for the quality of the methods they ring, even if they are not sure how to discern this quality! While it does little harm for us to be reminded of the more basic issues of ringing, there are undoubtedly good and bad methods, and Mr. Marshall is attempting to discriminate between the two.

In doing so, he confuses two separate questions—the value of Grandsire as an introductory method and the value of the method itself. The first question has received constant attention, and I wish to add nothing to the usual arguments. Plain Bob is more obviously useful in the learning of many of the more advanced methods, including Surprise, but I have yet to be convinced that those who fall by the wayside in the early stages of ringing do so because of Grandsire, rather than the difficult step from rounds to changes, a transition often attempted with inadequate instruction and supervision.

This is the only positive aspect of Mr. Marshall's criticism, and it comes from his misguided generalisation "the ringing of a plain method today should be a 'stepping-stone' from the plain-hunt to Surprise . . the beginner is going to derive no benefit whatsoever by being taught to ring a method bearing little or no relation to Surprise." Such a statement implies that the plain method itself is of no value, but is merely to be used as the basic material through which more complex methods may be learned, and may be left behind as soon as Surprise has been mastered. I would prefer to think of the process of learning as the gradual extension of one's repertoire, always using experience gained from the simpler methods, which nevertheless retain their own value. A hymn tune is less complicated than an operatic aria, but the good musician sees this as no reason to belittle its quality or value.

Although progress in method-ringing provides much of the fascination of ringing and is an indication of the well-being of the Exercise, I feel that there is also a place in our ringing for methods mastered long before, rung simply to produce a glorious sound. That others are of the same opinion is shown by the frequent choice of Stedman as a service touch at meetings, often when the band is quite capable of ringing spliced. The music of odd-bell methods is completely different from that of even-bell methods, though not necessarily less pleasant. There is much good music to be had in the shortest touch of Grandsire Triples, which can be called round or extended absolutely as desired. I can think of no other method which can be exploited to such good effect and yet maintains such a degree of simplicity. The band faced with either Plain Bob Major or Grandsire Triples in its service ringing can make only one good choice. Grandsire Caters is of even greater note, possessing many of the beauties of Stedman Caters with the extra quality of a coursing order sustained from front to back in each lead. Music here does not come only from a few odd changes at lead ends, but continues throughout whole leads. Peals of Grandsire Caters, with many outstanding compositions available, need never be dull, and the ringer whose ears remain deaf to this music possesses a strange sense of values.

Whilst many ringers enjoy ringing Surprise methods, this is no reason to gear the whole of our ringing to it. Much can be done with the simpler methods, even Grandsire, which need not be entirely reserved for beginners. If we were to ring only those methods with a direct bearing upon Surprise, we should be much the poorer for neglecting Grandsire and Stedman. We should endeavour to preserve, and even widen, the rich variety of methods at our disposal, even if each and every one does not prove to be of some obvious use in learning the next one. It would be a one-sided and, therefore, incomplete ringer who rang only Surprise methods, a condition to which, I trust, Mr. Marshall does not aspire.

GRANDSIRE—A WASTE OF TIME

By NORVING

THE first thing I said after reading Mr. Marshall's letter was "What a load of rubbish." The late George Gilbert would have said "Anyone can ring Surprise, but it takes a good ringer to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples."

What a pity it is that we have in the Exercise ringers—so called—who fail to appreciate the years of patience and hard work of our forbears, who discovered and gave the ringing world its first methods.

Jasper Whitfield Snowdon's enlarged edition of "Grandsire," published in 1905, consists of 240 pages, so I presume that in the opinion of Mr. Marshall this valuable book contains 240 pages of rubbish. I very much doubt if Mr. Marshall knows sufficient about the method to form an opinion anyway.

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A TOWER THAT BREEDS LEADERS



Oswestry Parish Church is distinguished in having no fewer than four Ringing Masters concurrently in its Sunday service band. Pictured left to right are: Harold Hughes, Master of the St. Oswald Society, whose father was Master before him; Roger Powell, Master of the University of London Society; Roger Morris, Master of the Shropshire Association and a member of the Central Council; and Derek Williams, Master of the University of Bristol Society.

RINGING ON NATIONAL SERVICE

Mr. R. J. Cook, of St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Beddington, contributes to "Morgan's Magazine," the house journal of Morganite Carbon Ltd. and associated companies, an interesting article on bellringing. While the article gives an outline of the principles of our art, it is largely a personal narrative. Mr. Cook is on the staff of Morganite Carbon Ltd.

When his practices were interrupted by National Service, Mr. Cook states that he found himself in Scotland, some 30 miles from the nearest tower. He adds: "But when I managed to get over one week-end I found the same welcome which is extended to fellow ringers everywhere. I was even invited to spend the week-ends with these new-found friends, and thus managed to get away from Army life much more than I could otherwise have done."

Of his own tower, which has 20 ringers of ages from 13 to 60, he writes: "We have been fortunate in having a very good band of ringers there for the last few years, but we always make sure that we have several beginners coming along to replace those who move away or retire. This is the only way to keep the bells ringing and to ensure that the fascinating and enthralling science of campanology will continue to flourish."

OLDEST COMPLETE RING

Are the three bells (tenor reputed to be almost a ton) in the tower at Saxton Parish Church, near York (close to the A.1 at Aberford), the oldest cast by one founder? They were all cast by a John Danyell of London in 1468 and are still believed to be in their original framework. Turned by Gillett and Johnston in 1937 and fitted with a chiming mechanism, they now hang silent owing to the weakness of the tower which awaits repairs.

RAVING RINGERS' REUNION

THIS year's reunion took the form of an experiment. Whereas in previous years the Society has visited the home county of a nucleus of its members, this year the whole of the Society travelled up to Leicester.

The majority of Ravers journeyed up on the Friday evening and rang either at Wigston Magna or St. Margaret's, Leicester. Later, some, in spite of the Master's scorn, visited a Chinese restaurant.

The first tower on Saturday was Aylestone, where the Society was met by Mr. A. James Poynor. A respectable course of London Major came round and thus set a standard which was raised continually over the week-end. The delightful five at Blaby came next, where a course of Carter's (which, according to tower blackboards, seems very popular around Leicester) was rung At South Wigston eight spliced was scored, and many of the tenor ringers finished with skin missing from their knuckles due to a low clockcase beam.

After lunch, visits were made to Oadby and the two Leicester towers of All Saints' and St. John's. At the former city tower more spliced came round, whilst at the latter an enjoyable half-course of Yorkshire Royal was achieved as well as some good touches of Caters. At Belgrave, appropriately, a course of Belgrave was rung

The annual dinner was at Rowans Hotel and a feature was a taped message from Ron Russ, which included recordings of Australian bells and ringing. Suitable replies were added to the tape ready for posting back to Ron. A message was also received from Merrilyn Chambers, of Perth Cathedral. Social activities followed until midnight.

After early service ringing at Enderby, members joined the local bands at St. John's and St. Margaret's, Leicester. Kirby Muxloe was the first tower after lunch It was here that Chris Clarke circled the church twice and then looked behind the organ before he found the belfry door. Next, to Groby, where many could not believe their eyes at the sight of such a slim tower. At Ratby the Society was met by the Rev. Peter Blackman. London and Pudsey were tapped out as well as a short touch of Erin, which by popular request was not called by Ted Venn (see "Ringing World" Vol. LXI, page 879). Finally to Markfield for service ringing.

Thanks go to the organisers, Jennifer Sceeny and Ted Venn, and to the incumbents, tower captains and local ringers for giving the Society permission to ring and for meeting the touring ringers. Many new members were introduced at the reunion, including Peter Heritage, who had a large part in keeping the party going.

S. R. B.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Syston District

The annual general meeting of the District was held at Syston on January 8th. During the afternoon the eight bells were kept ringing until 4.15 p.m., when the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Wall, conducted Evensong. Tea was served in the Red Cross Hall.

Opening the business meeting, the chairman thanked the Vicar, Mr. Holmes (the organist) and the ladies who had prepared tea. He also welcomed the Ladies' Guild, all other visitors and the Billesdon ringers. For most members Billesdon is probably the most difficult tower to get to as it is on the far edge of the District.

The secretary (Mr. M. D. Barsby) reported that 1965 had seen 12 new members. The average attendance at Saturday meetings was 27.3. At the evening practice meetings the number was variable but they were achieving their aim. It was interesting to note that other parts of the country were now holding these. Concluding, he urged members to support their new officers and encourage the younger ones since they would eventually take responsibility.

The Ringing Master reported a rather hectic year. Ringing ranged from rounds to Surprise, most of the work having been done in Plain Bob and Grandsire. A feature had been in teaching learners and in this respect ringing plain hunt was not a waste of time. It was hoped that 1966 would see further progress. One very evident fact was that they had exported several able ringers. District membership at the meeting was increased by nine, the Vicar of Barrow-upon-Soar being made an honorary member.

Election of officers: Chairman, Mr. J. Morley; secretary, Mr. F. Faulkner; committee, Mr. M. Kirk and Mr. M. White. The election of Mr Faulkner is unique since he is the first Syston District secretary to come from a three-bell tower. Within a short space of time he has become proficient in ringing on both six and eight bells and has rung peals on both numbers.

A programme for 1966 was accepted.

Mrs. P. Staniforth thanked the retiring officers on behalf of the Ladies' Guild. The retiring chairman thanked all those who had turned up and rang at his wedding the previous Saturday. The vice-president Mr. Cook) was welcomed by the president.

After closure of the meeting, ringing continued in the tower.

NORTH NIBLEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Elizabeth A. Webb 1, M. Brain (first "inside") 2, D. M. Smith 3, E. Ovens 4, K. G. Weeks (first as cond.) 5, W. Lampard 6.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas Eve, 1,328 Plain Bob Major: G. Muncey 1, Ann Chettle 2, Brenda Dixon 3, Gillian Wilce 4, B. Whitworth 5, R. Coley (cond.) 6, L. Priestley 7, T. Smith 8.

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RINGING IN SCHOOLS

By Canon Gilbert Thurlow

SCHOOL activities are today wider in scope than ever before. Ringing has come to the fore as a recognised school activity during the last 30 years, and the number of schools taking to it is constantly increasing.

It takes longer to become a competent ringer than to shine at cricket or football, so ringing in schools does not always maintain quite such a consistent standard as some other activities. Even so, some schools have had a good band of ringers for several years. The founding and maintaining of a school ringing society depends on a keen ringer coming to the school, as master or mistress, or as boy or girl.

Gresham's School has had some remarkable ringers in recent years. The present ringing tradition there began about five years ago, under the leadership of Mr Billy West, of Holt, captain of Wiveton ringers for 40 years, and through whose energy Wiveton bells were rehung in 1932. Boys used to make (and still make) the journey to Wiveton to practise the art.

PAUL CATTERMOLE'S ENTHUSIASM

Then, as recently as January, 1964, Paul Cattermole, of Old Buckenham, came to Gresham's as a student master. His enthusiasm for ringing was so infectious that in the one term he was there he collected a number of boys together, rehung with their help the silent bells at Bale nearby, and started a tradition of ringing among Gresham's boys and Bale residents which continues today.

He soon discovered that Holt Church possessed two bells hung for proper ringing, and taught Gresham's boys the elements of managing a bell there. Some of these boys have become really brilliant ringers. Last year Paul Royds-Jones, Richard Bower and Peter Mackley were ringing peals on handbells in a remarkable variety of methods—a mos. unusual achievement at their age. The first two are now in London: Mackley is still at Gresham's

With all this going on in Holt, a proper ring of bells there was an obvious necessity. How was it to be acquired? Norwich, alas! has the grim distinction of possessing in its city churches more silent bells than any other English town. The five at St. Margaret's were never rung. So four of them have been acquired by Holt, and Taylor's, of Loughborough, are carrying out a scheme of rehanging and adaptation, as a result of which Holt will soon possess a delightful ring of six bells, which will be dedicated at a special service on Sunday evening, February 6th. We look forward to a ringing tradition being established there amongst Gresham's boys and local people led by Billy West.

Meanwhile a keen ringer is joining the staff of Great Yarmouth Grammar School. We look forward to his enthusiasm spreading there. The keen and competent band of ringers at St Nicholas' will warmly welcome Grammar School people to ring with them, and this should open a new chapter in the cultural activity of Great Yarmouth.

TYPICAL

This is typical of what is happening elsewhere. To quote a few examples at random—Winchester College, the only public school with its own ring of bells, has a highly competent band of ringers amongst the boys: they ring both on their own bells and at the Cathedral

Shebbear College, Devon, has a keen band of 30 ringers, who are helping to rehang Shebbear bells and who travel widely in the neighbourhood to ring elsewhere. Radley College boys ring at their parish church, and on July 3rd, 1964, rang a quarter peal together with boys from Groton School, U.S.A.—the first time that English and American schoolboy ringers have rung like this together. (I am indebted to Mr. King, of Wentworth, for some of these details.)

Blackburn Grammar School boys ring at Blackburn Cathedral and the cathedral schools at Bristol, Worcester, Hereford and Truro each have members who ring at their cathedrals. Whilst ringing at Worcester recently with a master there—himself an Old Norvicensian—we deplored the fact that Norwich boys cannot do the same, as Norwich Cathedral bells have not been rung since 1761. Perhaps one day we shall have bells worthy of our great church, and of the restoration it is undergoing, and the happy connections between cathedral and school may extend to the belfry!

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ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM,

Ringers from Birmingham and Lincoln as well as Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire attended the opening of St. Peter's, Nottingham, bells. The bells had been rehung in a new frame and augmented to twelve by Messrs John Taylor. Mr. P. Taylor and Mr. J. Oldham were present at the dedication by the Rector, the Rev. Canon A Inglis. Also present were the churchwardens, Mr S Stockdale and Mr C. E. Cox, as well as local ringers. The opening rounds were rung by Mrs S. Foskett Miss A. Henson and Messrs. W. Exton, S. Foskett, F. Gobey, R. Inglis, D. Ingram, V Jennison, J Oldham, D. Stainsby, F. Salter and P Taylor

It was good to see Mr. Fred Salter, who until recently was Ringing Master at St. Peter's leading the bells off in the opening rounds He has been a ringer at St Peter's for over 40 years but during the cold weather he is obliged to stay indoors.

Ringing continued until Evensong and then again afterwards The bells are rung each Sunday at 10 a.m and 5.45 p.m. but practices have not yet started. D. S.

DUBLIN STUDENTS AT LIVERPOOL

A small band of homeward-bound Trinity College, Dublin, students spent an enjoyable day in Liverpool The tour really started when the party left the North Wall to mount the gangway of "The Munster" On boarding we were given a warm welcome. One of our members had arranged visits to the engine room, the bridge and the wireless room. Then it was time for bed and the ladies found hot-water bottles and apples in their bunks.

At Liverpool Station Anne Freeman met us and escorted us to our first tower—St. Peter's, Woolton. Several other Liverpool University students joined us to ring a touch of Bob Major and Stedman Triples.

Carefully packing ourselves into Terry Fitzgerald's car, we moved to the Cathedral, the highlight of the trip There we were supported by local ringers for rounds, Bob Major, Grandsire Cinques and a bob course of Kent Royal. The visit left us with many never-to-be-forgotten memories

After a quick lunch we went to Birkenhead Church and rang St. Simon's, Bob Minor, Kent and Cambridge quite happily in spite of three missing stays.

At Tuebrook we rang Kent and Single Oxford. Then a fleeting visit to St. Francis Xavier's, followed by a good ring at St. Nicholas', where we joined the resident band for their practice Ringing finished with Grandsire Cinques and Bob Maximus.

To complete the day we were pleased to entertain Terry at the "ringers" pub. Also we would like to thank Jeff Fox for arranging the trip. We look forward to seeing the Liverpool ringers in Dublin. H. H.

Letters to the Editor

"TOWER CAPTAINS" COURSE

Dear Sir,—May I assure Mr Sam Scattergood that the guest lecturer (myself) at the recent week-end course at Lea Green Youth and Adult College, Derbyshire, was not misinformed as to the status of the ringers attending. The course was for tower captains **and instructors**, but no one on the course made claim to any status whatever, so far as I was aware We all met as fellow ringers in an effort to enlighten each other on ways and means of stimulating progress and improvement in ringing at just such struggling towers as that to which Mr Scattergood belongs.

The organisers of the course, themselves extremely competent ringers and officers of the Derby Association, are keen to improve Sunday service ringing in their area, and this course was just one phase of their efforts towards this end. It is important for potential tower captains, if need be, to make themselves competent in many aspects of ringing (teaching, conducting, maintenance, leadership, etc) and we can learn much from each other. I learned some new ideas at Lea Green as I do on every course I attend, and Mr Scattergood would do well to note this. We cannot rest on the glories of the past and on other people's endeavours, but must make our own contribution for continued success.

As regards the date of the course (Remembrance Sunday), the organisers probably had little choice except to take the date offered by the College There is great pressure by a multitude of organisations on the accommodation such colleges offer. I probably had far ther to travel than most, but had ample time to get back to my own church to ring in a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters prior to Evensong.

The important thing arising from Mr. Scattergood's letter, and my reason for replying, is to emphasise that the course was a commendable and well-organised effort at promoting an improvement in service ringing. I hope it will be the first of many in the area and can recommend ringers seeking help and guidance to attend any future such courses.

I hope Sam will take a new look at things and attend the next course. I am sure he would enjoy himself and find it to the advantage of himself, his tower and to the mutual benefit of ringing in North Derbyshire. — Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

BEAUTY OF GRANDSIRE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—I was amazed that an undergraduate at a well-known seat of learning in a **democratic** country and a member of a **democratic** Exercise should seek to condemn a peal of Grandsire Royal as "a sheer waste of bells, time and effort."

Surely the ringers involved were the best judges of that, and I cannot help but feel that the last paragraph of David J. Marshall's letter was in the worst possible taste.

May I venture to suggest that the writer would prefer a "police" state, where groups of people are no doubt told what to do with their own time?—Yours sincerely,

EDMUND MALIN.

Penkridge.

MOST APPRECIATED OUTSIDE THE TOWER

Dear Sir,—I wonder which methods are most appreciated **outside** the tower—Surprise or Grandsire. Probably Grandsire, as it is usually better struck.

"The beginner is going to derive no benefit whatsoever by being taught to ring a method bearing little or no resemblance to Surprise." This statement from Mr. Marshall's letter, as well as being complete nonsense, is giving the beginner the false impression that the only methods worth ringing are Surprise. The result of this is plainly heard inside and outside the tower as they struggle through their Cambridge or Yorkshire, usually terminated with a few minutes of "firing" and then discouragement as they realise they are unable to ring or strike it.

I do not condemn Surprise, but surely plain methods deserve the merits which they contain, one of which is to teach good striking without having to concentrate so much on the method. Surely our aim should be perfection in the most musical methods, many of which are Surprise, but Grandsire, too, can produce first-class music.

As regards Grandsire as an even-bell method, very unkindly described as "rubbish," I suggest an experienced band would not ring a peal of this, thinking it were a waste of their time. So why not come down to a more reasonable level, Mr. Marshall, not every ringer is able to ring and strike Surprise well immediately, so why not something a little simpler (but still musical) to help him on his way?—Yours faithfully,

ROGER E. PECKHAM
A Grandsire Ringer.

Keymer, Sussex

"BILL" BOTTRILL

Dear Sir,—As you know where I have been for three weeks, including Christmas, I know you will forgive me for being late with my correspondence relating to "Bill" Bottrill, whom I have known for a long time. The results of the correspondence, including "Bill's," is that he must be a very sick man who has got himself sadly out of proportion. I have always been impressed by Bill and can fully sympathise with him.

I have taken a few hard knocks in my time, but have always come up smiling; the worst, I think, was when the late Tom Groombridge jun. wrote in "The Ringing World" that my criticism of peal grabbing was like a street organ grinder criticising Dr. Thalban Ball playing a Bach fugue (he really meant the organ grinder's monkey). Eventually we found there was little or nothing in our differences and we resolved them. When Tom passed on I wrote to "The Ringing World" and asked if it were possible to love someone one had not seen. I got the answer from that beautiful hymn "O Saviour, precious Saviour, Whom yet unseen we love."

So Bill, don't, for goodness sake, give up your "Ringing World" after all these years—you could not possibly live without it. Forget all that is past and, although late, start afresh; get back "**home**"—where you so rightly belong—and I am sure everyone will forgive and forget and you will soon "**whole pull right.**"—Yours faithfully,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

B.B.C. CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter from Mr. Claude Rush, in which he states that it was a very good programme but immediately begins to criticise almost every effort, I agree with him in his first statement, for I have always thought that an octave produces sounds better than any number above.

Now Mr. Rush, I leave all the others except one to their own respective towers' thoughts. I am a little concerned about the reference to the cartwheel of the six at St. Calixtus, West Down, in which he states was "so very, very regular," and then "open leads would have made a great improvement, improved the 'tune' and cancelled the monotony."

I beg to let Mr. Rush know that as he has never heard Minor cartwheel as is rung by the Halifax and Barnsley Association companies in their competitions, he has never heard monotony cancelled and a better "tune" with open leads.—Yours faithfully,

Friezland. JOE BURGESS.

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. Rush's comments on the Christmas Day broadcast, I can only say "I wish he would get his values in perspective." The sheer impertinence of suggesting that the call change band of West Down should have rung with open leads staggers me May I suggest that Mr. Rush spends his next holiday in Devon, listening to the local bands ringing. He may then not be so indignant towards our West Country friends.

For me, the ringing from West Down was the best I have heard on the air. As for the remainder of the towers, good ringing was spoilt by bad recordings. Why don't the chosen towers record their own ringing and submit it to the B.B.C.? I am sure we would hear a great improvement.—Yours sincerely,

Cambridge. G. E. THODAY.

Dear Sir,—I made a tape recording of the Christmas bells broadcast. On reading Mr. C. Rush's letter (page 8) I played it through again and I wonder how he dares to suggest that open leads would have improved the ringing from St. Calixtus', West Down. That kind of ringing needs no improvement, and many towers would do well to emulate the striking of these ringers.

I never cease to be amazed by the number of ringers who regard open leads as the only way to ring. For eight to twelve bells it is the most satisfactory way, but for six bells it is just one of the ways. Cartwheel is the other, and whilst most ringers will express a direct preference for one or the other a direct comparison between the two is irrelevant

I have rung in Yorkshire, Co. Durham and Kent. I have rung both open leads and cartwheel and though I prefer open leads I have found that a band experienced in cartwheel ringing can usually produce better striking on six bells than a band experienced in open leads can.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTINE M. SAVILLE.

Westerham, Kent.

GOOD STRIKERS

Dear Sir,—In appreciation of Mr. Garner's letter ("The Ringing World," January 7th), I would like to add three more names to his list—Harry Parks, John Cooper and Mark Marshall. When they used to come to Wye for a peal, which was quite often, I always got a great thrill.

The ringing was also appreciated by the late Rev. N. Wells, who was then our Vicar. I only wished I could have been as good a ringer to have been ringing with them. Their ringing was always of the very best.—Yours faithfully. WILLIAM N. CURTIS.

Wye, Ashford.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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IN MEMORIAM AND OBITUARY

WILLIAM JUDGE

On January 2nd after evening service a very happy hour was spent in the famous belfry of Kidlington, it being the occasion of the dedication of two peal boards—one to the memory of Sir Winston Churchill and the other to William Judge, to whom eulogies can be written, but only to interest ringers, and not the world. William Judge was a ringer at this church for 60 years and for many of his later years he was foreman and taught dozens of youngsters, many of whom went away and became well known. His most famous pupil was, of course, his brother Walter, to whom he gave sound advice when ringing commenced after the lads came back from the 1914–18 war.

Walter became the leading light of the Oxford Guild and in fact for some years the most prominent conductor in the Exercise, and, talking to him the other evening, one realises the foundation of his success was due to his brother Bill; Walter, thank God, knows that.

The writer can speak of 40 years' pleasant acquaintance with Bill, and there is one peal in particular of which he was very proud—Stedman Caters at Magdalen College, Oxford, called by Walter. In this peal were several well-known ringers at that time—Ernest Morris and his brother George, C. T. Coles of London, and the writer's "dear old dad," and Bill was as good a ringer as any of those on the floor.

Members of the congregation and several of his old friends and young ringers who knew him only by name met in the tower to give thanks for the life of this good old country ringer. A hymn was sung and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Walter Judge 1–2, V. Griffen 3–4, W. Hibbert 5–6, Frank White 7–8. After the final Blessing the bells were magnificently raised in peal, and two courses of Bill's favourite method, Stedman Triples, were admirably struck. Then a ring for everyone and a course of Cambridge Major and the bells were lowered, and thus ended, as stated above, a very happy (not sad) hour. W. H.

MR. E. A. ETHERIDGE

Guildford has lost its oldest ringer by the passing of Mr. Edward Allen (Ted) Etheridge on Christmas Day at St. Luke's Hospital. He was 84. He was associated with St. Nicolas' Society, joining about 1905, and was secretary about 1911. When membership of the Society began to dwindle he was always waiting on the town bridge below the tower in case enough turned up. He was cheerful and encouraging and well loved.

The funeral service was at St. Nicolas' Church on December 31st. There was half-muffled ringing to his memory at the same church on January 11th.

MR. REUBEN SANDERS

As one of the younger generation, having known Reuben only in the last ten years, I would like to express the gratitude of all young ringers he had taken an interest in, and by his example and personality shown how easily good striking can be attained and heavy bells rung. Many of his peal performances are famous, including 50 peals on the tenor at Southwark Cathedral. In his later years he derived equal satisfaction from the quarter peals he rang in for Sunday services. We shall all miss his cheery and dependable presence in the belfry. A. E. B.

HOVE TOWN HALL BELLS

In the early hours of January 9th, fire gutted the Town Hall at Hove, Sussex, leaving an empty shell. Although at the time of my visit the ruins were unapproachable, the central tower appears to be completely burnt out. The clock and carillon machinery have been destroyed and it is improbable that the chime of 12 bells, tenor 36 cwt., by Gillett and Bland, have survived.

As a period piece the Town Hall will be irreplaceable: architecturally, it is no loss, being designed by Alfred Waterhouse in 1882, in his most brutal red brick Gothic style.

S. E. A.

A PROMISING START

Mr. Barrie Hendry is very proud of the band he has trained at Harpole, Northants. Last Easter, apart from himself, not one of the band could ring. They are now a promising team of 11 ringers and Barrie hopes to be sending more quarters (and peals) in the not too distant future.

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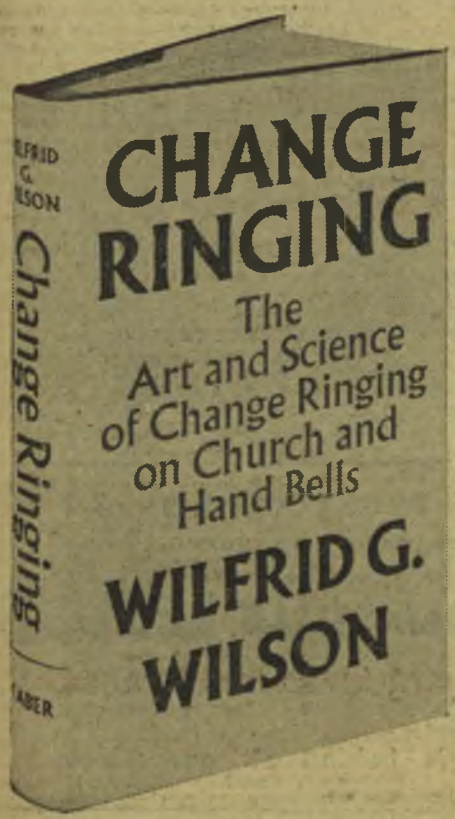
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HALF PEAL

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 18th, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: J. Raithby 1, P Raithby 2, Anne Parry 3, Linda Wilkinson 4, J. Coates 5, A. Gilbert 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, D. Chambers 8. A 90th birthday compliment to H. Turner, who learned to ring at this tower in 1875.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 25th, 1,440 Norwich S. Minor: R. Rayfield 1, C. H. Macve 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Carol Cousins 4, J. Preston 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Cambridge S. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Amanda Powell 2, Carol Cousins 3, C. H Macve 4, J. Preston 5, T. Lewis 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Brook (first attempt) 1, Stella Rice 2, Wendy Morris 3, Valerie Mepham 4, Pamela Gough (cond.) 5, Ann Sharpe 6. Rung to celebrate Harvest Festival.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and April Day): K. W. Eaton 1, G. A. Edwards 2, J. R. Scott (cond.) 3, T. E. Trickett 4, L. A. Perry 5, L. J. Meredith 6.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: J. Smith 1, D. Thorpe 2, Mrs. M. Addy 3, S. Brook 4, D. McLean (cond.) 5, Mrs. J. McLean 6. First quarter Bob Doubles by all.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Stocker 1, R. C. Kift 2, Mrs. B. van-Asselt 3, Janet Pyke (first in method) 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, L. Rundle 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. G. Collinge 1, H. M. Williamson 2, Julia Collinge 3, Penny Kift (cond.) 4, K. Rundle (first in method) 5, R. C. Kift 6.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Parker 1, C. Quartley 2, R. Quartley 3, B. Carter 4, G. Carter 5, P. S. Gaisford 6, F. W. Box (cond.) 7, G. B. Davis 8. First of Triples 1 and 8. With best wishes to Mrs. Strangeway, for a speedy recovery after a recent operation.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,440 Minor (two methods): A. Lathall 1, W. French 2, E. Whitlock (cond.) 3, A. May 4, F. Maynard 5, A. Coley 6. Half-muffled in memory of W. Pateman, whose funeral took place this day. He served his church faithfully as organ-blower and caretaker of the church grounds for 36 years.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. J. Beeching (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 3, Miss A. Ravner 4, B. Watts 5, T. H. Fagg 6. For 8 a.m. Communion.

CHARING KENT.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Betty Robbins 1, Diana H. Bradford (first of Minor and "inside") 2, P. J. Bagshaw (first "inside") 3, J. L. Anderson 4, P. J. Bradford 5, R. N. Bagshaw 6.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Galloway 1, Ann Blatcher 2, P. Lane 3, D. L. Parker 4, D. C. Manger ((cond.) 5, J. S. Barnes 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): Ann Blatcher 1, Jennifer Payne 2, P. Lane (first of T.B. "inside") 3, D. L. Parker 4, N. J. Martin 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. For Festival of Nine Lessons. Also on Christmas Day, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jennifer Wright ((first of T.B.) 1, Jennifer Payne 2, Hilary Hinde 3, D. L. Parker 4, N. J. Martin 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Heather 1, G. Charman 2, R. Youdale 3, Leslie Warner 4, H. Arthur 5, N. Stacey 6.

QUARTER PEALS

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. R. J. Berry 1, W. J. Cross 2, Miss J. D. Phillips 3, C. C. Clarke 4, W. H. Minnear 5, W. Ivings 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. K. Pratley 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of S. H. Holloway, a lay preacher and chorister for many years.

DUNHOLME, LINCS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Julie Radley (15, first quarter) 1, H. J. Radley 2, W. S. Smith 3, C. V. Cade 4, P. C. Pitchforth (cond.) 5, B. W. Smith 6. Rung in commemoration of the golden wedding of Mr. J. Cheatham, former tower captain, and Mrs. Cheatham. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,380 Plain Bob Doubles: H. J. Radley 1, C. V. Cade 2, T. R. Smith 3, W. S. Smith (cond.) 4, P. Coddington 5, P. Burton cover. Half-muffled for passing of 1965.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Boultbee 1, Miss R. Tailby 2, Miss R. Gay 3, P. M. Evans 4, A. J. Jobson 5, J. R. White (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 21st, 1,250 Cambridge S. Major: Miss R. Gay 1, R. J. Parker (cond.) 2, K. H. Mildred 3, R. A. Clarke 4, P. M. Evans 5, A. J. Jobson 6, J. R. White 7, G. C. Paul 8. By Birmingham University Society. Both for Evensong.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. S. Abbott 1, J. J. Hawes 2, M. M. Hawes 3, R. D. Bellamy 4, P. Woolliven 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6. A peal attempt called round.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): Miss R. M. Morse 1, Miss R. C. J. Sheldon 2, Miss M. N. Haslum 3, A. Howard (30th quarter as cond.) 4, D. C. Haslum 5, F. M. Sheldon 6.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,320 Doubles (16 variations): Mrs. B. Surman 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 3, D. A. Osbourne 4, D. Surman 5, J. Dawson 6. For Evensong.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Tonkin 1, Miss R. Earl 2, Miss V. Mepham 3, Mrs. C. Baldock 4, Miss K. Rivett 5, Miss J. Percy (cond.) 6, Mrs. B. Percy 7, Mrs. M. Elphick 8. Rung for the Ladies' Guild.

MARTIN, HANTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 1, D. Wilson 2, J. L. Claughton 3, W. T. Perrins 4, J. Blackwood 5, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 6.

HEANOR, DERBYS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): H. W. Farnsworth 1, D. W. Camm (cond.) 2, R. J. Marchbank 3, M. Camm 4, G. Faulkes 5, D. C. Camm 6. Also on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): H. W. Farnsworth 1, T. Taylor (cond.) 2, D. W. Camm 3, R. J. Marchbank 4, G. Faulkes 5, E. Gregory 6, D. I. Camm 7, D. W. Bannister 8.

HEVER, KENT.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Imogen Wedd 1, Cheryll Cheseman 2, R. Everest 3, P. Everest 4, R. Hayes (cond.) 5, G. Cheseman 6. Rung by Chiddingstone ringers as a farewell to Gavin Cheseman, leaving for Hendon Police College.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Negus 1, J. Sanderson 2, W. Pye 3, G. Lilley 4, B. Pratt 5, B. J. Couzens 6, E. W. Pye (cond.) 7, L. Turner 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of J. W. Ward.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Bentley 1, A. J. Hough 2, C. J. Jones (cond.) 3, J. Statham 4, G. Green 5, N. Davies 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Avery 1, D. Sears 2, C. Hagger 3, C. Meakes 4, R. Hazell (cond.) 5, Mrs. R. Hazell 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Smith 1, D. Sears 2, K. Seymour 3, C. Weakes 4, C. Hagger (first as cond.) 5, W. Avery 6. For a united carol service.

LINBY, NOTTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,272 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minimus: T. Eborall 1, D. Surman 2, G. A. Dawson 3, S. Humphrey 4. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Player 1, H. G. Blanchard 2, J. E. Billings 3, H. E. Blacker 4, L. K. Grey (cond.) 5, P. W. Holroyd 6. Rung in memory of Miss U. Luce, good friend to the ringers.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Anderson (first of Minor) 1, A. Palmer 2, R. Lee 3, W. Moore 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, D. Feek 6. For the Christmas Festival.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDX.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. Fraser 1, S. Taylor (first of Major), 2, Penny Mant (first of Major) 3, M. J. Soper 4, P. Cuckson (first as cond.) 5, C. King 6, T. Pink 7, C. Ward 8. For evening service.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Judge (first quarter) 1, D. Grimwood 2, F. C. Farnsworth 3, J. Keeler (first of Doubles) 4, E. T. Eades (cond.) 5, W. Epps 6.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Elkerton (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, C. Gough 4, G. W. Holland 5, A. Thatcher 6.

PIMPERNE, DORSET.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. L. Dunster (first quarter) 1, C. F. Longridge 2, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 3, T. Bleathman 4, W. T. Perrins 5. Also same date, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. T. Perrins (cond.) 1, C. F. Longridge 2, N. Lewis (first quarter) 3, T. Bleathman 4, J. N. Longridge 5.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: Mrs. J. Gasson 1, S. Halliwell 2, A. Cansdale 3, P. Sadler 4, B. Sadler 5, D. Sloman 6, H. Furminger 7, P. Sloman (cond.) 8. Rung for Blessing of Crib for Christmas Tree service.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. T. Perrins 1, Margaret M. Lewis 2, D. Wilson 3, J. L. Claughton 4, E. G Whitfield 5, L. F. Cobb 6, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 7, G. E. Turner 8. For morning service.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Double Court and Plain Bob Minor: D. Rose 1, E. Nice 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, L. Wright 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6.

RUMNEY, MON.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Shackell 1, Susan Harber (first "inside") 2, Gwen Bidgood (cond.) 3, Christine Lucas 4, Rev. R. C. Lucas 5, Mark H. Jackson (first quarter) 6.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Salisbury 1, A. Johns 2, D. Watlers 3, A. Watlers 4, R. Underwood 5, Rev. Russen Thomas (cond.) 6. Also on Jan 1st, from midnight to welcome the New Year, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Roberts 1, A. Johns 1, K. Salisbury 3, R. Underwood 4, Rev. Russen Thomas (cond.) 5, M. E. Lewis 6.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona Naylor 2, Merryn Hutchings 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, T. J. Warner (cond.) 5, M. C. Hughes 6, J. W. Belshaw 7, R. J. Cann 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. First of Caters 3 and 7. For Evensong.

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QUARTER PEALS

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Foster 1, J. K. Ward (cond.) 2, W. Birmingham 3, B. T. Lister 4, A. J. Glass 5, G. R. Shedden 6, D. P. Hilling 7, F. R. Scott 8.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Jan. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. S. Croft (first on six) 1—2, K. S. B. Croft (cond.) 3—4, Madeline M. Croft 5—6.

STEDHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. O. Haslam 1, R. D. Smith 2, Rev. I. H. Greene 3, R. Osborne 4, D. A. Kirk (cond.) 5. First of Doubles 1, 2, 3 and 4.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. H. Mastin (cond.) 1, R. Reed 2, S. G. Elsey 3, D. Feek 4, A. K. Phillips 5, G. Mann 6. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Bradford.

TICHBORNE, HANTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. A. Tremeer 1, Prisca Hornby (first of Plain Bob) 2, Kay Tremeer 3, K. Sansom 4, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 5, J. Huggins 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. G. Stripp 1, June Sinfield 2, Christine Smith 3, R. J. Scott 4, W. Sear 5, J. W. V. Sinfield (cond.) 6, W. F. Gladman 7. For Midnight Communion, and the 70th birthday of the ringer of 7.

TROWELL, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Starbuck 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, P. J. Church 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4, S. Humphrey 5, R. A. G. Inglis 6. First on tower bells 1 and 3.

TURVEY, BEDS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,280 Yorkshire S.M.: E. C. Buckby 1, Sheila Staley 2, F. E. Coales 3, D. G. Pearson 4, R. J. Cowley 5, P. M. Fleckney 6, M. J. Staley 7, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 8.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Johns 1, D. Price (cond.) 2, M. Hawkes 3, L. Dovey (first in method "inside") 4, H. Willett 5, P. Robertson 6, M. Boskett 7, W. Finch 8.

WENTWORTH, W. YORKS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): R. Nalliah (first from "cover") 1, D. Hunton 2, A. King 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6. For Evensong. Also on Christmas Day, 1,320 Doubles (nine methods): R. Nalliah 1, A. King (cond.) 2, D. Hunton 3, M. King 4, M. A. Beaumont 5, A. Beaumont 6. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,360 Doubles (11 methods): Miss E. H. Cherry 1, M. King 2, A. King 3, M. A. Beaumont (cond.) 4, D. Hunton 5, A. Beaumont 6. Also on December 31st, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): I. Johnson 1, M. A. Beaumont 2, M. King 3, D. Hunton (first in 11 methods as cond.) 4, A. King 5, A. Beaumont 6. Rung to ring out 1965 prior to the Watchnight Compline. Also on January 2nd, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Kent T.B.): Miss E. Snell 1, M. King 2, D. Hunton 3, A. King 4, M. A. Beaumont 5, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 6. Rung prior to Evensong, as a welcome to 1966, and to congratulate the ringers of 1 and 6 on their engagement.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. T. Haynes (first of Minor) 1, J. A. Waterworth 2, S. J. Wight 3, P. A. Teal 4, N. W. Castle 5, J. Gray (first as cond.) 6.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Stoter 1, J. White 2, Mrs. B. Baldwin 3, K. Leach (cond.) 4, I. P. Stoter 5, H. White 6, A. R. Wood 7, D. Stoter 8. Rung after a peal attempt failed.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Jan. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Heawood 1, Ruth A. Elmes 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, Judith A. Robertson 4, P. R. Keough 5, G. W. Elmes 6, R. G. W. Robertson 7, J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 8. For Epiphany. First quarter of Surprise Major by an entirely local band.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Maureen J. White 1, K. A. Tipper 2, K. Sansom 3, B. R. Walton 4, D. M. Hughes 5, D. J. White (cond.) 6.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,320 Minor (Cambridge S., Plain Bob): F. Yarrow 1, B. B. Hullah (cond., P.B.) 2, D. F. Murfet (cond., Cambridge) 3, G. Markwell 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow 6.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S. Sharland 1, F. Williams 2, D. A. Wills 3, N. D. Shepherd 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. C. Knight 8. A wedding compliment to Valerie Tanton and Donald Bailey.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Porter 1, H. W. Knight 2, W. Rice 3, M. Hebden 4, S. G. Smith 5, R. Rice 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry Parsons, a former ringer.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

The day's ringing which preceded the annual dinner on November 27th got off to a wet and windy start. Romsey Abbey was the first tower and after braving the perilous ascent everyone enjoyed ringing there. The sun came out as we crossed the toll bridge to Eling, the next tower, so that the drive through the New Forest to Lymington was very pleasant. After a short break for lunch the convoy of three cars and minibus set off for Milford-on-Sea. From there we went on to Hordle, Brockenhurst and, finally, to Lyndhurst, where we were warmly welcomed by the Vicar and where the service was held.

The dinner was held at the Montagu Arms, Beaulieu. Canon Felstead, the president, performed his duties as master of ceremonies with a lively flow of highly amusing and appropriate jokes. The meal itself was generally pronounced splendid and all the speeches were entertaining and not a minute too long. David Forder proposed "The Church," which was answered ably by the Rev. John Arnold, the University chaplain. Miss Heather Walters proposed a toast to "The Visitors," which she did with great charm. She expressed the Guild's satisfaction to see so many friends there, past members, local ringers and members of other Universities. Chris Kippin replied on behalf of the visitors and proposed a toast to "The Guild." The Guild's Master, Michael Trigg, replied, reviewing the Guild's activities during the past year and his plans to make the coming year a record one in the history of the Guild.

Altogether the day was a great success and thanks are due to Peter Joyce and Michael Trigg for making it so. J. E. F.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

According to a Press report in a local newspaper the next Central Council meeting will be held at Bath on Whit Tuesday.

The sum collected by Dulwich Handbell Ringers last Christmas was £350, and not £250 as stated on page 8 (January 7th issue).

Miss Ann Brewer, who rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Llangarron, Herefordshire, on December 18th, is believed to be the first Ross woman to ring a peal.

The Syston District's new secretary, Mr. F. Faulkner, comes from a three-bell tower. He has, however, rung peals on six and eight bells.

We are sorry to learn that the Rev. Malcolm Melville is in hospital at Nottingham. Wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to him, especially from members of Great Adventure II.

We are indebted to Mr. Gordon A. Halls for "The Ringing World" advertisement for new readers which appeared on page 19. It is his idea and, what is more, he bears the cost. May he have a bumper result.

A quarter peal attempt at Sturry, Kent, was nearing its conclusion on January 2nd when a "well meaning" choirboy flashed the lights and left the ringers in darkness. The quarter was unavoidable fired up. The choirboy's excuse, "just testing."

The Bath and Wells Association band who rang the peal of Stedman Caters at Evercreech on December 18th would like to thank one of their members, James Topp, of Frome, for the composition especially composed for the 75th anniversary of the Association.

A pleasing coincidence took place at the Maidstone District meeting at Wrotham on January 8th. Forty names were submitted for tea and there were exactly 40 present, although it was noted that all whose names had been sent were not present.

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500 PEALS RUNG AT ST. MARY'S, WILLESDEN

The first peal on the bells of St. Mary's, Willesden, a peal of Minor in seven methods, was rung on August 1st, 1892, conducted by C. W. Tucker. Twelve peals of Minor were rung before 1913, when the bells were augmented to eight by Mears and Stainbank. The first peal on the eight was Grandsire Triples, on January 8th, 1916, conducted by Harry Kilby.

The following are the peals rung: Fourteen Minor; 10 Grandsire Triples, 11 Stedman Triples; 9 Bob Major, 12 Double Norwich Major, 2 Double Oxford Major, six other plain Major methods, 11 Kent T.B. Major, 7 Oxford T.B. Major, one of Oxford and Kent Spliced T.B. Major, 1 Duffield Major.

Three hundred and fifty-nine of Surprise Major have been rung in 212 different methods (130 new methods) and 57 peals of Spliced Surprise Major from two to twelve methods, which include all the work for all the bells in each method from two to ten methods.

The following have rung over 50 peals on the bells: A. Cutler 325, T. J. Lock 270 (conducted 11), A. J. House 204, J. R. Mayne 199 (123), C. E. Lankester 198, G. W. Critchley 127 (21), R. F. B. Speed 119 (69), Claudia A. Critchley 110, Joan Beresford 100, D. Knox 90 (15), C. W. Roberts 82 (63), J. Hill 71 (1). Out of the old band who were ringing peals before the last war, G. M. Kilby rang 177, Harry Kilby 164 (9), J. A. Trollope 90 (31), G. R. Pye 80 (14), William Pye 64 (46), C. T. Coles 62 (26), C. V. Ebberson 59, all of whom have now passed on. L. H. Bowler rang 80 peals, T. A. Francis 51, James Bennett 51 (5) and M. Hodgson 50. Four hundred and seventy-five peals were rung for the Middlesex Association.

ALICK CUTLER.

ST. MARY'S, BATTERSEA

When so many London towers are silent, or three-quarters silent, it is good to record that St. Mary's, Battersea, now has a thriving and largely local band. The bells are a complete octave cast at Thomas Janaway's Chelsea foundry, just across the river, in 1777. Quaint in tone they go well, having been completely overhauled by Taylors in 1938.

The Monday practice has been becoming increasingly popular, and many have learned or advanced their change ringing under the watchful eye of Mr. Ernie Dodds, Ringing Master. Although there is always room for more, Battersea is fortunate in the help given by experienced ringers from outside, especially Mr. Monty Meyer, and in the keenness of its secretary, Mr. Bob Cooles, who spends much time and energy in organising Sunday and other ringing.

Sadly, a quarter peal attempt by Battersea "regulars" for the Sir Walter St. John's School carol service on December 21st was halted by outside interference after some 20 minutes' good ringing. The band stood as follows: Sandra Thexton 1, Jean Henderson 2, R. J. Cooles 3, Rev. A. Clayton 4, C. J. N. Dalton 5, L. C. Way 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, F. A. Benn 8. Monty Meyer and Laurie Way especially are thanked for giving up their lunch-hours at short notice to enable Grandsire Triples to be rung instead of Minor.

YORK'S ANCIENT RING OF SIX

The recent correspondence on the oldest ring of bells should not be allowed to lapse without the mention of the six bells hung for ringing at the Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies in York. Formerly the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Nicklegate, the building was restored to its present use after the war and with it were the six ancient bells hung in a quaint bell turret. Only two of the bells are dated but it is known approximately when the others were cast. The dates of them are as follows: Treble, 17th century; 2, 14th century; 3, 1633; 4, 16th century; 5, 15th century; tenor, 1408. They are hung in a new framework much lower down and are rung from the ground floor.

When the St. John's College Bellringers' Society was formed in 1963 these mainly silent bells were taken over. Unfortunately about a year ago supporting buildings were demolished and the Director of the Institute forbade ringing until fresh support to the walls could be given. Let us hope that the ancient, although not very musical, ring of six will once again be able to be rung.

NEWARK'S MISS CHILTON

Newark Parish Church is justly proud of 19-year-old Margaret Chilton, who was taught to ring in this church in 1958. When she rang her 100th peal at Mansfield Woodhouse in September last year, she was the youngest girl in the county to achieve this distinction. But her greatest ringing success to date is the peal of 135 Doubles methods/variations at South Collingham, which established a new record, far exceeding that set by Hambledon of 113 methods in 1960. Other peals she particularly treasures are Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. German's Abbey, Cornwall; Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Nottingham; and Stedman Cinques at Southwell Minster. Margaret is employed by the National Provincial Bank Ltd. at Newark. We feel certain that many ringers, in addition to Southwell Guild members, will follow her career with great interest.

HYMN TO ST. ANTHONY

Founder of Monastic Life. First Saint associated with sacred bells. Circa A.D. 325.

Words: Percy Amos. Music: E.H. 212

Today we raise the anthem strain,
A Holy One from Egypt came;
A call from God to hold and lead,
His flock the bread from Heaven to feed.
His garnered corn the fruitful vine.
The consecrated bread and wine
The flesh crucified for sin we tell.
The pierced side the springing well.

The Saintly Anthony's faithful guide,
The cross on which our Saviour died:
In prayerful retreat his Lord he found,
A sacred hand the Sanctus sound.
The still small voice Angelic call,
The ear to hearken one and all;
At sacramental feast, at Litany,
Resounds the priestly Tantony.

First sung at Matins on January 17th, 1965 (St. Anthony's Day) in St. Peter's Church, Weston Favell, Northants. The tune to it is known as "St. Patrick's Breastplate."

DORSET BELLS PEALABLE

After an hour or two of work "up top" on the ropes, bearings, etc., bands drawn chiefly from the Avon Valley were able to put two of Dorset's Warner sixes through their first peals last month. The bells of St. Mary's, Long Crichel, are normally rung twice a year and date from 1863, except for the tenor (12–12½ cwt. in G), which was cast by John Wallis of Salisbury in 1621. Wallis's bells, incidentally, are still plentiful in Dorset and, although generally thinner than this one and rather rough castings, most of them are excellent in tone and tune (notably Chesselbourne and Sturminster Newton tenors).

After 102 years with apparently no major —and precious little minor—attention, Long Crichel bells go remarkably well and a good peal of Plain Bob was rung in 2 hours and 42 minutes on December 10th. The bells are rung from the ground floor without rope-guides, and the ringer of the 4th has to stand in the main doorway to the church!

St. Martin's Church, Bryanston, was built by the second Viscount Portman in memory of his parents and stands on the site of the old mansion in a lovely parkland setting. The grand ring of six, one of Warner's best (tenor 19¼ cwt. in E flat) was cast in 1898 and hung in an iron frame for eight. It is a pity that his lordship did not complete the octave; there is little hope now that two trebles will ever be added. The boys of Bryanston School pack the church on Sundays but have not as yet formed a ringing society, so the bells are seldom rung. For their age and weight they go remarkably well but they are exceedingly noisy in the ringing room and the peal here was inevitably harder work than that at Long Crichel. Three extents of Cambridge and four of Plain Bob were rung in 3 hours two minutes on December 18th.

C. J. N. D.

GROTON IN SUFFOLK

The last peal to be rung during the Great Adventure II was Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Groton, U.S.A. In the issue of January 7th Mr. Russell Young, of Groton School, has published two principles on nine bells, which no doubt will be investigated by some experts.

Groton is a Suffolk village, 14 miles west of Ipswich and 63 miles north-east of London. From this place John Winthorp emigrated to America and became Governor of Groton, Mass., 1630–1649, establishing the township. A party of six persons celebrated the writer's 90th birthday with the host of the Fox and Hounds, Groton, Suffolk. G. E. S.

A DEVON ACHIEVEMENT

With a visit to Denbury on December 29th Mr Frank D. Mack completed ringing on all ringable rings of five or more bells in Devon, a total of 352. There are 20 rings at present declared unringable, which he will no doubt visit as soon as the opportunity occurs. His first Devon tower was Hartland in 1952, and it has been the privilege of many fellow ringers, experienced and learners, to help him score the remainder, sometimes on organised tours and sometimes on a short notice round-up of his own tower members. Congratulations, Frank, and the best of luck in your next target, which it is understood might be Dorset. Frank's tower total, incidentally, is 1,249.

D. A. W.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WESTMINSTER, London.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter in Westminster.
On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28½ cwt.

John Phillips	Treble	John D. Rock	5
G. William Critchley	2	Rodney B. Meadows	6
Alan J. Frost	3	Michael P. Moreton	7
John Armstrong	4	John H. Crampion	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by John H. Crampion.
Rung to commemorate the inauguration of the 900th anniversary year of the consecration of Westminster Abbey (1065).

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, Jewry-next-Guildhall
On Thurs., Dec 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb in E flat.

John D. Rock	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	5
John H. Crampion	2	Michael P. Moreton	6
John Armstrong	3	David P Hilling	7
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	Philip A F. Chalk	Tenor

Composed by Antony R Kench. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5075 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

Percy H. Hull (Glaston Branch Secretary)	Treble
George W. Massey (Association Peal Secretary)	2
Arthur H. Reed (Taunton Branch Secretary)	3
*Alan F. Lee (Bath Branch Secretary)	4
David G. Yeo (Chew Branch Secretary)	5
Eric Naylor (Association Treasurer)	6
Roger J Fox (Ilchester Branch Secretary)	7
†William H Kingcott (Association Adviser on Church Bells)	8
John H Gilbert (Central Council Representative)	9
Gwilym Salmon (Association General Secretary)	Tenor

Composed by James Topp Conducted by Eric Naylor.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † 50th peal.
Rung by officers of the Association to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Association.

YEOVIL Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon. Dec 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 40 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb

Eric Naylor	Treble	Ronald G. Beck	6
*Diane M. Chapman	2	Thomas E. Setter	7
S. Arthur Read	3	Gwilym Salmon	8
†David A. Burt	4	Trevor A. Cross	9
*David Orledge	5	John H. Gilbert	Tenor

Composed by G W Debenham. Conducted by Eric Naylor
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First on ten bells.

HUISH EPISCOPI, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

Frederick Sandy	Treble	George Prescott	5
Walter S Rice	2	George W. Massey	6
Edgar T. Skipsey	3	Rev. Roger O. Fry	7
Sydney G Smith	4	David Gale	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott
First peal in the method by all except conductor. First in the method as conductor.

SHEPTON MALLET, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

Michael Rose	Treble	†Jonathan Rose	5
*Christopher R. Jenkins	2	†Richard C. Taylor	6
*Sheila Y. Hallett	3	Sidney G. Smith	7
†John Sheppard	4	Gwilym Salmon	Tenor

Composed by H. W Wilde. Conducted by Gwilym Salmon.
* First peal of Major. † First on eight.

BATHFORD Somerset.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Tues. Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods/variations, being six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Old and April Day. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

*Christine J. Mitchell	Treble	†John G. Hobbs	4
*Peter J. Devrell	2	George J Hawkins	5
†David C. Hawkins	3	*Brian Sarll	Tenor

Conducted by George J. Hawkins.
* First peal. † First of Doubles.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROMHAM Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Owen.
On Sat., Dec 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb in E flat.

Arthur Gibbs	Treble	Robert L. Piron	5
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Stephen Ivin	6
Alfred E. Rushton	3	C. Edward Jeffries	7
Keith H. Fleming	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

TOTTERNHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed, Dec 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt 2 qr. in F sharp

Alfred E. Rushton	Treble	John W. Sinfield	5
Dennis Knox	2	Philip Mehew	6
*Christine A. Smilth	3	Alan J Frost	7
Diana M. Frost	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of London Surprise Dennis Knox has now "circled the tower."

WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb in D

Alfred E. Rushton	Treble	*Robert R. Churchill	5
Kathleen A. Rivett	2	Robert L. Piron	6
Martyn J. Marriott	3	Stephen Ivin	7
*Keith H. Fleming	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

MAULDEN Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Dec 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp

Philip Mehew	Treble	Martyn J. Marriott	5
Kathleen A. Rivett	2	George E. Thoday	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	C. Edward Jeffries	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin

CLIFTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 6 lb in G.

Avril Ivin	Treble	Keith Fleming	5
Anthony H. Smith	2	Robert R. Churchill	6
Martyn J. Marriott	3	Alfred E. Rushton	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by N J Pitstow. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

EATON SOCON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues. Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F

Stephen Ivin	Treble	Keith H. Fleming	5
Ronald J. Sharp	2	George E Thoday	6
Kathleen A. Rivett	3	Alfred E Rushton	7
Martyn J. Marriott	4	C Edward Jeffries	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

STOTFOLD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sat Dec. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (5–6 the right way round throughout).
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

*George E. Thoday	Treble	George E. Bonham	4
Peter Woollven	2	*Philip Mehew	5
Robert E. Bellamy	3	C. Martin Press	Tenor

Conducted by George E Thoday.
* 50th peal together

OLD WARDEN Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Thurs., Dec 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent. Tenor 9 cwt.

David G. Carr	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	4
Audrey R. Alexander	2	Alan S. Smith	5
Verna Rix	3	Martin Major	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H Smith.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

(Also for the Yorksnire Association).
HEDON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Tues. Dec. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

Richard D. Gibson	Treble	John S Rank	5
*Robert Hawtree	2	Christopher C. Brown	6
F. Charles Hobson	3	Ronald Ducker	7
Howard C. Palmer	4	Ian G. Campbell	Tenor

* First peal of Major.
Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Ian G. Campbell.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

BURTON DASSETT, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being three extents of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Peter C. Randall	Treble	†Anthony J. Cox	4
Stephen F. Royal	2	*Robert W. Sherriff	5
*Shirley E. Jones	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Robert W. Sherriff.
* First peal. † First in two methods.

SNITTERFIELD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In six methods, being seven extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

*Shirley E. Jones	Treble	*Stephen F. Royal	4
*Anthony J. Cox	2	Geoffrey W. Randall	5
Percy C. Randall	3	*Robert W. Sherriff	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal in six Doubles methods by all the band

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 ACTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.

Mikaela Erik	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	Tom Page	6
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Peter M. Fleckney	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RIPLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Dec 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

*Martin Camm	Treble	‡David W. Camm	5
*Vivian Cheetham	2	*Eric Gregory	6
*Doreen Land	3	Trevor Taylor	7
†Gordon Faulks	4	*David Ashley	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Trevor Taylor.
* First peal on eight. † First peal. ‡ First in method.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to the Rev. E. C. Smith, Vicar of Ripley, who is to be inducted at the Parish Church, Aston.

GREAT LONGSTONE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Plain Bob and three each of Kent and Oxford T.B. (seven different callings). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*John Arkell	Treble	†Barrie Bateman	4
Gladys Richardson	2	Malcolm P. Phipps	5
†Timothy Wylie	3	Alex. Richardson	Tenor

Conducted by Alex. Richardson.
* First peal. † First in three methods.

DENBY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutets,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 20 extents (10 callings) and one 240 of Grandsire and 20 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Carol A. Beresford	Treble	*David Ashley	4
Trevor Taylor	2	†Eric Gregory	5
David W. Camm	3	*Martin Camm	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor Taylor.
* First peal † First peal "inside."
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Dorothy M. K. Drury-Lowe.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MORPETH, Northumberland.—At the Watch Tower.
On Fri., Dec 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Rev. Frederick Ross	Treble	James Crowther	5
Iris Thomson	2	William Davidson	6
Rodney A. Yeates	3	Michael Maughan	7
John E. Anderson	4	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.
With best wishes from the band to Mary Prophet and D. Graham Hall, who were married at Blaby, Leics, on January 1st.

WHICKHAM, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Wells, (2) London, (3) Durham, (4) York, (5) Cambridge, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

*C. Duncan Davis	Treble	James Crowther	4
Andrew G. Craddock	2	Rodney A. Yeates	5
William Davidson	3	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal Believed to be the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

WYLAM-ON-TYNE, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Oswin.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Wells, (2) London, (3) Durham, (4) York (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 22 cwt. 23 lb.

James Crowther	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	4
Rodney A. Yeates	2	Michael Maughan	5
William Davidson	3	*Rev. Frederick Ross	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* 250th peal. First peal on the bells since 1937.

HEIGHINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Wells, (2) London, (3) Durham (4) York, (5) Cambridge, (6) Beverley, (7) Surfleet. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

C. Duncan Davis	Treble	James Crowther	4
Rodney A. Yeates	2	Michael Maughan	5
Andrew G. Craddock	3	Rev. Frederick Ross	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

*George E. Bonham	Treble	Derek P. Jones	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	J Richard Castledine	6
Jack S. Dear	3	*George E. Thoday	7
John G. Gipson	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 25th peal together.

LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Katherine.
On Sun., Dec. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Kent T.B., and two each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Edmund W. Wagstaff	Treble	Robert L. Bellamy	4
Ralph Chapman	2	George E. Bonham	5
John Meredith	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in G. sharp.

J. Richard Hough	Treble	Donald F. Murfet	4
Michael J. Dyer	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	5
Henry C. Foster	3	Harold S. Peacock	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey A. Lucas.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Dec 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Josephine A. Quilter	Treble	John Clark	5
Anne Edwards	2	Ian Foster	6
Yvonne A. Murray	3	James A. Towler	7
Peter G. Brown	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNBOROUGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 57 lb. in B flat.

Malcolm M. Powell	Treble	J. Keith Ward	5
Peter J. Joyce	2	Brian J. Luff	6
*Beryl R. Simpson	3	Robert C. Kippin	7
Frederick R. Scott	4	David P. Hilling	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal of London Major.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., Dec 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 23 cwt. 92 lb. in E flat.

*Beryl R. Simpson	Treble	Brian J. Luff	5
Frederick R. Scott	2	David P. Hilling	6
Robert C. Kippin	3	J. Keith Ward	7
Stanley G. Ponting ..	4	†Peter A. Smart	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker (Ten-Part, No. 3).
Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Triples and 25th peal. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.
Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1965.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Dec. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 each of Westminster, Netherseale, Bourne, Ipswich, Cambridge, York and London. Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

Peter J. Joyce	Treble	Brian J. Luff	4
Tom Page	2	J. Keith Ward	5
Stanley G. Ponting	3	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LLANGARRON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Deinst.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings Tenor 11 cwt.

*Ann Brewer	Treble	John J. Webb	4
Frederick W. Oakley ..	2	Frederick E. J. Reynolds	5
Reginald I. Brewer ..	3	Raymond A. Brewer ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick E. J. Reynolds.
* First attempt for a peal. First peal as conductor, it being 30 years since he rang his last peal.
Rung to welcome the Rev. E. W. Goulding, on his institution.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SANDRIDGE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5–6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr .19 lb. in B.

Walter Ayre	Treble	Keith J. Walpole	4
David E. Rothera	2	Eric Edmondson	5
A. Trevor Hawkins ..	3	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung on the occasion of the 900th anniversary of Westminster Abbey.

WALLINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in three methods, viz.: (1-4) Grandsire, (5-6) St. Simon's, (7-22) Plain Bob, (23-26) Grandsire, (27-42) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

J. Stewart Hutton	Treble	Robert L. Bellamy	3
Peter Woollven	2	*George E. Bonham ..	4
George E. Thoday	Tenor		

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 75th peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HALLING, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*Christopher M. Webb ..	Treble	†Peter S. Muchlinski ..	4
Christopher T. Osenton	2	D. Paul Smith	5
Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	‡Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. ‡ 25th peal of Minor.
Rung for Christmas.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ORMSKIRK, Lancashire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Hilary F. Pardoe	Treble	A. J. Martin	5
J. M. Elaine Dixon ..	2	Ronald Kenrick	6
F. John Nelson	3	Roger M. Heyworth ..	7
G. Robert Mordaunt ..	4	Anthony P. Foster	Tenor

Composed by P. G K. Davies. Conducted by F. John Nelson.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

Avril Ivin	Treble	Stephen J. Ivin	6
Joan Beresford	2	W. Leslie Weller	7
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Derek E. Sibson	8
Peter M. Fleckney	4	Edmund Malin	9
Ronald J. Sharp	5	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Leslie W G. Morris. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents, Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

David J. Hopkinson ..	Treble	Denis A. Frith	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	Thomas A. Relf	5
Graham J. N. Colborne	3	Roland W. Morant ..	Tenor

Conducted by Graham J. N. Colborne.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEW BUCKENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G

Frank C. J. Arnold ..	Treble	Henry Tooke	4
William Clover	2	H. William Barrett	5
Paul Cattermole	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

SOUTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Spliced Thelwall and Double Oxford, (3) Spliced Childwall and St. Clement's, (4) Combined Oxford and Kent T.B., (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Henry Tooke	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold ..	4
William Clover	2	Paul Cattermole	5
Robin Churchill	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

John Hill	Treble	Edward R. Venn	5
David P. Hilling	2	Frederick R. Scott	6
Anthony D. Sansom ..	3	Brian J. Luff	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 4). Conducted by J. Keith Ward.
Rung in memory of W. H. B. Wilkins.

SHIPLAKE, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Michael Hatchett	Treble	Anthony D. Sansom ..	5
Frederick R. Scott ..	2	J. Keith Ward	6
Edward R. Venn	3	John Hill	7
Brian J. Luff	4	David P. Hilling	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

AMERSHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Ipswich, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Ronald J. Snack	Treble	George E. Bonham	4
*Anthony K. Fortin	2	George E. Thoday	5
Walter J. Ayre	3	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal of seven Surprise.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

GREAT MILTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Nov. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues	Treble	Paul A. Brand	5
Roger M. Heyworth	2	Anthony P. Foster	6
G. Robert Mordaunt	3	M. Roger Ashmore	7
Richard Wharton	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
First peal of London Surprise by all except the conductor.

OXFORD.—At the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

Bruce Wakefield	Treble	M. Roger Ashmore	4
F. John Nelson	2	Anthony P. Foster	5
G. Robert Mordaunt	3	Roger M Heyworth	Tenor

Conducted by Bruce Wakefield.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Dec. 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Stephen Ivin	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
Diana M. Frost	2	Patrick I. Chapman	7
Alan J. Frost	3	Richard F. B. Speed	8
Anne B. Speed	4	Peter Border	9
Richard O. Humphries	5	Arthur Gibbs	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

TOWCESTER, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 18 methods, viz.: (1) Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (3) London, Wells and Cunecastre, (4) Norfolk and Primrose, (5) Cambridge, Surfleet, Beverley, Primrose, Hexham and Berwick, (6) Cambridge and Ipswich, (7) York and Durham, with 79 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	4
*Margaret A. Wilson	2	Charles E. Truman	5
Roger W. Smith	3	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Minor.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Norman J. Goodman	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Muriel Reay	2	Martin D. Fellows	8
Jennifer M. B. Cook	3	John C. Eisel	9
*Roderick W. Pipe	4	George E. Fearn	10
Michael J. Fellows	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Maurice G. Ingram	6	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* 100th peal of Surprise Maximus. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Nicolas, King's Norton.
On Tues., Dec. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Edward W. Colley	Treble	John R. Insley	6
Martin D. Fellows	2	John C. Eisel	7
Roderick W. Pipe	3	Norman J. Goodman	8
Marilyn C. Smith	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
Jennifer M. B. Cook	5	George E Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. J. Balmforth, who was inducted as Vicar the previous evening. Tenor 17 cwt. 34 lb. in E.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Merrin Hutchings	Treble	*Ray Aldington	5
J. Alan Ainsworth	2	Norman J. Goodman	6
Muriel Reay	3	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Graham C. Paul	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 11).
Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SALISBURY. Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

William A. Theobald	Treble	Philip N. Tubbs	5
Frank L. Harris	2	Ronald N. Marlow	6
*Jeffrey L. Claughton	3	‡Lewis F. Cobb	7
†William T. Perrins	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by William A. Theobald.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ 100th peal.

MELKSHAM. Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Fri., Dec 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E.

Eric J. Hitchins	Treble	David J. Orledge	5
Norman G. N. Knee	2	Laurence E. Hitchins	6
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Charles F. Andrews	7
George W. Massey	4	Frederick S. Slatford	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by George W. Massey.
A compliment to Mr and Mrs. C. White, of Corsley, on the birth, this day, of a daughter. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. Charles F. Andrews, and to Mrs. Hilda M. Massey, wife of the conductor.

SEEND. Wiltshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten different callings).

*Jonathan H. Nibbs	Treble	Frederick S. Slatford	4
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	††‡Norman G. N. Knee	5
David L. Nibbs	3	*James W. Abbott	Tenor

Conducted by Norman G. N. Knee.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First of Stedman Doubles as conductor. ‡ 50th peal. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.

CORSLEY. Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten different callings). Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Norman G. N. Knee	Treble	Leslie E. J. Hawkins	4
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	†Christopher M. White	5
*George W. Massey	3	‡Gordon Ledbury	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.
* Completes Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. † First peal of Grandsire. ‡ First peal.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

LENTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Simon Humphrey	Treble	*John Eborall	5
John R. Pratchett	2	†M. Bas' Smedley	6
Peter R. Humphrey	3	George A. Dawson	7
Richard A. G. Inglis	4	Susanna Poppleston	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by George A Dawson.
* First peal of Triples. † First "inside." First of Plain Bob Triples by all the band. Tenor 8¼ cwt.
A 21st birthday compliment to David Aldridge

OCKBROOK. Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being two 1,440's and three different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Christopher Starbuck	Treble	Richard A. G. Inglis	4
Susanna Poppleston	2	John R. Pratchett	5
Simon Humphrey	3	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* First peal attempt. Rung on Holy Innocents' Day. A birthday compliment to Richard Inglis

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWES, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Southover.
On Sat., Dec 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	6
E. Jane Sibson	2	Peter Beresford	7
Ann Jenner	3	Derek E. Sibson	8
Susan M. Smith	4	Stanley Jenner	9
Roger W. Powell	5	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Arranged by Philip A Corby. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
First peal of Royal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 7th, and also on the bells and for the Association.

PULBOROUGH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Nov 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	Tom Page	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Stanley G. Ponting	6
David D. Smith	3	George Francis	7
*Christopher M. Godfrey	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.
* First peal of Surprise Major. Tenor 13¼ cwt.
Rung as a farewell to Chris, Bunny and Richard Godfrey, who are to spend the next 18 months in Ghana and Nigeria.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LUDGATE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F

*Yvonne Edwards	Treble	*Derek E. Sibson	6
*Jessie M. Kippin	2	*John S. Barnes	7
Joan Beresford	3	*Maurice J. Butler	8
*Ronald F. Diserens	4	*Thomas H. Francis	9
*Robert C. Kippin	5	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by C Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, being 1,088 Cambridge, 928 Rutland, 896 Superlative, 800 London, 672 Brighton and 640 Bristol, with 139 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

John C. Eisel	Treble	Michael J. Fellows	5
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Martin D. Fellows	6
James Insley	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
John R. Insley	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

CLENT, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb in F sharp.

Arthur C. Berry	Treble	*Joseph Warr	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	Geoffrey J. Hemming	6
Martin D. Fellows	3	John C. Eisel	7
Gerald C. Hemming	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Joseph Pigott. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire. —At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Arthur C. Berry	Treble	Geoffrey Westwood	5
Gerald C. Hemming	2	A. Bryan Ellsmore	6
Martin D. Fellows	3	John C. Eisel	7
Yvonne Edwards	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
The conductor's 25th peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

ROWLEY REGIS. Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F.

Robert Edwards	Treble	Maurice G. Ingram	5
Frederick R. Scott	2	A. Bryan Ellsmore	6
J. Keith Ward	3	Michael J. Fellows	7
Edward W. Colley	4	John C. Eisel	Tenor

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

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(and the Sheffield and District Society).
SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Dec 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 40 cwt. in B.

John Bryant	Treble	Roger Lumley	7
Geoffrey Bryant	2	Norman Chaddock	8
Richard E Price	3	*Neil Donovan	9
J. Henry Fielden	4	Ian Holland	10
John J. L. Gilbert	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Barry Sullivan	6	John N. D. Chaddock	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick Pipe. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

(and the Sheffield and District Society).
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Dec 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Contains 4,320 Plain and 864 Little, 186 changes of method and 159 calls. Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

Elsie Chaddock	Treble	*David Nichols	6
*Tessa Hollis	2	*Michael Meadows	7
Richard E. Price	3	*Neil Donovan	8
John N. D. Chaddock	4	*Stuart Armeson	9
*Malcolm Phipps	5	Norman Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob.

GOOLE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,152 each of Bristol and Yorkshire, 960 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 864 Rutland, with 74 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Graham K. Smith	Treble	John S. Rank	5
Richard D. Gibson	2	Howard C. Palmer	6
F. Charles Hobson	3	David S. Johnson	7
Ian G. Campbell	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in five methods for all except the conductor.

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Stephen R. Munday	Treble	Frederick A. Munday	5
Mrs. H. B. Schofield	2	Harold B. Schofield	6
Jeanne E. Bottomley	3	Alan E. Hartley	7
Vernon Bottomley	4	S. Barry Schofield	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Dec 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being seven extents in 20 methods: (1) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck and Canterbury, (2) London and Wells Surprise, (3) Court and Double Court, (4) Hereward and Oxford Bob, (5) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B.

Ian G. Campbell	Treble	*John S. Rank	4
*F. Charles Hobson	2	*David S. Johnson	5
*Ronald Ducker	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in 20 methods. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Tues., Dec. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C sharp.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1-2	Roger Baldwin	5-6
Christopher W. Woolley	3-4	Stephen Ivin	7-8

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHEADLE HULME, Cheshire.—At 18, Hill Top Avenue.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan McFall	1-2	†Robert B. Smith	5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3-4	Gerald Moorhouse	7-8
		Giles B. Thompson	9-10

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of T.B. Royal "in hand." † 25th peal of Royal "in hand."
Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss Kathleen Pilsbury and A. Peter Whitehead, also for Miss Eileen Fearn and J. Richard Castledine.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1965, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents Grandsire, 14 New Grandsire, 15 Plain Bob.
Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley	1-2	Mary Whalley	3-4
		*Kevin Price (cond.)	5-6

* First peal in three methods.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1965, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*Dorothy Nicholls	1-2	Mary Whalley	3-4
		Joseph Whalley (cond.)	5-6

* First peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At No. 36, Long Street.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1965, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

John Vernon	1-2	Alfred Ballard (cond.)	3-4
		Michael Vernon	5-6

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MARRIAGE

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RETURN THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Taylor, of Copnor, Portsmouth, thank the many friends who sent congratulations on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. The kind gesture of Mr. A. York Bramble (vice-president) and his secretary, Mrs. E. Jones, in arranging for ringing at Portsmouth Cathedral was especially appreciated. 8312

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual Dinner to be held on Saturday, February 5th, in Jesus College. Ringing from mid-day onwards at Oxford towers Tickets (27/–) and programmes from A. P. Foster, St. John's College, Oxford. 8265

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Evercreech (10), January 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names essential for tea. — L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8270

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch. — Branch practice at Old Cleeve (8), January 22nd, 7 p.m. 8329

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Annual meeting, Sawley, January 22nd. Bells 3–8 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—D. J. Marshall. 8269

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Fairfield, January 22nd. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton. Special method: Double Norwich.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 8297

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch — Annual meeting, Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15. Own arrangements for tea. Meeting in belfry 6 p.m. —J. Fox, Hon. Sec. 8286

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Huntingdon District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 22nd. Ringing arrangements: Godmanchester (8) 2.45–3.45 p.m.; All Saints' (6), Huntingdon 3.45–4.15 p.m. Service, All Saints', 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by business meeting. All Saints' (6), St. Mary's (8), Huntingdon, available after tea.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8303

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Slimbridge, January 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. Minors, Quarry House Farm, The Quarry, Dursley, Glos. 8308

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Annual District meeting at Farnham (8) on January 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service and meeting 4.30. Names for tea to Miss A. Sweeney, The Flat Hale Farm House Farnham, Surrey. — D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 8281

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Annual District meeting, St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, Saturday, January 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business at Old House Café, Windhill Ringing in the evening at Little Hadham. Names for tea essential and to be sent to Mr. A. Richardson, 55, Northolt Avenue, Bishop's Stortford. — D. H. K., Dis. Sec 8295

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Grantham Saturday, January 22nd Bells 2.30 p.m Service 4.30. Meeting in church 6 p.m Please make own arrangements for tea between 5 and 6 p.m.—F. G. Vickers, Hon Sec. 8277

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, January 22nd, at King's Sutton. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J Barber Astrop, King's Sutton, Banbury.—A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 8249

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD — Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Mansfield (8), Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea at Grove House 5 p.m., followed by business meeting Names for tea, please, to Mrs F Adcock 14, Windsor Road Mansfield.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 8267

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District. — Quarterly meeting, Eye (8), Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Business meeting follows. Names for tea must be received by H. W. H. Leather Three Ways, Monk Soham, Woodbridge. 8259

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service, St. Michael's Church, 4.30 Tea 5. Names to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 8306

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Runcorn, Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Bells available after meeting.—M. Thomson, Hon. Sec. 8307

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Annual general meeting at St. George's, Doncaster, Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. F. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster. 8315

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Annual Branch meeting on Saturday, January 29th, at Lifton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to me by Monday, January 24th, please.—Mrs. M. A. Bould, 1, Mont-le-Grand, Exeter. 8255

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A.G.M. Saturday, January 29th. Hereford Cathedral (10) Bells 3 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m., followed by tea, meeting Ringing until 9 p.m. Application for tea to Rev. H. C. Sell, Fownhope Vicarage, Hereford. 8325

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Hitchin on January 29th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. A. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin, by January 26th.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8311

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Annual general meeting at Edmonton on January 29th. Bells available from 4 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names for tea, please, to Miss G. E. Newcombe, 11, Findon Road, Edmonton, N.9.—J. Hooton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8288

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, Monmouth, Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, by January 24th. Gentlemen welcome.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Fylde Branch. — A.G.M. at St. Anne's Parish Church, St. Anne's-on-Sea, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 8306

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—A.G.M. at Bolton Parish Church, Saturday, January 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Free tea. Please support your Branch at this, our annual meeting, meeting. Branch practice now Mondays at 7.15 at Farnworth. (Note change of tower).—Thornley, Sec. 8303

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—A.G.M., Grimsby, Saturday, January 29th. Bells (10) 2.30 and 7.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Church House, 5 p.m. Names for tea to F. Kennington, 211, Roberts Street, Grimsby, by Thursday previous.—C. A. H. 8294

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — First meeting in 1966 at Newhall on Saturday, January 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. W. Cotton. 8263

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Paulerspury on January 29th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham, by Tuesday previous.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — A.G.M., St. Edmund's Northampton, on Saturday, January 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B E. Frost, 69 High Street, Pitsford, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 8257

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch.—Annual meeting, Calne, January 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please. — W. Hacker, Downs View, Heddington, Calne. 8326

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts District.—A.G.M., January 29th. East and West Retford available afternoon and evening. Service (East) 4.30. Names for tea (Ebsworth Hall) to H Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, by Thursday, 27th. Babworth may be used by complete six-bell teams. 8278

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A.G.M. at Prittlewell, January 29th. Bells 3 o'clock Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. J. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell. Meeting after tea, followed by evening ringing till 9 o'clock. 8253

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, January 29th, at Southwark Cathedral. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Chapter House. Cathedral bells in evening. Names for tea to N. Steere, 1, Prior Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. 8299

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Combined Branch practice, Wootton, Wednesday, February 2nd, 7–9 p.m. 8304

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Next meeting at Wellesbourne on February 5th. Usual times. Names for tea to Dr. L. P. Mackie, Rana House, Wellesbourne. Special methods: St. Clement's and Killamarsh T.B. 8308

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Practice meeting at Aspatria, Saturday, February 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. T Hodgson, 10, North View, Aspatria, by Wednesday, February 2nd. 8311

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Old Hill (8), Saturday, February 5th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me by February 2nd. — M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 8304

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — A.D.M., Saturday, February 5th, at Leatherhead. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs A. J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey, by previous Wednesday, **please.** 8262

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgnorth, February 5th. St. Leonard's bells available in the afternoon and St. Mary's in the evening. Service at St. Leonard's 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth, by February 3rd. 8328

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Ipswich on February 5th. St. Clement's (6) 3–5 p.m. Nearby cafés for tea. Business meeting and ringing St. Mary Quay's (6) 6 p.m.—A. E. J. L. 8278

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—Leeds District.—Meeting on Saturday, February 5th. Ringing arrangements: Bradford Cathedral (10) 10.30–12.30: Guiseley (8) 11.30–1.30: St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8) 2–3.30: Drighlington (8) 3–5: Birstall (8) 4–6: All Saints', Pontefract (8) 5.30–7.30: St. Giles', Pontefract (10) 6–8 Any inquiries to John L. Riley, Leeds University Union, Leeds 2. 8320

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Saxlingham, Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Howlett, Hill Cottages, Saxlingham, Norwich, (NOR 62W), by Wednesday, February 2nd.—C F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 8307

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, February 5th. Ringing 10.30–11.45 to be arranged: 12–1.15 Southwark Cathedral (12); 1.30–2.45 Cornhill (12); 3–4 St. Mary-le-Bow (12); 4–5.15 Cripplegate (12). Dinner at Church House Restaurant 6.30 for 7 p.m. 8331

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District. — Meeting, Saturday, February 5th, West Bridgford. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Miller, 56, Musters Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, Tel. 89537.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual District meeting, Christchurch, February 5th. Bells (12) from approx. 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5.30. Ringing after. Names for tea to Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth, by Wednesday, February 2nd, **please.**—L. F. Cobb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8297

LATE NEWS

We regret to report the death of Mr. Peter Crook sen. in hospital at Bolton on January 16th. Funeral Thursday.

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER GUILD. — Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, St. George's, Stockport, January 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mrs. M. Smith, 223, Dialstone Lane, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 6334

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Annual general meeting, Berkhamsted, January 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Sennitt, 33, Curtis Way, Berkhamsted. 8336

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Isle of Wight District. — Annual meeting, Newport, January 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 4.45 p.m.. Terminus Café, Town Lane, Carisbrooke, after meeting.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 6335

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch —A.G.M., Saturday, February 5th, Castor. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Important meeting. Evening ringing. Names for tea essential to Secretary by Thursday previous.—R. H. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough. 6333



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BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Hieght 1, N. Hieght 2, K. Clipsom 3, M. Hawkins 4, S. Bell (cond.) 5. For Midnight Communion.

CARDIGAN.—On Dec. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): D. J. Morgan 1, Jean Thomas 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 3, J. D. Thomas 4, D. H. Walters (first of Doubles) 5, Gwyn Thomas (first quarter) 6. For St. Stephen's Day.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Mitchell 1, Renee Sturgess 2, Gillian M. Boyd 3, J. A. G. Ball 4, Jennifer M. Tyack 5, R. K. Hawkins 6, G. F. Miles 7, S. A. Scott 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, J. W. Stevenson 10. For Midnight Mass.

FARNBOROUGH, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): R. W. Sherriff 1, R. M. Andrews 2, J. J. Spraggett 3, T. G. Hill 4, J. F. Thorne 5, Alice E. J. Lester (cond.) 6.

FLORE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Randall (first quarter) 1, Shirley E. Jones 2, P. C. Randall (first as cond.) 3, S. F. Royal 4, A. J. Cox 5, G. W. Randall 6. After an unsuccessful peal attempt.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Annette Taylor 1, I. S. Merry 2, R. Clayfield 3, R. A. Gilliver 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6. First in the method "inside" for 3 and 4. For morning service.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Griffiths 1, Mrs. R. Ferris 2, Miss W. Hoddinott (first "inside") 3, E. C. Crewe 4, T. Holmes 5, M. H. Hodgkinson (cond.) 6.

LOXTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. S. Rice (first of Stedman as cond.) 1, M. G. Dodson 2, G. Jones 3, R. W. Rice 4, G. Hebden 5, C. J. Hornett 6. First of Stedman Doubles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Butcher 1, A. Neilson 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Family Communion.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy Huggins 1, Prisca Hornby 2, Kay Tremeer 3, L. A. Tremeer 4, D. M. Hughes 5, J. Huggins 6. For carol service.

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A BRISTOL AFFAIR

RECENTLY in Bristol a rather strange affair has occurred which throws some light on the workings of Associations. Though this particular story concerns Bristol and the local Association there is no reason to suppose that it could not, and does not, occur elsewhere.

Nearly a year ago one tower on the fringes of adjacent areas of two Branches decided that it wished to transfer its allegiance from one to the other. Some months later another tower, similarly placed, followed suit. Their reasons for doing this were, no doubt, many and various and fully known only to themselves. Whatever the reasons, one cannot deny them the entitlement of making up their own minds and in each case the decision was a majority one of their members, if not unanimous.

The Branch to which they applied to join, feeling somewhat flattered by the compliment, agreed to have them. It was noted that these towers had been more often represented at recent meetings than others of more long-standing membership. The other Branch, perhaps feeling somewhat slighted, declined to release them and started writing to the Association general secretary about it. Before long the hapless general secretary found himself with a rapidly thickening dossier of correspondence about it from both Branch secretaries; the thickening accelerated by dragging in allusions to the annual subscription, peal booking fees and other topics. The secretary replied as best he could.

A consistent feature of this rather curious dispute throughout has been the search for a definitive decision as to whether the two towers should be allowed to transfer or not. From many lips have come the questions "What did the A.G.M. say?", "What did the Management Committee decide?", "What does the general secretary think?", "What do the rules say?" The last question has been a particularly fruitful field for the lawyers as throughout 1965 the Association had two complete sets of rules to be consulted, those in force to the end of the year and those to be in force thereafter—they were not always in complete agreement with each other. Despite much debate, none of these wise sources could say positively and finally what was right and what was wrong. Indeed the affair had uncovered a weakness in Association thinking.

Whatever else a ringing association is, it is not a legal institution. It is no part of its function or its competence to tell its members what they can or cannot do or, indeed, to pass judgment on what they do do. Neither the person nor the property of its members is at stake and it no more has to defend them than it has the right to confine or define its members' actions. Membership in no shape or form can be compulsory. Put one single point of law to any sort of ringing body and you are inevitably asking for an inconclusive answer. As a voluntary association of people joined together to help one another, the infinity of activities it can arrange to that end alone are real.

If there are any basic issues involved in this affair, it is the one to which most ringers subscribe: "any ringer is always welcome in any tower." Furthermore, tiresome though it sometimes is, we subscribe to the view that any ringer is entitled to ring where he pleases. These are principles infinitely worth preserving. There may yet be further majority decisions to come in this Association or any other about matters of this sort, affirming that towers should belong to one Branch or another. If they conform with a *de facto* situation they are unnecessary, if they do not they are ineffective. One cannot envisage such decisions altering the course to which a ringer bends his steps. P. G.

A HECTIC FEW MINUTES

IT was 8.45 as I passed the church tower and listened to the merry peal of bells. I hesitated and then went into the church, intending to await my fourteen-year-old daughter and escort her home. I tripped gaily up the well-worn steps, pushed open the door and entered the warm and cosy belfry where, rather to my surprise, I found my daughter in action—pulling the bell ropes in quite a professional manner—and, quite amazing, she appeared to be "in the groove." I could see there was method in this madness and as the numbers were called out and the ringers responded, a familiar sequence rang out. It was clear these youngsters knew their ropes.

It was now 8.50 and the session was obviously coming to an end. One or two of the younger fry put on their coats and departed. I chatted awhile with my cousin, the tower captain, and due to his honeyed talk, rather reluctantly agreed to try and ring a bell. Obviously there was nothing to it and I hadn't had much sympathy for our schoolgirl when she had taken up campanology—all those aches and pains and complaints of stiffness—she needed more exercise!

There were two ropes attached to each of these six bells. One was plain—such as we used to climb in the gym when I was a girl: one with a sort of chenille Union Jack wrapped around it kept disappearing through the ceiling.

I was rather hazy as to whether to grab the Union Jack, but on being told to pull the other one—a six-ton bell was at the end of it—I did so. I knew at once that I hadn't the strength but pulled and pulled hard. The rope went slack and I altered my grip. The Union Jack appeared and disappeared and my rope began to pull me! As my feet left the floorboards, I heard someone say, "Leave go!" I could not I was petrified and my hands were glued to the rope. The rope was stronger than me—it was comparable to trying to hold a furious barking dog who sees a hated cat making off with his dinner. That rope was alive and kept stretching me towards the ceiling: I couldn't hold it and I couldn't leave go for a while. "Leave go or you will go through the roof." The truth of this was plain to my panic-stricken mind. I abandoned the rope and dropped with a thud to the floor.

My heart was thumping like a sledge hammer, my hat was askew, my coat cuffs were above my elbows, and one or two other garments hadn't been equal to the strain. Oh dear, oh, oh dear! If only the floor would open up and drop me into the peace of the church below. A hastily stifled titter made my cheeks redden—I could predict my daughter's reaction "Mam, you looked a right nit."

It was only 8.55 and I'd endured torture for what had seemed an age. I turned a bright smile on the grinning teenagers and mentally took my hat off to them whilst delving deep into my pocket to reassure myself that my nylons would not turn into ankle socks before their eyes.

Slowly and carefully I made my way down the uneven steps—how easy to break a bone on them—and we were out of the church before the clock struck nine. What an age of experience I had undergone.

As I stretched out in bed that night—muscles which had not been used for years aching and heart still exceeding the speed limit—I wondered about all those church bells—all over Britain—all over Europe—there must be thousands of them! However did they all get themselves rung every Sunday! There must be some gifted people for whom I now have a wholesome respect for their power of mastery over these metal monsters—and believe it or not, I slept as sound as a bell. D. W.

NOTE BY THE TOWER CAPTAIN

The vivid account of the effect of a few pulls at backstroke was written down some days later and is sent in almost unaltered. It was, however, a 6 cwt. bell, not a 6 tonner. H. P. T.

Rang Peal Together on Wedding Day and 50 Years after



SATURDAY, January 15th, saw a gathering of some 50 old and new friends at Tunbridge Wells to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, of Groombridge. The day started well—despite adverse weather conditions—with Mr. and Mrs. Hairs repeating a performance of 50 years ago at Abbot's Hospital, Guildford, by taking part together in a handbell peal of Stedman Caters. This took place at the residence of friends in Tonbridge, who also recorded some of the peal. The afternoon saw the successful completion of tower bell peals in honour of the event at Tunbridge Wells and Withyham.

Despite dire threats by forecasters, only two of those invited were unable to attend (and they through ill-health). The evening festivities consisted of dinner at the Royal Mount Ephraim Hotel, followed by a social evening, during which Walter Dobbie played back part of the handbell peal and the band rang a short touch in the same method. Entertainment was also provided by Mrs. Gladys Bennett (sister-in-law of Mrs. Hairs) with three songs, and Ray Large and Colin Osbon with songs and monologue respectively, as well as a splendid duet (Offenbach's "The Bold Gendarmes").

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hairs lead active ringing lives. Mrs. Hairs rang some 75 handbell peals, including six of Stedman Cinques, before learning to ring tower bells. Her peal total is now about 320. In 1923 she was the first lady ringer to ring a peal of Surprise "in hand" and she was also the first lady to take part in a peal of Cambridge Maximus. A founder member of the Ladies' Guild, she was for some years secretary of the Central District. For a number of years she was peal secretary of the Sussex County Association and during that time wrote up the Association's peal book. Mrs. Hairs is at present the secretary of the Northern Division of that Association and represents them on the Central Council. She is now the only lady member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, to which Society she was elected in 1917. Mrs. Hairs particularly appreciated a letter of greeting from the Ancient Society of College Youths. It was the first time in the history of the Society that two members have celebrated their golden wedding.

Mr. Hairs learned to ring at Clapham about 1904 and has rung nearly 600 peals, some 250 of which have been with his wife. He was Master of the Sussex Association for many years and represented them on the Central Council from 1939–1950, since when he has been an honorary member. A member of the Standing Committee since 1945, he has been on "The Ringing World" Committee since 1951. Since going to live on the Kent/Sussex border Mr. Hairs has built up a local band at Withyham and though now in his 78th year he has far more energy than many a younger man.

Their many friends will wish them continued good health and best wishes for the future.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual general meeting was held at Barnsley on January 8th, when 13 towers were represented. The Rev. P. F. Keeling conducted the service and Mr. Noel F. Moxon acted as organist. An excellent tea was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. Keeling in the chair. At the next meeting—Penistone on February 12th—nominations for president, secretary and treasurer will be received for the adjourned business meeting in March. Mr. Irvin Slack, Horbury, proposed the vote of thanks.

A composition of the bride's father, Mr. Henry O. Baker, general secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, was rung at St. Mary-Within-the-Walls, Chester, as a wedding compliment to Miss Anthea Baker and Mr. Bryan Cooper. The bride was formerly a ringer at this church.

BRAY RINGERS' ANNUAL DINNER

The Hinds Head Hotel at Bray is reputed to be one of the most exclusive in Berkshire, where royalty, the nobility, film stars and other celebrities come to "dine and wine." On Jan. 15th they were none other than the Bray bellringers, who held their traditional annual dinner at this famous hotel. Invitations to this excellent evening are greatly sought after, for, from past experience, one is assured of a wonderful meal and a very enjoyable evening.

A company of 52 ringers, their wives and friends, which included the Rev. S. W. Doran (Vicar of Bray), Mrs. Doran, Canon Nash, the Rev. S. Kromburg (a former curate), Mr. F. W. Clark (churchwarden) and invited guests from Cookham, Clewer, Cranford, Boyne Hill, Heston, Hitchin and Marlow sat down to an excellent meal of turkey and plum pudding.

The Rev. S. W. Doran, who opened the short speeches with a very humorous story, proposed the loyal toast "The Church and the Queen." He was followed by Mr. R. Clark, who after praising and thanking Bray ringers for their work, and loyalty to their ringing and to the Church, proposed the toast "Bray Bell Ringers." Mr. John Norsworthy (Bray Ringing Master), in his reply, said how fortunate Bray ringers were in having a Vicar and churchwarden who were so interested in them and who joined them in their activities. The Rev. S. Kromburg suitably replied for the guests.

The meal over, everyone adjourned to the hotel annexe, where dancing, games and competitions were held under the direction of Doreen Hague. Bray handbell ringers entertained with tune ringing. Refreshments and drinks were served throughout the evening with the compliments of Bray ringers. So this enjoyable evening, so ably organised by Doreen and John, came to a close all too quickly just before midnight. E. E. G.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The president (Canon A. L. Woodard) presided at the annual general meeting of the Cambridge District at St. Andrew's Hall, which followed a large tea provided by Mrs. Martin and helpers. The service was held in the afternoon at Great St. Mary's, conducted by the Rev. I. Ogilvie.

Mr. B. D. Threlfall, the secretary, reported that the District had maintained activities, had visited 20 towers, had about 100 members, despite the loss by death of Mr. J. Halls (Duxford) and Mr. J W. Ward (Melbourn). A gratifying result of the August meeting was the attempt now being made to build up a band of ringers at Whittlesford. A list of all the towers, with details of bells, a guide to condition and ringing times, had been circulated to all incumbents and towers. There are far too many unringable towers in the District. Arising from this came a stirring call to action by the president. The donors of the bells that hang unrung and unringable in 21 towers surely intended that they should be heard, reminding people of the Church's' activities. Only 17 out of 50 are rung at all regularly.

Elections: President, Canon A. L. Woodard; Ringing Masters, G. Pearson and S. Brown; secretary/treasurer, B. D. Threlfall; District Committee, E. W. Bullman, H. F. Churchman, J. Gipson, D. W. Newman and others ex-officio; District Representatives, E. W. Bullman, B. Horrell; Belfry Repair Fund treasurer, B. Pratt. J. S.

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ON TEACHING STRIKING

(Extract from an Evening Course by the Stafford Archdeaconry Society.)

FEW will deny that striking is of more importance than method ringing, but in many towers this is still the most neglected aspect of our art. Striking correction is necessary right from the first time a learner rings rounds, and he needs to be taught how to strike just as he is taught to ring methods. Some conductors will tell a learner when he is wrong but will not say anything about striking, when the effect may be the same—a clash or a bad blow caused by either going wrong or merely by bad striking. The latter, moreover, is more likely to be continuous (Of course, the conductor may be a bad striker himself and does not want to be so hypocritical as to tell others. All the more reason for having conductors who can strike!)

Too often a learner is pushed into rounds before he can handle a bell and pushed into changes before he can ring rounds, and never taught to strike at all. He may then be left to clatter around for the rest of his ringing life unless helped by some kind, experienced ringer or by his own ambition and ability. But the advice of the former may be resented if the learner has never had striking correction in his own tower. A really keen learner will ask about his striking faults and make an effort to correct them next time he rings. The learner's own ability may not be sufficient to cope with faults which are all the more deeply ingrained by habit.

A learner thus should be given as little as possible to master at a time. So often a learner is given the task of struggling with handling his bell, of learning ropesight, of learning leading, of learning to strike—all at once. It is no wonder so many fail the attempt. When possible, then, the faults mentioned below should be corrected in rounds or call changes. For example, one can learn to strike clearly over a large bell in call changes, not when one is struggling with ropesight. Call changes have the additional advantage that the change is repeated and the learner has time to ascertain whether he is striking correctly or not.

These are some of the points for an instructor to look for when instructing a learner:—

(1). At the front end. A very common mistake is clipping or even striking at the same time as the back and middle bells. The light bell should strike quite clearly over the large bell without any tendency of the notes to merge. Sometimes a learner clears the tenor but clips the middle bells. This is to be avoided also. At a later stage a ringer may overcompensate when following a large bell with a little bell, making sure that he is not clipping. This results in dragging of the front bells, a more advanced fault in front-end ringing.

(2). On any bell, but particularly on a heavy bell, a common fault is to be too quick on the way up and too slow on the way down. The cause is not making sufficient allowance for the different speeds of hunting up and down.

(3). On a back-end bell—not being close enough to the light bells. This is usually caused by waiting for the rope of the light bell to go before pulling, when the bells should have been pulled at about the same time. This is more pronounced when there is a wide difference in weight between the front- and back-end.

(4). Also on a back-end bell, clipping the little bells, particularly in hunting up. Some back-enders seem to think that the little bells are there merely to be belted. This may happen in 2nds place when a large bell is leaving the lead—though sometimes it is the fault of the other bell for being too slow on the handstroke lead.

(5). Dodges not struck cleanly. Failure to pull in sufficiently in up dodge and to hold up before and after it. Similarly, failure to hold up sufficiently at down dodge and to pull in before and after the dodge. Making fourths at a 3–4 up dodge, or making thirds at a 3–4 down dodge, or merely two blows in 3¼'s place!

(6). Dropping one stroke, particularly back-stroke, i.e. allowing the rope to come down only partially under control.

(7) Slow in 2nds coming off lead.

(8). Slow in last blow behind, or on leaving back.

(9). Consistently slow or quick at one stroke. This may be due to the odd-struckness of the bell which the ringer has not taken into consideration, or may be because of a handling fault—e.g. too quick at hand because the sally is being caught too soon, or may be the result of an earlier handling fault now corrected, but the striking remains the same.

(10). Incorrect leading usually means too quick at handstroke if the learner has been encouraged not to drag on the way down. Having hunted down quickly the learner needs to leave a gap at handstroke wide enough for one imaginary bell ringing at the same pace. On the other hand the learner may be too eager to leave a space and give too wide a handstroke gap, but this is usually a fault in more experienced learners.

All these faults are caused in ringing by following the ropes with the eyes and not using the ear. The learner should try to place his bell correctly in the rhythm, but of course if many of the above faults are present there will be no rhythm anyway, so the first thing to do is to see about correcting these faults.

P. G. K. D.

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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

AT the annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild, tributes were to the memory of that very fine ringer, Alfred Paddon Smith. Mr. Frank Haynes and the chairman (Mr. Richard Ingram) both referred to his work for the Guild, which included 20 years as hon. secretary, and his exceptional ability to handle and strike both a small or a large bell. Tributes were also expressed to John Bragg, a ringer at Solihull for 60 years, Graham Palmer (Solihull), Herbert Langdon (London) and Keith Taylor (Coleshill). The members observed a moment's silence in respect to their memory.

New members included the Rev L. B. Hutchings, Mrs. L. M. Hutchings, Miss B. Sawden, G. Cox and T. Kedge, of Knowle, Miss P. Fearn, R. Aldington, M. Jones and E. Spence, of King's Norton, Miss S. Chapman, of Yardley, Miss J. M. E. Dixon and Miss M. Pryor. The tower elections, as life members, of the following ringers were duly ratified: J. D. Chamberlain (Lichfield), J. Alexander (Coventry) and R. C. Stevens (Croydon).

The annual accounts, presented by the secretary, disclosed a healthy financial position and the number of new members was encouraging.

The name of Mr. John Pinfold was added to the list of vice-presidents in recognition of his work for the Guild, which comprised several years as Ringing Master.

The following officers were re-elected for 1966: Master, Mr. R. C. Ingram; Ringing Master, Mr. J. A. Ainsworth; trustees, Messrs. S. O'C. Holloway and B. D. A. Woolley; auditors, Messrs. H. H. Fearn and S. O'C. Holloway; Central Council representatives, Messrs. G. E. Fearn (re-elected) and J. A. Ainsworth in place of Mr. F. E. Haynes, who has left Birmingham to live in Cambridge; librarian, Mr. W. G. Chaplin, elected instead of Mr. D. R. Ingram, who wished to resign due to his absence from Birmingham whilst attending Nottingham University; secretary, Mr. G. E. Fearn.

Many divergent opinions were expressed concerning a proposition that Guild members should have a distinctive badge, and the matter was left in the hands of a small committee to consider a suitable design.

For the next meeting the Guild received an invitation to Aston, to take place on April 2nd.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At 22, Castleton Grove, on Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pat Hall (first quarter) 1—2, A. G. Craddock 3—4, R. A. Yeates (cond.) 5—6. Also on Dec. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Holden (first quarter) 1—2, R. A. Yeates 3—4, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 5—6.

Letters to the Editor

THE BOOK

Sir, — Now that we have had the expert critical reviews of Mr. Wilson's book "Change Ringing," will you allow me to express the views of a very ordinary, ignorant ringer of many years' standing and still of no importance!

My first reaction after I got to the end of it was that, if only we had had it 60 or 70 years ago, I might have amounted to something. It is the most fascinating book on any academical subject that I have ever come across, and holds its interest from beginning to end.

We have had, and still have, many bits and pieces, and as a general text book of course we had Troyte. But most of them leave me, anyway, with a sense of bewilderment and the feeling that it is all too difficult for my limited brain.

I do not know how it will strike the super-expert, some of whom seem to set themselves out to make it all more difficult by using expressions and signs which only they, and presumably other experts, can understand or guess the meaning of. But for 99 per cent. of ringers **and** non-ringers interested it is invaluable.

From page one onwards it takes you forward step by step, each of which can be understood by any ten-year-old until he finds himself conducting, in theory, the most complicated of peals.

Compare Troyte's "explanation" of In and Out of Course, which he dismisses by saying that must must accept the fact that changes are of two natures, but that he has not the foggiest notion as to what they are, with Wilson's clear and admirable summary.

I am not sure that your latest reviewer is right in saying that there should not be a tower copy because it would remain in the hands of one man. I think myself that a brief glance through it would make every ringer determined to possess a copy of his own. To anyone who takes any interest in ringing at all, whether learning or teaching or both, a personal copy is a **must.**

NEMO.

SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

"The 720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung at Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Yorks, in a 20-method peal on December 29th was the first I have seen with these two methods spliced properly with the change of method at the lead-end," writes Mr. W. F. Moreton. "It is not possible to do this with bobs alone, but singles seem to be the accepted thing in Treble Bob nowadays. The singles are made in 456. I have an idea that Mr. C. K. Lewis produced a similar 720 some time ago, but he never showed anyone the figures, so far as I know."

720 OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

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The methods may be interchanged.

BACKGROUND OF GRANDSIRE OPINION

Dear Sir,—In view of the recent letters on Grandsire sparked off by David Marshall, I am prompted to write on the subject. Knowing David personally, I respect his views but it does not follow that I agree with him.

David was taught at Daventry under the influence of Mr. Pat Chapman and was termed "a star pupil" in those days. He has blossomed into an expert ringer and conductor of Surprise methods besides the standard methods. To the best of my knowledge he was first taught to ring Bob Minor and Major and Grandsire and Stedman Triples followed.

The choice, I think, depends on the methods practised in the tower at the particular time one is learning change ringing. If Grandsire is the predominant method then this will of course be the first obstacle.

When this is mastered, other methods, whether odd or even, Plain or Surprise, will come within your grasp.

I was reared on Grandsire Triples and my first two peals (Triples and Caters respectively) on the same day were both of Grandsire. As one of the band that took part in the peal of Grandsire Royal at Daventry, I will be quite frank and say that I was not keen on an odd bell method being adapted to Royal, especially having to lie behind for six blows at a call.

I think the other ringers would prefer to ring another method but now that it has been achieved it is over and done with.

Personally, having rung one peal of Grandsire Royal, I am satisfied to leave it at that, but I should welcome further invitations to stand in for Grandsire Caters. I like the method.—Yours truly,

STANLEY F. WEBB.

Staverton, Daventry.

RECORDED BELLS

Dear Sir,—With regard to the Christmas broadcast, I feel that while the standard of ringing has greatly improved in recent years the programme itself is now a sham. After all, the programme is entitled **Christmas** Bells, and the impression contrived by the announcer is that their message is being rung out then and there—not recorded one month previously and carefully edited. Of course, it requires a lot of trouble to make the programme live—but **there** seems to me the point—it's Christmas morning and a lot of people are taking a lot of trouble to ring bells for a nation-wide broadcast. When this was so, I found it a most moving programme despite frequent bad ringing and the exasperating intrusion of the announcer's voice. Now the programme is clinically efficient but without inspiration and in my opinion should be discontinued if it cannot be done live.

Apart from inspirational programmes of the Christmas Bells type, however, I believe there is a place for ringing as music and in this field recordings can be of great value and give great pleasure. I certainly hope that recordings like "The Sound of Bells" and "Washington Peal" will continue to be made. Personally I should like records to be available, each consisting of a collection of complete touches or of a quarter peal. These would preferably have all the necessary information about the bells, ringers and composition printed on the record sleeve and spoken commentary would be avoided. For such records, of course, the recording, ringing and bells all need to be first class, but if they were available at a similar price to the "Washington Peal" I should certainly buy.—Yours sincerely,

PHILIP H. WHITAKER.

Coleraine, N. Ireland.

CLAPPERS DROPPING OUT

Dear Sir,—With reference to a letter in "The Ringing World" recently from Miss Margaret A. Throw, of St. Mary's, Gateshead, relating their misfortunes in having a clapper drop out, and the expense of repairing the resulting damage, I find that I can recall several instances during the few years in which I have been ringing, including one at my home tower only a few weeks ago, although not causing such extensive damage.

Many people I have spoken to are also able to recall similar instances of clapper fall-out. In my experience the failure (with metal headstocks) has been one of shear in the crown bolt attaching the clapper hinge to the headstock.

I started giving thought to the reason behind such failure, but ran almost immediately into difficulties by not knowing certain component properties. These included moments of inertia of bell clapper, headstock and wheel, individual weights of bell, headstock and clapper. Also frictional components, which perhaps one could legitimately ignore.

I would be pleased to know if anyone has had similar thoughts on the matter and whether they would be willing to let me see any calculations which they may have produced.

I note in the "Steel Designers" Handbook" that the single shear value of a five-eighths inch diameter black bolt is 1.53 tons, but that this value could be reduced depending on the tension developed in the bolt while tightening. It would appear to me that the design of the crown bolt should be all important when such extensive damage is possible as a result of its failure.—Yours faithfully,

J. L. HAYNS
Tower Captain,
Ashtead, Surrey.

81, Windfield,
Leatherhead, Surrey.

DATE TOUCHES

Dear Sir,—With the New Year comes, inevitably, a selection of date touches, and these prompt questions as to what rules should bind them.

A date touch is both less than a peal and a comparatively rare occurrence, so there are probably no conditions specifically imposed on them. However, I think that it would be perfectly reasonable to expect them to conform to one particular rule applied to other performances, namely, that on less than seven bells a performance should come round only at the end of each extent, and at the end of the performance.

This was certainly not the case in the performance at Sharnbrook ("Ringing World," page 24) or at Wollaton last year, for instance.

I am well aware that there are difficulties attached to the composition of touches of a specified length, though less so for an even year, and that these difficulties are often added to by a need to use only fairly simple methods. Although I am by no means an exponent of orthodoxy, I think that it would be more heartening if those ringers who have the initiative to ring something out of the ordinary would try to follow some of the rules, and in so doing display a little more enterprise.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. HARRISON.

Sidney Sussex College,
Cambridge.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,320 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, S. Upton 3, G. Ford 4, J. Jeffery 5, B. Dixon 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Rung prior to Evensong, as a thanksgiving for the life of the late Rev. R. H. C. Mertens, for many years honorary priest in this parish.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Meeting at Ilkeston

Despite the somewhat foggy weather over 40 members and friends from 12 towers, including visiting ringers from Loughborough and London, were present when the Association's winter quarterly meeting was held at Ilkeston on January 8th. Under the supervision of Mr. D. J. Marshall (Sawley) the pleasant octave were put to good use, and the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Robertson, conducted a short service.

After tea, excellently prepared by the wives and friends of the local company, the business meeting, with Mr. E. Fletcher (Ilkeston), vice-president, in the chair, began with a moment's silence being observed in memory of Dr. P. A. Micklem, the former Provost of Derby, who was the Association's first president.

The Education Officer, Mr. Marshall, gave a resume of the Lea Green ringing course, which, despite the recent criticism, proved to be an unqualified success. Giving details of the Association's annual dinner, which is to be held at Chesterfield on February 19th, Mr. M. Phipps urged members to obtain their tickets as soon as possible, particularly as this year marks the 50th anniversary of Sir A. P. Heywood's death, in whose honour the dinner is being held..

Reminding the company of the Association annual general meeting the week prior to the ringing festival on April 23rd to commemorate the actual anniversary of St. Arthur's death, the general secretary, Mr. B. P. Morris, said that nominations would be needed for the three Central Council representatives, one of whom, Mr. A. Mould, was not seeking re-election. In a tribute to Mr. Mould, Mr. G. A. Halls said he had served the Association faithfully and well for the last 12 years. Those who had heard his wonderful reports on the Council proceedings would agree that the Association would be very hard pressed to replace him.

M. P. P.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

An informal visit by the Mayor of Colchester enlivened the annual meeting of the N.E. District on January 15th. Although there are three rings of bells in the town, he said he never seemed to hear them owing to traffic and other diversions.

Mr. Frank Lufkin resigned as Master after three years, and Mr. Peter Pitt, of St. Leonard's, Hythe, was appointed his successor.

The hon. secretary, in his report, read out the names of five members who had rung their first peal, and seven who had rung their first quarter during the year. Thirty-three peals and 25 quarters had been rung in 1965, mostly by District bands, 75 per cent. being on six bells. The most active band had been that at St. Leonard's, Colchester, who had made great progress.

Ringing membership was up from 125 to 130, but four members had died during the year. Nine new members were elected.

A service was held at St. Peter's, where the lesson was read by Raymond Talbot, ringer and lay reader of Langham.

F. E.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Officers elected at the annual general meeting of the Biggleswade District at Biggleswade on January 8th were: P. Mehew, chairman; K. Fleming, secretary; J. Mayes, Belfry Repair Fund; Linda Ellison, Press secretary; committee, Sheila Smith, A. H. Smith, M. Lockey, R Sharp; organists, P. Rogers and M. Lockey.

M. Major and L. Bywaters agreed to arrange the District outing. After tea the Ringing Master, A. H Smith, catered for all capabilities, including a ladies touch of Bob Major.

The Rev. Mr. Dominey conducted the service, and tea was served in the Memorial Hall. Next meeting: Clifton, February 12th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Maidstone District

The first District meeting of 1966, at Wrotham, attracted 40 to the tea—the same number as had written to the captain, Mr. R. L. Sills. The Vicar (the Rev. V. G. Nicklass) in his welcome at the service likened ringers to an advertising agency. When ringing for service the ringers told the whole populace that something was about to happen, that divine worship was about to start.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, when Mr A. Waddington gave a report on the committee meeting at Gravesend. New members were elected from Harrietsham (3), Snodland (1), East Farleigh (14 junior, 7 adults), Ightham (9). This brings Ightham and East Farleigh back into union with the Kent County Association, a gratifying result of the efforts of the District secretary, Mr M. Howe.

Looking ahead, the District social will be at St. Michael's Parish Hall, Maidstone, on February 19th

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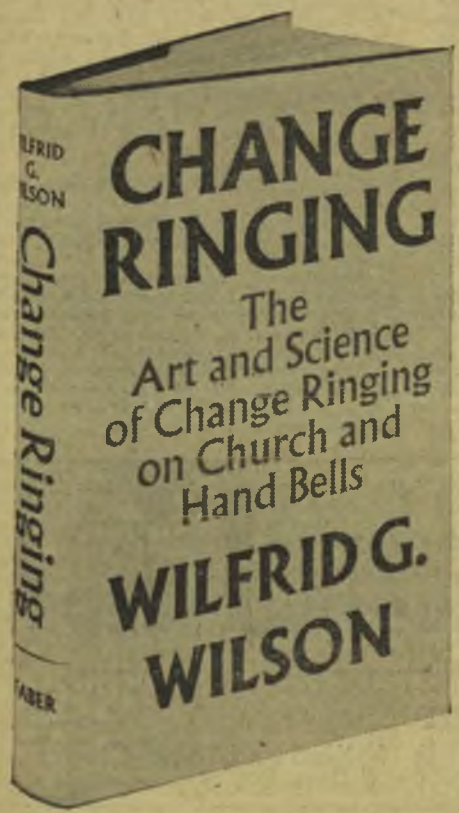
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HALF PEAL

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 2,520 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): I. Armstrong 1, Mary I. Hildred 2, T. W. Brighton (first in two methods) 3, Susan E. Thompson (25th quarter) 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5. First half peal 1 and 3. A peal attempt called round due to indisposition. To mark the 900th anniversary celebrations of Westminster Abbey.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Wendy Wallace 2, R. Rayfield 3, Carol Cousins 4, C. H. Macve 5, J. Preston 6. For Evensong.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Moody 1, Mrs. M. Chennell-White (first "inside") 2, Miss L. Read 3, G. Noakes 4, C. Chennell-White 5, E. Hedger 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, L. Noakes 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. King, donor of six new ropes.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Wilcox (first quarter) 1, G. A. Edwards 2, J. R. Scott (first as cond.) 3, K. W. Eaton (first "inside") 4, L. A. Perry 5, L. J. Meredith 6. For Midnight Eucharist.

BARNWOOD, GLOS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Holtam (first quarter) 1, G. Clark 2, P. Newland (cond.) 3, D. Pobjoy 4, C. Hodges 5, J. Cooper 6. Rung half-muffled for Evensong in memory of Arthur G. Waite.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain ob Doubles: Barbara Orlopp 1, Penny Kift (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. B. Stocker 3, Janet Pyke 4, H. M. Williamson 5, R. C. Kift 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 leading): W. Gibbon 1, N. V. Hill 2, Christine Brett 3, W. T. Petty (cond.) 4, H. Preece 5, T. E. Hiddins 6, D. R. L. Jones 7. First quarter 2 and 3.

BUGBROOKE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. K. Rogers 1, B. K. Danby (first quarter) 2, K. Rogers 3, K. E. Ramsbotham 4, E. C Garrett (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sarah Poole, aged 102 years.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major (double course composition): Miss L. Westmacott 1, W. F. Soden 2, W. J. Dixon 3, W. F. Scudamore 4, J. J. Westmacott 5, T. W. Timms 6, B. J. Hall 7, F. Reed (cond.) 8.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAM.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles: A. R. Lewis (first quarter) 1, D. J. Lewis 2, H. Boyce 3, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 4, W. J. Thomas 5, D. Culpan (first quarter) 6.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. M Bowers 1, A. J. Davidson 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, A. P. Smith 4, A. Locke 5, W. R. Curtis 6, H. Miles (cond.) 7, D. A. Trethewey 8. First Stedman Triples 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Brenda Jarvis (first of Minor) 1, W. Smith 2, J. Aldridge (first "inside") 3, G. Davis 4, C. T. Clarke 5, M. J. Stone (first as cond.) 6.

CAVERSHAM, Reading, BERKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, Miss A. Osborne 1, H. Osborne 2, Miss J. Padley 3, Mrs. T. Lanaghan 4, A. Fleet 5, S. Osborne 6, R. Harris (cond.) 7, T. Lanaghan 8.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Brooksbank (first of Royal) 1, T. F. Metcalfe 2, J. E. Burles 3, A. Metters (first of Royal) 4, S. Anderton 5, W. Wall 6, A. Capstick 7, N. M. Newby, jun. 8, R. Suart 9, N. M. Newby (cond.) 10. Rung after failing for a peal of Grandsire Caters.

QUARTER PEALS

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Adlard (first quarter) 1, Dorothy Johnson (first "inside") 2, C. Bell 3, H. Cook 4, A. Cairns 5, S. Livesey 6, D. Bell (cond.) 7, L. Cook 8. A farewell to Mr. Smith, the verger, who is leaving to live in North Wales. Also for the birth this day of a daughter to Barbara, daughter of the ringer of the 6th.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Iason 1, R. Tigwell 2, J. Trout 3, J. Martin 4, D Carey 5, H. Heath 6, W. Page (cond.) 7, D. Comley 8. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Bristol.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—At Emmanuel Church, on Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Rawlings 1, M. Gregory 2, P. Gray (cond.) 3, Joan Gray 4, L. Pearce 5, W. Willans 6, A. Cleaver 7, W. Abraham 8. A farewell to ringer of the seventh, who is moving to Wolverhampton.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 Covering): Miss V. Titherleigh (first quarter) 1, Miss R Earle 2, Miss A. Bradbury 3, G. Beeney 4, B. Stepney (cond.) 5, Miss S. Tomlin 6, E. Breed 7, G. Titherleigh 8. For Evensong.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCS.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Arnall 1, D. Price (cond.) 2, E. D. Wilson 3, B. Spiers 4, R. D. Wilson 5, W. Parker 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Victor Green, on the evening of his funeral.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 12th, 1,440 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Mrs. B. Wilcox 1, Mrs. H. Kimber 2, W. J. Gait 3, M. J. A. Orman 4, R. M. Virgin 5, S. J. Orman (cond.) 6. First in the method 3, 4 and 5. Rung to welcome the birth of a daughter to a former ringer, Mrs. Valerie Upham.

HILLFARANCE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Aldridge 1, R. Colman 2, E. Webber 3, R. Somerfield 4, G. Davis (cond.) 5, C. Lock 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 9th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, G. Cecil 2, F. G. Richardson 3, C. E. Wright 4, J. Fowler 5, J. Stephenson 6, J. McDonald 7, A. J. Salisbury 8.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Nov 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Royal 1, Miss S. E. Jones 2, P. Reading 3, A. J. Cox 4, S. F. Royal 5, C. J. Royal (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday. Also on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Bourne 1, Shirley Jones 2, A. J. Cox 3, S. F. Royal 4, G. W. Randall 5, C. J. Royal (cond.) 6. A tribute to Rev. J. A. Thomson, in appreciation of his 10½ years' service to this parish.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Davidson 1, E. H. Langley 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, F. M. Bowers 4, A. P. Smith (first in method as cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6. Rung to mark the 21st birthday of F. M. Bowers.

LLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 7th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Penelope J. Welch 1, Y. J. Goodfellow 2, T. T. Yeomans 3, C. Aldridge 4, N. James 5, M. Pilgrim 6, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 7, G. J. B. Stickland 8, N. W. H. Simon 9, A. W. Smith 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Woodman, at one time captain of this tower.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: K. Richards 1, Mrs. C. Evans 2, Miss P. Daniel 3, Rev. T. Evans 4, J. Astbury (cond.) 5, A. Burton 6. Also on Jan. 9th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Gillian Heywood 1, Miss P. Daniel 2, Mrs. C. Evans 3, Rev. T. Evans 4, J. Astbury (cond.) 5, K. Richards 6, A. Burton 7, Rev. G. Heywood 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. John Flood.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 9th, 1,272 Minimus (five methods): Gillian M. Greene (first quarter) 1, D. O. Haslam 2, J. H. Greene 3, R. D. Smith (cond.) 4.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the back six): D. Redfearn 1, K. Lemin 2, A. J. Smith 3, B. L. S. Hulatt 4, G. Hawkins 5, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Brenda Redfearn 1, K. Lemin 2, Audrey M. Short 3, M. Amy Coburn 4, J. G. Newman 5, A. J. Smith 6, R. D. Short 7, G. Hawkins 8, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 9, D. Redfearn 10. First on ten 1 and 10. A joyful Christmas message.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): B. Butcher 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Cathedral, on Nov. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Shirley Bolton 1, A. Pamela Warren 2, Anne E. Cowling 3, Mary A. Cowling 4, Helen J. Henderson 5, R. G. Turner 6, Barbara J. Beeson 7, A. C. Bolton (cond.) 8, J. J. F. Roper 9, P. J. Cawardine 10. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8. For morning service.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Young 1, H. Clayton 2, W. Clamp 3, Mrs. D. Day 4, O. Homewood 5, J. L. Day 6, R. E. Manton (first in method as cond.) 7, S. Smith 8. First in method 1, 3, 5. To herald the United Week of Prayer.

PEMBROKE.—On Jan. 9th, 1,380 Doubles (three methods): D. Cooper (14, first quarter) 1, S. Rogers (12) 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, Miss N. M. Rosen 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, I. Russant 6. For Evensong.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Cynthia M. Follis 1, Anthea C. Richards 2, Marilyn C. Smith 3, D. Kay Moore 4, D. W. Barr 5, P. G. Golder 6, S. C. Walters 7, M. W. Fairey (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 1, 2 and 5. By members of the Little Aston Sunday service band.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Bendle (first quarter) 1, Gillian Thomas 2, Edith Brocklehurst 3, N. Buckland 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, D. Bentley 6. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Sangwin 1, A. E. Bissat 2, E. Nunn 3, H. Heard 4, H. M. Sinden 5, J. W. Sangwin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, G. Halford 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Reuben Sanders, a great friend of all Stratton ringers. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, A. E. Bissat 2, F. Sangwin 3, H. Heard 4, H Stacey (cond.) 5, B. Vince 6, H. Trewin 7, G. Halford 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sam Stacey, a ringer at this church for 11 years.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—On Dec. 26th, at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. Gummins 1, Suczette M. Wright 2, Jennifer M. Smith 3, J. R. Rainsford 4, J. H. Fryer 5, R. K. Russ (cond.) 7. Rung following High Mass.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Johnston 1, G. H. Harding 2, R. J. Gardiner 3, R. D. Quartley (cond.) 4, R. H. Lucas 5, F. A. Penn 6, C. P. Quartley 7, G. B. Davis 8. For Matins.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Lesley Eames 1, Elizabeth Zass 2, Vanessa Ridrigues 3, Rosamund Rawlings 4, J. Cook 5, R. French 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, W. Cooper-Bailey 8. First of Stedman Triples 1 and 2.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jill May 1, Diane Street 2, W. Savill 3, Carolyn White 4, J. Collier 5, D. Tubbs 6, D. May (cond.) 7, C. Slyfield 8.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

It was the turn of the mother church of the Frome Branch, St. John's, to play host for this year's annual general meeting held on January 8th. Ringing prior to the service was under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. Ron Beck, who, as is customary, arranged a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples for a service touch. The Vicar (the Rev. P. Cowley) conducted the service, during which he welcomed every one to Frome and thanked the ringing community as a whole for their excellent service to the Church. A short walk to the Parish Hall gave all present sufficient appetite to eat the enormous tea, supplied by the local ringers at the staggering charge of 1s. per head.

With the Rev. Mr. Durston in the chair, the meeting commenced with ringers standing in silence in respect of Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. B. Bond, who both passed away during the year. Much business followed, during which time all the officers were re-elected, the secretary and treasurer both reported an excellent year, three new members were elected and details of meetings for the New Year arranged.

The Rev. Mr. Ainger, in his comprehensive vote of thanks, especially mentioned Mr. R. Baker, who organised the function. D. T. H. R.

SUFFOLK GUILD

A large gathering of 70 members attended the quarterly meeting of the South East District at St. Matthew's (6), Ipswich. From the age of nine to 70 plus, they enjoyed ringing from rounds to Surprise methods under the watchful eye of Mr. George Pipe in the afternoon and Mr. Harold Egglestone in the evening.

The service, taken by the Rev. M. C. Russell, preceded tea provided by St. Matthew's ringers' wives and friends. They were accorded special thanks by Mr. George Pipe.

Mr. G. Goodship at the meeting suggested that the annual general meeting should be moved from March to the end of the year, as it would help the Suffolk Guild secretary to have complete particulars at the end of each year.

Thanking all who had given donations to the St. Mary-le-Tower bell fund, Mr. George Pipe felt the support could be much better for the only 12 bells in Suffolk. He was hoping to break into £300 by the end of 1965. W. L.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Dartmouth

The Mid-Devon Branch annual meeting at Dartmouth on January 8th attracted a large number of members as well as visitors from other Branches and Somerset, among the latter being the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, of Tatworth, a former assistant priest. Ringing took place at St. Saviour's as well as the two six-bell towers, this being followed by a service at St. Saviour's conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. T. Urwin). After tea in the Regency Café, the business meeting followed with Captain A. R. Poyntz in the chair until the election of officers.

The secretary's comprehensive report, which was unanimously adopted, showed that ringing had been maintained at the Branch towers and that three peals and ten quarter peals had been rung during the past year. Membership had fallen by two to 82. Mr. A. L. Bennett was congratulated on organising his tours.

The election of officers resulted in Miss Mary Russell, of Newton Abbot, being appointed Branch chairman, two other nominees having withdrawn, whilst Mr. A. B. Shingler was re-elected secretary and treasurer, and Mr. W. Simmonds Ringing Master. Messrs. A. Goss, B. E. Bartlett and K. E. Fursdon were elected to serve on the General Committee. New members elected were four from Townstal, one from Babbacombe 'and one unattached.

OBITUARY

MR. G. A. PECK

We regret to report the death of Mr. George Arthur Peck on January 9th at the age of 97, as a result of pneumonia contracted on his return from the Hastings Chess Congress. He died peacefully in his sleep at 35, Warren Road, Rugby

He was a regular bellringer up to the age of 87, having been associated with towers at Saltburn-by-the-Sea, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Esher and latterly at St. Andrew's, Rugby. To his disappointment he had to give up in the summer of 1959 due to a heart condition. He had been a reader of "The Ringing World" almost since its inception.

A scholarly and friendly man, he was adored by countless ringers and chess players; his mental alertness, even in his advanced years, won the admiration of many friends.

MR. R. H. YOUNG

With regret we record the death of Mr. Robert Harry Young, of Holt, Norfolk, who passed peacefully away on January 13th.

He had taken "The Ringing World" for some 50-odd years and until about eight years ago was a very enthusiastic bellringer. During the latter part of his life he looked forward with great interest to reading about the activities of some of his old associates via "The Ringing World."

He commenced bellringing at the early age of 12 and travelled hundreds of miles in his quest for peals, and was associated with William and Ernest Pye.

He had an operation some six years ago, which meant that he could no longer ring bells or climb towers, and, writes his son, Mr. P. R. Young, "I would like to take this opportunity of thanking your journal for keeping him in touch with the Exercise."

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District

The A.D.M. of the Chertsey District was held at Oatlands Park on January 8th, when ringing up to Cambridge preceded the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. B McKitterick). After an excellent tea served by the Oatlands lady ringers in the new Church Hall, the Master, Mr. D. A. R. May, took the chair for the business meeting.

The retiring officers were re-elected without opposition. The District officers reported a successful year, with membership up by about a dozen and an average of 43 ringers attending the eight meetings held. The District Master reminded members that a big effort would be needed to maintain the position. He also asked for support in arranging the District's turn at the Cathedral on second Sundays.

Further ringing up to Yorkshire was enjoyed by the 50 ringers attending. R. C.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Foulness Surprise Major at Spalding was Mr. George W. Massey's 50th different Surprise Major method to a peal.

The name of the conductor of the peal of Minor rung at Ossett on December 27th was Ian North, not as stated in "The Ringing World" (page 36).

Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston is working on a survey of Perthshire bells. In this large county he has found some very early Celtic handbells over 1,000 years old.

The peal at Cockermouth on December 18th (page 30) was a compliment to Brian and Marjorie Street on their recent marriage. Marjorie was present in the belfry throughout the peal.

The address of the Grasshopper Group is now c/o L. S. F. T., 24, Shelton Street, London, W.C.2. Bookings for the educational film "Ringers Required" (30/- a day) are made to the Film Librarian of this Group.

The Ancient Society of College Youths' peal at Warwick on December 4th (see page 869) was not the first of Stedman Triples to be rung on the bells, but the first "since rehanging."

A collection was taken among Bristol ringers who knew the late Mr. Alfie Reeves, who died during October, and a sum of money was presented to Mrs. Reeves on Christmas Day. Mrs. Reeves writes expressing her sincere thanks to the friends who contributed.

The report of the peal of Lincolnshire at St. Nicholas', Chislehurst (page 31) contains two errors. It was the 25th peal together of Andrew J Corby and Ian H. Oram, and Tony Lewis's first peal in the method, and not as printed.

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CHRISTMAS RINGING IN THE LLANDAFF AREA

To crown a record breaking peal year for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association a successful two weeks' ringing was enjoyed before and after Christmas. Ten out of twelve peal attempts were completed and several were significant steps forward. Perhaps most noteworthy was the Yorkshire at Merthyr, which was the first peal on the bells since 1928. Much preliminary work was done to get the bells pealable, and special thanks are due to the ringers of St. John's, Darlington, who provided two ropes. The bells now go very well. The peal of St. Clement's Triples at Aberavon was the first by all the band—as was the eleven Minor methods at Sully.

Stedman Triples is never easy to get and so all were pleased when it came round at Caerphilly; however, to underline the method's capriciousness, a peal of it was lost after two hours at Bridgend the next day. To make up for this disappointment, a very good peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Llandaff Cathedral on Wednesday. Rutland was lost next day at Cardiff but this enabled the B.B.C. to televise ringing to be shown on New Year's Eve. Besides filming and recording some ringing, the B.B.C. interviewed Mr. Thomas Yeomans, the tower captain.

On Friday afternoon a peal of Yorkshire was rung at Pontypridd. On such excellent bells the ringing could not be but good and we hope that Mr. Thyer, who sat in the ringing room for the whole peal, enjoyed it. Next day R. W. Pipe's new composition was again rung, this time on the difficult bells at Llantrisant. Tea was generously provided by the Vicar.

This concluded the Christmas ringing (but certainly not Llandaff peal ringing) and a year in which much progress was made in South Wales. The area for too long has not been highly regarded in ringing circles; there are now many good, keen young ringers determined to alter this.

FIRST PEAL IN 1966

Those who rang in the peal of Bob Major at Burwood, on the outskirts of Sydney, are submitting a claim that it was the first peal in 1966. This peal started at 9.30 a.m. Australian time and finished at 12.30 p.m. According to Greenwich mean time this would be starting at 11.30 p.m. on December 31st and finishing at 2.30 a.m. on New Year's Day. St. Paul's, Burwood, was one of the Sydney towers where, because of the proximity to the hospital, Mr. Tom Lock's party were not allowed a peal attempt. They were allowed, however, to ring a quarter peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and a very good quarter it was, too.

THIRD ATTEMPT TO HONOUR A BIRTHDAY

At the third attempt, local ringers were successful in ringing a peal for the birthday of Dr. C. J. Grimes, priest-in-charge of Alwalton, Hunts. The first attempt was made for his 83rd birthday, but this was abandoned due to complaints regarding noise. The second broke down, but the attempt on New Year's Day resulted in a good peal being rung. Dr. Grimes was most delighted and really appreciated the efforts.

MR. AND MRS. SHEPHERD HAVE A WONDERFUL GOLDEN WEDDING DAY

Over 70 greeting cards were received and nearly 70 visitors called on Mr. and Mrs. William Shepherd, of 12, Chapel Grove, Addlestone, on the occasion of their golden wedding on January 12th. A fine array of lovely flowers and presents was received. In the evening three tape recordings from distant kin who could not be with them were heard.

Mr. "Bill" Coles, whose works are in the next road, was present in the afternoon, and in the evening it was a case of standing room only for some. The last caller was at 10.30 p.m. a nephew and his wife from Maidenhead. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd retired to rest at 11.45 p.m. after a wonderful day.

Ringing was represented by W. H. Coles (in person), Frank and Elsie Hairs (card and message), Mrs. Sullivan (Alice White) (air mail letter) and T. W. White (card). Others represented were British Legion, Oddfellows, M.U. and Darby and Joan Club. The youngest visitor was one year seven months old and the oldest was a "boy" who commenced ringing in 1893 at Exeter, now barred from ringing on account of disability.

Comments Mr. Shepherd: "I still think Grandsire Caters is the best Caters method, Stedman for Triples and Double Norwich Court Bob for Major, but some would not agree."

A FULL LIFE

Mr. Shepherd was taught to ring by his father, Mr. Ferris Shepherd, in 1893 at Exeter Cathedral. He left for London in 1900 and entered the accountants' department of the L. and S.W.R. Of his peal total of 311, the performance he is most proud of is the record length of 19,738 Stedman Caters "in hand" at Guildford in 1912. By the time he was 39 he had fulfilled six ambitions, viz: 100 peals on tower bells, 100 on handbells, 100 of Stedman, 100 conducted, 100 of Triples, 100 on even bells. His membership of the College Youths goes back 65 years, and he has served on the Central Council.

He has had other interests beside ringing. Twice he served as District Grand Master of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, for 20 years he was on the Surrey Insurance Committee and was chairman of the local T.B Committee. During World War I he served with the Devons and the London Irish Rifles.

Mrs. Shepherd is also a ringer, having rung in a number of towers: she is also a good tune ringer on the trebles.

Friends will join us in wishing them every happiness in the years ahead.

MET FORMER ARCHBISHOP

Mr. John C. Sawtell mentions in his report of a New Year's Day tour, which commenced at Manston in North Dorset, that beneath the tower of St. Andrew's, Trent, a recently augmented six, some of the band were introduced to one of the village's newer residents, Lord Fisher of Lambeth, the former Archbishop.

Thirteen towers were in the programme, viz: Manston (5), Marnhull (6), Buckhorn Weston (6), Silton (5), Bourton (6), Corton Denham (5), Trent (5), Nether Compton (5), Over Compton (4), Bishop's Caundle (5), Leigh (5), Melbury Osmund (5), and Rampisham (5). An extra was added to this list, Holwell, adjacent to Bishop's Caundle.

PEALS IN 1965

Up to our issue of January 21st the leading Guilds for peals in 1965 were:

Oxford Diocesan Guild	201
Lincoln Diocesan Guild	194
Yorkshire Association	170
Lancashire Association	165

Will conductors who rang peals in 1965 which have not been published please send details without delay to this office to enable the Peals Analysis Committee to complete their report.

FOLKESTONE'S NEW YEAR PARTY

The ringers of SS. Mary and Eanswythe's Parish Church, Folkestone, held their first New Year party on January 4th. Besides the local band the company of 35 included friends from Cheriton and Lympne, church officials and Canon J. C. Hough and Mrs. Hough.

After a general get-together and a quiz involving general knowledge, games, energetic and otherwise, were enjoyed, followed by a wonderful array of delicious eats and a large bowl of punch, aptly described "Spliced Surprise Royal," made from a recipe given by the oldest member of the band (no prize for guessing his name!). A colourful and interesting National Trust film, "The Stately Homes of England," gave much pleasure and this was followed by carols and community singing by candlelight.

Mr. J. Willis proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Alan Berry and Miss Rachel Sinden and all their helpers for organising a most enjoyable party. There was something for young and old and never a dull moment. The evening closed with a prayer by the Vicar and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

M. V. G.

CHRISTMAS AT WENTWORTH

Over the Christmas season four quarter peals were rung, and with the one on December 12th the local band has rung each of them with a different conductor. The handbell ringers have also been busy. Firstly, on December 18th, they visited Eastwood, Rotherham. After ringing St. Stephen's eight bells for 45 minutes they went to the Salvation Army Citadel nearby and "topped the bill" at a Christmas concert, ringing 19 tunes on their 27 bells (eight ringers). With one ringer less, they next toured the village on Christmas Eve, including a ring inside the two "packed-to-the-doors" public houses. Another shorter tour, to outlying houses, with an old cart to carry the bells on, eventually realised a final total for the two nights of £16 6s., given to the Belfry Fund and Christmas Aid. Finally the tower bell ringers learned with great pleasure of the engagement of their tower captain, Michael R. Meadows, to Miss Elizabeth Snell, of Wolstanton, Staffs. He is shortly to take his final exams in Law. Good luck!

PRACTICALLY SELF-TAUGHT

Mrs. D. V. Sennett, who rang the 2nd in the peal of Bob Major at Berkhamsted on New Year's Day, practically taught herself to ring at a much later stage in life than most people, and is instrumental in keeping the bells going for Sunday ringing. This was her first peal. Prior to the peal she had rung Bob Major three times, the longest touch being between two and three courses. She was warmly congratulated after the peal by the rest of the band.

W. A.

1965 PEALS

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILMSLOW, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Wed., Dec 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of three extents Cambridge Surprise, one extent each Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Brian Schofield	Treble	Denis Mottershead	4
*Peter Oliver	2	Alan Sharples	5
Sidney Hough	3	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.
* First peal away from treble.
Rung to mark the completion of 20 years as Rector of Wilmslow by Canon E. D. Reeman

BIDSTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Oxford Single, and three of Plain Bob Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb

*Miss Sonja Singleton	Treble	J. Fraser Clift	4
*Timothy R. Marsh	2	David Marsh	5
Charles E. Pemberton	3	Roy Humphreys	Tenor

Conducted by Charles B. Pemberton.
* First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Sonja Singleton and Mr J. Fraser Clift.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
FAIRFIELD. Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed , Dec. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 10 methods: (1 and 2) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley, (3) Capel and Oxford. (4) Sandal and Oxford, (5) London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford, (6) Kingston and Oxford, (7) Kent and Oxford, 55 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp

*Barrie Bateman	Treble	*F. Martin Stanway	4
*Timothy Wylie	2	Brian J. Woodruffe	5
Gladys Richardson	3	Alex. Richardson	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal in 10 methods.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GREAT BARRINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall Thelwall, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt.

Frank Reed	Treble	Frederick W. Soden	4
James F. List	2	Brian W. Hall	5
Peter G. Holden	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt

Peter J. Staniforth	Treble	Richard Grant	7
S. John Haines	2	Brian S. Chapman	8
J. Martin Thorley	3	E. Alan Jacques	9
Derek M. Sawyer	4	W. J Root	10
Jack P. Kesterton	5	Russell S. Morris	11
*Roy Stephenson	6	Herrick B. Bowley	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth
* First peal on twelve bells.

COUNTESTHORPE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Dec. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B., and three Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb.

G. T. Dudley	Treble	M Wade	4
J. J. Morris	2	J. M. Jelley	5
R. S. Morris	3	B. S. Chapman	Tenor

Conducted by B. S. Chapman.

THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.
ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5568 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22½ cwt.

F. Hector Bennett	Treble	Richard J. Warrilow	5
Phillip R. Johnson	2	Raymond Ballard	6
Leonard Goodall	3	Christopher J Hughes	7
Richard Farnsworth	4	Phillip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Leonard Goodall.
Contained all the 7568's and 7468's at nome.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
HINTLESHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri . Dec., 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Four callings. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Roy W. Lockwood	Treble	Martin H Whittell	4
*Simon Christian	2	Robert E. Lester	5
Alan R. Walters	3	Neville F. Whittell	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.
* First peal "inside"

BARKING Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent St Clement's, and six Plain Bob (five callings).
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*David J. Derrick	Treble	Alan Munnings	4
Robert J Southgate	2	Robert E. Lester	5
Alice E. J. Lester	3	Neville F. Whittell	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.
* First peal.
Rung for the Christmas Festival

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Mon. Dec 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

Adrian C. Boorman	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	6
Margaret E. Fort	2	†Harold B. Schofield	7
*A William Kirby	3	†Maurice J. Thurmott	8
†Mrs. H B. Schofield	4	Roderick W. Pipe	9
B. Gillian Schofield	5	S Barry Schofield	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of London Royal. † 100th peal together.

COLLINGHAM Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Tues.. Dec 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

*S. Barry Schofield	Treble	Robin Brown	4
B. Gillian Schofield	2	Roderick W. Pipe	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	Harold B. Schofield	Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* Completes the method from Minor to Maximus.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
EASTCHURCH Sheppey, Kent.—At 110, High Street.
On Sat., Dec 18, 1965, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 21 methods and variations, being 240 each of Plain Bob, Kennington Old Doubles, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columba Southrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew St Simon, Cassington, St Albans, St. Martin St. Paul, St. Peter, St Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Thomas, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Luke. St. Miles, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe. Tenor size 15 in C.
Nicholas J. Chesson 1–2 | Joan A. Hayward (cond.) 3–4
Peter D. J. Beal 5–6
Most methods rung to a peal by all the band.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At 1, Glebe Close.
On Tues., Dec 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor size 15 in C.
Gwen I. Bloomfield 1–2 | Frank G Bloomfield 3–4
Jack L. Millhouse (cond.) 5–6

NON-ASSOCIATION
CITY OF LONDON.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's Church, Hart Street.
On Sun., Dec 5, 1965, in 1 Hour and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 14 in D.
Robert E. J. Dennis 1–2 | Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3–4
Timothy G. Pett 5–6

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WROXHAM, Norfolk.—At Barton House.
On Sat , Dec 18, 1965, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR
Tenor size 16 in B.
Paul S. Royds-Jones 1–2 | Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3–4
Timothy G. Pett 5–6

NORWICH, Norfolk.—In the Church of St. Peter Parmentergate.
On Mon., Dec 20, 1965, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR
Tenor size 12 in F.
Paul S. Royds-Jones 1–2 | Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3–4
Timothy G. Pett 5–6

1966 PEALS

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

BURWOOD, New South Wales.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Jan 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

*Ross W. Bampton	Treble	John J. Cummins	5
†Laurence B. Bruce	2	Ralph L. Clark	6
Enid L. Roberts	3	Thomas W. Goodyer	7
William M. Rowe	4	John H Fryer	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Fryer.
* First peal. † First of Major. First of Major as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Laurie Bruce.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHERBORNE, Dorset.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

Trevor A. Cross	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	5
Raymond P. Selway	2	Harry J. Gaylard	6
Trevor E. Marks	3	Thomas J. Setter	7
Gilbert W. Rendell	4	William E. Turner	Tenor

Composed by J. R Pritchard. Conducted by William E. Turner.
All members of the Ilchester Branch.

AXBRIDGE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eleven methods, being three six-scores each of Stedman Slow Course and New Grandsire, and four six-scores each of Stedman, Union, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Harold Hooper	Treble	John Walton	4
*Stanley Lewis	2	George Prescott	5
Marjorie Legg	3	Walter Rice	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal in eleven methods.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Jan 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, being 576 each of Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 138 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Kenneth Davenport	Treble	Dennis Latham	5
Christine Andrew	2	Peter J. Wycherley	6
Neil D. Lomas	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Alex. Richardson	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

CHESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Jill F. Burdett	Treble	David E. Collins	5
John W. Griffiths	2	Dennis H. B. Millward	6
Adrian Hough	3	Christopher J. Jones	7
Michael H. Hodgkinson	4	Geoffrey Parting	Tenor

Composed by Henry O. Baker. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal.
A wedding compliment to Miss Anthea Baker and Mr. Bryan Cooper, married at Hoole on January 5th.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
On Sat., Jan 1, 1966 in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in two methods: 21 April Day, and 21 Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*Keith W. Eaton	Treble	†Frank R. Morton	3
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	John R. Scott	4
		‡Leon A. Perry	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal and first attempt. † 75th peal. ‡ First "inside."
Rung on the back five

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAXTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Jan 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Peter J. Oates	Treble	Peter S. Abbott	4
†John J. Hawes	2	Peter Woollven	5
*William Muncey	3	Michael M. Hawes	Tenor

Conducted by Michael M. Hawes.
* First peal. † First of Minor. First as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Abbott, the mother of the 4th ringer.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Bernard P. Sadler	Treble	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Neil V. Avis	2	Frank C. May	7
*Leslie Ward	3	David E. Belcham	8
*Stephan D. Humphrey	4	Brian J. Vaughan	9
Peter G. Pitt	5	Alfred J. House	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal on 10 bells. Tenor 18½ cwt

FELSTED, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	Christopher K. Cooper	5
Ian R. Panton	2	Peter G. Brown	6
Joe E. G. Roast	3	Patrick W. Saltmarsh	7
*David E. Rothera	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of London. Tenor 12 cwt.

GREAT BADDOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Edgar R Rapley	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
M. Jane Foster	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Joan Beresford	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.
On Tues., Jan 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) London Scholars' T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Court Bob, (5) Plain, Double and Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 4¼ cwt.

Leslie Ward	Treble	Neil V. Avis	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Stephan D. Humphrey	3	Brian J. Vaughan	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary-de-Crypt.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 32 methods, comprising 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Apsley, Bristol, Cambridge, Chester, Claybrooke, Coddenham, Cray, Dublin, Eastcote, Edinburgh, Elford, Heathcote, Hereford, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Ripon, Rutland, Shoreditch, Superlative, Tring, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, with 159 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Cyril A. Wratten	Treble	Anthony R. Peake	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	James R. Taylor	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Peter Bridle	7
Brian Bladon	4	Edward R. Venn	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Arranged by John R. Mayne.
Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
Composition is now rung for the first time.
Greatest number of Major methods to a peal by all the band in the county and for the Association.

THORNBURY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

Gillian M. Hussey	Treble	*†Andrew Howard	5
*M. Louise Taylor	2	‡D. John Hunt	6
†Diana M. Chapman	3	Alan Tubb	7
Richard W. Sweet	4	John C. Slater	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan Tubb.
* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal. ‡ 450th peal.

BROCKWORTH, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 30 six-scores (ten callings) and two 240's each of Morris's, Pitman's and Price's arrangements. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

Ivor Goulter	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	4
Valerie Willard	2	Robert Dowdeswell	5
*Robert Newman	3	Wilfred Newman	Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORKTOWN, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Peter G. Holden	Treble	Raymond A. Clist	5
James F. List	2	David Floyd	6
Roy H. Jones	3	Alan D. Elsmore	7
*Michael I. Church	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Tom Page.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 108 lb.

Jill M. May	Treble	*C. Kenneth Williamson ..	6
Beryl R. Simpson	2	Peter G. Sherwood	7
*William H. Viggers ..	3	Peter G. Smart	8
*Dudley P. Elsmore	4	Douglas A. R. May ..	9
*Alan D. Elsmore	5	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Tom Page.
* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

ASH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Jan 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, consisting of two extents Cambridge Surprise, one each Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 103 lb. in A.

*Martin E. Denyer ..	Treble	Peter A. Smart	4
†Joan E. Reyner	2	Colin J. Champion	5
Angela J. Smart	3	Rober C. Kippin	Tenor

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal. † First "inside."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED. Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966 in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Walter Ayre	Treble	Augustine V. Good ..	5
*Doris V. Sennett	2	James Lawson	6
D. Joseph Goodman ..	3	Peter W. Harper	7
A. Ronald Ashby	4	Brian M. Barker	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal and first attempt. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

TOTTERNHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Jan 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	Keith J. Walpole	5
Joyce Dodds	2	Eric Edmondson	6
Christine M. Rimmer ..	3	Geoffrey Dodds	7
Kenneth J. Darvill	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the treble.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. R. Castledine and Miss E. M. Fearn, on their recent engagement. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Percy J. Spice	Treble	*Tony Lewis	5
Ian H. Oram	2	Maxwell F. Oakshett ..	6
Ann Harris	3	Christopher T. Osenton ..	7
Arthur G. Mason	4	Ian V. J. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* 50th peal.

OSPRINGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*Alan P. S. Berry	Treble	†Keith J. Triplow	5
Nicholas J. Davies ..	2	David L. Cawley	6
*Rachel J. Sinden	3	Crawford T. Hillis ..	7
†George E. Ruck	4	Dennis A. Chapman ..	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

CHARING, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., Jan. 3. 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being one extent of Stedman, four Reverse Canterbury, three St. Osmund, eight each St. Martin, St. Simon and Plain Bob, and 10 Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

*Paul J. Bagshaw	Treble	††Rhian N. Bagshaw ..	4
††John L. Anderson ..	2	‡Peter M. Bradford ..	5
†Rev. Peter T. Robbins ..	3	*David Collins	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. Peter T. Robbins.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ Most methods to a peal. First peal as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Jan 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Jeffrey Brannan	Treble	Christine Andrew	5
Neil Bennett	2	Edward Jenkins	6
*Ann C. Hardman	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
*David C. Walker	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Jan 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*Martin Green	Treble	Samuel J. Haines	5
Malcolm E. Wade	2	Roland H. Cook	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	William A. Lacey	7
Martin C. Faulkes ..	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by William A. Lacey.
* First peal.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Geoffrey M. Brewin and Madeline Holmes, which took place at Syston this day, and also the engagement of Garry Mason and Susan Sarson.

WHETSTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Jan. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Richard S. Moore	Treble	Hugh Thomas	4
Keith H. Mildred	2	David F. Moore	5
Julian M. Morley	3	Rupert A. Clarke	Tenor

Conducted by David F. Moore.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Needham.

THE LINCOLN DIOCEAN GUILD.

SPALDING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas.
On Mon., Jan. 3. 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 FOULNESS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Ronald C. Noon	Treble	Alan G. Payne	5
Dennis Woods	2	Edwin T. Chapman	6
Derek J. Jones	3	Maurice Bennett	7
Roger D. Bailey	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal in the method.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAERLEON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Cadoc.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

Richard W. Owen	Treble	Reuben S. Clench	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	James L. Fitzgerald	6
Donald G. Clarke	3	David J. Hughes	7
David Pike	4	David J. King	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by David J. King.
Rung for the engagement of David Pike to Miss Marian Powney, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Richard J. Stewart, of Llantarnam.

LLANTRISANT, Glamorgan.—At the Church of SS. Illtyd, Gwynno and Tyfodwg.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

*Susan Harber	Treble	Nicholas W. H Simon ..	5
Magnus Peterson	2	David J. Llewellyn	6
Ruth E. Havard	3	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland ..	7
Michael Pilgrim	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Treble Bob. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Dennis Brock	Treble	Michael B. Tyers	5
Paul A. Brand	2	Anthony G. Tyers	6
Patricia Rogers	3	†Andrew M. Johnson	7
*David W. Struckett	4	Christopher H. Rogers	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Christopher H. Rogers.
* First peal of Surprise. † First Surprise Major. First Surprise as conductor.
Rung as Sunbury's tribute to Westminster Abbey, on the 900th anniversary of its foundation.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
AUDLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Raymond J. Ballard	Treble	Richard Wharton	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Dennis Latham	6
Felicity Webber	3	Roy Worrall	7
Harold Dowler	4	Charles A. S. Webb	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

*Peter N. Mackley	Treble	Henry Tooke	5
Paul Cattermole	2	Thomas E. Spight	6
William Clover	3	Frank C. J. Arnold	7
*John D. Dowe	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* First peal of Major.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 4¼ cwt.

Henry Tooke	Treble	Robin Churchill	4
Paul Cattermole	2	Leslie F. Bailey	5
William Clover	3	Peter Adcock	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 448 Bristol, 576 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 136 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Sydney M. Bailey	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	5
*Anthony D. Sansom	2	Victor Griffin	6
Frederick R. Scott	3	David P. Hilling	7
J. Keith Ward	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major "inside."

WOKINGHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

Reginald W. Rex	Treble	Giles R. Shedden	5
Michael Hatchett	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Christopher C. Clarke	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
William Birmingham	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (B.76). Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all and on the bells.
Rung to mark the Feast of the Circumcision.

RADLEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
One extent each of Oxford, Cambridge, Kent, and two each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Catherine A. Salter	Treble	†Michael C. E. Hodge	4
Marie R. Cross	2	†Christopher I. Rowson	5
J. M. Elaine Dixon	3	G. Robert Mordaunt	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal on the treble. † First peal in five methods. First peal as conductor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
FINEDON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Sheila J. Staley	Treble	Murray A. Coleman	5
Mary R. Coleman	2	Charles Richardson	6
Edward C. Buckby	3	Richard J. Cowley	7
Michael J. Staley	4	Denis G. Pearson	Tenor

Composed by Frank C. W. Knight. Conducted by Denis G. Pearson.
First peal of Major as conductor.
A wedding compliment to Noel Pearson and Rosemary Cowley, married earlier this day at this church.

HASELBECH, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	Roger W. Smith	5
Margaret A. Wilson	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Charles E. Truman	3	*David J. Marshall	7
*Patrick I. Chapman	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* 25th peal together.

EASTON NESTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Jan. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Graham C. Paul	Treble	James Linnell	5
Roger W. Smith	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
*Margaret A. Wilson	3	Charles E. Truman	7
David J. Marshall	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* First peal of London Surprise Major. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G

GRETTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Sat., Jan 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Ronald Russell	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	3
Geoffrey T. Norris	2	J. Charles Hudson	4
Gerald W. Reynolds	Tenor		

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

ALWALTON, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods/variations, being 120 each of St Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Grandsire, 120 April Day, and 1,320 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Geoff Davis	Treble	Bernard Branston	3
Gilbert F. Cowlin	2	Frank Sismey	4
Roy W. Spencer	Tenor		

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.
Rung to celebrate the 85th birthday of Dr. C. J. Grimes, priest-in-charge of this parish.

THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD.
PUTNEY, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Jan 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Christopher F. Mew	Treble	Fred Hodgson	5
John Meredith	2	Charles Bassett	6
Michael Bland	3	Dennis Randall	7
W. Bertram Kynaston	4	Rodney B. Meadows	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., Jan. 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5025 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
George E. Fearn	2	Martin D. Fellows	8
Henry H. Fearn	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
Charles A. S. Webb	4	Michael J. Fellows	10
Richard C. Ingram	5	John A. Anderson	11
John C. Eisel	6	Peter D. Warren	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
Rung to the memory of Alfred Paddon Smith, who died December 7th, 1965. He was a ringer at this church for almost 50 years and secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for a period of 20 years.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sun., Jan 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*Norma A. Riley	Treble	Joseph Lightfoot	5
Graham J. Lightfoot	2	Geoffrey Cox	6
†Barbara J. Sawden	3	†Michael N. Lawrence	7
Merryn Hutchings	4	Timothy R. Kedge	Tenor

Conducted by Michael N. Lawrence.
* First peal. † First "inside." First as conductor.
Rung as a farewell peal to Michael N. Lawrence, who is going to Australia. Also a birthday compliment to Graham J. Lightfoot.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Devizes Branch).
HOLT, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Katharine.
On Sat., Jan 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents: C.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 9, 10, 21, 22, 23.
Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in G.

*Graham B. Davis	Treble	Frederick W. Box	4
Jonathan H. Nibbs	2	Philip S. Gaisford	5
†Richard O. Humphries ..	3	‡David L. Nibbs	Tenor

Conducted by Richard O. Humphries.
* First peal of Minor † Second "circle of tower." ‡ First "circle of tower."

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(also The Society of Sherwood Youths).
WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid of York.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Peter R. Humphrey	Treble	*Susanna Poppleston ..	5
Elizabeth J. Foster	2	Michael Poppleston ..	6
Peter J. Hancock	3	George A. Dawson	7
John R. Pratchett	4	Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
* 25th peal First in the method by all except 6.
A farewell to Anthea and Michael Poppleston, on their departure to Newcastle.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Frederick G. Hooper ..	Treble	Clarence F. Briggs	4
F. William Midwinter ..	2	Harold Stevenson	5
*Paul Raithby	3	Peter Wakefield	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung for the Festival of Christmas, on the 12th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hooper.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Jan. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven independent extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

S. Geoffrey Pick	Treble	Mary C. Poyner	4
Doreen Melcalfe	2	Harry Poyner	5
*David R. Chambers ..	3	John A. Coates	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal "inside." Rung by the North Notts District.

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in B flat.

F. William Midwinter ..	Treble	Peter Wakefield	4
James W. Raithby	2	Colin W. Reed	5
Beryl N. Reed	3	William L. Exton	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.
The first peal on the bells.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
BECCLES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D flat.

Edwin R. Goate	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	6
Cecil W. Pipe	2	George E. Thoday	7
B. Gillian Schofield	3	Roderick W. Pipe	8
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Trevor H. J. Bailey	9
George W. Pipe	5	Howard W. Eccleston ..	Tenor

Traditional composition Conducted by George W. Pipe.
First touch of Albanian Royal by all except the ringer of the eighth.

WILBY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5128 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

B. Gillian Schofield ..	Treble	Roderick W. Pipe	5
Howard W. Eccleston ..	2	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Janet I. Rogers	3	George E Thoday	7
Robin H. Rogers	4	George W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

STOWLANGTOFT, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS
Being 210 extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Melvin Hone	Treble	Robert J. Southgate	3
†David J. Derrick	2	Neville F. Whittell	Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Southgate. Umpired by S. Christian.
* First peal. † First "inside." First peal of Minimus for the Guild and first peal on the bells.
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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in F.

*Colin J. Butler	Treble	Canon K. W. H. Felstead	6
†Stephen Kirby	2	Michael J. Thomas	7
David E. House	3	Derek C. Jackson	8
Tom Chapman	4	Maurice J. Butler	9
David J. Forder	5	Tom Francis	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David J. Forder.
* First peal of Royal and of Treble Bob. † First peal Royal and of Cambridge.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
PERSHORE, Worcestershire.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross.
On New Year's Day, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

John J. Stanier	Treble	Gerald C. Hemming	5
Geoffrey J. Hemming ..	2	John C. Eisel	6
Arthur C. Berry	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Thomas W. Lewis	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
PENISTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, and 992 Bristol, Superlative and Pudsey, with 101 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Neil Donovan	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	5
Jeanne E. Bottomley ..	2	Frederick A. Munday ..	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Wilfrid F. Moreton	4	Vernon Bottomley	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.
Rung strictly silent and non-conducted.

THORNER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Jan. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 27 lb.

Alan E. Hartley	Treble	A. William Kirkby	5
Beryl Hartley	2	Adrian C. Boorman	6
Mrs. H. B. Schofield ..	3	S. Barry Schofield	7
Robert J. Lumley	4	Frederick A. Munday ..	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
HORSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Louise Smith	Treble	Roger Ashmore	5
Lawrence Smith	2	Robin Elliott	6
Christine Macnair	3	David Darby	7
Ian Smith	4	Andrew Stubbs	Tenor

Conducted by Robin Elliott.
Best wishes from all the band to David Bennett and Gillian Smith, married earlier today in Horsham.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
EASTCHURCH, Sheppey, Kent.—At 110, High Street.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 1 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in three methods, viz.: 1,680 each of St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.

Nicholas J. Chesson (cond.)	1–2	Joan A. Hayward	3–4
		Peter D. J. Beal	5–6

First peal as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MILNROW, Lancashire.—In the Belfry of the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Jan. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Derek Butterworth	1–2	*J. Barry Pickup	5–6
Neil Bennett	3–4	*Richard J. Parker	7–8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal on handbells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At 1, Glebe Close.
On Tues., Jan. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Frank G. Bloomfield ..	1–2	Jack Bray	5–6
Michael W. Crowder ..	3–4	Gwen I. Bloomfield	7–8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Jack Bray.

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THANKS. — Thank God, "The Ringing World" and our friends for their wonderful tonic.—Frank Stenson. 8363

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"A Key to the Art of Ringing"—W. Jones, J. Reeves and T. Blakemore.
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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, January 29th, Langford-Budville. Bells 7 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 8375

CHESTER GUILD. — Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, St. George's, Stockport, January 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mrs. M. Smith, 223 Dialstone Lane, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 6334

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting at South Shields on Saturday, January 29th, starting at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Softley, 88, Mowbray Road, South Shields. 8339

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS — South West Branch.—Annual Branch meeting on Saturday, January 29th, at Lifton. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to me, please. — Mrs. M. A. Bould, 1, Mont-le-Grand, Exeter. 8255

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at Hitchin on January 29th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. A. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8311

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LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Annual general meeting at Edmonton on January 29th. Bells available from 4 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names for tea, please, to Miss G. E. Newcombe, 11, Findon Road, Edmonton, N.9.—J. Hooton, Hon Dis. Sec. 8288

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Isle of Wight District. — Annual meeting, Newport, January 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 4.45 p.m., Terminus Café, Town Lane, Carisbrooke, after meeting.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 6335

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., Tuesday, February 1st, at 8.15 p.m. February practices: 1st, St. Paul's; 8th, Bow; 15th, Holborn; 22nd, Southwark Cathedral. All at 6.30 p.m. — J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8355

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District. — Annual meeting, Watford, February 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business. Names for tea essential to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford (Tel. 27936), before the day. 8364

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Ipswich on February 5th. St. Clement's (6) 3–5 p.m. Nearby cafés for tea. Business meeting and ringing St. Mary Quay's (6) 6 p.m.—A. E. J. L. 8278

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, February 5th. Ringing at Padiham from 3 to 5 p.m. Cups of tea at Holy Trinity, Burnley, at 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 8360

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. T. C. Ledgard, The Vicarage, Kirkby Lonsdale. 6335

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Meeting at Wigston Magna, February 5th. Bells (8) 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Ringing afterwards. All visitors cordially invited. — Ron Hughes, Dis. Sec. 8263

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, February 5th, at Staines. Ringing: St. Mary's 3–4 p.m.: St. Peter's 3.30–4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Evening ringing at St. Peter's till 8.30 p.m. Mr. M. Loveday, Orchard Cottage, Laleham Road, Staines, is desperately hoping to receive names for tea.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis: Sec. 8309

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Buckingham, February 5th. Bells (8) from 6 p.m. 8358

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Peterborough Branch —A.G.M., Saturday, February 5th, Castor. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m Important meeting. Evening ringing. Names for tea essential to Secretary by Thursday previous.—R. H. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough. 6333

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SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Carlton-juxta-Snaith, February 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Please provide own food; cups of tea only available. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8362

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, February 5th. Ringing 10.30–11.45 to be arranged: 12–1.15 Southwark Cathedral (12); 1.30–2.45 Cornhill (12); 3–4 St. Mary-le-Bow (12); 4–5.15 Cripplegate (12). Dinner at Church House Restaurant 6.30 for 7 p.m. 8331

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District. — Meeting, Saturday, February 5th, West Bridgford. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Miller, 56, Musters Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham. Tel. 89537.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Annual Divisional meeting, Cuckfield, Saturday, February 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. V. Johnson, Lavenham, Anstye, Haywards Heath, Sussex, by Wednesday, February 2nd, latest. — Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 8252

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Annual general meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, February 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 in Cathedral House. Names for tea to Miss Lloyd, Provost's Secretary, Cathedral Office, St. Thomas's Street, by **previous Wednesday, please.** 8359

HOLT, NORFOLK.—The new ring of six will be dedicated on Sunday, February 6th, at 6.30 p.m. On Saturday, February 12th, we welcome all ringers from 2 until 8 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, February 10th.—W. R. West, Norwich Road, Holt. 8354

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting on Saturday, February 12th, at Tunbridge Wells (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells. 8338

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting at Loddon on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon (NOR 21W), by Wednesday, February 9th.—N. P. J. C. 8352

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, February 12th. Names for tea to Mrs. S. Webb, South View, Staverton, Daventry, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 8367

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The A.G.M. of the Winchester District will be held at St. Maurice's Hall, Winchester, on Saturday, February 12th, at 2.30. Tea 4 p.m., followed by Evensong in the Cathedral, 5 p.m. Ringing at the Cathedral from 6 till 9 p.m. Names for tea by previous Monday, please, to R. H. Collis, Sec., No. 3, Hockley Cottages, Cheriton, Alresford. 8381

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Fourteenth annual and Sir A. P. Heywood Memorial Dinner at the Odeon, Chesterfield, on February 19th from 6.30–11. Chesterfield (10) available from 4–6 p.m. Tickets (price 20/-) available from District secretaries or direct from Mr. M. Phipps, 23, Walton Drive, Boythorpe, Chesterfield. (Please enclose s.a.e). 8347

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Gloucester, April 16th. Details later. New rules in operation. Branches to make recommendations for officers (Rule 6, i to v) in writing with indication of willingness to serve on or before Saturday, March 5th. Also by same date all notices of motion for the A.G.M. All nominations for officers must now come from the Branches or the Management Committee. —Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec., 42, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. 8349

QUARTER PEALS

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather J. Hinton (first quarter) 1, Kay Hollingsworth 2, Margaret F. Coombs (first "inside") 3, Deborah N. Maggs (first "inside") 4, D B. Brown (cond.) 5, Margaret A. Smith 6. Rung for Epiphany, and as birthday compliments to 3 and 4.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Wells 1, P. Corderoy 2, H. L. Bishop 3, H. W. Dunsden 4, H. E. Wells 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, M. Corderoy 8. For Parish Communion.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): J. C. Sawtell 1, I. L. Andrews 2, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 3, D. B. Ellery 4, P. J. Hall 5, T. A. Hiller 6, J. Krsmanovic 7, A. D. Case 8. For Evensong.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich, 720 Cambridge): M. Green 1, J. F. Pearson 2, L. Willders 3, J. E. Cook 4, A. M. Lindsey 5, R. K. Mason (cond.) 6. Rung after peal failure.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S. Sharland 1, F. Williams 2, F. D. Mack 3, N. D. Shepherd 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. West 6, D. A. Wills (first of Triples as cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Sylvia M. Tarrant 1, F. Williams 2, S. Sharland 3, J. Gatter 4, D. A. Wills (cond.) 5, P. West 6, H. West 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. L. Horder (first quarter) 1, P. Gatter 2, D. A. Wills (cond.) 3, J. Gatter 4, F. Williams 5, Maureen P. Webb (first quarter) 6, H. West 7, P. West 8. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev R. J. D. Newhouse, on appointment as Archdeacon of Totnes and Canon Residentiary of Exeter Cathedral.

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LISTENING AND STRIKING

"THE curse of modern times," declared the Professor, "is that more people hear without listening than ever before."

I have noticed that he is very fond of these cryptic statements. "People," he continued, "switch on their radios, transistorised or otherwise, in cars and kitchens, store and state rooms, public highways and public houses, in factories and by firesides, where the sounds produced form a background to conversation and general activity. As a nation we are rapidly losing the art of listening at all—we simply **hear!**"

"It is very nice, Herr Beethoven," I murmured, "to have your music as an accompaniment to conversation, the rattling of pots and pans, or the grinding of gears!"

He ignored my profound offering.

"The first thing, therefore, that a novice has to learn when he starts bellringing is to listen; the next thing is what to listen to!"

"And what is that?"

"Two things: (a) His own bell, and (b) his own bell in relationship to the others. Dealing with (a) he must first of all be able to recognise the sound of his own bell in the midst of the others, and to the beginner this is not always as easy as it sounds seeing that the problem may be further complicated by two factors:

(i) The time-lag between the pulling of the bell and the sound of it as it reaches the ringer.

(ii) The musical ability (or otherwise) of the ringer.

By musical ability I don't mean proficiency in playing some complicated musical instrument such as a tin whistle or a pipe organ, but merely enough innate musical sense sufficient to enable him to sing, or whistle, simple melodies in tune, with perhaps the additional accomplishment of being able to 'harmonise' by singing alto, tenor or bass—and I know fairly good instrumentalists who cannot do this."

"Doesn't Snowdon have something to say on this subject?"

"Quite a bit." He reached his "Ropesight" from the shelf. "In fact he has a whole chapter 'On the Attainment of Accurate Striking' which I suspect has more than once been used as a basis for talks or lectures on this subject. With regard to the difficulty of distinguishing one's own bell he says: 'In fact, if he (the novice) will listen, **only** to the front bells when in front, and **only** to those behind when there, he will find his difficulties gradually disappear; and following this out, he will soon pick out his bell even in the mid positions.'

"I think," observed the Professor, "that the operative word here is 'gradually.' However, once the 'time-lag' is realised and mastered it can prove of great value in recognising the position of the bell in **time** even if it cannot be musically recognised in **tone.**"

"Having learnt to recognise his own bell what is the next step?"

"First the development of a good memory and secondly the acquiring of a good sense of rhythm. A good memory is essential in the early stages when the ringer has to note whether his bell strikes near or wide of a given bell at hand or back and make the necessary adjustments, remembering, so far as is possible, having found it, the correct interval required. By experience he learns to place his bell, whether 'odd-struck' or not into the rhythmic scheme, but until this becomes almost automatic the learner will have to make more conscious and practical efforts to strike his bell. Where these memorised intervals are relied upon a dodging method is easier than a 'running' one (e.g., a Treble Bob method easier than a plain one), as a misblow can often be corrected two blows later when the dodge is made, whereas with a plain method the correct adjustment can easily be forgotten by the time the same bell is met again on the same stroke."

"Do you think that call changes assist in learning to strike?"

"Yes, I think they do. The learner has several blows in which to adjust his interval over the same bell, and not having the method to consider (indeed he may not even have reached that stage) he is able to concentrate on rhythm and striking."

"Do you consider that it is impossible to teach tone-deaf ringers to strike properly?"

"No! More difficult perhaps for reasons I have already mentioned, but certainly not impossible. So much depends upon the standard of the striking of the local band and the tuition given by the captain. Anyone who has listened to, say, Wilfrid Moreton advising and correcting a learner both before, during and after ringing, will realise what is meant by a good standard of instruction."

"Do you think that contest ringing is conducive to raising the standard of striking?"

"The late John R. Brearley always maintained that the standard of striking in the Barnsley area improved after the introduction of contests in the 1920's. In North Notts it may be that the standard of such towers as Old Whittington, which has improved tremendously, has been accelerated in their efforts to overhaul Warsop! Perhaps if we had more contests on **eight** bells we should not have to endure listening to some of the leading towers in the country ringing out on the radio as though they were in two groups of four ringing from different towers!"

H. C.

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DEATHS OF OUTSTANDING RINGERS

MR. PETER CROOK

Peter has gone from us, and this means that one of our leading lights of Lancashire has run his course. He was an old man when most of my generation first met him, but he seemed to go on and on through the years until we learn that he was 80 when he died in hospital on January 16th, having been there just two days.

He had a great delight in getting a young ringer through his or her first peal and I'm sure there are hundreds of ringers (and some not restricted to Lancashire) whose first ne called. He would travel miles for a peal and even in his 70's he travelled far. One of his most treasured possessions was a gold medallion presented him by the Lord Abbot of Mission City in Canada, B.C. (Westminster Abbey) in recognition of his services in helping to train the monks to ring. A few years ago the writer and Peter went off to London for a peal attempt, which unfortunately failed.

Peter was for 35 years secretary of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association and this service was recognised by the gift of a peal record book to him by the members of the Branch.

One of his most memorable peals was one of five fathers and five daughters, which took place at Manchester Cathedral; another was Stedman Triples rung silent and unconducted at St. Paul's, Walkden. His diary was always full and he would go out of his way for ringing. I think it was this full diary which kept him young and hearty. A good churchman, he never failed to attend service. Always in good time in the belfry he would sometimes say Evensong with the parish priest at the tower he had gone for an evening peal attempt.

The Lancashire Association recognised his services by appointing him a vice-president after service as hon. treasurer of the Association. For two periods he represented the Association on the Central Council—from 1927 to 1929 and from 1939 to 1950. His association with Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, went back many years and he held the offices of sidesman and churchwarden.

The funeral service took place on January 20th at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, where Peter had been Ringing Master for 47 years. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service. Interment took place at the Church of St. James, on the outskirts of the town. Many friends were represented from all walks of life, as Peter was once a police constable and later a station sergeant. He was very well known and was also an usher at the Borough Sessions Court. Among the floral tributes was one in the form of a cross from the very young band of boys and girls now learning to ring at Holy Trinity.

His last peal was in March, 1965 (Grandsire Triples), at Farnworth, which he also conducted, and was to celebrate his 60 years as a ringer. He leaves a son, also named Peter, and a daughter, Annie (now resident in Canada), and we offer them our heartfelt sympathy. We can truly say "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the fullness of the Lord."

THORNLEY.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 23rd. 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Neville 1, H. Corney 2, Margaret Roden 3, J. Ottaway 4, K. Gardiner 5, M. P. Barton 6, D. Riley (cond.) 7, F. Tomlin 8. In memoriam H. Houchin, churchwarden.

MR. ALFRED E. PITSTOW



The death occurred at Saffron Walden on January 18th of Mr. Alfred E. Pitstow at the age of 90. He was the eldest son of the late Frederick Pitstow, who conducted the "Surprise" peals on the local bells between 1890 and 1900, and Alfred was the last survivor of that band. He became Master of the Saffron Walden Society on the resignation of his father through old age in 1926, and held that position until 1944, when the 52 steps up to the belfry became too much for him. He conducted many peals of Surprise between the two wars, most of these being London Major. He conducted the first peal on the 12 bells.

Mr. Pitstow was probably the last survivor of those who joined the Rev. F. E. Robinson's peal tours of the West Country in 1897 and 1898. He was a fine handbell ringer.

In 1899 he volunteered for service in the South African War and served as a sergeant for two years in the campaign. On his return he received the Freedom of the Borough of Cambridge. Appointments he held at Saffron Walden were collector of taxes for the area, and sanitary engineer and surveyor of the Saffron Walden Rural District Council. He was responsible for the building of all council houses in the 33 parishes under his council and for the many water schemes linking up various villages. He retired in 1947. A most genial companion, he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The funeral was held in the Parish Church on January 22nd in the presence of a large congregation and was conducted by the Vicar. As the cortege left the church the bells were rung half-muffled by the local ringers.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): T. Verity (first quarter) 1, Sarah Byford 2, J. Miles 3, H. Juhkental 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, R. Sparey 6. First quarter on the bells by a local band. Rung in memory of Mr. Harold Barnaby, a ringer at this church for over 40 years, who was interred this day.

MR. HERBERT PRATT

We regret to announce the death of Herbert Pratt, which took place at the age of 78 in St. Helier Hospital, after a short illness, on January 13th.

Bert learned to ring at Chediston, Suffolk, as a young man, and came to live in Croydon, where he joined the band of St. John the Baptist Church, Croydon, in 1924. At this time the old eight bells were a very heavy-going lot, and being quite a capable ringer and blessed with the physique required to deal with those bells, he immediately became a valuable asset to the band. When the bells were augmented to 12 he quickly adapted himself to the new conditions and became quite proficient as a 12-bell ringer. He continued to serve Croydon Parish Church as a regular Sunday service ringer for 40 years, until about two years ago, when age began to take its toll.

He had rung several peals in his younger days but his greatest interest outside Sunday service ringing was tune playing on handbells, and he had spent many hours helping to entertain at old people's homes, hospitals and the like and in this direction his charitable services were greatly appreciated. Herbert Pratt was one of those regular attending and willing ringers who are invaluable to the successful working of a Sunday service band. He will be much missed by his colleagues, who held him in great esteem.

At the funeral on January 17th, as well as the family mourners, there were members of the Parish Church band and of his handbell party. A half-muffled quarter peal was rung on the Parish Church bells to his memory.

F. E. C.

MR. T. ROGERS

The sudden death of Mr. Tommy Rogers, of Wallasey, at the age of 62, on January 9th, is a great loss to the Chester Guild and to St. Nicholas', Wallasey, where he had been tower captain for the last 30 years, and learned to ring there over 40 years ago. For the past 19 years he had also been Ringing Master of the Wirral Branch.

Over the years, St. Nicholas', Wallasey, had built up a reputation for good striking and, as captain, he ensured that this was maintained. He rang in the first peal of seven Surprise Minor methods for the Guild by a Sunday service band, and approximately 100 peals.

Most of his free Saturdays were spent in attending meetings in Lancashire and Cheshire, never failing to enliven the proceedings with his ready wit. He was completely insuppressible and "out of order" to the end. He will be remembered for the outstretched hand, the touched forelock and the zest for life. In midwinter he would wear an open-neck shirt and no overcoat. Tenoring behind with sweat rag in position, he would hiss at the least slip.

His love of ringing was shared with an enthusiasm for brass bands, and for many years he played the trombone in the Wallasey Silver Band.

His funeral service on January 14th was largely attended. The Wallasey Silver Band accompanied some of the singing, and the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Ellison) paid a tribute to the great service he had rendered to his church and touched on many facets of his character. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service and for an in memoriam peal in the evening by members of the Wirral Branch.

The following day at the Branch meeting the president (the Rev. P. J. Pasterfield) conducted a memorial service in place of the Guild Office.

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THE STATISTICS OF TENOR BELLS

PROBABLY it is surprising to learn that the average weight of a tenor bell in England, according to the calculations based on weights given in Dove's "Guide to Church Bells of Britain," is just over 12¾ cwt. The fact that London is the county with the highest average tenor weight is less surprising, but the placings of some of the counties in the following list are not always what might be expected.

	cwt.		cwt.
London	20	Gloucestershire	12.6
Bristol	18.2	Warwickshire	12.5
Northumberland	17.5	Berkshire	12.4
Lancashire	14.7	Devon	12.4
Somerset	14.6	Essex	12.3
Cumberland	14.1	Cambridgeshire	12.2
Dorset	14	Suffolk	12.2
Yorkshire	13.9	Leicestershire	12.1
Durham	13.9	Isle of Wight	12.1
Middlesex	13.6	Sussex	12.1
Kent	13.4	Derbyshire	11.9
Wiltshire	13.4	Northamptonshire	11.8
Worcestershire	13.3	Lincolnshire	11.7
Surrey	13.2	Nottinghamshire	11.6
Cheshire	13.2	Oxfordshire	11.6
Westmorland	13.2	Norfolk	11.5
Buckinghamshire	13	Shropshire	11.4
Bedfordshire	12.9	Herefordshire	11.3
Staffordshire	12.8	Hampshire	11
Huntingdonshire	12.8	Rutland	10.8
Hertfordshire	12.7	Cornwall	10.5

These are some of the facts which arose from a statistical survey which I made in connection with a college course. All figures used were taken from Dove's "Guide," noting only hundredweights.

Referring to the list shown above, it is interesting to note that London and Bristol head the list, and that there is a tendency for northern counties to come near the top. It may also be noticed that, in several cases, adjacent counties are also close together, i.e. Essex, Cambridgeshire and Suffolk; Derbyshire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire; Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire, Huntingdonshire and Hertfordshire; Oxfordshire, Shropshire and Herefordshire.

Other results were also obtained from this survey. The average weight of tenor for each number of bells was probably much as might be expected.

Rings of five bells	10.2 cwt.
„ „ six „	11.2 cwt.
„ „ eight „	15.2 cwt.
„ „ ten „	22.6 cwt.
„ „ twelve „	33.9 cwt.

This leaves many questions about the reason for some areas tending to have heavier rings than others, whether there is a definite link between counties with heavier averages for instance, the strength of towers allied with the local type of stone, or the wealth of the county at the time of casting. It also makes me wonder if there is any connection between the weights of individual rings and various factors, such as the date of original installation of the bells, or the original founders.

If anyone could send me such information about their own or neighbouring bells I should be grateful to receive it. It would be a help if they could send me any of the following facts:

(1) Church and dedication.
(2) Date of original installation of the bells.
(3) Original weight (if known to be different from present weight).
(4) Founders.
(5) Any facts about who paid for the bells.

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MR. STANLEY WEBB

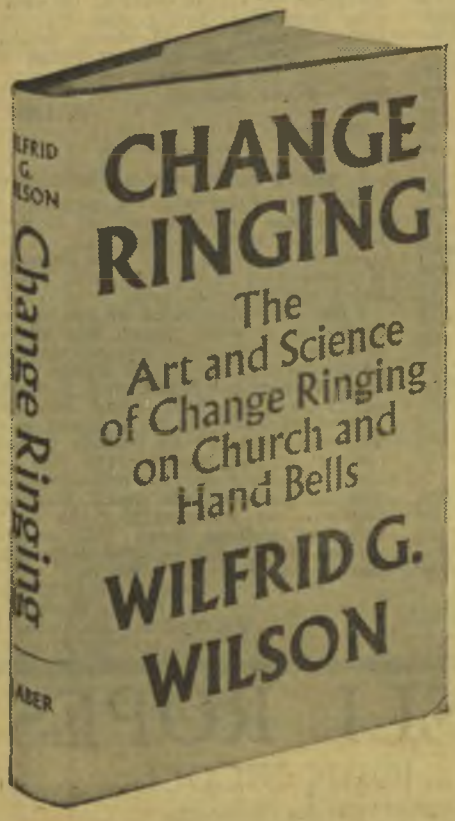
The sudden death of Mr. Stanley Webb, aged 68, of 7, Lancaster Drive, Hull, occurred on January 21st. Although Stanley had not rung regularly for some years, for health reasons, he still retained a keen interest in ringing.

He learned to ring at Burstwick, East Yorkshire, moving to Hull later, and to ring at St. James', Sutton-in-Holderness. He rang only eight peals—all Doubles—but conducted seven of these. He continued his membership of the Yorkshire Association, which he joined in 1909, up to his death. A slightly-built man of quiet disposition with almost a perpetual smile, he was a respected member of the St. James' band.

A half-muffled quarter peal of 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Oxford) was rung on the day of his cremation, at St. James', Sutton-in-Holderness, by the following: H. Rodmell 1, Linda Sherwood 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, Vivien Richardson 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (conductor) 6.

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Letters to the Editor

ENFORCING RULES AND PEAL FEES

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the Management Committee of the Hertford County Association, I have to inform those concerned that the following peals published as rung for this Association cannot be accepted. Their rejection is due to non-compliance with the Rules of the Association. The peals concerned are:

May 15th, 1965.—5,021 Stedman Caters, St. Peter's, St. Albans, conducted by S. C. Walters.

June 12th, 1965.—5,152 Spliced Surprise Major (four methods), Bushey, conducted by R. Baldwin.

June 15th, 1965.—5,024 Spliced Surprise Major (four methods), Bushey, conducted by R. Baldwin.

July 1st, 1965.—5,024 Spliced Surprise Major (five methods), Bushey, conducted by R. Baldwin.

September 2nd, 1965.—5,280 Spliced Surprise Major (six methods), Bushey, conducted by R. Baldwin.

September 18th, 1965.—5,007 Stedman Cinques, St. Albans Cathedral, conducted by F. L. Harris.—Yours faithfully,

A. REX AGG,
General Secretary,
Hertford County Association.

INFORMATION WANTED OF NORWICH TOWERS

Dear Sir,—I am seeking information on the Churches of St. John the Baptist, Maddermarket, and St. Andrew, Norwich. The former my mother attended, and the latter my relatives until they moved away from the district. I understand that both rings are unringable. Is there any possibility of these bells being put into a state of ringing and could anyone inform me of the date when the bells were last rung?—Yours faithfully,

H. M. MONTGOMERY.

7, Priory Close,
Dudley, Worcs.

"WHAT IS WANTED"

Dear Sir,—Please may we have a more adequate account of the restoration and augmentation of the bells at St. Peter's in the historic city of Nottingham. Surely some local ringer can put pen to paper and tell us something of the history of the bells, their weights and notes and the circumstances in which the present augmentation came about.

Some years ago "The Ringing World" had a number of local correspondents appointed by the Guilds and Associations. I would that these good folk would busy themselves and let us have the real news of ringing since I do feel that restorations particularly are neglected in the columns of the paper.

We could also do with more news about people, written in a staighforward style, if only by way of relief from the interminable goings-on of the enigmatic participants in tours and ringing outings—the "Freds" and the "Tonys" and "Busters" and "Butches," all of whom are no doubt well known to their travelling companions but who by their very anonymity become a pain in the neck to the readers of "The Ringing World."—Yours truly,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks.

TOWER CAPTAIN AND BAD STRIKING

Dear Sir,—How much I agree with Mr. G. A. Halls that one of the most desperate needs of the Exercise today is trained and capable teachers. In spite of improved facilities for travel, it is still the individual tower captain who makes or breaks a band.

In our area there are many towers where ringing is of a very low standard mainly because of a lack of competent tower captains. The main trouble seems to be that learners are taught to handle badly, and this proves to be a serious handicap throughout their whole ringing career. In addition, the tower captain may have little idea of striking himself and is thus unable to impart it to his pupils.

To give an example, we have a ringer regularly attending our own tower for practices who was "taught" at a tower not far from us, where ringing is in a really sorry state. His bad handling has been a real drawback, both to his striking and to obtaining ropesight, and the progress he has made is due only to his persistence and determination. He still rings with his own band for Sunday service and recently went up to their practice. He found two boys being taught to handle, but had to leave as he felt sure one of them was going to get hung!

Our band was requested to help at another tower, where they ring only call changes or plain hunt on six. After several visits by three or four of our ringers, they were able to get the brighter members of the band through a course of Bob Minor, but here again the whole trouble was atrocious striking owing to bad handling. At first the only thing our ringers could do was to make the band ring call changes, pointing out the faults and trying to improve the handling and striking, but once a bad style has been established it is extremely difficult to correct.

What is the best way of helping in cases such as these, or, indeed, at the many "silent" towers? If the Central Council or local Associations could run throughout the country courses such as the one recently held in Derbyshire it should do a lot of good. In the case of a tower with ringing of poor quality, it is not possible to go and help unless requested, but the tower captain might tactfully be persuaded to go on a course, assuming he was a suitable student; otherwise some other member of the band might be sent, who would then take on the job of teaching others to handle.

In the case of a silent tower, who would come forward to go on a course? One suggestion is that if a course were being arranged the clergy of "silent" but ringable towers in the area should be circularised, requesting them if possible to send anyone who had previously done any ringing. This might not provide very good material, but it would at least be an attempt to get a silent tower ringing again.—Yours faithfully,

R. J. PALMER.

Fordham, Cambs.

PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the composition of Lessness Surprise Major ("Ringing World," 'page 19, 1966) was rung to Uxbridge Surprise Major at Finedon, Northants, on June 5th, 1965, under my name. —Yours faithfully,

STANLEY JENNER.

Southborough, Kent.

RINGERS' MANUAL OF REFERENCE

Dear Sir,—We regret to have to disappoint some of your readers in advising them that the second (revised) edition of Part I of the above series has now been sold out ("Bell Handling and Control," etc.). Consequently no further remittances for this book should be sent in for the present.

We understand that copies of the book are being "circulated" in some towers and that its value is appreciating. This would seem to indicate that there may be a further demand, especially as there is an expanding influx of beginners to the art. If there is sufficient positive indication to the publishers (College of Campanology) of a potential substantial demand, the Administrative Committee will consider the issue of a still further edition of this Part, with its unique treatment of the subject.

Meanwhile the issue of Part II on "Method Structure" is going ahead, and will shortly be advertised in these columns. It has been very favourably reviewed.—Yours faithfully,

ANDREW LAWREY,
S/Capt. (D), R.N. (Rtd.),
Bursar.

Southsea.

GRANDSIRE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—The ringing of a peal of Grandsire Royal seems to have started an interesting discussion in "The Ringing World." I never heard any Grandsire Royal rung so have no opinion on it, but I did hear the only peal of Grandsire Maximus rung in this century so far as I know.

It was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, early in 1910, and figures in the late A. P. Smith's list of peals published recently. The late Harry Withers and myself stood in the Bull Ring and heard it all from start to finish, during which time Harry scribbled industriously in a book, and at the end had the composition jotted down. How many could do this?

At this distance of time it would be foolish if I made any attempt to size up the method as heard, but I do know that it was beautifully struck, the small bells "pinking" between the big ones without touching, and can remember the curious effect as the tenor and other large bells, having made "knocks behind," suddenly turned down among the smaller bells. Mr. Withers' remark at the end was: "It was worth doing once, anyway."—Yours sincerely,

P. LAFLIN.

Stockport.

HOVE HAD NOT A CARILLON

Dear Sir,—I was under the impression that a carillon was an instrument of 23 or more bells, tuned in a chromatic scale. If this assumption is correct, then your correspondent is incorrect in saying that Hove Town Hall had a carillon of 12 bells.

I think that clarification on this terminology is needed. I would suggest that mechanisms of under 23 bells, either arranged chromatically or diatonically, are in fact chimes. I would therefore state that a carillon is an instrument of 23 or more bells, tuned chromatically. This would mean that the statement in "Bells Through the Ages" by Nicholls is incorrect, because although there are 24 bells in that tower, judging from their respective uses, and weights, they are not tuned chromatically. Similarly, the statement that the 13 Taylor bells at Bradford Town Hall comprise a carillon is incorrect as these bells are in a diatonic scale.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES HEDGCOCK,
Ringing Master,
St. Thomas', Eccleston, Lancs.

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LETTERS—Continued

GROTON AND GROTONIAN

Dear Sir,—Is the answer to Russell Young's letter in your January 7th issue as simple as it appears, namely, that since both principles are basically Stedman, both principles are basically "proven" (if "proven" means "true to a plain course")?

Mind you, I'll bet Russell Young would have some fun watching some of us Stedman fans who are not au fait with Stedman Sixes' construction trying to ring his principles as "simple old Stedman."—Yours faithfully, W. H. JACKSON.

Kingston upon Thames.

"AMERICAN STEDMAN"

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. Russell Young's two principles, both run to 18 sixes giving a plain course on each of 108 changes. Both seem to me to be true as far as this.

Except as a short service touch, when, say, filling in an odd five minutes or so, the P.C. alone is not of much use. The principles would have to run to 5,000 changes or more to be acceptable.

Mr. Young does not say how he would do this, but it is usual to introduce a call which varies the course of the bells from their normal P.C. and prolongs the ringing to any length required.

It is here where proof becomes a problem. Repetition can occur and this is a falseness which is not tolerated in the Exercise on any account. Both Groton and Grotonian have defects which can lead to this.

In Groton it is seen that when changing from one six to the next the changes are only triple and not quadruple as they are in the rest of the six. At the dividing line the bells in places 1, 4, 9 stand still. One six is in-course and the next out-course and so on alternately.

Again, in Grotonian it is seen that the bells 5, 8, 7, 9 remain in the behind positions for 12 changes and that 1, 3, 2, 6 remain in the front positions for 12 changes.

Both the above defects create a liability to falseness and one has to be vigilant in proving to detect the same. From my experience it takes a lot of time and spare paper and, of course, study before you start. W. G. W.'s new book helps and so does Trollope's "Stedman." There is, too, plenty of practice each week in "The Ringing World" proving the new peals found therein.

Yes, Mr. Young, there is merit in both these inventions of yours. It ever they catch on over here I think they would become known as "American Stedman."—Yours sincerely, JAMES E. BURLES.

Barrow-in-Furness.

REDDITCH BELLS

Dear Sir,—In the report of the Redditch County School outing it was stated that the Redditch bells had only been chimed for very many years. This is not correct. I occasionally pass through Redditch on Sunday evenings and have heard the bells ringing for Evensong with the Salvation Army band providing some opposition near the church.

Just over a year ago I took part in some ringing with the local band on a Sunday evening.—Yours faithfully,

Rodbourne Cheney. W. B. KYNASTON.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

In spite of the bitterly cold weather, ringers from all parts of the county "dropped in" to the annual District meeting held in St. Albans on January 15th. The eight bells at St. Michael's and the ten at St. Peter's were both rung open during the afternoon, St. Michael's under the direction of Mr. Keith Walpole and St. Peter's under Mr. Gerald Penney.

The Rev. Andrew Bradley led the service at St. Peter's and the Rev. Mr. Woodley (who occasionally "went up for a pull") gave the address. Afterwards about 55 ringers sat down to tea in St. Peter's Institute.

Mr. Brian Barker, the Association president, presided at the business meeting. Mr. George Austin said a few words about the late Dudley Wellington, of Hatfield, and those present stood in silence.

Minutes of the last annual District meeting and the secretary's report were read, and the statement of accounts approved. When discussing the Voluntary Bell Fund. Mrs. Amy Coburn reminded everyone that, with the increasing cost, a far larger fund is needed nowadays in order to give a substantial amount.

Election of officers: Mr. Roger Brown re-elected District secretary, Mr. Gerald Penney Ringing Master, and Miss Julia Fellows "Ringing World" representative, the District Committee re-elected en bloc; Mrs. Coburn and Gerald Penney were elected General Committee members.

The list of towers and methods for 1966 were approved and it was regretted that the Abbey was unavailable for the next meeting on February 19th. The proposed District outing to the Carter Ringing Machine was discussed, the resolution going forward that the secretary should find another tower to ring at if it was not possible to visit the machine. The secretary replied in that case he would like names and 10s. per head by the next District meeting.

A resolution to hold further courses and more practice meetings was approved; a high standard course in the form of a symposium would possibly be held shortly.

Votes of thanks concluded proceedings and evening ringing at St. Peter's included Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal. J. A. F.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

The first monthly meeting of the New Year was held at West Overton when, despite a bitterly cold day, a fairly good attendance of members resulted. Visitors included two from Isleworth and one from Enford.

It was not possible to arrange tea at West Overton, but the Guild service was held there with the Vicar officiating. After tea at a Marlborough café the party adjourned to nearby Mildenhall for the evening ringing.

Thanking the Vicar of West Overton and Capt. Mansfield-Robinson for their efforts in somewhat difficult circumstances, Mr. George Newman (chairman) expressed the hope that the illness in the Captain's family would soon be a thing of the past. W. A. E.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

Over 80 people were present for the service and tea at the first quarterly meeting of the Ashford District at their home tower of St. Mary's, Ashford, on January 8th.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. G. Chesham, the lesson read by Mr. D. Rundle, captain of the Ashford ringers, and Miss Anne Barber, of Folkestone, was the organist. The offertory, given to the Tower Restoration Fund, amounted to £3 15s.

After tea the film on "Washington Cathedral" was shown by the generosity of Mr. Willis and was much appreciated by all.

The hon. secretary's District report and balance sheet showed 183 resident practising members and 35 honorary members. Receipts were £52 2s. 9d. Membership remained almost the same as the previous year. There were nine meetings and average attendance showed an improvement to 42.

Mr. D. L. Cawley, one of the distinguished visitors, thanked the curate and the organist for their services, Mr. Willis for providing the film and Mr. A. Berry for operating it, and Miss M. Jones and Mr. Rundle for making all the arrangements.

Ringing on what is now one of the finest rings of eight in the county continued until 9 o'clock and ranged from rounds to Surprise Major under the direction of Mr. N. J. Davies, the Ringing Master. Willesborough and Great Chart bells were also rung during the afternoon. C. T. H.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY AT NEWCASTLE

On the afternoon of Friday, November 26th, a minibus and a car left Manchester to attend the Northern Universities' meeting at Newcastle. Depth of snow and lack of time prevented us from ringing at Middleham and the first tower was at 7 o'clock at Barnard Castle. We spent the night as the only guests at the local youth hostel. The next morning it was snowing and the journey to Sunderland was difficult. However, the minibus was determined to reach the tower and arrived in time to listen to the cease.

After re-raising and ringing on the front six we went to Newcastle and rang at St. John the Baptist's. At Gosforth (10) it was the first time the whole of the party (19) were together, a second car having delayed its start due to the weather. After pushing the minibus out of the snow we went on to Fenham and from there to Newcastle Cathedral. Some of the party rang at Chester-le-Street.

At York Youth Hostel we rejoined the Nottingham contingent. One Manchester car had two punctures and never reached the hostel! Ringing next day was on the 12 at York Minster and the party again split up, some staying to the service and others ringing at Huntington. The six at Bramham in the afternoon was a tower grab and, after ringing, the Nottingham folk went on their way. The route back to Manchester was via Pudsey for evening service ringing, and Todmorden for liquid refreshment.

Our thanks to Durham University for organising the Saturday towers, to incumbents and local ringers and to our never (!) tiring drivers. M. W.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION
Northern District

In spite of cold weather, 50 members attended the annual District meeting of the Northern District at Braintree on January 15th. During the afternoon the bells of St. Michael's were rung until Evensong.

After a splendid tea, prepared by local ringers and friends, the meeting opened with a speech of welcome by the chairman of Braintree Urban District Council, Mr. E. Brand; this was thought to be unique in the history of the District.

The Master's and secretary's reports showed that Sunday service ringing and membership had been maintained during the year. After a ballot, Mr. R. J. Lindsell was elected District Master, other officers elected being: secretary, Mr. P. Wood; committee, Messrs. A. R. Syder and R. Suckling.

The Right Rev. F. D. V. Narborough, who had been Bishop of Colchester until his retirement, was nominated a life vice-president of the Association.

Mr. R. Suckling gave details of arrangements for the District social to be held at Bocking, on February 26th.

After votes of thanks further ringing took place on hand- and tower bells. P. W.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Despite the discouraging weather, the Ladies' Guild (Kent Branch) held an enjoyable meeting at Eynsford on January 22nd, joint with the Kent County Association (Lewisham District).

Ringing on the eight bells began at 3 p.m. and continued until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar. A delicious tea followed, provided by the ladies of the Lewisham District.

At the short business meeting, with Mrs. Mitchell in the chair, six new members were elected, four being juniors. Mrs. Mitchell thanked the company for attending, and several ladies joined the gentlemen in the tower for further ringing. I. M. P.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Rochester District

Evidence of enthusiasm was an attendance of 55 at the Rochester District meeting at Frindsbury on January 15th, when snow and cold easterly winds were blowing over the Medway area. Frindsbury showed its appreciation by a full choir for the service, an inspiring address by the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. S. Prentice), providing an excellent tea, and a variety of methods in the well-kept belfry.

The business at the meeting, presided over by the Vicar, was local in character. Eight new members were elected; a coach is to be provided for the Kent County Association annual meeting on Easter Monday; meetings were fixed for 1966; and a report presented by Mr. D. Osenton of the Association's committee meeting. Thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success were expressed by Mr. F. J. Cheal.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The second annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held on January 1st at Devizes, with the bells of the town's three churches available. The service in St. John's Church was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. Williams, and the lesson was read by the captain of St. John's tower, Mr. Davidson. Sixty-five sat down to tea, after which the business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. M. Knee.

The meeting stood in silence to the memory of Mr. Brown, a ringer for over 50 years at Westbury and a former secretary of the Branch.

The secretary, in his report, stated that membership stood at 234. The attendance at the 11 meetings held during the year had shown an increase and 23 peals had been rung. Two peals had been rung that morning to give a good start to 1966. These 23 peals were rung in 14 towers with 14 different conductors Forty quarter peals were rung, including ten half-muffled in memory of Sir Winston Churchill.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. N. Knee; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Weeks; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Knight; Ringing Masters, Mr. E Morris, Mr. D. Nibbs, Mr. C. White. Twelve new ringing members were elected—Holy Trinity, Bradford (two), Corsley (five), All Cannings (one), Bromham (one), St. Mary's, Devizes (three).

Next annual meeting, Bradford-on-Avon (provisionally). Next monthly meetings, Holt, Bishop's Cannings and Bromham. A. K.

Wimborne Branch

The annual meeting of the Wimborne Branch took place at Wareham (8) on January 15th and was attended by 40 ringers including the Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. N. Longridge. Ringing on the eight bells ranged from rounds and call changes to Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major. The Rector, the Rev. J. C. Wallis, gave a most interesting address at the service.

After an excellent tea a long and lively business meeting followed. Officers elected for 1966 were: Chairman, Mr. L. J. Lockyer; vice-chairman, Mr. D. R. Fuller; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Robertson; Ringing Masters, Mr. H. I. Pitman and Mr. R. G. W. Robertson; committee members, Mr. G. Grant and Mr. P. Keough.

The secretary reported that there were 86 ringing members but few of these found themselves able to support ringing meetings. Forty quarter peals had been rung and fortnightly Minor practices at the Lytchetts had been useful to the faithful few who had attended. It was hoped to organise more social activities in the coming year in order to encourage more members to take an active interest in the Branch, and these included a Branch dinner, cricket match/barbecue and a skittles league.

It is hoped to get the ten bells at Poole ringing again and Branch members have agreed to support weekly practices there on a rota system. Quarterly meetings for 1966 are as follows: April 16th, Wimborne St. Giles and Gussage; July 9th/16th, Swanage and Kingston; October 15th, Lytchett Minster and Corfe Mullen; annual, January 21st, Wimborne. J. A. R.

Dorchester Branch

The annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 15th, when 35 ringers and friends attended.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn, the lesson being read by Mr. Richard Duke and the address given by the Rev. H. Brayford. The organist was Mr. Harvey Easton.

An excellent tea was provided in All Saints' Church House by lady helpers, and at the business meeting the following officers were elected for 1966: Chairman, Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth; vice-chairman, Canon E. B. Brooks; Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Rose; Deputy Ringing Masters, Mr. E. H. Amey and Mr. G. Goringe; hon. secretary, Mr. A. J. Slade; assistant hon. secretary, Miss B. J. Dyke; committee members, Miss P. Boalch and Mr. G. Goringe.

In his report for 1965, the hon. secretary stated that membership of the Branch stood at 140, a slight decrease on the previous year. Quarter peals had been rung at six different towers. Puddletown bells had been rehung but unfortunately a crack had been discovered in the tenor bell at Fordington. Eighteen new members were elected at the meeting, including ringers from Upwey tower, who had applied for reaffiliation.

Quarterly meetings during 1966 are (subject to permission) at Preston, Puddletown and Piddletrenthide, and also a joint meeting with the Wimborne Branch. Branch practices: Litton Cheney, February 12th; Puddletown, February 26th; Cattistock, March 12th; Piddlehinton, March 26th; Charminster, April 16th; and Maiden Newton, May 7th.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guildford District

A suggestion at the annual meeting of the Guildford District on January 17th, held in the belfry of St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, was a competition to find the most promising learner of the year. It was referred to the committee

Mr. W. Savill, District Ringing Master, presided and the meeting stood in remembrance of W. Beeson (Cranleigh), Leslie Hunter (Shalford) and E. A. Etheridge (St. Nicolas', Guildford). Other losses were four Surprise ringers from Holy Trinity who had left Guildford, and Miss Pam Warren, of Merrow, who had gone to Australia.

The District accepted responsibility for ringing the Cathedral bells on the fourth Sunday in each month.

District officers elected were: W. Savill, Ringing Master; Miss Diane Street (Godalming), hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. J. Payton (Chiddingfold), Assistant Ringing Master.

The service in St. Mary's Church was conducted by the Guild Master, Mr. D. A. R. May) and ringing took place in the three central Guildford churches.

Farnham District

The expected pep talk was forthcoming at the annual general meeting of the Farnham District on January 22nd from the District Master (Mr. Tom Page). In forthright terms he complained of lack of support at meetings and practices. "If you don't support me, I have no duties to perform. To sum up, I am becoming a little bit tired of being captain with a crew of deserters."

The retiring secretary, Mr. D. P. Elsmore, was thanked for the able way he had carried out his duties over the past four years, while attending classes three evenings a week. The secretary reported that two towers in the District were dead, with no ringing. Twelve peals had been rung and the average attendance at meetings was 39.6.

Most of the officers were re-elected. The new secretary is Miss Beryl Simpson, 45, Southwood Road, Cove, Farnborough, and Mr. C. Champion is the Assistant Ringing Master.

The Rector, Canon Hedley Wilds, conducted the service. The theme of his address was "Unity" with special reference to "the Brotherhood of Ringers"

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, K. Rider 3, A. J. Hampton 4, L. C. Way 5, M. J. Uphill 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, J. A. G. Harvey 8. For Evensong.

Change Ringing in the Newcastle Area

By RODNEY A. YEATES

(Continued from page 18)

ALL SAINTS, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
(Eight bells, 19 cwt.)

The fine, though now derelict, Church of All Saints lies on the site of an older building. This was constructed in 1150–1190. It is recorded that in 1688 metal from a statue of James II, recovered after being tossed into the Tyne, was used partly towards All Saints', and partly towards St. Andrew's bells. It is not clear how many bells there were then in the church, but in 1696 a ring of five cast by Christopher Hodshon was installed. In 1790, however, the old church was in such a poor state that it was destroyed and a new one built on the site.

Here in 1797 a Whitechapel ring of eight was installed. In the same year they were rung to a peal of Grandsire by the Union Society in celebration of Admiral Duncan's victory at Camperdown. Further peals of Grandsire followed in 1830, 1842, 1848 and 1849.

When the Association was first started the bells were rung occasionally by the St. John's and Old Society ringers. In March, 1883, the first 5,040 in the city since the decline of the Union Society was rung on them. In about 1887 owing to the support of an enthusiastic incumbent a local band was started, but did not seem to progress very far. In 1890 the bells became unringable after deteriorating for years.

In 1892 they were rehung and a band started by C. L. Routledge. Under William Holmes and then F. J. Harrison some change ringing was done In about 1899, however, there was a lapse into call changes.

The next change ringing by a local band here was in about 1937. Grandsire Doubles was best rung and George Cross was the Ringing Master. Soon after the war the church was burnt out, the bells fell to the ground and were broken. They have not been replaced.

ST. MATTHEW'S,
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
(Eight bells, 31 cwt. 1 qr.)

St. Matthew's Church lies in the worst area of Newcastle's slums. On Tuesday, October 22nd, 1895, a new ring of bells was dedicated in this new parish by Bishop Wilberforce of Newcastle. The bells, a Taylor ring, were bequeathed by Miss Margaret Naters. Even at the opening it was noted that the tower oscillated far too much for comfort. However, a band was soon started under William Holmes, William Story and other St. John's ringers The most prominent ringers were Samuel O. and Ernest E. Ferry. E. E. Ferry was an engineer, locksmith and bellhanger by profession, and hence particularly useful as a ringer By 1897 the band rang 15 720's and a quarter peal. In 1899 a peal of Plain Bob Triples, with only two outsiders, was rung at Hexham. However, in the same year the architect pronounced the tower unsafe and ringing was stopped. The Ferrys moved to the Cathedral.

The bells have not been changed for a lighter ring due, it is said, to the fact that they are a legacy. They may be chimed; at present even this is not done, due to a lack of servers.

ST. ANDREW'S, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
(Six bells, 18 cwt.)

In Newgate Street, one of the main shopping streets of Newcastle, is the old Norman Church of St. Andrew, founded in 1175–85. The bells were bought by public subscription and cast by R. Phelps of London in 1726. In 1826 two local ringers published a pamphlet to the general effect that the bells were a very fine ring. It is recorded in the Cathedral that a St. Andrew's ringer took part in one of the Union Society peals.

At the time of the general revival in 1875 the Old Society rang a 720 Grandsire Minor here, said to be the first in 16 years. In 1879 an unsuccessful attempt to start a band here was made (it is not clear by whom). George Potter (later of Gosforth), a future Association secretary, was taught here. The bells lapsed into disuse. In 1881 the tenor and in 1884 the fourth were cracked by "clocking." In 1890 they were described by C. L. Routledge as "perfectly unringable," and in fact no one alive has rung on them.

Recently there has been talk of a restoration. It seems, however, that only a carillon will be installed. It is said that Major Anderson (of Cathedral fame) left money for two trebles (for which there is room). The churchwardens, however, turned this down on the ground of the supposed instability of the tower.

ST, HILDA'S, SOUTH SHIELDS
(Eight bells, 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.)

In the centre of the large industrial town of South Shields is the ancient Church of St. Hilda. This is probably on the site of a religious house founded by St. Hilda in 648. A ring of six was installed here in 1764 by Lester and Pack of Whitechapel. In 1847 the tenor was recast and about 1877 a change ringing band was started here, by whom it is not clear. If there were any really old Tynemouth ringing records extant, these, I suspect, would provide the clue. This new band in 1878 rang about 100 720's and in 1885 broke Stockton-on-Tees Association's record of 111 720's in 16 methods in a year by ringing 134 720's in nine methods. In 1886 the band followed Stockton's example and had their bells augmented. Two attemots for a local eight-bell peal in 1887 just failed. Towards the end of the century, however, the band flagged and in 1892 were receiving help from North Shields. In 1901 they left the Association.

From 1901 to 1910 there seems to have been little local ringing. Then a photographer called Warren taught some ringers, among them Mr. William Robson. After the war Mr. Robson took charge of the tower. Until 1933 he had only a poor band, capable of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor, but then, thanks to his fund-raising efforts, the bells were rehung. The standard of ringing improved soon after. By 1938 a well-established Minor band, up to Cambridge, was attached to the church. After World War II the band continued to advance. On February 1st, 1953, the local band rang a peal of Grandsire Triples. On Mr. Robson's removal to Newcastle in 1953, Mr. C. N. Lea took charge. At present the standard has somewhat fallen.

(To be continued)

Bells silenced for William Pitt

Under the heading "200 Years Ago" the following appeared in "The Western Gazette":

On Wednesday the Rt. Hon. William Pitt, Esq. favoured the town of Taunton with his company, and a great many gentlemen of the first rank dined with him at the Fountain tavern. The bells of both parish churches were rung on his arrival but were soon silenced and ordered not to ring at all this time.

After a lapse of many years an old custom was revived at Ross-on-Wye by ringing the bells of the Parish Church half-muffled on Holy Innocents' Day. The muffles were left on to ring out the Old Year, and taken off at five minutes to midnight to ring in the New Year

The recent peal of Cambridge at Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex, in which six of the band were local ringers, was rung to pay tribute to Westminster Abbey on the 900th anniversary of its foundation, particularly as it was on land belonging to Abbot Dunstan of Westminster that Sunbury was founded in 962.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Kent County annual general meeting will be held at Bexley.

The peal published on page 49 rung at Huish Episcopi is a duplicate

The ringer of the treble in the peal rung at Halling, Kent (page 51), was Christine M. Webb.

The treble ringer in the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Llangarron, Herefordshire, on December 18th was Ann Butcher, and not Ann Brewer, as stated.

With the peal at Brockworth, Glos, on January 1st, Miss Valerie Willard completed the Grandsire "family" on both hand- and tower bells.

Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston has just been elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. He writes that there seems to be four of them who ring. With one more it might be worth going for a peal of Doubles at St. Bartholomew-the-Great or St. Lawrence, Ipswich.

Susan R. Restall will long remember her first peal attempt, one of Plain Bob Minor at Catherington, Hants. Until the peal started she was under the impression that she was going to ring a quarter peal. After two extents she lost her glasses through the rope catching them. However, she continued to put up a very good performance.

Congratulations to the Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society, who rang their 100th peal at Birstall on January 8th. The method was Plain Bob Royal ("in hand") and it was rung by past scholars of the school as a compliment to Mr. B. Stedman Payne, the conductor, who taught the remainder of the band to ring handbells.

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IPSWICH BELLFOUNDERS

Trevor A. Bevis, a valued contributor to "The Ringing World," has written a booklet "The Ipswich Bellfounders," which John Hilton of Hadlow, Tonbridge, has published. price 2s. The book is a gift to the restoration fund of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and copies can be purchased from Mr. George. Pipe, 8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich.

Introduced to the reader are John and Michael Darbie, of the 17th century, and Alfred Bowell. Michael Darbie was a true nomad and a third-rate founder, who gained unenviable notoriety by recasting the bells of Merton College, Oxford. His brother John is described as "a fairly good craftsman, no worse than average, and on rare occasions outstanding." Between 1658 and 1691 he alone cast 158 bells for his native county.

In 1964 "The Ringing World" published the life story of Alfred Bowell—written by Trevor A. Bevis—and it is handy to have the salient features of a busy and varied life in book form. Much of his work was in Northamptonshire, but in Ipswich he did rehang the 30 cwt. tenor at St. Mary-le-Tower. It was in this tower he rang his first peal "in hand" and his first on tower bells. A part of his business was renovating and rebuilding church clocks, and from 1896 until the year of his death he carried out the maintenance of the carillon machine at St. Clement's Church.

ENTICING THE VISITOR

The January issue of "Coming Events in Britain" has a most knowledgable article on ringing by John Camp entitled "The Music of the Bells." It is illustrated with appropriate pictures—the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral revolving, an old bellringer at Headcorn, Kent, a company standing at the ropes waiting for the signal to start a quarter peal at Newdigate, and finally one of the lofty majesty of Boston Stump, possibly selected because of its association with Boston, Mass.

There are, however, two little slips. The writer suggests that even a six-bell peal takes over three hours and that the Cumberland Youths Society was founded in 1671. Trollope, in "The College Youths," gives the date as September 6th, 1747, and incidentally dismisses as a pretty tale London Scholars ringing a peal at Shoreditch to welcome the Duke of Cumberland home in 1746 after the Battle of Culloden. It would not surprise us to hear of many overseas visitors coming into our belfries this summer lured by the delightful picture of the Exercise John Camp has presented.

MID-DAY SNOOZE

Villagers of Colne Engaine, Essex, were mystified by the tolling of the church bell. The church was locked but the bell tolled on and on until the Rector, the Rev. F. J. Griggs, arrived home. He at once went to the church and found that a workman, who went there for a lunchtime snooze, had been locked in. While he slept, the Rector, before going out, had locked the church for the day.

HIS OWN GREAT ADVENTURE

Mr. W. J. Moorey, of Elstead, a well-known Guildford Guild ringer, has been touring Australia, having crossed from Perth to Sydney and rung in the principal towers. He writes to his Guildford friend, Mr. W. Savill, from Bunbury, W.A. He sails for England on February 24th, arriving on Easter Monday (April 4th).

HEAVITREE PARISH CHURCH BELLS, EXETER

The eight bells of Heavitree Parish Church are at present being dismantled by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough and are to be rehung on ball bearings and supplied with new fittings.

It was hoped that the Church Authorities would have given serious consideration to the augmentation to a ring of ten bells, but unfortunately funds are at present unavailable for this work. This is to be regretted, particularly as Exeter's only ring of ten at St. Sidwell's was destroyed by enemy action during the last war, and it is not intended to replace it. The bells of Heavitree Church were cast by John Taylor in 1897 and were provided partly by private donations and partly by public subscription and were dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton on Christmas Eve, 1897.

The cost of rehanging is in the region of £500, and any ringers who would care to make a contribution towards the renovation of this famous ring are asked to send donations to the Vicar, Preb. E. Royle, The Vicarage, Heavitree, or to the Ringing Master, Mr N. Mallett, Blaisewood, 61, Butts Road, Heavitree. It is hoped to have the bells back by the beginning of April, and a date will be announced later when the bells are to be reopened.

LIN-CAMPANOLOGY

A new word has been coined by the Lincolnshire Canners Ltd. in selling their product "Lin-Can." It is "Lin-Campanology" or the art of till ringing.

Thoughts of Tennyson came to Albert E. Garbett as he read the advertisement:

"Ring out the old" (Campanology).
"Ring in the new" (Campanology).
Ring bells and tills across the snow,
'Tis profits make the old world go.

CLOSED SHOP POLICY

The new incumbent of a church in the Ely Diocese has found a new band of five ringers with a new Ringing Master, so the bells are ringing again after several months of silence. A notice in the parish magazine states that no other ringer or ringers must enter the tower without the permission of the Ringing Master or the Vicar. "I wonder," writes N, "what sort of a Christian way of life this particular parson is trying to teach."

MR. NORMAN CHADDOCK'S HOME TOWER

By calling the peal of Spliced Little Bob Royal at Rotherham on December 31st, Mr. Norman Chaddock completed 75 peals on Rotherham bells. Of these he conducted 50 Many were predominantly local band peals and included many "firsts" and "firsts in the method." There were also peals of Caters, Royal, Surprise Major and Stedman Triples by bands who were exclusively his own pupils from handling a rope.

"Ruston News," the works newspaper of Ruston and Hornsby Ltd., Lincoln, has a double-page feature article describing the Kolokol, the great bell of Moscow, and a visit to Mears and Stainbank's.

Mr. Andrew G. Craddock informs us that the length of the handbell peal of Double Bob Major rung at Gosforth (page 36) was 5,088 changes and not 5,008 as submitted.

PEAL INACCURACIES

We are asked by a member of the bands to make the following corrections to the reports submitted by the conductor:

Ringer of 3rd at Stotfold (page 49), 4th at Litlington (page 50) and 3rd at Wallington (page 51), Robert D. Bellamy.

Peal, Litlington, following extents: (1), Kent T.B., (2, 6) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's College Bob, (4, 5, 7) Plain Bob.

Peal, Amersham: Methods rung Norwich, York, Durham, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Peal, Wallington: Following extents: (1–2) Grandsire; (3–6) St. Simon's Bob; (7–22) Plain Bob; (23–26) Grandsire; (27–42) Plain Bob.

THREE GENERATIONS AT MAIDS MORETON

Three generations took part in a quarter of Grandsire Doubles at Maids Moreton, Bucks, on January 6th. Grandfather W. H. Yates, now 70, rang the tenor, his son, W. A. Yates, conducted from the fourth, and the latter's son, Richard, who is nine years old, rang his first quarter from the treble. Others in the quarter were G. W Holland 2, G. Orchard 3, and H. Stopps 5.

MR. R. H. DAW'S 100

Mr. R. H. Daw, Ringing Master of St. John's, Peterborough, who recently completed the Surprise Major alphabet, has now rung his 100th peal. His list reads:

Caters: Grandsire 1. Major: Plain methods 9, Treble Bob 1 Surprise 51 (38 methods, 2 and 4 spliced, conducted 1) 61. Triples: Grandsire 2. Minor: Plain Bob 6, 2—7 methods 19 (conducted 1), 8—18 methods 9, 34. Doubles 6 and eight methods 2. Total 100 (conducted 2).

A LIVERPOOL TOWER

"The Childwall Mail" has in its January issue an article on Childwall (Liverpool) bells, whose Ringing Master is Mr. M. E. Dodd, a Customs official. This tower has one of those pleasing mixtures of society that is one of the attractions of ringing. The Assistant Ringing Master is a graduate apprentice with the Automatic Telephone Company, and other members are a solicitor, a member of the Central Electricity Board staff, a student apprentice with G.P.O., another apprentice, four secondary schoolboys and Miss Helen O'Connor, a secretary.

Childwall is justifiably proud of its old board in the ringing room, which reads:

If for to ring a man comes here,
Ringing sacred, its laws revere.
These ringing laws must be well used,
That ringers may not be abused.
If ringer wears his spur or hat,
One quart of ale he pays for that.
If while he rings, his bell o'erthrow,
Sixpence he pay before he go.
But if he's heard to swear or curse,
Demand one shilling of his purse.
If to these laws he doth conform,
The ringer's part he may perform.

We hope the appeal in the newspaper for help towards the £100 required for urgent repairs will be forthcoming.

1965 PEALS

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., Dec. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Frederick W. Stone	Treble	John F. Murfin	6
Joseph C. Wooley	2	Douglas Derbyshire	7
George L. Roobottom ..	3	Sampson D. Walklate ..	8
Patrick W. Saltmarsh ..	4	Malcolm P. Phipps	9
Clive Thrower	5	George Clift	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C Shepherd. Conducted by John F. Murfin.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
CITY OF LONDON.—In the Belfry of St. Olave's Church, Hart Street.
On Sun., Dec. 5, 1965, in 1 Hour and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

Robert E. J. Dennis	1–2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.)	3–4
Timothy G. Pett	5–6		

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WROXHAM. Norfolk.—At Barton House.
On Sat., Dec 18 1965, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR
Tenor size 16 in B.

Paul S. Royds-Jones	1–2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.)	3–4
Timothy G. Pett	5–6		

First peal in the method by all the band.

NORWICH, Norfolk.—In the Church of St. Peter, Parmentergate.
On Mon., Dec. 20, 1965, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

Paul S. Royds-Jones	1–2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.)	3–4
Timothy G. Pett	5–6		

1966 PEALS

PEALS RUNG AS A COMPLIMENT TO MR. AND MRS. F. I. HAIRS, ON THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
TONBRIDGE, Kent.—At 13, Baltic Road.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. F. I. Hairs	1–2	Peter J. Staniforth	5–6
John Freeman	3–4	Frank I. Hairs	7–8
James A. D. Woolford ..	9–10		

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by John Freeman.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Jean F. Woolford	Treble	John Freeman	5
Edwin A. Barnett	2	Peter J. Staniforth	6
Walter H Dobbie	3	James A. D Woolford ..	7
Walter Ayre	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by C Middleton. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	Frederick J. Cullum	5
Leonard Stilwell	2	George Francis	6
Herbert E. Audsley ..	3	Frederick E. Collins	7
Ernest J. Ladd	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by C W Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat. Jan 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Frederick R. Scott	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	6
Robert C. Kippin	2	Antony R. Kench	7
Anthony D. Sansom	3	John S. Mason	8
David P. Hilling	4	Ralph G. Edwards	9
J. Keith Ward	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SOUTH CADBURY. Somerset.—At the Church of St. Thomas a Becket.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent Oxford Treble Bob, and two each Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

*Trevor E. Marks	Treble	*Derek S. Beaufoy	4
*Raymond P Selway ..	2	Harry J. Gaylard	5
Gilbert W. Rendell ..	3	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A Cross.
* First peal of Minor in four methods. First in four methods on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third, and to mark 50 years' unbroken service by him to Hardington Mandeville, Somerset, tower

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THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Sat. Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods being 1,152 each of Bristol and Yorkshire, 960 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 864 of Rutland, with 74 changes of method and all the work of every method for each bell.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb

M. C. E. Hodge (Fitzwm.)	Treble	*K J. Triplow (Selwyn)	5
*R. Shipp (Peterhouse) ..	2	*S P. Darvill (Downing)	6
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity)	3	*J. A. Harrison (St. Cath's)	7
F. C. Hobson (St. John's)	4	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's)	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K Davies. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch)
BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 24 cwt. in D

*Iain A, Harborow	Treble	‡N. David Lane	5
James M. Pemberton ..	2	Robert Peers	6
†Donald Peers	3	Alexander J Martin ..	7
Ian M. Robertson	4	*Anthony Salisbury ..	Tenor

Composed by J A. Trollope Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal and first attempt. † First in the method "inside."
‡ First in the method
A farewell peal to the Rector, Canon F. C. Cotes (ex-president of the Branch). Also a compliment to Miss Anthea Baker and Mr. Brian Cooper, on their marriage.

MACCLESFIELD Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat. Jan 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat

Denis Heapy	Treble	††Frank R. Morton	5
*Gerald Parsons	2	‡George A. Packer ..	6
*Paul J. Atkins	3	Roy Worrall	7
Barry Corbishley	4	†Ivor R Nichols	Tenor

Composed by C. H Martin Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.
* First peal in the method † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal together.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Sat. Jan. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*E. Jane Sibson	Treble	Peter Beresford	7
Yvonne Edwards	2	Ronald F. Diserens ..	8
Joan Beresford	3	John S Barnes	9
Herrick B. Bowley ..	4	Derek E. Sibson	10
Derek M. Sawyer	5	*W Leslie Weller	11
C. Martin Press	6	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Maximus.

TURNER'S HILL Sussex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sun., Jan. 23, 1966 in 3 Hours
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Sheila M. Dobbie	Treble	Edwin A Barnett	5
Joan Beresford	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Ronald F Diserens	3	Stanley Jenner	7
Derek E. Sibson	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J Pitman. Rung silent and non-conducted.
Umpire: Philip A. Corby. Ancient Society of College Youths
The first peal of six Spliced Surprise Major rung non-conducted and silent.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Chester and Munden, (2) London and Wells, (3) York and Durham, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Cambridge and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge and Beverley, with 54 changes of method.
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.

C. Duncan Davis .. .. Treble	William Davidson 4
Andrew G. Craddock .. 2	James Crowther 5
Rodney A. Yeates 3	Michael Maughan .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
Rung as a compliment to Mary Prophet and Graham Hall, who were married on New Year's Day at Blaby, Leicestershire.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Jean L. Kimber .. .. Treble	*Richard C. Stevens 5
Stewart F. Kimber 2	D. Paul Smith 6
*Kevin Taber 3	Colin A. Tester 7
Roydon Davies 4	Frank E. Darby .. .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Frank E. Darby.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the occasion of the Guild's annual dinner.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LONGSTANTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Donald F. Murfet .. .. Treble	Alan M. Barber 5
Harold S. Peacock 2	Roger J. Palmer 6
George E. Crisp 3	George E. Thoday 7
Brian B. Hullah 4	Geoffrey A. Lucas .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Alan M. Barber.
In memoriam John W. Ward.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Yvonne A. Murray .. Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5
James L. Towler 2	Ian R. Panton 6
Alison M. Mann 3	Joe E. G. Roast 7
*Richard J. Harrison .. 4	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of London.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
LINTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

John F. I. Turney .. .. Treble	Leslie Evans 4
*Marcus C. W. Sherwood 2	Cyril A. Wratten 5
George T. Cousins .. 3	Austin T. Wingate .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal of Surprise.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ROCHESTER, Kent.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Fri., Jan. 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Judith M. Corby .. .. Treble	W. Arthur Riddington .. 6
Hilary F. Hinde 2	Herbert E. Audsley .. 7
Lucile M. Corby 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 8
Frederick J. Cullum .. 4	Philip A. Corby 9
Peter S. Muchlinski 5	*Leonard Crouch .. .. Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First ten-bell peal. Tenor 30 cwt. 14 lb. in D.
Rung as a compliment to Cyril S. Jarrett, on his 40th birthday; to Canon R. S. Hook on his appointment as Bishop of Grantham, and to Canon S. Y. Blanche, on his appointment as Bishop of Liverpool.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In three methods, being 1,800 London (No. 3), 1,640 Cambridge, and 1,600 Yorkshire, with 50 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb.

*Judith M. Corby .. .. Treble	Christopher T. Osenton .. 6
Olive D Tester 2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Hilary F. Hinde 3	Colin A. Tester 8
David S. Osenton 4	Robert W. Hinde 9
Andrew J. Corby 5	Martin L. Howe .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* 50th peal. First of Spliced Surprise Royal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

WESTERHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 ERDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

Richard Hayes .. .. Treble	Edward J. Jenner 5
*†Judith M. Corby 2	Robert W. Hinde 6
†Ann Jenner 3	Philip A. Corby 7
Hilary F. Hinde 4	*Stanley Jenner .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
*† 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Jan. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Christopher T. Osenton .. Treble	David S. Osenton 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	Tony Lewis 6
Frederick J. Cullum 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Herbert E. Audsley .. 4	Ian H Oram .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower."

BORDEN, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,856 Cambridge, 1,408 Bristol, 1,024 Superlative and 768 London, with 111 changes of method.
Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

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

Composed by A. J. Pitman (C.C.C. 9). Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

KILNDOWN, Kent.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Jan 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 40 methods: (1) London, Wells, Dearne Valley and Cunecastre, (2) Hanley, Milton, Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (3) Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale, (4 and 5) Lindley, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Carlisle, Wooler, Whitley, Alnwick Newcastle, Morpeth, Canterbury, Munden and Chester, (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne, and Ipswich, (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley, with 150 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Tony Lewis .. .. .. Treble	Ian H. Oram 4
*Mary S. Taylor 2	Ralph Bird 5
*John Faircloth 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* Most methods to a peal.

LAMBERHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed-Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 14 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Rossendale and Stamford, (3) York and Durham, (4) Berwick and Hexham, (5) Norfolk and Primrose, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge, with 67 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

John Faircloth .. .. .. Treble	Ralph Bird 4
Mary S. Taylor 2	†Ian H. Oram 5
*Tony Lewis 3	†Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* Most methods to a peal, and first of Spliced Surprise Minor.
† 150th peal together.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Thurs., Jan. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Beverley and Surfleet S., (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Hilary Webb .. .. .. Treble	Richard G. Crosland .. 4
Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 2	Ian H. Oram 5
Michael H. O'Challahan 3	Tony Lewis .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal in more than one method.
Rung on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord.

KESTON SURPRISE MINOR
—36—14—12—36—14—3. 2nds place lead-end.
Previously called "King Edward."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., Jan. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Stanley Livesley	Treble	*Kenneth Wilson	5
Victor Draper	2	Dennis Jones	6
Eric Cook	3	Ronald Kenrick	7
Martin Snape	4	Joseph Ridyard	Tenor

Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Margaret Forrest, a ringer at Emanuel, Southport, and John Holt. A birthday compliment to the daughter of the 6th ringer.

OSWALDTWISTLE, Lancashire.—At the Church of Immanuel.
On Sun., Jan. 9, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5280 REAL DOUBLE SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Margaret E. Fort	5
Jeffrey Kershaw	2	*John H. Fielden	6
Philip J. Crossthwaite	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
*Maryl R. Crossthwaite	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley (No. 2). Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal in this variation. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

STALYBRIDGE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Paul, Staley.
On Wed., Jan. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*Christine Andrew	Treble	*Peter J. Wycherley	5
*Margaret E. Fort	2	Derek Butterworth	6
*Richard J. Parker	3	*Jeffrey Brannan	7
Edward Jenkins	4	Neil Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

WHALLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Jan. 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

Philip J. Crossthwaite	Treble	Jeffrey Fox	5
Cyril Crossthwaite	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Derek Butterworth	7
Edward Jenkins	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.
First peal of Major as conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANSTEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Alan Evans	Treble	Russell S. Morris	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Gordon H. Lane	6
Christopher M. Sturgess	3	*Norman W. Attaway	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	Brian S. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

HIGHAM FERRERS, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

E. Alan Jacques	Treble	A. Maxwell Lindsey	5
William A. Lacey	2	J. Martin Thorley	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	Samuel J. Haines	7
*Roland H. Cook	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 200th peal. 25th peal as conductor. The first peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 6th.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Jan. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WESTMINSTER SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

Laurence Watkins	Treble	William Johnson	4
Christopher M. Sturgess	2	R. Kingsley Mason	5
Ernest W. Rawson	3	Michael E. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

Rung as a 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. Susanne Livesey, for over 30 years headmistress of Sapcote C. of E. School until her retirement in 1925.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLBEACH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Jan. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 VERMONT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 2 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

Janet E. Hubbard	Treble	Alan G. Payne	5
Edwin T. Chapman	2	Roger D. Bailey	6
Derek J. Jones	3	Maurice Bennett	7
Denis Wood	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal in the method by all.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Wed., Jan. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*Derek B. Williams	Treble	*Magnus Peterson	5
*Ruth E. Havard	2	Stephen Fenwick	6
Ellis N. Thomas	3	*Geoffrey J. B. Stickland	7
Nicholas W. H. Simon	4	Nicholas D. Evans	Tenor

Composed by J. J Parker. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal in the method.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*Susan Harber	Treble	*Geoffrey J. B. Stickland	5
Ruth E. Havard	2	*Michael Pilgrim	6
*Stephen Fenwick	3	David J. Llewellyn	7
*Richard W. Sweet	4	Nicholas W. H. Simon	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal in the method.

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Thurs., Jan. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

William J. Thomas	Treble	*Ellis N. Thomas	4
Harry Boyce	2	*John M. Hughes	5
*Gareth H. Jones	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal in the method.

(and Cowbridge Grammar School Society.)
BAGLAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St Catharine.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents in seven callings Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*Alana Thomas	Treble	Iolo Davies	4
John Alexander	2	David Barrington	5
Robert MacPherson	3	Christopher Ricketts	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher Ricketts.
* First peal of Minor, and first on the treble—an honorary member, pupil of Cowbridge High School for Girls.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.

Michael Hatchett	Treble	†David E. Rothera	5
*Valerie E. Ware	2	Michael J. Uphill	6
Kenneth Warner	3	John R. Ketteringham	7
†Anne Horsford	4	Wilfrid G. Wilson	Tenor

Conducted by John Ketteringham.
* First peal. † First in the method and of Triples.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Jan. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 DITCHEAT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. Edward Lankester	Treble	Alick Cutler	5
Joan Beresford	2	*G. William Critchley	6
*Claudia A. Critchley	3	John Hill	7
Thomas J. Lock	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Fri., Jan. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

J. Keith Ward	Treble	G. Robert Mordaunt	6
Anthony D. Sansom	2	David Floyd	7
Edward R. Venn	3	Maurice G. Ingram	8
Peter J. Heritage	4	Maurice A. New	9
Jennifer Sceeny	5	Frederick R. Scott	Tenor

Composed by Henry J. Tucker. Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

HERSHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

Robert M. Ashman	Treble	Peter J. Shipton	5
Maurice G. Ingram	2	Frank W. Lewis	6
†Janet T. Butler	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
‡C. David Everett	4	Eunice A. Lewis	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First "inside." The tenor ringer has now "completed the circle."
Rung as a 53rd birthday compliment to the conductor.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Jan. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Peter Border	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Ann E. Fellows	2	John C. Eisel	8
John R. Insley	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
James Insley	4	Martin D. Fellows	10
Roderick W. Pipe	5	Michael J. Fellows	11
George E. Fearn	6	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	Edward W. Colley	7
Muriel Reay	2	*James W. Belshaw	8
Elizabeth Timmins	3	George E. Fearn	9
Susan Rothera	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	10
Philip J. Rothera	5	David J. Purnell	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal on 12 bells.

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY
(and Yorkshire Association).
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

David French	Treble	Stuart Armeson	6
Elsie Chaddock	2	*David Nichols	7
Neil Donovan	3	J. Henry Fielden	8
John J. L. Gilbert	4	John N. D. Chaddock	9
Cyril Rusby	5	Norman Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MORETON CORBETT, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5049 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 9 cwt.

Frederick G. Beddow	Treble	†Michael R. Wycherly	4
*Kathleen M. Baker	2	Ernest F. Willcox	5
Alfred E. G. Owen	3	‡Pamela A. Upton	Tenor

Conducted by Ernest F. Willcox.
* First peal "inside." † First of Grandsire Doubles. ‡ First peal.

THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.
HITCHIN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

*Heather Walters	Treble	*John H. Taylor	5
*Rosemary P. Kemp	2	Peter J. Joyce	6
Robert A. Partridge	3	David J. Forder	7
*Michael D. Trigg	4	*Malcolm M. Powell	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Forder.
* First peal of Triples. First of Grandsire and of Triples by the Guild.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
GRANBY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Dudley Surman	Treble	John R. Pratchett	4
Susanna Poppleston	2	Simon Humphrey	5
Elizabeth J. Foster	3	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam James S. Wise and Harry Smithurst, of Gedling. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr, 22 lb.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
MENDLESHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

Robert E. Lester	Treble	Harold W. H. Leather	4
John J. Prentice	2	Raymond F. Taylor	5
*Alfred Lockwood	3	Thomas W. Lockwood	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.
* First peal "inside." First peal on the bells since augmentation to six by Messrs. Taylor, also first in the tower for 30 years.
Rung by Central District members.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	W. Arthur Riddington	6
Arthur G. Mason	2	George J. Butcher	7
Marjorie F. Matthews	3	John A. Howard	8
Herbert E. Audsley	4	Frank J. Matthews	9
Frederick J. Cullum	5	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by George J. Butcher.
Rung in memoriam Reuben Sanders. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., Jan 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part (6th obs.). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

*Charlotte M. Harris	Treble	‡Derek Slater	5
John A. Howard	2	‡Frank H. Hicks	6
†C. Jane Smart	3	Arthur J. Hart	7
Eric H. Knapp	4	Valerie J. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal on eight. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ 25th peal together.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of the Ascension, Bitterne Park.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 8 cwt. 14 lb.

Kay Hollingsworth	Treble	Colin Butler	5
Dennis B. Brown	2	Maurice J. Butler	6
*Joy Butler	3	David E. House	7
Patricia Pitfield	4	Michael J. Thomas	Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal "inside." Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
BRIERLEY HILL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

M. Irene Ellsmore	Treble	Martin D. Fellows	5
Roderick J. Lees	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Geoffrey Westwood	7
John S. Eisel	4	Norman J. Goodman	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton.
Rung silent and non-conducted. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.
First non-conducted peal by all except the ringer of the third.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At "Bombay," 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., Jan. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 GRANDSIRE CATERS

*†Alan McFall	1–2	*‡Robert B. Smith	5–6
†Neil Bennett	3–4	†Brian J. Woodruffe	7–8
*Gerald Moorhouse	9–10		

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Caters on handbells. ‡ 300th peal for the Guild. Tenor size 15 in C.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At Wayside Cottage.
On Mon., Jan. 10, 1966, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Reverse Bob and Double Bob, and four of Plain Bob Tenor size 15 in C.

Gerald Penney (cond.)	1–2	Julia A. Fellows	3–4
*Roger D. R. Brown	5–6		

* First handbell peal in four methods, 100th peal as conductor.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Daughtry (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Smith 2, Miss B. Haselgrove 3, Mrs. A. Daughtry 4, J. Seller (first as cond.) 5, Miss G. Daughtry 6. To welcome the Vicar, Rev. R. M. S. Eyre.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Gillian Richards 1, Janet Crane (first "inside") 2, Sally Parrott 3, R. Mills 4, A. Luxford 5, P. J. Munday (cond.) 6, M. Morris 7, G. W. Stevens (first in method) 8. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet A. Maltby (first on eight) 1, P. Wakefield 2, Beryl N. Reed 3, B. Hough 4, D. H. Pritchett 5, C. H. Pritchett 6, C. W. Reed (cond.) 7, P. Holmes 8

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Jan. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Pyke 1, Mrs. B. Stocker 2, Julia Collinge (first of Minor) 3, Mrs. B. van Asselt 4, R. C. Kift 5, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Westwood 1, H. White 2, R. Hayden 3, A. Richardson 4, P. Warboys 5, D. Kingston (cond.) 6, D. Hutley 7. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday. Also on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Westwood 1, R. Hayden 2, R. Walker 3, H. Watts 4, A. Richardson 5, P. Warboys 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8. For Confirmation service.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Wells 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, L. F. Cox 3, H. E. Wells 4, C. J. Garlick 5, J. H. Napper 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8. For the wedding of Miss Wendy Corderoy and Mr. Frederick Jones.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker 1, P. S. Abbott 2, E. J. Whiting 3, E. A. Bailey 4, J. F. W. Allen 5, P. Godfrey 6. For the wedding of Anthony J. F. Steward and Cynthia Judith Ellington. Also on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Godfrey 1, Susan B. Baker (first "inside") 2, E. J. Whiting 3, P. S. Abbott 4, M. G. Freestone 5, R. F. Baker (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and following the christening of Wendy Barbara, daughter of Clive and Lucy Smith, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. W. Allen, at Lichfield Cathedral.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Bedford 1, Miss J. Wood 2, P. Bedford 3, H. Turner (cond.) 4, A. Pryke 5, V. J. Dale 6, B. C. Haines 7, H. Flanders 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann Willard, daughter of the Vicar and a ringer at this church.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Lauder (first quarter) 1, F. J. Lambert 2, A. Hemsley 3, J. Willsher (first "inside") 4, C. A. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. Weller 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of George Douch, former captain of this tower.

CARLTON COLVILLE, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. J. Newell (first quarter) 1, J. W. Forder 2, T. J. Brock 3, N. P. J. Cossey 4, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 5. First quarter on bells since restoration of tower.

CARRICKFERGUS, CO. ANTRIM.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Porte (first quarter) 1, Aileen E. McAteer (first "inside") 2, Maud Austin 3, J. Lindsey 4, J. Palmer 5, J. K. Foot (cond.) 6.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. M. Corby 1, Miss H. Webb (first of Major "inside") 2, A. J. Calton (first quarter) 3, Mrs. L. M. Corby 4, T. Lewis 5, P. A. Corby 6, I. H. Oram (cond.) 7, A. J. Corby 8. For Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 17th, at St. John the Baptist Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Davies 1, G. H. Humphries 2, N. G. Steere 3, N. D. Brown 4, M. Parry 5, R. C. Stevens 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, A. Brown 8. Rung to the memory of Herbert Pratt, a member of this band for 40 years.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: O. Claxton 1, J. Mowle 2, C. Catchpole 3, A. G. Harrison 4, F. Sutton 5, E. G. H. Maynard 6, A. Cook 7, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 8. A farewell to George Maynard, leaving for Uganda, also for the engagement of Marion Fuller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fuller, to David Bull.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ruby Mortimer 1, Mary Pollard 2, Jean Pollard 3, P. Birkett 4, F. Linfoot 5, C. Aaron 6, A. Rogers 7, V. Nutton (cond.) 8. For the service of Nine Lessons. Also on Jan. 15, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Gael Brown 1, Iris Lemare 2, Patricia Rogers 3, Susan Jackson 4, J. Henry Fielden 5, R. Senior 6, A. Rogers 7, V. Nutton (cond.) 8. First quarter in method by all the band except 2 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. D. Smith (cond.) 1, M. Wills 2, Rosemary S. Brown 3, M. Peters 4, R. Allinson 5, L. V. Smith 6. Rung for the dedication of the new ringing chamber and rehung bells. Also as a farewell to Morris Peters, who has left the district.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: P. N. Felton 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Olive Rogers 3, Alison Mann 4, M. B. Tyers 5, P. A. Brand 6, R. W. H. Hayes 7, C. H. Rogers 8, S. C. Walters 9, C. T. Richards (cond.) 10. Dedicated to the memory of J. W. Ward, of Cambridge, who was well known to some of the band.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): R. Mann 1, G. Barnard 2, W. J. Ridgman 3, D. Horrell 4, A. E. Ling (cond.) 5. For the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

HEAVITREE, Exeter, DEVON.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. P. Yates 1, C. D. Yates 2, B. Thompson 3, D. Lissenden 4, F. Wills 5, G. Skinner 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, P. Colton 8.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Durston 1, Sandra Weaver 2, H. Hawkins 3, P. Gould 4, R. Hawkins (cond.) 5, R. Weaver 6. For early Communion. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hawkins (first in method as cond.) and R. Weaver first of Minor.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Annette Taylor 1, M. A. Caldecote 2, R. A. Gilliver 3, I. S. Merry 4, R. Clayfield 5, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2, 3 and 5. For morning service.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalen's, on Dec. 22nd, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. C. Thexton (first on eight) 1, Miss D. M. Robotham 2, R. Newman 3, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 4, C. J. N. Dalton 5, K. Rider 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, F. A. Benn 8. For Confirmation.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: I. Armstrong 1, Mary I. Hildred 2, T. W. Brighton 3, Susan E. Thompson 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5. First in method 1, 2 and 3. Rung to the respected memory of Sir Winston Churchill, died January 24th, 1965.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,320 Spliced Surprise Royal (640 London, 680 Cambridge): Caroline V. Harris 1, R. N. Harris 2, Alison M. Mann 3, Deborah Hopkins 4, Christine Macnair 5, A. Stubbs 6, A. R. Patterson 7, D. T. Darby 8, A. S. Bishop 9, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 10.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley Clarke (first quarter) 1, J. Machell 2, P. Royds-Jones 3, Jennifer Brown 4, D. Gebbett 5, M. Tunnicliffe 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, S. Rees 8. Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Brown 1, Miss B. Leigh 2, Catherine Reed (first quarter) 3, Miss F. Cannon 4, D. Gebbett 5, P. Erith 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, S. Rees 8. Also on Jan 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Evans 1, Miss J. Brown 2, Miss F. Cannon 3, J. Machell 4, E. Jones 5, J. Dafters 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, D. Gebbett 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Leonard Leigh. Also on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lesley Clarke 1, Miss J. Brown 2, Catherine Reed 3, P. Royds-Jones 4, M. Tunnicliffe 5, D. Gebbett 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, B. Evans 8.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Single and Plain Bob): J. Nelson (cond.) 1, Miss M. J. Fish 2, L. Walmsley 3, D. L. Marsden 4, J. E. Sumner 5, G. J. Mee 6.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Jan. 20th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret L. Ellwood 1, Julia M. Sanders (first "inside") 2, Angela Bagnall (first of Minor "inside") 3, Ann Barr 4, J. D. Chamberlain 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Andrew Smith (first quarter) 1, S. Cass (first "inside") 2, Ann Cass 3, Diane Presdee 4, J. L. Floyd (cond.) 5, R. Cass 6. For the wedding anniversary of treble ringer's parents. Also on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Louise A. M. Evans (first quarter) 1, S. F. Cass 2, Diane W. Presdee 3, R. Ann Cass 4, R. G. Mitchell (cond.) 5, J. L. Floyd 6. For evening service, and the conductor's birthday.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gwen Bidgood 1, D. Bishop 2, N. Simon 3, C. Ricketts 4, C. Aldridge 5, M. Peterson 6, M. Pilgrim (cond.) 7, J. Plumb 8.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on Jan. 16th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: R. D. Bailey 1, E. D. Elderkin 2, R. W. Powell 3, T. G. Pett 4, C. W. Longden 5, R. O. Humphries (cond.) 6. For Matins by U.L.S.C.R.

MARSHFIELD, GLOS. — On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Ovens 1, Myra J. Gibbs 2, Elizabeth A. Webb 3, D. M. Smith 4, K. G. Weeks 5, W. Lampard (first of Triples "inside") 6, A. W. Gibbs (first of Triples as cond.) 7, M. Brain 8. First of Triples 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Turner 1, T. Setter 2, T. Marks 3, Rev. C. Marshall 4, A. Robinson (cond.) 5, Rev. C. Meredith 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of David S. J. Nicholson, treasurer of the P.C.C. and chairman of the Parish Council, who died on December 28th.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Gibson 1, Mary Jones 2, Jacqueline A. Purnell 3, N. R. Platts 4, J. Maggs 5, F. Savage (cond.) 6, D. Mackay 7, J. H. Purnell 8. First quarter 1, 4, 5, 8. For Evensong.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On Jan. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Ridout 1, C. F. Longridge (first of Minor) 2, F. Hilliar 3, R. Ridout 4, T. Bleathman (first as cond.) 5, J. N. Longridge 6. For Confirmation service. Also on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Hilliar 1, R. N. Longridge 2, T. Bleathman 3, R. Ridout 4, Bert Ridout 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Dilley 1, F. Hodson 2, W. Bavin 3, P. Leggett 4, J. Causer 5, A. Payne (cond.) 6. A farewell tribute to the conductor and captain, who has left the tower after ringing here for 21 years.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on Dec. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Wendy Daw 1, H. Goakes 2, G. S. Bush 3, R. W. Spencer 4, F. T. Boyall 5, L. Hadman 6, B. Harris 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. For Evensong. A farewell to Brian Harris and family, leaving Peterborough for Nantwich. Also as a compliment to Bernard Branston and Jennifer Eve, both local ringers, on their engagement.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 cover): Mrs. L. Stockwell 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Jennifer Pursey (first quarter) 3, Mary Elsdon 4, A. Bridges (cond.) 5, E. Fowles 6, G. Firman 7, W. Bridges 8. A birthday compliment to Canon Prichard. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 cover): Mrs. L. Stockwell 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. Stockwell 3, G. Firman 4, A. Bridges (cond.) 5, E. Fowles 6, D. Cubit 7, W. Bridges 8. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Ann Gasson (first of Minor) 1, Hilary Coyle (first of Minor) 2, Alison M. Mann 3, Julie S. Armstrong 4, L. W. Allen 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. Lacey (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Finn 2, Freda Lacey (first "inside") 3, W. Bains 4, F. Lord (cond.) 5, F. Lacey 6, M. Lings 7, J. Hall 8.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rachael Saggs 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, F. Goodearle 4, H. Deacon (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Lodge 1, Jean Harrison (first of Minor) 2, Carolyn White 3, D. Debenham 4, W. Savill 5, D. Tubbs (cond.) 6. A welcome to Patricia Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lodge, both ringers at this tower.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: K. Westwood 1, A. Richardson 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, H. Watts 4, Mrs. J. Warboys 5, T. Camp 6. First of Kent 1, 2 and 5.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. N. Stephenson 1, Hilary Knight 2, Pamela Denney 3, L. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. For Evensong, and within the octave of St. Hilary's Day.

WIDFORD, HERTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Foley 1, R. Wilsher 2, D. Digby (cond.) 3, P. Owen 4, P. Searles (first "inside") 5, J. Game 6.

WINGHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Keeler 1, P. Harrisson 2, Miss C. Bouldin 3, Miss J. Pursey 4, K. Davis 5, A. Bridges 6, E. Eades (cond.) 7, W. Epps 8. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Sheppard 1, A. P. White 2, M. J. Robinson 3, G. L. Bowen 4, D. G. Franklin 5, L. J. Haines 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, R. G. Morris 8, T. W. Lewis 9, J. J. Stanier 10. First on ten for 2, 3, 5 and 6. For Matins.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General Committee meeting, Monday, February 7th, 7.45 p.m., in Church House, St. Martin's East, Leicester.—B G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8420

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The meeting planned for Dore on February 5th has been cancelled.—J. Seager, Sec. 8390

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Next meeting at Wellesbourne on February 5th. Usual times. Names for tea to Dr L. P. Mackie, Rana House, Wellesbourne. Special methods: St. Clement's and Killamarsh T.B. 8308

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Old Hill (8), Saturday, February 5th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 8304

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting at Fordham, Saturday, February 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by further ringing until 8.30. Special method: Westminster Surprise. 8342

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District. — Annual meeting, Watford, February 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business. Names for tea essential to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford (Tel. 27936), before the day 8364

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Coppull, Saturday, February 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. All welcome.—K. F. Wilson, Sec. 8409

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, February 5th, at Staines. Ringing: St. Mary's 3–4 p.m.; St. Peter's 3.30–4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Evening ringing at St. Peter's till 8.30 p.m. Mr. M. Loveday, Orchard Cottage, Laleham Road, Staines, is desperately hoping to receive names for tea.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8309

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Buckingham, February 5th. Bells (8) from 6 p.m. 8358

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Annual Divisional meeting, Cuckfield, Saturday, February 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. V. Johnson, Lavenham, Anstye, Haywards Heath, Sussex.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 8252

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Annual general meeting, Portsmouth Cathedral, February 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15 in Cathedral House. Names for tea to Miss Lloyd, Provost's Secretary, Cathedral Office, St. Thomas's Street. 8359

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, February 7th, at 7 p.m. 8391

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Penistone, near Sheffield, on Saturday, February 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food.—J. W. Buxton. 8413

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — Meeting at Clifton (8) on Saturday, February 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Warm church—warm welcome to all. 8399

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Annual general meeting, Kirk Ella (6) and Beverley St. Mary (10) Saturday, February 12th. Ringing Kirk Ella 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Ringing Beverley 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. B. Cooper, 97, Fairfield Avenue, Kirk Ella, by February 10th. 8401

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—A.G.M. at Davenham, Saturday, February 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Howard, Beverley, Lime Avenue, Northwich, by February 9th. Special method: Hull S. Minor. 8388

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Foxton and Harston, Saturday, February 12th. Foxton (5) 3–4.30 Service Harston 4.30. Tea Harston Vicarage 5, followed by business meeting. Harston (6) 6–8.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 8411

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting on Saturday, February 12th, at Tunbridge Wells (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells. 8338

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Wanborough, Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by Tues., 8th, please. Tel. Swindon 6824. 8406

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meetieng at Feniton, Saturday, February 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Further ringing after teea. Names for tea to Mr. P. G. Blackmore, Chelsea Farm, Feniton, by Wednesday, February 9th—R. C. Woodley, Hon. Sec. 8356

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Leominster (10) on Saturday, February 12th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after.—J. F. Fox. 8418

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—Annual meeting at Bosbury, February 12th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woofields Farm, Coddington, Ledbury. 8408

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Ludlow, Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) available 3–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bromfield and Stanton Lacy bells 6–8 p.m. 8398

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St Helens, by Wednesday.—M. E. D. 7415

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Evening meeting on Saturday, February 12th, at East Crompton. Bells (8) at 6.30 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 8410

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly general meeting, February 12th. Bells: Shepshed (8) 2.45–3.45; Loughborough (10) 3–4.25. Service All Saints', Loughborough, 4.30. Tea (followed by meeting) in Fearon Hall 5. Names for tea to M. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough, Leics, by February 10th. All nominations for Guild officers and any proposed alterations to rules must be made by this meeting.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8421

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting at Aberavon (8) on Saturday, February 12th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry, Glam (Tel. Rhoose 494). Would members make a special effort to send names by the stated date. 8344

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting at Loddon on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon (NOR 21W), by Wednesday, February 9th.—N. P. J. C. 8352

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting Western Deaneries, Honingham, Saturday, February 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. W. Wilgress, Mill Lane, Honingham, by Wednesday, February 9th. 8400

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A.G.M. at Reading on Saturday, February 12th. Bells: St. Giles' 2.30–4.30; St. Mary's 3–4; St. Laurence's 7–8; Caversham 7–9. Service St. Giles' 4.30. Tea and meeting at St. Giles' Hall 5. Numbers for tea to Mrs. K. Vernon, 7, Briants Avenue, Caversham, by Wednesday, February 9th.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham District.—Meeting at Bingham on February 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous. 8422

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Notts. — Meeting at Babworth, February 12th. Names for tea to Mrs. W. E. Howard, Morton Hill Farm, Ranby, Retford, by Thursday previous. 8423

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Annual meeting at Halesworth on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. E. Riggs, 6, Market Place, Halesworth, Suffolk, by Wednesday, February 9th. A good attendance, please.—T. N. J. B. 8373

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Practice meeting at Great Barton (6) Saturday, February 12th. Bells from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 8424

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual Divisional meeting on Saturday, February 12th, at Chichester. Cathedral bells (8) at 2.45 p.m. and after tea. Business meeting in the belfry at 4 o'clock. Service at 5 followed by tea at the Marsham Restaurant. Please notify for tea Mr. R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex (Tel. Sidlesham 325), by Wednesday previous. 8395

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The A.G.M. of the Winchester District will be held at St. Maurice's Hall, Winchester, on Saturday, February 12th, at 2.30. Tea 4 p.m., followed by Evensong in the Cathedral, 5 p.m. Ringing at the Cathedral from 6 till 9 p.m. Names for tea by previous Monday, please, to R. H. Collis, Sec., No. 3, Hockley Cottages, Cheriton, Alresford. 8381

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Practice meeting at Swindon Village (5) on Monday, February 14th, 7.30 p.m. 8405

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —S. and W. District. — Mid-week practice meeting at Hampton, Thursday, February 17th, Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason, Dis. Sec. 8310

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, St. Giles', Cripplegate, February 19th, 2.30–3.30; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 4–5.30. Service. Tea, business meeting and social Edinburgh Tavern, Milford Lane (opposite church). Handbell competition. Names for tea essential to Miss Y. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road, Fulham, S.W.6. Renown 4423. 8380

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, February 19th, Wentworth (6) 2.30–4 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Gatty Hall, Ecclesfield, at 4.30 p.m. Ringing at Ecclesfield (8) after the meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. Sharpe, 8, Townend Road, Ecclesfield, near Sheffield. No name, no tea. Please send by Thursday previous to the 19th. All welcome. Main item on agenda for meeting will be fixing of date and place for A.G.M., as this cannot now be held on the 3rd Saturday in May owing to the Yorkshire Council of Ringing Societies' Festival at Beverley. What about Tickhill, 3rd Saturday in April or June?—M. King, Hon. Sec. 8337

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A social evening will be held at King George VI Playing Field Hall, Braintree, on Saturday, February 26th, at 8 p.m. Tickets (3/6 each) from Mr. P. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield, Braintree. (S.A.E., please). 8425

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Gloucester, April 16th. Details later. New rules in operation. Branches to make recommendations for officers (Rule 6, i to v) in writing with indication of willingness to serve on or before Saturday, March 5th. Also by same date all notices of motion for the A.G.M. All nominations for officers must now come from the Branches or the Management Committee. —Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec., 42, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. 8349

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"DE MINIMUS NON CURAT LEX"

(The Law Does Not Concern Itself With Trifles)

By D. J. DERRICK

THE right to ring church bells is an ever-recurring topic of conversation. I have looked into several tomes of law on this subject and the following is what I have gleaned:

The control of church bells belongs to the incumbent, but to constitute an ecclesiastical offence it is not sufficient to allege that the ringing complained of took place without his consent; it must be against his wishes either expressed in a general or particular prohibition.

The property of the bells and bellropes (no mention is made as to wheels, pulleys, etc.) is vested in the churchwardens as a quasi-corporation, but their care is transferred to the parochial church council, though private individuals may have rights. The churchwardens must allow the bells to be rung in connection with divine service under the direction of the incumbent. They have jointly with the incumbent a control as to the time when the bells may be rung, though in the case of Martin v. Nutkin (1724) an agreement entered into as to the ringing of church bells was held enforceable by the injunction by a vestry against the incumbent and succeeding churchwardens.

People complaining about the ringing is by no means a modern malady as can be seen in the case of Evans v. Lisle (1835) in which in an action for placing lighted brimstone in a church tower, whereby the plaintiff, who, with others, was ringing the bells, was annoyed by the fumes. The defendant pleaded the general issue, and that the plaintiff was wrongfully in the church tower making a disturbance, and that the rector requested him to depart, and that as he would not the defendant, by the command of the rector, placed and lighted the brimstone, to cause the plaintiff to depart. Held, that to support the special plea, evidence must be given of the request to depart and also of the rector's authority to the defendant to put the brimstone; also that to entitle the plaintiff to a verdict on the grounds of the general issue the jury must be satisfied that the plaintiff sustained some substantial damage from the fumes of the brimstone.

The use of bells as sanctus bells is illegal and the courts have refused by faculty alterations to enable one of the bells of a church to be used from the interior of the church as a sanctus bell (see the Rector and Churchwardens of Capel St. Mary, Suffolk, and Packard, 1927). I cannot find any ruling as to the Pudding Bell or Pancake Bell. A sexton and his assistants (if any) may have included in their duties the ringing of bells.

Lastly I come to the right to ring church bells. In the Book of Common Prayer it states that the curate that ministereth in every Parish-Church or Chapel, being at home, and not being otherwise reasonably hindered, shall say the same in the same in the Parish-Church or Chapel where he ministereth, and shall cause a Bell to be tolled thereunto a convenient time before he begin.

There is, however, an authority in the case of Soltaus v. De Held (1843) where an injunction was granted by a court of equity after a trial by law to restrain the ringing of the bells of a Roman Catholic church, so as to occasion any nuisance, disturbance and annoyance to the plaintiff who resided very near to the church.

I am unable to find any definite directions as to change ringing, ringing of peals, practice nights, etc. The law of nuisance could well apply, indeed the above case was brought in this tort. The only satisfactory way to find out would be to ask the Court to make a Declaratory Order, stating also the amount of ringing which is reasonable, though costs involved would be high.

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Cathedral Bells Conditions

THE Coventry Diocesan Guild held a very successful quarterly meeting at Rugby on January 15th. Although it was an extremely cold day the turn-up was most gratifying, but the standard of ringing (to say the least) left much to be desired. No doubt the very cold atmosphere had something to do with it.

The service was, as one had come to expect of the Rector, the Rev. D. M. Davies, most unusual, and was much enjoyed by all present. He opened by asking which form of service they preferred—Evensong or their own as in the handbook. Having decided, he then asked which hymns they preferred, and then proceeded with the service. He invited Patsy Harris, of Brinklow, who is only eight years old, to read the lesson, which she did very ably with promptings from the Rector of some difficult words. In a short address he welcomed the ringers to St. Andrew's for a very special reason—the continuous ringing would frighten the pigeons away from the church and he hoped they would stay away (the pigeons, not the ringers) for good, as they did an awful lot of damage.

The business meeting, which followed tea at a self-service café, was held in the ringing chamber. Before dealing with the agenda, the president, Mr. A. H. Beamish, referred to the deaths of Mr. Ashley, of Bulkington, and Mr. Peck, of Rugby. The company stood as a token of respect.

Coventry Cathedral bells was the first item on the agenda. The general secretary said he had previously been assured by the Provost that, provided a satisfactory scheme could be prepared, he would give all the help he could to support them in their efforts to get the bells ringing. He wanted assurance on three points: that there would be no damage to the tower; that sound control would be introduced so that the bells when rung in practice would cause no annoyance locally; and that the cost would not be a charge on Cathedral funds. It was felt that these assurances could be given provided that the bells could be hung below the groined ceiling; to this the Provost had agreed to give his support.

The secretary also stated that Holy Trinity, Coventry, bells would shortly be sent to the bell foundry, but it could be some years before they would be back in the tower as a serviceable ring as the spire had to be rebuilt before the bells could be put in. He had also learned that Alveston bells were to be augmented to six in the very near future.

Five new members were elected from Wolvey, two from Rugby, one each from Chilvers Coton, Corley and Dunchurch, and one non-resident. Mr. D. E. Beamish and Mr. H. Windsor were re-elected for a further term on the Central Council.

Leamington Spa was proposed as the place for the annual general meeting in April next, with Allesley as the alternative. The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks and the evening ringing was much improved on that of the afternoon's. J. L. G. H.

SUFFOLK GUILD

A very well attended meeting of the N.W. Suffolk ringers was held at Elveden memorial tower. Mr. C. Hancock, the new chairman, was welcomed, and two new members proposed. An evening meeting is to be held at Great Barton on February 12th, and another on March 12th at Easton. Mrs. J. Paul and helpers were warmly thanked for providing tea. Evensong was conducted by the Rev. Newton Gates, the lesson read by Mr. George Pipe, and Miss Joan Ivings was the organist.

PERTH'S OLDER BELLS

By Ranald W. M. Clouston, B.Sc., F.S.A. (Scot.)



FROM the antiquarian point of view St. John's Kirk, Perth, has one of the very best collections of ancient bells in the whole of Britain. In all there are eight which date from pre-Reformation times, a total more than in any other church in the British Isles, so a few comparisons may be of interest.

The oldest is one of about seven cwt., which hangs in the apex of the side belfry on the north side of the spire. The inscription is in fine ornamented Lombardic capitals with an initial cross, saying in Latin: "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you." It dates from the 14th century, probably the first half, and bells of this age in Scotland are comparatively rare. Other known examples of this period are two at Lochmaben cast about 1300 and the Skellat bell in Kirkwall Cathedral. These three bells are, however, comparatively small, being less than a third of the weight of the Perth bell. The older Lochmaben bell is said to have been given to the church by King Robert the Bruce, and like the Perth bell was probably cast in England.

Next in point of age is a bell of about two cwt. inscribed with one exception in a black letter small alphabet in Latin: "Behold the Lamb of God," with ornamental cross, a shield, a crown and a cock. This bell dates from the 15th century and is also probably English. It is to be seen on the floor of the south aisle.

THE BOURDON

The bourdon or largest bell in the carillon is dedicated to St. John the Baptist and was cast by Peter Waghevens at Malines or Mechlin, now in Belgium, in 1506. This bell weighs 21 cwt. 14 lb. and is more than double the weight of any other existing pre-Reformation bell in Scotland

On the waist there is a fine statuette apparently of St. John the Baptist and the founder's mark and floral ornaments. Above and below the inscription are lace-like ornamental bands and the faces of the loops on the crown are also decorated. This is the only bell so far discovered in Scotland actually bearing Peter Waghevens' name, but it does appear on an enormous cauldron at Lacock Abbey, Wilts, dated 1500. Gloucester Cathedral has a clock bell of about 58 cwt. of mediæval date, and the Hereford Cathedral tenor of 34 cwt. is pre-Reformation, but this Perth bell must be just about the next largest pre-Reformation bell in the British Isles.

The north porch contains a chime of five bells cast in Malines in 1526, probably by Peter van den Ghein I. The largest weighs about 1¼ cwt. and they sound the five lower notes of an octave in the key of B flat. Originally there were six bells to sound the half hours and another to sound the hour—all of the same date. The three larger bells are inscribed in Flemish: "I was cast in the year of Our Lord 1526," and on the smaller bells with less room for the inscription the words "of Our Lord" are omitted.

ONLY TWO OTHER PRE-REFORMATION RINGS IN BRITAIN

The interest here is that there are only two other sets of five pre-Reformation bells remaining in Britain, one at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, London, cast by Thomas Bullisdon about 1510, and the other at St. Laurence's, Ipswich, by three founders, all 15th century.

The bells have been somewhat corroded internally by the action of the sulphurous fumes from coal fires on the copper in the bronze, but there does seem to be evidence that the three lighter bells have been turned in some sort of boring machine a long while ago, to remove metal to flatten the strike notes. If this can be confirmed then we have an extremely early example of tuning by this method, which is common enough now, but which was not used in England till the end of the 18th century, though we know the Hemony brothers of Amsterdam had such a machine about 1650.

Only the large bell of 1506 is still used and it is much to the credit of the kirk authorities that the others have been preserved as examples of the bellfounder's work of long ago.

From the Chronicle of St. John's Kirk, Perth.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Picton 1, K. D. Waples 2, D. J. Goodman 3, G. R. Fielding 4, R. W. Picton (cond.) 5, P. W. Harper 6, B. M. Barker 7, G. Spratt 8. First of Grandsire Triples 4 and 8. Rung in memory of Arthur Hill, former ringer, whose funeral took place this day.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT RETIRING AFTER 16 YEARS

THE 60 members present at the general meeting at Guiseley on January 15th heard with regret that their president for the last 16 years, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, had decided to retire from office. Mr. William Barton expressed the feelings of all when he said how disappointed members were at the news. He commented on the great amount of time the Archdeacon had given to the work of the Association during his period of office, a time which recalled many happy memories. He wished the president good health, especially after his recent operation.

Mr. Vernon Bottomley was nominated for election as president in April. If elected then, his wife, Jeanne, will take over as treasurer for the last of her husband's three-year term. Mr. Eric Critchley was nominated as peal secretary for the next three years, and a ballot to decide the four Central Council representatives for 1966–1969 resulted in the election of Mr V. Bottomley, Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. E. Hudson and Mr. W. F. Moreton.

An invitation from Mr. Hudson to go to Ripon, probably on April 30th, for the annual general meeting, was welcomed and accepted. The Association decided to go north later in the year, too, when Mr. A. Bashforth reported on the possibilities of holding the Snowdon Dinner at Northallerton on October 15th. (Since the meeting Mr. A. Bashforth and others concerned with the arrangements for the Snowdon Dinner on October 15th have decided to make the venue the Bridge Hotel, Catterick Bridge, rather than Northallerton.)

A report on the progress of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies was made by its chairman, Mr. E. Hudson, and he gave news of the one-day course for tower captains, ringing masters and instructors to be held at Selby on March 19th, as well as of the festival in Beverley on May 21st. Mr. C. Moxon announced that the Joint Council's duplicated report would be ready by the end of the month.

New members elected were: Susan Mitchell (Huntington), Fiona Dempster (Pudsey), Anne Barker (Scalby), Gillian Scholey (Scarborough), Robert Cater and Gail Blackburn (Wakefield Cathedral), Alice Baldwin, Michael G. Dodson and Geoffrey Cooper (Leeds University) and two non-resident members, Patricia Rogers (Isleworth) and Mrs. Beryl Hartley (Leicester).

PEALS ON MEETING DAYS

A motion by Mr. Trevor Tarbatt that "The Association regards with disfavour the ringing of peals in a District which is at that time holding its quarterly or annual meeting" was proposed briefly. Mr. W. F. Moreton, seconding it, said that there were several ways in which the Association functioned. One of these ways was through its meetings, a way ordered by the rules. Peals were another recognised way, but if the two clashed, the peals should clearly give way. Two of the purposes of meetings were to conduct the business of the Association and to bring ringers into closer relationship. A peal during a meeting indicated a lack of interest in both these aims, and it implied both rudeness to the ringers of the tower where the meeting was being held and to the officials of the District. He concluded with the point that election to and membership of any Society meant obligation to it, and that people who rang peals on meeting days were either selfish or rebellious.

Mr. W. Barton supported the motion, pointing out that there used to be an unwritten rule that there would be no peals on meeting days unless there were some special reason for a peal. But he thought it unfair if the Northern District, for example, could not ring a peal on a Western District meeting day. Both Mr. Barton and Mr. Bottomley said that the feeling there was against these peals should be publicised, the latter speaker intimating that the committee's report should emphasise it.

The president also added support and thought the motion could be strengthened with the words "and hopes that every effort will be made to discourage it." The proposer and seconder agreed to this addition.

Mr. N. Chaddock thought that there was scope for the Joint Council to try to co-ordinate the monthly meetings of the District Societies so that fewer Saturdays in the month were booked up automatically. He said it was a difficult decision for young ringers to make when invited to a peal on their own District meeting day. Mr. W. E. Critchley said that some co-ordination between the District Societies was sadly needed, but thought it very often when there were special occasions for peals.

No one spoke against the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Four towers were available for ringing: The eight and six at Rothwell and Chapel Allerton respectively during the morning; the octaves at Guiseley and Otley during the afternoon and evening. The service at Guiseley was conducted by the Rector, who joined the ringers at tea afterwards, and a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, especially to the local company, was proposed by Mr. W E. Critchley. Mr. A. Walsh, in reply, spoke of the long connection his tower had had with the Association, and said he was very pleased everyone had come.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Samuel Higginson, aged 61, which occurred suddenly on January 11th at his home, 5, Grange Cottages, Ellesmere, Shropshire. Until he had a serious illness some years ago, he was a regular ringer at St. Mary's Parish Church, Ellesmere. A good striker, he had rung 24 peals in the standard methods.

An engineer by trade, Mr. Higginson was a prominent member of the Ellesmere Oddfellows and also belonged to the Fire Service. He is survived by his father, Mr. William Higginson, also a ringer, who, incidentally, became 89 an January 9th, and is still able to ring at occasional meetings, etc. The deceased also leaves a brother, Mr. Paddy Higginson.

The funeral took place on January 15th, the service at St. Mary's Church being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. N. A. Fenn, with Miss Enid Roberts as organist.

Bill, who had lived in his native Ellesmere all his life, was of a quiet, friendly and reliable disposition and his passing is greatly mourned by all who knew him. T. R. B.

MR. G. A. PECK

AN APPRECIATION

We at St. Andrew's, Rugby, have lost an esteemed old friend by the passing of Mr. George A. Peck. A retired Post Office civil servant of Kingston on Thames and Nottingham, he was a devoted chairman and a staunch follower of Surrey and Notts cricket. His wife predeceased him many years ago, leaving him spare time to devote to his hobbies, among them being bellringing, which he did not adopt until he was 40 years old. He was in his element in multi-method Doubles touches and splices, but he called a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in celebration of his 88th birthday. A couple of years after, however, his doctor advised him against climbing our steep belfry stairs. So acute were his faculties, nevertheless, that he took part in two national chess tournaments each year; in fact it was on his return from the international chess congress at Hastings that he was taken ill recently, having drawn one game, at the age of 91!

C. UNDERWOOD.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY

Rising high above a modern large town is the Church of St. Bartholomew, Wednesbury. The Vicar, the Rev. G. Owen, after welcoming the Society on the occasion of the recent meeting held on January 22nd, spoke during his address of the ancient treasures to be found in this church, parts of which date back to pre-Norman times. These include two carved screens, an alabaster panelled chancel, a pre-Reformation lectern depicting a fighting cock and a painting of "The Descent from the Cross," by the 17th century French artist, Jean Jouvenet. Of more recent times there is the excellent ring of ten bells, which was made full use of by members during the day. A ring of eight, the bells were recast and augmented to ten by C. and G. Mears in 1854, but we now enjoy the bells as supplied by Gillett and Johnston in 1912 with a tenor of 24 cwt 18 lb. in E flat.

After nearly 80 members and friends had partaken of a bountiful tea kindly provided by the Wednesbury ringers, the honorary secretary announced that a Society library was soon to be opened and appealed for any unwanted ringing books that members might like to donate. This was to be operated by the assistant secretary, Mr. Peter Barker, and would be housed in Lichfield Cathedral Ringing Room. The eight-bell striking competition will take place on April 30th next, and the two test pieces would be either a plain course of Grandsire Triples or a bob course of Plain Bob Major. Entries to be in writing, please, by the next full meeting, at Rushall, on March 19th.

The following new members were elected: Miss C. Slater (Tettenhall), Miss H. Bulla and Miss A. C. Richards (Little Aston), Mrs. J. Jones (St. Peter's, Wolverhampton), Miss C. Green (Rushall), Mrs. J. M. Sturrock, P. L. D. Grove and S. C. Matthews (Walsall). Three life members were also elected: Miss H. F. Pardoe (Wolstanton), L. Goodall (Dronfield) and G. Pratt (Bulkington). We most sincerely thank all at Wednesbury who made this another successful meeting.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

The usual warm welcome awaited the North and East District when they visited Stanmore on January 15th. Although the weather was bitterly cold, it did not deter the regular stalwarts from turning up for an enjoyable afternoon and evening's ringing.

Following a service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Stephen Kemp, at which Ted Leversuch read the lesson and Bob Hardy played the organ, tea was served in the Church Hall, prepared by the local ringers.

A short business meeting followed at which Mr. G. Collins, of Southgate, was elected a ringing member; the provisional election of Mr. Michael J Uphill, of Putney, as a non-resident life member was ratified. Mr. H. G. Hart, chairman, proposed the usual votes of thanks. E. H. K.

MR. C. RADDON

We regret to report the death of Mr. Cecil Raddon, on January 24th, at the age of 76, after a short illness.

He was a keen and enthusiastic bellringer up to the time of his death and had only retired from his employment as a fitter-boilermaker seven weeks previously.

Cecil was born in Wiltshire, where he first learned to handle a bell. In the early 1920's he moved to the north-west to reside in Runcorn, and, later, Stockton Heath, where he passed away.

The Saturday nearest to January 5th, his birthday, was usually set aside for a peal attempt, after which those taking part, along with their wives, were invited by Mrs. Raddon to tea and a pleasant evening.

He was an excellent organiser and for 20 years arranged the annual outing of the Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild. In that time some 120 towers in Lancashire, Yorkshire and Staffordshire were visited, and only one tower visited twice. For 12 years he was secretary of the Branch, a position he only relinquished at the annual meeting in December, so a good friend to many ringers has passed on. W. A.

Letters to the Editor

THINGS AIN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE

Dear Sir, — On opening my "Ringing World" of January 28th I was surprised to see a "peal" of Stedman Cinques "rung" at Leicester Cathedral, on New Year's Eve, published in your peal columns. I listened to a good amount of the ringing—I could have heard more but my nerves couldn't stand it!

The conductor had obviously lowered his so-called "standards" to absolute rock-bottom to allow such rubbish to go on for over three hours.

The tenor ringer was "putting" his bell in any place from 10¼ to 13½ and some of the ringers seemed to be having a race to see who could get down to lead first, and how fast they could throw in their leads—especially the backstrokes.

From outside the tower it sounded to me that, at the most, only four or five of the band could strike on 12 bells properly. One ringer's comment at the conclusion of the "peal" was: "It ought to have been stopped before half an hour had gone by." Surely, if the ringing deteriorates in a peal it is just as much the individual's right to ask the conductor to stop the peal as the conductor's.

During the past year or two the standard of peal ringing at this tower has dropped and dropped and crashed! Not so many years ago the band there used to ring peals in many different Maximus methods, including spliced 12-methods and the only two peals of Bristol Surprise Maximus ever rung.

I appeal to the conductor—withdraw this peal from the Leicester Guild records, and to the majority of the band—take your fingers out and carry on the good work of your forbears. I find it extremely annoying when some Leicester ringers are doing their utmost to put Leicester back on the map, as it were, when others are doing just the opposite.

In writing this epistle, it is not my intention to cause any friction between any of the ringers in that peal, or between them and myself, but just an effort to make them realise what a low ebb things have got to in our city as regards good ringing.

May I, in concluding, quote Kipling:

"It ain't the individual, nor the Army as a whole,
But the everlasting teamwork of every blooming soul."

Yours faithfully,
R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Knighton, Leicester.

THE GROCERS' HALL BELL

Dear Sir,—Further to the correspondence and to the leading article on old London bells, I have now discovered the whereabouts of the Grocers' Hall bell, formerly the treble of All Hallows', Staining, following the destruction of the Hall by fire.

The bell was luckily not destroyed, but it is cracked from crown to lip, and has been removed to the Whitechapel Foundry. I understand that it is **not** to be recast but to be refitted and hung. Obviously the noise emitting from it will be unsatisfactory, but the regard of its custodians for antiquity is most laudable.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID L. CAWLEY.

King's College, London.

ADVICE TO BRISTOL

Dear Sir,—Re Bristol affair. No problem here—just move the tower. They have been known to have altered county boundaries.—Yours faithfully, A FLAT.

GRANDSIRE ALONE WILL KILL A BAND

Dear Sir,—I have followed with interest the recent correspondence on the subject of Grandsire. While admitting that Mr. Marshall's remarks were to a certain extent tactless, I would suggest that this opinion is expressed among ringers much more frequently in private, and is usually taken for granted.

There is, I think, no reason for condemning Grandsire on æsthetic grounds—the music is superb—but the great difficulty lies in the application of the method.

At a tower near my home practically nothing but Grandsire has been rung for 200 years. The band now is reduced to six or possibly seven, and the bells are rung for about ten minutes on Sunday mornings. There is no weekly practice. A few years ago there were several promising learners and one or two ringers who had moved into the town came to practices. Despite this influx, Grandsire continued to be the only method rung. What happened? The visitors went elsewhere and the learners lost interest. Sooner or later this band will die. Young people are not going to start ringing and continue with nothing to hold their interest, no matter how a varied race may be. There are too many counter-attractions.

The ringer who has been brought up only on Grandsire is at an immediate disadvantage. He may be adventurous and go to a meeting; he hears the Master call for Plain Bob; he (the visitor) never knew that there was anything else but Grandsire. There are some, even, who never even reach the stage of going to meetings.

The middle paragraph of "Norving's" letter (page 41) illustrates, I think, the prevailing attitude among certain sections of the Exercise. If this point of view were to be applied to almost any other kind of discipline it would immediately be condemned. Even ringing must be adapted to the needs of an age. The immediate reaction to "Norving's" statement is "So what!" Does he expect us to worship till Doomsday at the shrines of Stedman and Snowdon? This is the trend of antiquarian prejudice which would forbid progress. Moreover, this is the kind of reaction that people expect when they say outrageous things—a holding up of hands in defence of respectability. (Nor do I expect for a moment that Stedman or Snowdon would wish this.)

Mr. Marshall, I think, has drawn attention to what is really a problem, and succeeded in providing "The Ringing World" with an entertaining series of correspondence.—Yours sincerely,

W. G. WILSON.

St. Chad's College, Durham.

MINOR METHODS ALPHABET

Dear Sir,—In the addenda to his admirable Collection of Minor Methods, Mr. Chant has omitted Bootle Delight (x 56 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 36, l.h. 2nd, 42635), which was pealed at Addington, Surrey, on November 25th, 1964, and appears in "The Ringing World," issue 2779.

Secondly, the figures of Finchampstead Delight, as originally published in "The Ringing World," issue 2809 were (x 34 x 16 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 56. l.h. 2nd, 64523) and not as published in the collection.—Yours, etc.,

DAVID G. FRANKLIN,
LAWRENCE J. HAINES.

Worcester.

INSTIGATOR OF GRANDSIRE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—As instigator and bob caller of the infamous peal of Grandsire Royal, I would like to make some comments on the spate of correspondence.

Firstly, for the benefit of our slower-witted brethren, let me point out that Mr. Marshall's letter was a legpull. He wanted to be in the peal but, most regrettably, was away at college preparing for higher things. So he had his bit of fun. The pompous asses, who abound in this art as in most, rose most beautifully, and even you, sir, publish two of their effusions on your front page.

Of course, Mr. Marshall is right in many ways, for teaching beginners method ringing, Grandsire is a positive hindrance, and many bands are stuck in this eternal rut of Grandsire and Stedman.

As regards music, Grandsire on even numbers is a trifle odd, although I doubt if many of your correspondents have sampled its delights beyond possibly a rather shaky plain course. Having rung an enjoyable peal at Beddington some years ago it seemed about time to ring another.

In conclusion, to keep the record straight, the peal in question was not very good in spite of the magnificent band.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD SPEED.

P.S.—All references to Mr. Marshall are, of course, to "the one from Daventry."—R. S.

TAKES EXCEPTION

Dear Sir,—I do not wish to enter the controversy over the Grandsire method except to plead for the omission of comments such as contained in the last sentence of "Norving's" article on the front page of your issue of January 21st.

Norving clearly does not know of Mr. Marshall's ringing ability or knowledge and should refrain from such comments. Mr. Marshall and Norving are entitled to their opinions and should be able to state them without any mud-slinging.

The last sentence of Mr. House's article is capable of the same interpretation, and should perhaps have been rephrased accordingly.—Yours faithfully,

P. J. HALL.

Weston-super-Mare.

PRESBYTERIAN RINGS OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—I write to correct two recent false claims in "The Ringing World."

In a recent issue a certain ring in England was claimed as the only ring of bells in a Presbyterian Church. The ring of eight in St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, the ring of eight in St. Mary's, Dundee, and the ring of eight in the High Kirk at Dunblane are others that come to mind.

In a recent issue, Canon Thurlow claims Winchester as the only public school with its own ring of bells. He has forgotten the lightest five in the world at Fettes College in Edinburgh.—Yours faithfully,

M. PETERSON.

Loretto School,
Musselburgh, N.B.

WRONG DARLINGTON TOWER

Dear Sir,—I notice in "Belfry Gossip" (page 64) under the heading "Christmas Ringing in the Llandaff Area" thanks are expressed for the gift of two ropes to the Merthyr tower. These ropes were given by Holy Trinity, Darlington, and not St. John's, as printed.—Yours faithfully,

R. PARK.

Darlington.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

"RINGERS REQUIRED" ARGUMENT

Dear Sir,—Permit me to explain that my seemingly late reply to Mr. Chaddock's letter of December 3rd, 1965, is due to the one month it has taken for that issue of "The Ringing World" to reach Canada. Little wonder that Mr. Chaddock is unable to understand my "December" dissatisfaction if I tell him that my letter was written following the full column of "free publicity" he obtained in the name of his committee, on another film last **July 9th!!**

For many years it has appalled me that the official journal of the Central Council is almost exclusively orientated to fancy "peal ringing" and particularly the fraternity who are skilful in just this one aspect of the many in our hobby. Little or no encouragement is given to the thousands of struggling ringers, and particularly their harassed teachers, who have not only in many cases to combat erratic attendance, uninterested clergy, poor belfry maintenance and other problems within the Church, but also public opposition to the "noise" of bellringing

Therefore my reason for dissatisfaction goes back to July, 1965, when it was observed that the Education Committee had presumably purchased a print of a film solely aimed to entertain At no time have I received any letter, either from the Central Council or its Education Committee, **endorsing** any value in "Ringers Required" to the Exercise, nor was any verbal statement made at Cardiff that could be implied as such. If any had been made, then it would have appeared in my advertisements years ago. In fact the A.G.M. report of June 22nd, 1962, shows the only complimentary remarks being made by Mr. R. S. Anderson and Mr. G. Dodds: I was not aware that their remarks were **official.** Thus the hundreds of ringing groups throughout Britain, for whom the film was specifically made, have been left to decide for themselves for three past years, whether to spend 30s. on the film rental or not, being able to base their judgment solely on what I write in paid-for advertisements. I am afraid that I entirely discount the proposition that some hundred or so people who saw the film in 1962 can in any way be seriously influencing the groups who need it most in 1966!! The lifeline of the Exercise is entirely in the hands of those **who teach learners**; if no learners are taught, who in 25 years' time will be ringing all these "fancy" peals? Most of my own ringing activity in Britain and Canada has been spent in the task of teaching, and I have two now active towers in Canada (out of the total of six) to prove this point. Therefore in both countries I have been acutely aware of the years of discouragement and difficulty facing the struggling band, and it was to them that I directed in a more universally useful way (than I could ever achieve in my own person) a motion picture sound film, coupling encouragement, education, publicity methods, entertainment and, I am told, even emotion, into one.

Mr. Chaddock's unfortunate implication is that I am obtaining a vast income at the expense of the ringing fraternity when, in truth, no Education Committee could ever have been so lucky to have been supplied with an audio-visual aid for the use of the Exercise in Education **at no cost whatever to themselves.** My precaution in depositing the film with a responsible film library, which inspects the film after each use, revealed after one such use by a ringing group that the first 30 feet of the film had been ruined by careless projection. Since the original negative had been cut in order to make the shorter television version, it cost me £40 specially to make a duplicate negative from which the first 30 feet could only be reprinted. I can assure him that I have yet to recover the £35 cost of the original print, let alone this additional burden!! Also, Mr. Barnett will confirm that I offered both in writing and verbally to pay for the hire of the projector at Cardiff, used also for another commercially made film the same evening.

There was no "secrecy" in the making of "Ringers Required"—how could there be—every ringer in Vancouver participated in it. As soon as Mr. Chaddock made it known in these pages that the Central Council was interested in a film on ringing I immediately wrote to him, in order that some six months later his committee and others who **should** be interested in such decisions could ascertain for themselves whether the Council needed to get involved in the complexities of film production. I would go so far as to say that in these circumstances it was the **duty** of the Education Committee to give a film offered without "strings attached" the very best screening it could at a general meeting in order that it could properly appraised. Since Mr. Chaddock, in his letter of November 1st, 1961, actually **invited me** to submit my film for viewing at Cardiff, I assume that he was aware of and in agreement with this responsibility.

It is asked of what am I dissatisfied? It is simply the lack of consideration to the **official endorsement** of a useful educational film, by a committee now bent on providing films of entertainment! A film which has, moreover, been certified as of educational value by your **British Ministry of Education!!** I ask for nothing more. I find nothing ungentlemanly about justified criticism; but can anything be more tactless that to look a "gift horse" in the mouth?—Yours very truly,

A. J. M. COLLINS.

Ottawa, Canada.

Mr. E. A. Barnett writes: Mr. Collins was good enough to offer to accept half the charge for the hire of the projector at Cardiff (his letter to me of May 24th, 1962) and this offer was gratefully accepted.

The Editor disagrees with Mr. Collins that "The Ringing World" is almost exclusively orientated to fancy peal ringing. The Education Committee is part of the Central Council and the Washington film was purchased as a stimulant to ringing. Warm appreciation was forthcoming at Cardiff when "Ringers Required" was shown: so high was the regard that the committee dropped the idea of making its own film. Never before has so much attention been given to the training of those who teach learners.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
Chesterfield District

Despite the snow and the bitterly cold weather over 40 members and friends from 12 towers were present when the Chesterfield District's first meeting in 1966 was held in Barlborough on January 15th.

The Rector, the Rev. D. J. Edwards, welcomed the District to Barlborough and congratulated the large number of young ringers for making a noble effort to attend on such a day. This sort of enthusiasm was very encouraging to the older ringers and augured well for the future.

Giving details of this year's striking competition provisionally arranged for Old Brampton, the District Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Hughes (Old Whittington) said the committee would like to see the shield travel around the District rather than at present. With this in mind they proposed to add a new rule which, whilst preventing any one tower from winning the shield for more than two consecutive years, would still allow that tower to compete in the contest for a place in the Association's final. This was passed unanimously, as was the election of seven new members, viz: Wendy Stubbins, William Stubbins, Maurice Stubbins, Keith Pitkin and Arthur Parry (Scarcliffe) together with John Wilcox and David Bradley (Clowne).

Advance notice was then given of the forthcoming Association annual dinner at Chesterfield on February 19th, the principal guests including the Lord Bishop, the Mayor and the Archdeacon.

Mr. F. Adams (Staveley), a vice-president, proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks. Further ringing included the special methods of Norwich Surprise and Double Court.

M. P. P.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The controversial question as to the venue for the annual general meeting of the Essex Association on Whit Monday gave rise to discussion at the annual meeting of the South Eastern Division at Goldhanger on January 15th. Hitherto the meeting had been held at Chelmsford, as Cathedral town and geographical centre of Essex. Three propositions were considered and it was decided to recommend to the General Committee that the annual general meeting on Whit Monday be moved out of Chelmsford to another Essex ringing centre one year in three.

The secretary (Mr. J. P. Brandon) in his annual report stated that it had been a satisfactory year; six meetings had been held with an average attendance of 50; Danbury won the striking competition

Two retirements from office were received—Mr. E. W Roast as District Master for 14 years and Mr. Brandon as secretary. Appreciation of their good work was expressed by Mr. P. W. Saltmarsh, the Association's honorary secretary. Officers elected were: District Master, Andrew S. Hudson: District secretary, Ian R. Parton; committee, Richard J. Harrison and Robert Leavett. In his vote of thanks Mr. Roast mentioned the services of the Rev. Mr Timmins in conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, Mr. Brinkley, the organist, and the ladies who had prepared tea.

Next meeting: Danbury (6), March 5th.

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IN MEMORIAM QUARTER PEALS FOR T. ROGERS, WIRRAL BRANCH RINGING MASTER.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—At St. Hilary's, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Melanie Joynson (first quarter) 1, Margaret Webster 2, J. V. P. Lockner 3, Marjorie E. Webster 4, V. T. O. Boase (cond.) 5, T. R. Humphreys 6.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 11th, 1,440 Doubles (12 methods): Amanda Barnes 1, C. B. Pemberton (cond.) 2, C. R. Sutton 3, T. R. Marsh 4, I. Fraser Clift 5, R. H. Davies 6.

BROMBOROUGH, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Salisbury 1, T. Pope 2, R. Pears 3, D. Peers 4, K. Edwards (cond.) 5: I. M. Pemberton 6.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Reid (first quarter) 1, Gillian Edwards 2, Vanessa Longshaw (first "inside" 3, Colinda Dearden 4, T. Pope 5, K. Edwards (cond.) 6.

ASH, SURREY.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. E. Denyer 1, Judith M. Vince (first quarter) 2, C. J. Harwood 3, P. J. Ostley 4, P. G. Sherwood 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Jan. 16th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: R. Amos 1, Linda Ellison 2, Avril Ivin 3, R. J. Sharp 4, K. H. Fleming 5, S. Ivin 6, R. L. Piton 7, C. E. Jeffries 8. First of Major 1 and 2. For Evensong.

BERROW, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Sawtell 1, R. W. Rice 2, W. S. Rice 3, M. T. Hebden 4, G. Hebden 5, P. J. Hall (first as cond.) 6.

BINEGAR, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. C. Sawtell 1, G. Hebden 2, P. J. Hall 3, W. S. Rice 4, R. W. Rice (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, M. T. Hebden 6. Rung to mark the anniversary of the defence of Rorke's Drift, January 22nd, 1879.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Quilter 1, Mrs. A. Syder 2, A. Syder 3, A. Lawrence 4, R. Lindsell 5, J. Warner 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, C. Barker 8. First quarter 1, 2 and 5.

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,320 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: G. Coleman 1, Joyce Dodds 2, Amy Coburn 3, L. Coburn 4, G. Dodds 5, H. Medlock 6. The 2nd anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Nicholson 1, Carol Wickens 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, A. J. Ede 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Taplin 1, S. Pulker 2, B. Hall 3, J. Benfield 4, T. Timms 5, A. Lloyd 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, C. Tompkins 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to J. Jarvis, ringer and foreman of this tower for a great number of years and father of the present foreman.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Farmer 1, B. J. Imber 2, M. D. Martineau 3, J. R. Pratt 4, G. W. Shanks (cond.) 5, Rev. T. E. Creech 6. Rung to commemorate the ordination of Fr. Terence Creech, C.S.S.R.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. W. Rice 1, G. Hebden 2, J. S. Walton 3, G. Robson 4, M. T. Hebden 5, P. England 6, W. S. Rice (cond.) 7, S. G. Smith 8.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,440 Mixed Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B.): J. Aldridge (first of T.B.) 1, G. Davies 2, B. Wylde (cond.) 3, C. Clarke 4, M. Stone 5, R. Short 6. First in method 2, 4 and 5. With the grateful thanks of the band to Mr. Keith Prime, retiring Branch secretary.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Heather 1, G. Charman 2, R. Youdale 3, L. Warner 4, H. Arthur 5, N. Stacey 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Charman. Mr. Charman has rung at Cranleigh for 60 years.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Bishop 1, W. White 2, H. L. Bishop 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. A 65th birthday compliment to the conductor. Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Stedman Triples (spliced and 17 changes of method): W. White 1, A. H. Webb 2, C. J. Garlick 3, M. Bishop (cond.) 4, G. W. Bishop 5, J. H. Napper 6, T. East 7, L. F. Cox 8. First of spliced for all except ringer of 7.

EDGMOND, SALOP.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Mansell (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Harris (first quarter) 2, G. E. Morrall (cond.) 3, E. C. Morrall 4, E. Broom 5, J. A. Morrey 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

ELING, HANTS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Matcham 1, R. M. Purkess 2, Mrs. A. Buchanan (first "inside") 3, Mrs. G. D. Northway 4, J. Hartless (cond.) 5, R. Buchanan 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Mackrell, on the birth of their son.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCS. — On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Hobson 1, J. Andrews 2, J. Thornley 3, R. Parkinson 4, C. Brownlow 5, N. Tompkins 6, A. Critchley (cond.) 7, J. F. Wood 8. Rung by the Monday band on the eve of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, and in memoriam Peter Crook, sen.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Bristow 1, Mrs. I. L. Wake 2, Susan Main 3, P. Wills (first of Minor) 4, M. J. Wake 5, R. Wake (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Elizabeth Smith 1, Mrs. I. L. Wake 2, D. Struckett 3, W. Bristow 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, V. Crouch 6. For Evensong.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Richardson 1, E. Buckby 2, Sheila Staley 3, K. Chapman 4, E. Chapman 5, R. Cowley 6, D. Pearson (cond.) 7, T. Smith 8. First for 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Jan. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Yvonne Eloie 1, Diane Street 2, Carolyn White 3, S. Ponting 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 5, J. Collier 6, M. M. Powell 7, R. C. Hagley 8, D. Tubbs 9, E. Warner 10. First of Caters 2 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. A. Etheridge, a ringer at this church for over 50 years.

HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Bichanicz 1, Ruth Thomason (first "inside") 2, Bridget Bates 3, Michael Amos 4, B. Hendry (cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong by the Sunday service band.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Ipswich): J. Spicer 1, C. L. Ball 2, Miss J. K. A. Cook 3, F. Nicholls 4, H. S. Peacock 5, P. Woollven (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hawkins 1, R. Weaver 2, Sandra Weaver 3, E. Penney 4, Jennifer Durston 5, T. Green 6. Conducted by Sandra Weaver and Jennifer Durston. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Rossiter. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Jennifer Durston (cond.) 1, Sandra Weaver 2, M. Pomeroy (first quarter) 3, R. Weaver 4, R. Hawkins 5, Rev. A. G. Durston 6.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, E. Coulson 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, A. Hunwick (first on tenor) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. T. A. Everitt.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain): Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 1, W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, J. Fox 4, L. Houghton 5, N. Harding 6, J. Coles cover. For Evensong.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: M. J. Wilson 1, D. S. Johnson 2, G. K. Smith 3, H. C. Palmer 4, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 5, I. G. Campbell 6. For Evensong.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—At St. James' Church, on Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Walmsley (cond.) 1, J. Nelson 2, G. J. Mee 3, J. D. Nixon 4, D. L. Marsden 5, J. E. Sumner 6. Fastest quarter on the bells.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Jan. 9th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: M. Hatchett 1, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, W. Oatway 4, C. A. Hughes 5, A. M. Stacey 6, F. Ransom 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, W. G. Wilson 9, M. Harrison 10.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,320 Doubles (two methods): B. Butcher 1, R. Birch 2, H. P. Yates 3, Elizabeth Todd 4, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. M. Edwards 1, S. Kershaw 2, L. Hill 3, C. J. Clegg 4, D. J. Marshall 5, J. Brannan 6. Rung prior to Evensong, on the occasion of the christening of Richard John Harrison, son of Peter and Dorothy Harrison, ringers at this church.

NEW ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Prisca Hornby (first of Minor) 1, L. A. Tremeer 2, K. Sansom 3, Kay Tremeer (first of Minor) 4, A. D. Tremeer 5, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

NORWICH.—At St. George's Colegate, on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. P. Mortlock 1, Miss J. Dagley 2, D. E. House 3, P. Adcock (cond.) 4, Miss A. M. Wright 5, M. Cubitt 6. On the 200th anniversary of the Lester and Pack bells at the neighbouring Church of St. John, Maddermarket, first being rung. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Ipswich and Norwich): D. Cubitt 1, D. E. House (cond.) 2, Miss A. M. Wright 3, G. H. Pullin 4, P. Adcock 5, M. Cubitt 6. To commemorate the martyrdom of King Charles I.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Fieldhouse 1, Elizabeth Cragg 2, Anne Batty 3, Elizabeth Feaver 4, W. Nichols 5, J. R. Pratchett 6, G. A. Dawson (cond., 50th as cond. and first of Grandsire Triples) 7, A. J. Caporn 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 8. A farewell to Elizabeth Feaver, on leaving to take up a nursing appointment in London.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: I. Goacher 1, D. Atfield 2, K. Game 3, A. J. Bull 4, K. Dallison (first "inside") 5, G. Charlton 6, G. West 7, A. Streeter (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob): O. Vann 1, W. Vann (cond.) 2, C. Underwood 3, A. Barlow 4, P. Howitt 5. Half-muffled in memory of G. A. Peck (aged 97), a former ringer, whose funeral took place this day.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Byatt 1, E. W. Pye (cond.) 2, F. Harper 3, B. J. Couzens 4, J. Sanderson 5, J. H. Negus 6, W. Pye 7, L. Turner 8. In memory of Alfred E. Pitstow, and the Rt. Rev. F. D. V. Narborough.

SANDHURST, KENT.—On Jan. 18th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Violet Relf 1, Elizabeth Stewart 2, L. Sweatman (first of Cambridge) 3, W. W. Ring (cond.) 4, G. Stewart 5, M. W. Marshall 6.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Forder 1, Mrs. B. Mossman 2, Miss M. Lovell 3, Miss E. Marsh 4, R. Lucas 5, B. Makeham (cond.) 6. A farewell to Brian Makeham, leaving for E. Africa. Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Williams 1, Mrs. D. Wilson 2, Miss M. Lovell 3, R. Lucas 4, C. Payne 5, B. Makeham (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2. A farewell to Muriel Williams, returning to Australia.

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 540 Plain Bob and 240 Grandsire): Christine Hadley (first quarter) 1, D. R. Starkey 2, Audrey F. Birch 3, Janice MacDonald 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

SKETTY, SWANSEA.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Kathleen M. Watkins 1, Elizabeth J. Watkins 2, Patricia A. Jenkins 3, Hazel Way 4, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 5, J. A. Hoare 6, J. F. I. Turney 7, J. Hodgetts (first quarter) 8. First of Stedman 1 and 2. For evening service.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Sylvia Knight 1, H. Page 2, L. Sweatman (first in more than one method) 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6. Also on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rachel Saggs 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, B. Johnson 4, H. Deacon (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Johnson (cond.). Also on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Monica Phillips (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, F. Goodearle 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Smith 1, F. J. Vallender 2, F. V. Nicholls (first of Cambridge Major) 3, G. Westwood 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, J. Warr 6, M. D. Fellows 7, B. J. Luff 8. By the local band for Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Smith and a welcome to Brian J. Luff.

STOURTON CAUNDLE, WILTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. C. Sawtell 1, T. A. Hiller 2, R. D. Hutchfield (first of Minimus) 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

TEYNHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: E. Clifton (first of Minor) 1, Sylvia Knight (first Minor "inside") 2, F. G. Huckstepp 3, L. Sweatman 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull 1, M. Jamieson 2, F. Gregory 3, H. France 4, G. Edmans 5, J. Hall (cond.) 6, H. Wood 7, I. Charlton 8. To mark the coming of age in January of the sons of both churchwardens—E. F. Gibbard and J. W. Hall.

SEVENOAKS BELLS TO BE RECAST

The restoration of Sevenoaks bells has been somewhat delayed, as it was discovered when the bells reached the Whitechapel foundry that not only was the sixth cracked—this had been known and allowed for when the bells were examined in the tower—but the treble, third and tenor also manifested hair cracks when the headstocks were removed. It would have been possible to rehang these three bells and it might well have been some year before their tone was seriously affected but there would always have been the prospect that a rapid deterioration might take place, necessitating urgent and expensive action.

After careful thought the parish has decided to face the additional cost now of having all eight bells recast into a lighter ring with a tenor of 16½ cwt. in E. Already a number of donors of individual bells have come forward and in this way it may perhaps become possible for the required extra money to be found without undue delay. The founders have in any case been instructed to proceed with the work and it is hoped that the new ring will be ready by about May.

The bells were originally a fine eight by Pack and Chapman, cast in 1769, when they were hung in an oak frame made from timber from Knole Park, the nearby seat of the Sackville family. There was a major restoration in 1892, when Nos. 2, 4, 5 and 7 were recast by John Warner and Company. It was always considered that on this occasion Messrs Warner, who did not enjoy a particularly good reputation as founders, provided satisfactory replacements and maintained the fine tone of the Pack and Chapman ring.

The present work includes the provision of a new metal frame and a new floor under the bells. The church clock is to be converted to electrical operation and the ceiling height in the clock room will be reduced by some three feet, allowing the new bell frame to be fitted in the thicker part of the tower below the offset in the stonework on which the previous timber frame rested. The layout of the framework will be approximately similar to the old frame but turned 180 degrees in the tower so that the rope circle in the ringing room will be correspondingly altered.

It is an eerie experience now to stand on the clock room floor able to look up through the gloom to the tower roof with a completely empty space for some 40 feet and high up one wall a door opening, which will eventually lead once more to a bell chamber. Perhaps a sad thought for ringers is that for just one overdue major restoration of this sort there are dozens of others, which, alas, will never be undertaken. P. A. C.

Bishop Narborough

A number of quarter peals have been rung in respectful memory of the Right Rev. F. D. V. Narborough, who recently retired from the office of Suffragan Bishop of Colchester. He was a vice-president of the Essex Association and a great friend of all bellringers. Before or after taking a service he made a point of visiting the belfry and speaking to the ringers. He was always especially interested in young people.

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Despite other meetings close by, the A.G.M. of the Newark District at Newark on Jan. 15th was nevertheless quite well attended, with over 30 at tea and the business meeting. A well-struck touch of Stedman Caters was the highlight of some generally pleasant ringing at the Parish Church. Evensong was conducted by the curate, the Rev. Mr. Fearn, and tea was served in St. Mary's Rooms by local ringers and wives.

The District chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, presided over the business meeting, and in his welcome made special mention of the two members from Coddington, whose bells have recently been rehung and augmented. He also asked Miss Grace Burchnall to convey the meeting's sympathy to her sister, Miss Katharine Burchnall, who was not well, following a recent eye operation.

The secretary's report for 1965 showed one or two new spots of activity, and the statement of accounts a welcome increase in members' subscriptions. It was pointed out that as from January 1st, 1966, the annual subscription was 5s.

The election of officers for the coming year progressed smoothly at first, with Mr. F. W. Midwinter and Mrs. C. W. Reed re-elected as chairman and hon. secretary respectively, but several nominations for Ringing Master and committee member resulted in an increase in tempo. Finally elected were: Joint Ringing Masters, Messrs. David Parsons and Peter Wakefield; committee member, Miss Margaret Chilton.

The rest of the business continued in the same lively fashion, until the meeting was finally closed with a vote of thanks from Mr. Brian Hough to all who had helped to make the meeting a success. Several more visitors swelled the numbers for the evening ringing.

B. N. R.

Bingham District

Ten towers were represented at the annual meeting of the Bingham District at St. Mary's, Radcliffe-on-Trent, on January 15th, when all the officers were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. Lygo, seconded by Mr. Bradley. Three new members were elected: David Lazyerini (Shelford), David Birny and Miss P. Carter (Radcliffe). The service was conducted by the Rev. C. L. Widdowson.

February meeting, Bingham; March meeting, Orston.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held on January 22nd at St. Martin's, Sarum. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, Canon A. D. F. McKenzie, and the lesson was read by the Rev. R. H. Longridge, Master of the Guild. Tea and business followed in the Church Hall, presided over by the Master of the Guild.

Mr. H. A. Roles (chairman) said the Branch was pleased to have the opportunity of ringing at St. Martin's again now that repairs had been carried out on the bells. Presenting the annual report, the secretary (Mr. G. A. Trimby) regretted that attendances at meetings were down on the previous year and hoped for better support during 1966. Officers elected were: Messrs. H. A. Roles, chairman; R. C. Mundy, vice-chairman; G. A. Trimby, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. M. Edwards, auditor; Ringing Masters, A. Haines, R. Haines, R. Jones and L. Page, together with J. Baverstock and A. Newman on the committee. Ringing continued afterwards at St. Martin's and St. Thomas' towers.

G. A. T.

PLYMOUTH BELL AS FISHERMEN'S GUIDE

A bell dated 1787 from the Church of the Ascension, Crown Hill, Plymouth, is being restored and sent to Plymouth, Tobago, West Indies, where its tolling will provide a guide for fishermen at night.

Tobago, which was flattened by Hurricane Flora in 1964, is rebuilding its church by the sea. The bell has not been rung for a dozen years and is being sent out to help this rebuilding project.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The ringer of the treble in the quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal at Dalton-in-Furness (see page 62) was Ronald Monro, and not the name submitted.

The peal of London Surprise Royal at Bradford on December 27th (page 65) was Maurice J. Thurmott's first in the method. An asterisk should have been against his name, and not an obelisk, in the peal report.

Writes Ivor Goulter, of Norton, Gloucester, in appreciation of P. G. K. Davies' article "On Teaching Striking": "By alternately reading and thinking about every sentence several times over, we can all benefit tremendously." (See page 59.)

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on January 29th, was John Bramley's first peal for nearly four years, and this year is the 21st anniversary of his first peal. We hope to see him in many more!

Walkerville Surprise Major was the appropriate method rung at Bristol as a wedding compliment to Brian Cox, of Adelaide. During his sojourn in England, Brian, who is a solicitor, made many friends. Walkerville is a suburb of Adelaide.

Congratulations to Angela Quick, of Lyme Regis, on scoring her first peal at the first attempt on January 29th. A hurried look through records after the peal showed that she is the same age as the conductor (Rev. Roger Keeley) was when ringing his first peal —13 years and 5 months.

Mr. Alan R. Pink has resigned his post as secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance to become secretary and treasurer of a new company, Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd. The company will deal with all trust matters affecting the Diocese of Oxford and its parishes.

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NORFOLK BELL STOLEN

The Church of St. Andrew at Saxthorpe, Norfolk, now the possessor of a lovely modern light six, has in its parish the ancient Church of St. Peter, Corpusty. This building has been disused for some years and is rapidly falling into decay. Its future is a problem. Recently, unwelcome visitors took advantage of its redundant state to remove the bell from the church. Apparently the five cwt. bell was dismantled from its headstock and thrown out of the belfry windows, doubtless being damaged en route. It has not been recovered, but police are investigating. Any church in a lonely position should take warning from this and make sure that access to belfries is strictly locked, so that intruders who dare to desecrate God's house may be discouraged.

Two other Norfolk one-bell towers have been in the news recently. At the beginning of December the 14th century tower of All Saints', Wighton, collapsed westwards, but the bell was saved whilst the eastern half was demolished before it, too, collapsed. Finally the 240-year-old bell at St. Mary's, Old Hunstanton, has been rehung—for the first time in its life!

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The autumn term, 1965, was, as in previous years, a busy time for the Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School Handbell Ringers. At the beginning of November they had the privilege of playing twice in Ashton Town Hall. The first occasion was at a concert given in aid of the Leonard Cheshire Homes, and the second time was at the inaugural meeting of the Ashton Music Society. This latter event was a highlight in the musical life of the town, and the concert, given by the Hallé Quartet and the Grammar School Handbell Ringers, was attended by a large civic party headed by the Mayor and Mayoress. The standard of playing was certainly in keeping with the occasion.

At Christmas the ringers played as usual at the school parties, the local hospital and at the school carol service. This service provided an unusual opportunity for the tower bell ringers in the school as, for the first time ever, it was held at Ashton Parish Church. The opportunity was not missed and the 12 bells were rung in rounds by seven pupils, three ex-pupils and two members of staff. The ringers were Janet Lownds, Trudy Seipel, Eileen Cross, Helen Lumb, Hazel Schofield, Margaret Humphreys (pupils), Christine Andrew (ex-pupil), Gordon Tarran (pupil), Margaret E. Fort, John P. Partington (members of staff), Jeffrey Brannan, Frederick Shallcross (ex-pupils).

FIFTY YEARS AT BARCOMBE

There was a surprise at the annual general meeting of Barcombe, Sussex, ringers for Mr. Fred Smith, who was presented with a small silver cup by the churchwardens in recognition of his 50 years' faithful service to the tower. The cup was inscribed "A 50-year ringer. F. Smith. S.F.M. B.E.W." (the churchwardens' initials).

When Fred started ringing at St. Mary's, Barcombe, he had to stand on two hassocks. Another early memory of his was being pulled down by the seat of his pants when hanging on to the rope at the wrong time. S. B.

FOURTEENTH BELL AT WAKEFIELD CATHEDRAL

At the beginning of Evening Prayer on the Sunday before Christmas the Provost of Wakefield dedicated the newly-hung 14th bell, a bell which had been recast from one which came from Holy Trinity Church in the city. This church was pulled down about nine years ago and the bell of four to five cwt. was placed on the floor of the Cathedral tower; the parish of Holy Trinity was amalgamated with the Cathedral Parish of All Saints.

The work, undertaken by John Taylor and Co., consisted of making a new pit into which the second of the twelve has gone, moving the old treble into the old second's pit and putting the new bell into the old treble's pit. The old third has been re-roped so that the ropes are spaced evenly

The result is a very pretty front ten, using the flat sixth, with a 14 cwt. tenor, and a "by-product" in the light front six. The 13 down the scale do not sound so odd as might be imagined, but no sextuples have been rung on them yet. It is believed that St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, is the only other church with a light ten

MUCH-TRAVELLED HANDBELLS

Capt. (Quartermaster) P. Tocock, writing from another continent: "Temperature here is a humid 85 degrees F., comparatively cool for midwinter. Unfortunately there are no bells to benefit from the frost-free conditions, although the Stedman and Grandsire Caters of St. Margaret's, Westminster, pour forth, very much canned, from our minaret-like tower for Sunday service.

"In the meantime my set of handbells are bridging the gap, and together with other Mess members are practising a few simple tunes for forthcoming Mess functions. We have a ringer in the Mess who learned at Hereford Cathedral, so hope to recruit him for change ringing in the near future.

"My set of handbells is now well travelled —Suez Canal Zone, Germany twice and now Aden, apart from stations in the North and South of the U.K. They were heard twice on the British Forces Broadcasting Service in the Canal Zone—to tune ringing and ringing out the Old Year and ringing in the New Year to 120's of Grandsire Doubles. They have also been instrumental in collecting money for Wireless for the Blind and carols and Christmas hymns."

A POSTAL MYSTERY

There is something radically wrong in recent months over postal distribution in Somerset and Wiltshire. Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has more than once complained about the delay in the Warminster copies, and Mr. P. J. Hall, of Weston-super-Mare, writes: "Over the past 12 months my 'Ringing Worlds have been severally misdirected and re-postmarked, among the places visited being Bath, Hereford, Westbury (Wilts) and, incredibly, Norton-sub-Hamdon (Som.). How on earth is it possible to get to Norton-sub-Hamdon, a tiny village near Ilchester, before being redirected I do not know. This is entirely the fault of the Post Office, since the paper is invariably accurately and clearly addressed."

The dispatches from Guildford have been normal on Wednesday afternoons. Perhaps a question in Parliament might enable a better service to be supplied.

14th CENTURY BELL GOES HOME

The Loweswater bell which has rested on the most eastern window sill in the south aisle of Crosthwaite Church, Keswick, for about 50 years, has been returned to its original home It is one of the oldest bells in Cumberland and was probably cast in the middle of the 14th century. The old Chapel at Loweswater was its original home.

It was discarded, discovered as waste, by Canon Rawnsley, and hung outside Crosthwaite Parish Hall. As it was not well seen there he decided to substitute a modern bell and to place the old one in the church, where it has been admired ever since.

In May, 1965, the Vicar of Loweswater asked if we would graciously return it, as his church lacked the many historic attractions of Crosthwaite. The Church Council, with some sadness, felt bound to agree; the Chancellor of the Diocese gave his permission for the bell to be installed in Loweswater Church, and it left Crosthwaite for its original home in December, 1965. Farewell to a bell.

J. W. B.

BOXING DAY OUTING

A party of ringers from Harpenden and sur-Arctic conditions on Boxing Day in the wilds rounding towers had a full programme under of Berkshire. At Windsor Parish Church the ringing indicated that most of the party had had a good Christmas. The eight at Bray were found rather difficult to strike. After lunch at the Three Ringers, brilliant navigation took the party to Boyne Hill, where a course of Yorkshire was probably the best ringing of the day.

A pleasant tour of Bucks, including Burnham Beeches, brought the party to Wooburn, where the ringing was fairly reasonable, and then High Wycombe. Here the Plain Bob Maximus was the first for many of the band but some good Grandsire Caters was followed by Stedman Caters which was going well until there was a sudden rush to join a young lady from Harpenden with the slow. Finally at Hughenden there was a good course of Yorkshire, and Rutland at last came round as well as Spliced Yorkshire, Cambridge and Plain Bob, which did not get very far.

SELBY ABBEY TOUR

It was a cold, foggy day when 18 Sunday service ringers left at 8 a.m for their outing on January 8th Chris Moxon met the party at Penistone and escorted them for the rest of the morning. Yorkshire tail-ends were met at Penistone (8) Ringing at Cawthorne was followed by hot chocolate from Dr. Simons. The pleasant six at Shelley preceded lunch at Scissett. We did not do justice to the eight at Kirkburton. Then we crawled through thick fog to Thornhill (6), where the back four were a bit difficult, but ringing included Cambridge Surprise and Double Oxford. The light eight at Horbury also had some awkward bells.

Arriving at Ossett, we ate a packed tea in the cars before ringing on the lovely ten. Good ringing included Plain Bob and Kent Royal, Grandsire Caters and Double Oxford Major. On arriving at Selby we all went to a young ringer's home for a lovely supper. Our thanks to incumbents and local ringers, especially Chris Moxon, to Dr. Simons and to our own Master, who made the outing such a success.

M. W.

1965 PEALS

BIGGLESWADE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

James S. Hutton	Treble	Richard Castledine	5
Anthony Smith	2	John Meredith	6
Joan Beresford	3	G. William Critchley	7
Claudia A. Critchley	4	Jack S Dear	Tenor

Composed by Patrick I. Chapman. Conducted by Richard Castledine

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
STOTFOLD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin
On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

Terry R. Hatchett	Treble	Robin J. Trebilcock	4
Richard Castledine	2	Philip Mehew	5
James R. Taylor	3	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Castledine.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
KIRTLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 HERTFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb in E

James S Hutton	Treble	Richard Castledine	5
Eric Edmondson	2	Stephen Ivin	6
Robin J. Trebilcock	3	Jack S. Dear	7
Ronald J. Sharpe	4	C. Michael Orme	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

HITCHIN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt, 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	Richard Castledine	5
G. William Critchley	2	C. Michael Orme	6
Anthony Smith	3	Jack S Dear	7
Keith Fleming	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

EDLESBOROUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Dec. 5, 1965, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 15 cwt

Geoffrey A. Rees	Treble	George Austin	4
*Gillian S. Martin	2	Eric Edmundson	5
George A. Reading	3	Reginald E. Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Reginald E. Sheppard.
* First peal "inside" of Minor
A birthday compliment to Walter Ayre.

1966 PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. George-in-the-East.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 6 cwt. 9 lb.

John Phillips	Treble	James Phillips	5
Andrew N. Stubbs	2	Dennis Randall	6
Brooke K. Lunn	3	William T. Cook	7
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	David T. Darby	Tenor

Conducted by William T Cook.
First peal on the new bells.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 32 methods, comprising 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Apsley, Bristol, Cambridge, Chester, Claybrooke, Coddenham, Cray, Dublin, Eastcote, Edinburgh, Elford, Heathcote, Hereford, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Ripon, Rutland, Shoreditch, Superlative, Tring, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, with 159 changes of method.
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

Maurice A. New	Treble	*Anthony R. Peake	5
John R. Mayne	2	James R. Taylor	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Peter Bridle	7
Brian Bladon	4	†Edward R Venn	Tenor

Adapted from A. J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 300th peal. † 200th peal. The conductor's first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 32 methods.

CORFE, Taunton, Somerset.—At the Church of St Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 10 lb.

Nigel J. Maggs	Treble	Arthur H. Reed	4
*Brenda M Bindon	2	Leslie H. Arscott	5
Keith Beale	3	Raymond F Arscott	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F Arscott.
* First peal, and first attempt. Believed to be the fastest peal for the Association, and first peal of Minor on the bells since augmented to six.
Rung for Christian Unity Week.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt 3 qr 17 lb.

*Trevor E. Marks	Treble	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	4
Gilbert W. Rendell	2	William E. Turner	5
*Derek S. Beaufoy	3	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
* First peal of Minor in five methods. First of Minor in five methods as conductor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St James.
On Wed., Jan. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Tenor 18 cwt 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Robert L. Piron	Treble	Keith H. Fleming	5
Ronald J. Sharp	2	*Robert R Churchill	6
John W. Sinfield	3	Stephen Ivin	7
*Barry Eglesfield	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman on the bells.
Rung in memoriam Brigadier R. J Springhall.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., Jan 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Arthur Gibbs	Treble	Alan J. Frost	5
Avril Ivin	2	C. Michael Orme	6
C. Edward Jeffries	3	Jack S. Dear	7
Keith H. Fleming	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

Robert J. Warrilow	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Harold C. Lonyon	2	Alan McFall	6
John Worth	3	Basil Jones	7
Derek Yates	4	Robert B Smith	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by John Worth.
A wedding compliment to Anthea Baker and Mr. Brian Cooper, on their marriage at All Saints Church, Hoole, Chester, on January 5th, 1966.

(Wirral Branch.)
WALLASEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Nicholas.
On Fri., Jan. 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Marjorie E. Webster	Treble	Eric J Gilbert	4
J. Fraser Clift	2	Charles B Pemberton	5
Vivian T O. Boase	3	Alexander J Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Charles B. Pemberton.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the life and service of Tommy Rogers, for over 40 years a ringer and worshipper at this church, who was interred earlier this day.

WRENBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat Jan. 22, 1966 in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. approx.

Leon A. Perry	Treble	James S. Baker	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	Gerald Parsons	5
John R. Scott	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON, S.E.—At the Church of St. George the Martyr, Southwark.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Peter Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Joan Beresford	2	John S. Barnes	6
*Susan E. Smith	3	†Derek E. Sibson	7
C. Martin Press	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method. † 250th peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., Jan. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) London Surprise, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Double Oxford Bob, and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B.

Sampson Walklate	Treble	David W. Friend	4
Norah Carlisle	2	Patrick W. Saltmarsh	5
Gordon A. Halls	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Jointly conducted by the ringers of 3, 4, 5 and tenor.
Rung on the front six.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Jan. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Oxford T.B., Cambridge S. (2), Kent T.B. (2), and Plain Bob (2). Tenor 10 cwt.

Arthur Sheppard	Treble	Ivan Barlow	4
*Mrs. Eva Sheppard	2	Girling Rigby	5
Jack Chaddwick	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Girling Rigby.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Jan. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being seven extents in 116 methods, viz.: (1) Mendelsham and Tonbridge Alliance, Pontefract, Donottar, Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight, Childwall, Horsmonden, Thelwall, St. Clement's, College, Wavertree, Killarney, Lytham, London, Reverse, Fulbeck, Frodsham, Plain, Canterbury, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Double, Windermere and Ullswater and Belvedere Little Bob (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake), (2) Stonehouse, Bramfield, Harmondsworth Lamberhurst, Wordsley, Blaxhall, Ringstead, Iver, Hayes, Ellacombe, Mitcham, Beckford, Winchcombe, Sharnbrook, Stanhoe, Stratton and Buxton Alliance, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court (19 methods by A. G. Driver, arranged by C. A. Wratten), (3) Dronfield, Retford, Minehead, Spalding, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn and Brampton Surprise. Peveril, Melandra, Leasowe, Beeston, Tollesbury and Middlesex Delight (16 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh), (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone, and York Minster Treble Bob, Beighton, Appleby and Redcar Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatherop, Skipton, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Stisted, Bogedone, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake), (5) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob (15 methods by A. G. Driver), (6) Beverley, Surfleet Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise, (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise.
Tenor 12 cwt.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	4
Andrew S. Hudson	2	*Joe E. G. Roast	5
Claire Dillamore	3	Patrick W. Saltmarsh	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 300th peal for the Association. Most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Extent No. 3 is now rung in a peal for the first time. A plain lead of each method is included.

DAGENHAM, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*Graham C. King	Treble	*Paul J. Bloomfield	5
Harry Turner	2	*Roy E. Copleston	6
John W. Stephenson	3	John Armstrong	7
Frank V. Gant	4	*Arthur B. Cox	Tenor

Composed by Henry Hubbard. Conducted by John Armstrong.
* First peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of Emmanuel, Clifton.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Richard J. Bowden	Treble	Alan Griffin	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	James R. Taylor	6
D. John Hunt	3	John C. Slater	7
Alan Tubb	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
Rung for and on the 97th anniversary of the consecration of the Church.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 32 methods, comprising 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Apsley, Bristol, Cambridge, Chester, Claybrooke, Coddenham, Cray, Dublin, Eastcote, Edinburgh, Elford, Heathcote, Hereford, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Ripon, Rutland, Shoreditch, Superlative, Tring, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, with 159 changes of method.

*Richard J Bowden	Treble	Brian Bladon	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Edward R. Venn	7
James R. Taylor	4	*Victor Griffin	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Arranged by John R. Mayne.
Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal of Major in 32 methods. 60th peal and most methods to a peal on the bells. Greatest number of Major methods to a peal in the county. Tenor 8 cwt. in qr. 17 lb.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.
On Wed., Jan 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 WALKERVILLE SURPRISE MAJOR

M. Louise Taylor	Treble	Michael R. Zobel	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	John C. Slater	6
Gillian M. Breareley	3	Alan Tubb	7
Richard W. Sweet	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
A wedding compliment to Brian Cox, who was married in Adelaide on Wednesday, January 12th. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

UPTON BISHOP, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John Baptist.
On Tues., Jan. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Elizabeth Taylor	Treble	Austin T. Wingate	4
Thomas Wood	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	5
*John F. I. Turney	3	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Conducted by Maurice C. W. Sherwood.
* 25th peal First in three Minor methods as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Jan. 22 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Gerald Penney	Treble	†Philip Cuckson	4
*Penny Mant	2	Graham T. Ridgeway	5
Roger D. R. Brown	3	Eric Edmondson	Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Minor.
Rung as a farewell to Miss Penny Mant, who is leaving the District.

WENDOVER, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

*Angela J. Chapman	Treble	Brian M. Barker	4
Gillian S. Martin	2	Augustine V. Good	5
Walter Ayre	3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal and first attempt.
A 21st birthday compliment to Angela.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter-the-Apostle.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
*Lucile M. Corby	2	*Andrew J. Corby	6
*Judith M. Corby	3	*Christopher T. Osenton	7
*Richard Hayes	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUDHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester, and 576 Pudsey, with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Edward J. Jenner	Treble	*Ann Jenner	5
Olive D. Tester	2	Colin A. Tester	6
Robert W. Hinde	3	Stanley Jenner	7
*Hilary F. Hinde	4	Thomas Cullingworth ..	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of seven spliced. First of seven spliced as conductor.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, being 576 Rutland, 544 each of Chesterfield and Pudsey, 512 each of Adelaide, Cambridge and Lindum, 480 each of Brighton and London, 448 Superlative, and 416 Bristol, with 135 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Hilary F. Hinde	Treble	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5
Andrew J. Corby	2	Robert W. Hinde	6
Cyril S. Jarrett	3	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	7
Monty W. Gilbert	4	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland.
Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal of 10 spliced by all the band except the conductor. First peal of 10 spliced as conductor.

BARHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being six extents of Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin's, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Philip R. Staples	Treble	John Pladdys	3
*Colin Wilde	2	Crawford T. Hillis	4
David L. Cawley	Tenor		

Conducted by John Pladdys.
* First of Doubles, and most methods to a peal.

FARNINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in A flat.

Hilary Webb	Treble	*Roger A. Long	4
Ian H. Oram	2	D. Paul Smith	5
Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung on the Feast of SS. Vincent and Anastasius, Martyrs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Jan. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Derek Butterworth ..	Treble	Christine Andrew	5
*Ann C. Hardman	2	Neil Bennett	6
*Margaret Wright	3	Edward Jenkins	7
Basil Jones	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal in the method.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Kenneth Wilson	Treble	Ronald Kenrick	5
Dennis Jones	2	Eric Cook	6
Victor Draper	3	Norman Heaps	7
Martin Snape	4	Joseph Ridyard	Tenor

Composed by C. Roberts. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
Rung in memoriam Thomas Rodgers, of Wallasey.

HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 127 changes of method and all the work of the methods for every bell.

John A. Booth	Treble	J. Colin Ashworth	5
Edward Jenkins	2	Neil Bennett	6
Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	3	Jeffrey Kershaw	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Roger Leigh	Treble	Jane Reynolds	4
Raymond Helliwell ..	2	Michael Bell	5
*David Haworth	3	Anthony Helliwell	Tenor

* First peal Conducted by Roger Leigh.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Peter Crook, sen., and Mrs. C. W. Blakey.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURBAGE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Howard C. Palmer	Treble	Malcolm E. Wade	5
*Martin Green	2	Samuel J. Haines	6
W Ernest Rawson ..	3	A. Maxwell Lindsey ..	7
William A. Lacey	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by William Thornley, jun.
Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal "inside." Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EPWORTH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Jan. 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

*Audrey Bains	Treble	Melvyn Rose	5
*Roger Hippisley	2	John F. Underwood	6
Maurice Lings	3	John Hall	7
†William Bains	4	Harold Judd	Tenor

Composed by E. J. Burton. Conducted by John Hall.
* First peal of Major. † First of Plain Bob Major.

EDENHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Jan. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Janet E. Hubbard	Treble	Edwin T. Chapman	5
George W. Massey	2	Maurice Bennett	6
Alan G. Payne	3	Raymond H. Daw	7
Denis Woods	4	Cyril R. Burrell	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by George W. Massey.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Janet Burrell, daughter of the tenor ringer. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

William A. Theobald ..	Treble	Alan F. Thirst	6
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Ralph G. Edwards	7
B. Gillian Schofield ..	3	Frank E. Darby	8
Basil Jones	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
David J. Purnell	5	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of London Surprise Royal in the county.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Michael Hatchett	Treble	Peter N. Felton	6
*Alison M. Mann	2	Harold W. Rogers	7
†Rosamund M. Rawlings	3	Alan E. Bagworth	8
Olive L. Rogers	4	C. Martin Press	9
M. Roger Ashmore ..	5	Christopher H. Rogers ..	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.
Conducted by Christopher H. Rogers.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Royal. First of Royal as conductor. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Jan. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Dan S. Pont	6
*Edwin Deakin	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Gordon H. Lane	4	†Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method. † 675th peal
A 68th birthday compliment to Mr. C. B. Jones, father of the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Fri., Jan. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
*Dan S. Pont	2	John A. Underwood	6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
*Edwin Deakin	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the commissioning of the Rt. Rev. William Warren Hunt, Suffragan Bishop of Repton, in Derby Cathedral.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Jan. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 2,880 Yorkshire, and 2,176 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	*Arthur E. Rowley	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	*Gordon H. Lane	6
*Edwin Deakin	3	*Dan S. Pont	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by George Freebrey. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat. Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

H. William Barrett	Treble	†Ian Margetts	7
*J. Barry Pickup	2	William B. Duncan	8
Edwin R. Goate	3	*Peter G. W. Newstead	9
Canon Gilbert Thurlow	4	George W. Fletcher	10
Henry Tooke	5	†Ralph W. Bickers	11
†Thomas E. Spight	6	*Trevor N. J. Bailey	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.
* First peal of Plain on 12. † First peal on 12.
To commemorate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; also as a farewell to Rev. Albert Derisley, curate and president of St. Nicholas' company. Tenor 30 cwt. 60 lb. in D.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Jan. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Robert M. Ashman	Treble	Frank W. Lewis	5
Eunice A. Lewis	2	William Birmingham	6
Frederick R. Scott	3	J. Keith Ward	7
*Maurice G. Ingram	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by George Marriner. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* 50th peal. First peal in the method for all the band.

LINSLADE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 7 lb.

William A. Yates	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke	5
Michael Hatchett	2	George W. Holland	6
*Valerie Willard	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
D. Kay Adkins	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (D.12). Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. E. W. and Mrs. Lewis. Mr. Lewis was instituted to this benefice on January 1st, 1966.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Sun., Jan. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DEDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Charles Coles	Treble	David P. Hilling	5
Christopher C. Clarke	2	Peter J. Heritage	6
Alan R. Patterson	3	J. Keith Ward	7
Frank W. Lewis	4	Frederick R. Scott	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Jan 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5000 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

David J. Marshall	Treble	Ernest G. Orland	6
Malcolm J. V. Chown	2	Charles E. Truman	7
Alan A. Paul	3	Graham C. Paul	8
Richard F. B. Speed	4	Barrie Hendry	9
Roger W. Smith	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

OUNDLE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Barry E. Saunders	Treble	David J. Marshall	5
Graham C. Paul	2	Alan A. Paul	6
James Linnell	3	Charles E. Truman	7
Roger W. Smith	4	Patrick I. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal of London Surprise Major on these bells.

HINCKLEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 6 lb. in D.

Charles E. Truman	Treble	Richard J. Parker	5
Graham C. Paul	2	Alan A. Paul	6
Roger W. Smith	3	James Linnell	7
Barry E. Saunders	4	George W. Holland	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOLNEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Mon., Jan 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 ADELAIDE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	George Francis	5
David D. Smith	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Ronald F. Diserens	3	Richard O. Humphries	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

CURDRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat, Jan. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 26 cwt.

Bradley Murduck	Treble	Patrick Page	5
Betty J. Daysh	2	Reginald F. Crook	6
Denby P. Murduck	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
*Robert M. Ashman	4	Philip Murduck	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Major on an "inside" bell.
Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. Ashley Turner, who was retiring from the living on January 17th.

CATHERINGTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*Susan R. Restall	Treble	Alan A. J. Buswell	4
R. Ian Bowron	2	†R. Brian Walton	5
Paul S. Royds-Jones	3	K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
* First peal attempt † First of Minor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

FECKENHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

John J Stanier	Treble	James Attwood jun.	5
Ian Lloyd	2	Arthur C. Berry	6
Geoffrey J. Hemming	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
Ann Collett	4	Thomas W. Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Neil Donovan	Treble	Rev. Frederick Ross	7
Susan Jackson	2	*David S. Johnson	8
*Patricia Rogers	3	*Ronald Ducker	9
Kathleen M. Higgins	4	John N. D. Chaddock	10
J. Henry Fielden	5	Stuart Armeson	11
Michael W. Crowder	6	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* First peal of Maximus.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Susan Jackson .. .. .. Treble	Adrian C. Boorman .. 5
James S. Webb 2	David J. Midgley 6
Ronald H. Dove 3	Robin Brown 7
Arnold Cole 4	C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Wed., Jan. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Michael J. Denton .. .. Treble	Adrian C. Boorman .. 4
Ronald H. Dove 2	C. Barrie Dove 5
Susan Jackson 3	James S. Webb .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
SYDNEY, N.S.W.—At 16, King Edward Street, Roseville.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

Helen J. Henderson 1-2	Thomas W. Goodyer 5-6
William D. Watson 3-4	Enid L. Roberts 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.
First peal in the method for all, for A.N.Z.A.B. and in Australia.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—At 16, King Edward Street, Roseville.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor size 14 in D.

Thomas W. Goodyer .. 1-2	*Enid L. Roberts 5-6
William D. Watson 3-4	*Helen J. Henderson 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.
* First peal of Treble Bob "in hand."

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BIRMINGHAM.—At 1, Augustus Road, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Jan. 19, 1966, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

Graham C. Paul 1-2	Rupert A. Clarke 3-4

Richard J. Parker (cond.) .. 5-6

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MIDDLESBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam.
On Fri., Jan. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Enid Lawson 1-2	†Kenneth Lawson 5-6
†Margaret Lawson 3-4	*Ann Lawson 7-8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.
* First handbell peal. † First peal of Major on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At No. 5, Moat Close.
On Wed., Jan. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	Roger Baldwin 5-6
Christopher W. Woolley .. 3-4	Stephen Ivin 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* 300th peal. The conductor has now called 50 peals of London Surprise Major Tenor size 15 in C.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., Jan. 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

*Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2	Edward J. Beer 7-8
*Christopher T. Osenton.. 3-4	Herbert E. Audesley .. 9-10
*Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5-6	Stuart Sandford 11-12

Arranged by C. T. Osenton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Maximus "in hand" Tenor size 15 in C.

EASTCHURCH, Sheppey, Kent.—At 110, High Street.
On Sun., Jan. 2, 1966, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in three methods, viz.: 1,440 St. Simon, 1,920 Plain Bob, 1,680 St. Martin. Tenor size 15 in C.

Nicholas J. Chesson 1-2	Joan A. Hayward 3-4

Peter D. J. Beal (cond.) .. 5-6
First peal as conductor.
A compliment to Nicholas J. Chesson, for his 16th birthday.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 17, Queen Street.
On Tues., Jan. 11, 1966, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Elizabeth M. Barber 1-2	Geoffrey Dodds (cond.) .. 3-4

Joyce Dodds 5-6
* First peal of Minor and on handbells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(And The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
BIRSTALL, Leicestershire.—At 44, Beechfield Avenue.
On Mon., Jan 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

Derek M. Sawyer 1-2	Rupert A. Clarke 5-6
David F. Moore 3-4	B. Stedman Payne 7-8

Malcolm D. Barsby 9-10
Composed by Nicholas W. H. Simon. Conducted by David F. Moore.

BIRSTALL, Leicestershire.—At 44, Beechfield Avenue.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Trollope's Four-Part. Tenor size 18 in G.

Derek M. Sawyer 1-2	Rupert A. Clarke 5-6
David F. Moore 3-4	B. Stedman Payne (cond.) 7-8

Malcolm D. Barsby 9-10
100th peal for the School Society.
Rung by past pupils of the school with best wishes to the conductor, who taught all the band to ring handbells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.
On Fri., Jan. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Gwen I. Bloomfield 1-2	George E. Feirn 5-6
Peter A. Sharp 3-4	Jack L. Millhouse 7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At 19, Gainus Avenue.
On Tues., Jan. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 18 in G.

Jack L. Millhouse 1-2	*A. Robin Heppenstall .. 5-6
John Freeman 3-4	George E. Feirn 7-8

†James D. A. Woolford .. 9-10
Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by John Freeman.
* 200th peal. † First handbell peal.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrook Lane.
On Tues., Jan. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Gwen I. Bloomfield 1-2	Geoffrey R. Parker 5-6
Margaret A. Parker 3-4	Jack L. Millhouse 7-8

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Hairs.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
On Tues., Jan. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Jack L. Millhouse 1-2	*Peter A. Sharp 5-6
*Margaret A. Parker 3-4	*Geoffrey R. Parker 7-8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Little Bob "in hand."

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.
On Tues., Jan. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 14 methods, comprising 640 each of Ealing and London, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Eastcote, Elford, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	John R. Mayne 5-6
Christopher W. Woolley .. 3-4	Gerald Penney 7-8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane,
On Sun., Jan. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, comprising 960 each of Eastcote, London and Rutland, 640 of Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.
Tenor size 13 in E.

Christopher W. Woolley .. 1-2	John R. Mayne 5-6
*Robert C. Kippin 3-4	Gerald Penney 7-8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Surprise on handbells. 50th peal of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At 9, Richmond Road.
On Mon., Jan. 10, 1966, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven extents, differently called. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

David R. Chambers 1-2	*Mary C. Poyner 3-4

†Harry Poyner (cond.) .. 5-6
* First on an "inside" pair. † 350th peal.

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PRATT.—To Geoffrey and Margaret, a son, David Charles, on January 28th, 1966, at 32, Hemsworth Drive, Bulkington, near Nuneaton, Warks. 8433

ENGAGEMENT

DAVIES—FOSTER. — The engagement is announced between Nicholas John, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Davies, of Kennington, Ashford, Kent, and Brenda Mary, younger daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Foster, of Bexley. 8471

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

JEFFREY—TESTER. — The marriage between Brian and Betty will take place at Edenbridge on Saturday, February 19th, 1966, at 2 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. Future address: 36, Manor House Gardens, Edenbridge, Kent. 8439

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CLIFT.—The address of G. H. Clift is now: 24, Cyprus Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham. 8427

PERSONAL

Antoine.—Ne vous inquiétez pas. On s'amusera bien samedi.—Teddy. 8463

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MISCELLANEOUS

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 148th anniversary will be held on Saturday, March 5th. Bells open 2 p.m. Dinner in Village Hall at 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 12s. from F. A. White, Bellhanger, Appleton, Abingdon, Berks, before February 25th. 8417

BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.—At the annual meeting the following officers were elected: Foreman, G. Lister; treasurer, Mrs. A. Horne; secretary (to whom all correspondence should be forwarded), E. E. Gosling, 96, Westborough Road, Maidenhead. Phone 20643. 8641

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The peal fee, which is now 1/- per rope, should be collected by the organiser and paid to the peal secretary: G. Pearson, 15, Lewis Crescent, Great Abington, Cambridge.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec 8440

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual District social will be held at St. Michael and All Angels' Parish Hall, Maidstone, on Saturday, February 19th, commencing 7 p.m. Association and District members and friends very welcome Tickets 2/6 available at door, but preferably on application to Miss D. M. Groves, 50, Heather Drive, Maidstone. — M. L. H., Dis. Sec. 8430

RICHMOND MUSIC FESTIVAL, March 26th. Classes: Tower bells, 250 changes standard method eight bells; Handbells, change ringing and tune ringing. Entries close February 19th. Details: Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, 93, Cole Park Road, Twickenham. 8446

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Phone; SPRingfield 1025 8324

ST. ANDREW'S, COBHAM.—Change of practice night from March 1st, 1966: Tuesdays, 7.30–9 p.m. Visitors welcome. 8445

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY DINNER
February 19th
Ringing at Chesterfield (10), 10.30–12; Rotherham Parish (10), 2–3-30; St. Marie's, Sheffield (8), 4–5.30; Cathedral (12), 5.30–7.
Dinner at Students' Union, 7.30 for 8. Tickets, 23/- each, from J. Hartley, 103, Whitham Road, Sheffield 10. 8426

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual Dinner, February 12th. First tower St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 10–10.45 a.m., St. Olave's, 11–11.45 a,m, Other towers as arranged. 8443

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Information for this year's meeting will be published shortly
E. A BARNETT,
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MEETINGS

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Practice meeting, Lacock, Friday, February 11th. Bells (6) available from 7 to 9 p.m.—H. Heath. 8431

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Foxton and Harston, Saturday, February 12th. Foxton (5) 3–4.30. Tea Harston Vicarage 4.30, followed by business meeting in church. Service Harston 5.30. Harston (6) 6–8. — B. D. Threlfall. 8411

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, February 12th, Cheshunt, 3–4.15 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Evening ringing, Northaw, Middlesex, 6.15.—P. E. M. Searles. 8452

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A.G.M. at Reading on Saturday, February 12th. Bells: St. Giles' 2.30–4.30; St. Mary's 3–4; St. Laurence's 7–8; Caversham 7–9. Service St. Giles' 4.30. Tea and meeting at St. Giles' Hall 5. Numbers for tea to Mrs. K. Vernon, 7, Briants Avenue, Caversham.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham District.—Meeting at Bingham on February 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton. 8422

SUFFOLK GUILD—North East District.—Annual meeting at Halesworth on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. E. Riggs, 6, Market Place, Halesworth, Suffolk. A good attendance, please.—T. N. J. B. 8373

SUFFOLK GUILD—North West District. —Practice meeting at Great Barton (6) Saturday, February 12th. Bells from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 8424

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual Divisional meeting on Saturday, February 12th. at Chichester. Cathedral bells (8) at 2.45 p.m. and after tea. Business meeting in the belfry at 4 o'clock. Service at 5 followed by tea at the Marsham Restaurant. Please notify for tea Mr. R. Wake, 28, Kevnor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. (Tel. Sidlesham 325.) 8395

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Practice meeting, St. Andrew's, Chippenham, February 16th. Bells (8) 7.30–9 p.m.—M. de Jong. 8434

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —S. and W. District. — Mid-week practice meeting at Hampton, Thursday, February 17th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason, Dis. Sec. 8310

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting, Shepton Beauchamp (8), Saturday, February 19th, 7 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 8473

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Holmes Chapel, February 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire, by February 16th. 8460

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Archdeaconry of Warwick.—Meeting at Kenilworth on Saturday, February 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Royal, 33, Waverley Road, Kenilworth, please. Special method: Double Stedman Minor. 8472

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Fourteenth annual and Sir A. P. Heywood Memorial Dinner at the Odeon, Chesterfield, on February 19th from 6.30–11. Chesterfield (10) available from 4–6 p.m. Tickets (price 20/-) available from District secretaries or direct from Mr. M. Phipps, 23, Walton Drive, Boythorpe, Chesterfield. (Please enclose s.a.e). 8347

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Selston, February 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 (Council Offices). Further ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston, Notts.—T. H. Radford, Sec. 8447

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Clenchwarton, Saturday, February 19th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8467

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District. — Meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, February 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Further ringing after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8441

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cirencester Branch.—Fairford (8) February 19th, 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 8449

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. — Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice, Stonehouse. Saturday, February 19th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud. 8470

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Evening practice at Farnborough (8) on Saturday, February 19th, from 6–9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 8451

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Stephen's, St. Albans, February 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss C. Rimmer, 182, Tippendel Lane, St. Albans. — R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 8438

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester and Rossendale Branches. — Joint meeting on Saturday, February 19th. Ringing at Radcliffe (8) and Prestwich (8) 3 p.m. Tea at Prestwich 5 p.m. Both towers available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. F. Reynolds, 38, Windsor Avenue, Prestwich, by Thursday, February 17th.—P. Mason and J. Brannan, Branch Secs. 8465

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Melton District.—Evening meeting at Waltham-on-the-Wolds on Saturday, February 19th, 6.30 p.m. —M. Stimson. 8474

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Oadby, Saturday, February 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.— Meeting at Saxilby, Saturday, February 19th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mrs R. Crosby, 19a, Mill Lane, Saxilby, by Tuesday previous. 8437

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, St. Giles', Cripplegate, February 19th, 2.30–3.30; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 4–5.30. Service. Tea, business meeting and social Edinburgh Tavern, Milford Lane (opposite church). Handbell competition. Names for tea essential to Miss Y. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road, Fulham, S.W.6. Renown 4423. 8380

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E.—Annual District meeting, February 19th, at St. John-at-Hackney. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business. Evening ringing to 8 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8404

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held in Wokingham on February 19th. Service in All Saints' Church at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. Paul's Rooms 5 p.m. Ringing All Saints' 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; St. Paul's 7 p.m.. Notify for tea Mrs. B. C. Castle, 419, Reading Road, Winnersh, Wokingham, by February 14th. — B. C. Castle, Hon. Sec. 8435

ST. PAUL'S, WINLATON

The rededication of the bells by the Bishop of Jarrow will take place on **Saturday, February 19th, at 3 p.m.** Tea will be provided for those attending and notifying D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. Bells available after tea. 8459

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Marlborough Branch—Meeting, Ramsbury, Saturday, February 19th Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8462

SALISBURY GUILD. — West Dorset Branch. — Langford-Beams-Cox memorial meeting, Bradpole, Saturday, February 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. All welcome. Names for tea to J. Davis,, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 8444

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, February 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade, by previous Wednesday. 8448

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — Annual meeting, Alton, February 19th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45 at Somerscales. Business meeting follows, and ringing until 8. Numbers for tea essential, please, to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton, by 14th. 8394

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, February 19th, Wentworth (6) 2.30–4 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Gatty Hall, Ecclesfield, at 4.30 p.m Ringing at Ecclesfield (8) after the meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. Sharpe, 8, Townend Road, Ecclesfield, near Sheffield. No name, no tea. Please send by Thursday previous to the 19th. All welcome. Main item on agenda for meeting will be fixing of date and place for A.G.M., as this cannot now be held on the 3rd Saturday in May owing to the Yorkshire Council of Ringing Societies' Festival at Beverley. What about Tickhill, 3rd Saturday in April or June?—M. King Hon. Sec. 8337

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A social evening will be held at King George VI Playing Field Hall, Braintree, on Saturday, February 26th, at 8 p.m. Tickets (3/6 each) from Mr P. Wood, 10, The Causeway Finchingfield, Braintree. (S.A.E., please). 8425

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Smarden, Saturday, February 26th. Bells (6, 18 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. Bourner, 3, Glebe Close, Smarden, near Ashford, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—A.G.M. at Boston, Saturday, February 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, February 21st.—P. J. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 8455

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, February 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea Wheatsheaf Hotel. Names, please, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks, by Wednesday, February 23rd. 8464

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SUFFOLK GUILD. — S.W. District. — Quarterly meeting at Stratford St. Mary on Saturday, February 26th Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting **Meeting of the Executive Committee at 7.30 p.m. in the church (heated!).** Names for tea to W. D. Bailey, Squirrels Hall Cottage, Stratford St. Mary, Colchester, by Wednesday, February 23rd. 8419

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Bexhill-on-Sea, Saturday, February 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. G. Fitzhugh, 36, London Road, Hailsham, Sussex, by Wednesday, February 23rd. Will all members please make special effort to attend.—G. Fitzhugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 8432

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Caroline Gibbs 1, Margaret Arnold (first "inside") 2, Geraldine Piper 3, Diana Hayns 4, J. T. Symonds 5, Tony Skilton, (first on eight) 6, John Hayns (cond.) 7, H. H. Hayns 8. For Evensong.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): M. Whittell 1, A. Walters 2, S. Christian 3, R. Whittell 4, N. Whittell (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong on the feast day of St. John the Almsgiver.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Alphege's, on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Stewart (first quarter) 1, F. C. Farnsworth 2, D. W. Grimwood 3, J. Keeler 4, E. T. Eades (cond.) 5, W. Epps 6. For Evensong.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Hilary Knight 1, C. N. Stephenson (first "inside") 2, R. Russell 3, J. C. Hudson 4, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 5.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 31st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: B. Huddleston 1, R. Huddleston 2, J. Tyers (first of Bob Major) 3, C. Abbott 4, G. Locke 5, A. Howard 6, D. Huddleston 7, Dr. J. A. Bennett (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Jan. 27th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June Simmons 1, Carol A. Fountain 2, J. D. Chamberlain 3, A. Marson (first of Minor and in the method) 4, C. T. Collins 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6.

COMPOSITIONS

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5,000 by R W. PIPE					5,080 by P BORDER				
23456	M	I/F	W	H	23456	M	I/F	W	H
42356	—	x	—	—	42356				—
35426			—	—	34256	—	x	—	—
52364		x			53246			—	
43265	—			—	34562		x		
24365	—	x	—	—	24365		x	—	
32465	—	x	—	—	36245			—	—
42635	—	x		—	42563	—		—	
45236		x	—	—	32465		x	—	
32654	—		—		46325			—	—
34256		x	—	—	23564	—		—	
25346			—	—	43265		x	—	
54263		x			43652		x		—
62345	—		—		35426		x		
24653		x			24653	—		—	
23456		x	—	—	23456		x	—	—

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(Correction to page 60)

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	42635	"
—	64235	"
—	26435	"
	42563	"
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	25643	"
S	62534	Kent
	56423	"
	45362	"
	34256	

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OLDEST COMPLETE RING

By RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON.

IT is interesting to speculate on which is the oldest ring of three or more bells cast by one founder. It seems that Saxton Parish Church, near York ("Ringing World" page 42), is about a hundred years too late to claim this title.

The late H. B. Walters made up a list of pre-Reformation bells in England for the Council for the Care of Churches before the last war. This was based on published accounts of bells and on his own extensive knowledge of bells in areas which had not been surveyed. Of course changes are always taking place by way of augmentations, etc., so it is difficult to be right up to date with such an analysis; however, the following may be of interest:

Rings of Three by One Founder.

(1) Clapham, Sussex.—Cast about 1350 but bearing no founder's name.

(2) Old Walsingham, Norfolk.—Cast by William Silisden, 14th century. The two tenors bear his name.

(3) South Elmham St. Peter, Suffolk.—Cast by William Dawe, of London, in the period 1385 to 1408. The two tenors bear his trade medallion.

(4) Manby, Lincs. (5) Waith, Lincs.—Both rings cast by the same local founder, whose trade shield appears on a bell in the Lincoln Guildhall, cast in 1371.

(6) Holton, Somerset.—From the Salisbury foundry about 1400.

(7) South Somercotes, Lincs.—Cast by an unknown local founder who used a really magnificent set of capital letters. The tenor is dated 1423.

(8) Bartlow, Cambs. (9) South Elkington, Lincs.—All the bells bear the shield now attributed to William Chamberlain, of London, who was working in the period 1426 to 1456.

(10) Brinsop, Herefords. — From the Worcester foundry, about 1450.

(11) Thornbury, Herefords.—Also cast about 1450.

The order shown above is only approximately chronological

Rings of Four by One Founder.

Northleigh, Devon.—All by a founder whose initials were I. T., casting in the 15th century at Exeter.

Thurlbear, Somerset.—Also from the 15th century Exeter foundry.

Rings of Five by One Founder.

London, St. Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield.—By Thomas Bullisdon, of London, about 1510.

If one removes the one founder restriction then the scope is much wider. St. Lawrence, Ipswich, has an earlier ring of five, all 15th century, the treble from the Bury St. Edmunds foundry, the second by William Chamberlain, and the three tenors by the Brasyer family of Norwich, tenor 12 cwt. Iken, Suffolk, Spetchley, Worcs, and Torbryan, Devon, have pre-Reformation rings of four.

Iken, St. Lawrence, Ipswich, and St. Bartholomew the Great, London, are ringable and there may well be others which are.

There are quite a number of towers which incorporate three or more pre-Reformation bells with others of more modern date. Those with as many as four seem to be at York, Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies; Whimple, Devon; Gloucester Cathedral, including of course the 58 cwt. pre-Reformation bourdon Great Peter; Banham, Norfolk; Didlington, Norfolk, bells from Worcester Cathedral; Norwich St. George Tombland; and Norwich Cathedral. By comparison St. John's Church, Perth, Scotland, has eight pre-Reformation bells and Utrecht Domtoren in Holland seven.

Our English bells do not of course compare in age with, say, the Chinese Wei Hui chime of five bells datable to 482 B.C. (see "Ringing World," 1965, page 359).

CUMBERLANDS REACH A HIGHER STANDARD

MASTER APPRECIATES GREAT IMPROVEMENT—SILENT AND NON-CONDUCTED PEAL OF SIX SPLICED MAJOR—ST. MARTIN'S GIFT OF HANDBELLS TO SOCIETY—A RECORD ATTENDANCE

UNDER the inspired leadership of Mr. Dennis Beresford, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths has reached an exceedingly high standard, and at the annual dinner at the Church House Restaurant, Westminster, on February 5th, references were made to the two recent fine performances of the Society—a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus and the first peal of Six Spliced Surprise Major rung non-conducted and silent. Neither is the art of handbell ringing neglected, and a touch of Yorkshire Surprise Royal was rung with a facile rhythm that delighted everyone.

The dinner was a great social occasion, with a record attendance of 195. From Nottingham and Lincoln in the north to Plymouth in the west support was forthcoming. Ringing during the day was on the twelves at Southwark Cathedral, Cornhill, St. Mary-le-Bow and Cripplegate, and a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Croydon Parish Church. The Rev. Austen Williams, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, was attending his first Cumberland dinner and he announced that in recognition of the Society's services to St. Martin's the church was presenting them with a new set of handbells.

The Master's officers this year are: D. E. Sibson, hon. secretary; K. Newman, senior steward; J. S. Barnes, junior steward; P. Beresford, treasurer; T. H. Francis and J. Millhouse, trustees; and Mrs. O. Tester and B. Jeffrey, auditors.

The Master, after proposing the loyal toast, extended a warm welcome to the assembly. They were delighted to have with them the Rev. Austen Williams, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. The Society had had its headquarters at St. Martin's for over 100 years and had a great affection for the church and an extremely happy relationship with the Vicar. There was also a personal welcome for the Rev. Norman Mottley, Vicar of St. Michael's, Cornhill, and the Rev. Richard Thompson, the new Vicar of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch.

CHURCH'S TURMOIL

Mr. E. A. Barnett proposed the toast of "The Church" and on behalf of the "other ranks" of the Church expressed their pleasure in having "the commissioned officers" with them. He was particularly pleased to see the Rev. Peter Bond, who was with the Missions to Seamen. "No longer did Peter climb the belfry stairs but now went up the companion way and looked out of the porthole."

It was some years since he proposed the toast of "The Church," and what a turmoil it had been in ever since. He recalled the troubles of "Honest to God" and other troubles from Woolwich. There was a member of the Convocation trying to get into the House of Parliament under an ancient statute and the same gentleman pestering the Archbishop not to appoint this or that Bishop.

Mr. Barnett said he well remembered in 1933 going into a church in Norwich and somebody had written: "Dear Sir, Are you aware you are breaking the law of the land by using the new and revised prayer book? No wonder there is so much crime in this city."

The Rev. Austen Williams, in his reply, confessed that he had been at St. Martin's for ten years and that was the first of their dinners that he had attended. He thanked them for their welcome. Referring to the toast, he said he found it an exciting thing to speak for the Church of England because of the immense difficulties and bewilderment of the Church today; it seemed to him to have that tiresome feeling and noise that always occurred when one was waking up. He hoped that in the next few years the Church would leave the bed on which it had been repining and find a deeper purpose because of having been compelled to think again about what it was doing.

HAUNTED BY BELLS

The Vicar said ever since his birth he had always been haunted by the sound of a bell. "The bells tolls: it tolls for thee," wrote John Donne. If on a Saturday afternoon he heard the bells ringing he got into a frenzied state and wondered if he had forgotten a baptism, marriage or memorial service. The bell seemed to induce into his mind a kind of mental instability

Their purpose as ringers was to bring the Church into existence and they had been doing it for centuries. When the sanctus bell at St. Martin's rang out over the fields that no longer existed, as the parson was celebrating the host, the workers in the fields would stop and there was silence and that magic act of drawing people to God took place. There were other bells that rang to bring the people to church.

Bellringing was an indissoluble unit of the Church and the Church depended on them and the way they rang the bells. "When the bells ring I think of God and of people, and I trust that when you ring you will remember God and the people."

Concluding, Mr. Williams made a happy announcement, that he would like St. Martin's to present to the St. Martin's band a set of handbells, because he understood that they wanted a new set

Thanking the Vicar for the gift, the Master assured him that St. Martin's would receive full support from its ringers. Appropriately, at this stage the handbell selection was introduced. It was a touch of Yorkshire Surprise Royal and its successful accomplishment was received with great enthusiasm. The ringers were E. A. Barnett, Miss Joan Beresford, the Master (who conducted), P. Beresford and D. E. Sibson.

MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE BELL

A well-known Sussex ringer and member of the Society, Mr. W. Leslie Weller, proposed the toast of "The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths." He said the Society was one of the oldest ringing societies and was steeped in history and tradition, which was being carried on by the officers and members in such a way that the Society was held in the highest esteem by ringers throughout the country. They were all aware of the standard the Society now set, but it had not always been so. In 1766 one Christopher Wells found there was no room for him in the peal band. He conducted a peal of Grandsire Caters at Shoreditch and then the company organised themselves into a kind of parody of freemasonry and called themselves the Most Noble Order of the Bell.

There was on record particulars of a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus being rung at Birmingham. The ringing was excellent and the peal seemed certain, when the tenor man set his bell and sat down, saying he was tired and would not ring any more. Some of the band, however, knew that he did not like ringing with men from the Ancient Society and were sure that he had stopped because he did not like to score a peal with them.

Today they had a Society of the highest order with method ringing and striking surpassing the highest traditions of the Society. The reason was their Master, who for five or six years had been building up the Society, starting on eight bells, going on to ten, and now Maximus on twelve. In that week's issue of "The Ringing World" they would see a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus and a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in six methods rung silent and non-conducted containing all the work of each method for each bell. This was done for the first time and they desired to congratulate the band that rang the peal. The Society owed a great debt to their present Master and also to their secretary, Mr. Derek Sibson, for his support.

The Master, who replied, said he hoped that the standard they had set in London had met with the approval of the members. He remembered having a talk with Tom Francis, who said he would like to propose him as Master. "I replied that I would only consider it if we agreed to set about improving the striking in London, and that is what we have been doing since then.

"I think it is true that the ringing today has been of the highest standard at any dinner. We put up some very good performances of Maximus and Cinques." The attendance that night was 195, which was very considerably up on last year, and they hoped people would continue to support them in this way. They had people from Plymouth, Lincolnshire, Sussex, a large contingent from Newark and also representatives from Leicester.

PROGRESS BY ANY STANDARD

The Master said it was his pleasure to report the progress they had made by any standard. At the last dinner Teddy Barnett said they ought to look more closely to the number of new members they elected. In 1965 they elected 26 new members and they hoped these new members would give the Society their support and interest. Another thing was the increasing number taking part in the Society's peals. This year there were 64 people taking part, which was 20 more than in the previous year. The first peal of four-Spliced Surprise Major with all the work of each bell had been rung. Their friends in Lincolnshire had many fine performances and three-Spliced Surprise Major had been rung by friends in Sussex.

The practices had been well attended and they catered for many people. They had achieved Londinium Surprise Maximus. The finances of the Society were extremely encouraging. They were building up the balances so that the Society could give support in good measure to any work needed at St. Martin's or Shoreditch.

TWO PROMINENT LOSSES

They had lost by death their revered Past Master, George Cross, and they paid a tribute to him at the memorial service. He would also like to mention the passing of Mrs. Fletcher, who was a prominent member about 50 years ago. When George Newsome died in 1882, the Society went down until James Parker, Mrs. Fletcher's father, came along and revived the Society. They proposed to provide as a memorial to George Cross a table in the belfry of St. Martin's, which was being made by Walter Dobbie and would be dedicated at the summer meeting. More subscriptions were needed to meet the cost and he would welcome contributions.

They hoped to hold a country meeting on the first Saturday in April, possibly in Leicestershire. They had received an invitation from the Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey to ring a quarter peal at one of the services connected with the 900th. anniversary. In connection with the Abbey they had with them that night Mr. Arthur Mason, who rang in the first peal at the Abbey—one of Bristol Surprise Major.

MUCH TRAVELLED

"The Visitors" were toasted on the call of the senior steward, Mr. Ken Newman. He mentioned that of the 195 present, 109 were Cumberlands and 86 visitors represented 14 different Associations. To be present that

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OVER 4,000 RANG PEALS IN 1965

SEVEN RING MORE THAN 100 TOWER BELL PEALS



D. JOHN HUNT

is a native of Bristol, having been born in 1939 and educated at Bristol Cathedral School. He rang his first peal at the 13th attempt—Grandsire Caters at St. Stephen's, Bristol, in 1958. Present peal total 454 (conducted 176). Offices—Ringing Master Bristol Cathedral, secretary Bristol City Branch of Gloucester and Bristol Association. Occupation—cost accountant for the Anglo-French supersonic airliner (Concord) at B.A.C.



GILLIAN M. HUSSEY

Born is Bristol some 21 years ago, Gillian started ringing in November, 1957, at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, where she is now Ringing Master. Her first peal was Grandsire Caters at St. Stephen's, Bristol, in September, 1959, and her peals now total 215 (conducted two). Occupation—research assistant in bio-chemistry laboratory of the Imperial Tobacco Co., Bristol. Educated at Rose Green High School, 1956–63.



MARTIN D. FELLOWS, who is co-leader with D. John Hunt, was born at Stourbridge on April 21st, 1945, and to date has rung 336 peals. Closely behind is his brother, M. J. (known as "The Kid"). Another brother, David, aged 12, is learning to handle a bell.

Educated at King Edward VI Grammar School, Stourbridge, where he helped to found the Ringing Society, Martin works as a solicitor's clerk with the Town Clerk of Birmingham, hence his peals at Birmingham Cathedral, which include the record peal of Maximus and an 11,520 Yorkshire Surprise Major.

The year 1965 showed another increase in the number of active peal ringers—3,284 men and 697 women took part in tower bell peals; 152 men and 33 women in handbell peals. Of the handbell ringers, 22 men and seven women rang no tower bell peals. (It is interesting to note that only one of the seven women who rang no tower bell peals was Miss Hazel Way, of Swansea, who rang 71 "in hand.") This means that a total of 4,010 people (3,306 men and 704 women) took part in peals, compared with 3,668 during 1964. Thus the ratio of men to women is almost 5:1 (82.5 per cent.—17.5 per cent.), so take heed you men who want a peal-ringing wife—it's a seller's market.

More than half of the 4,010 rang only one peal and almost a further quarter rang two. The lists of leading peal ringers contain 232 who rang 25 or more tower bell peals and 15 who rang 15 or more handbell peals. The tower bell list is once again headed by Birmingham, with seven members of the Thursday night band in the top ten. The year 1965 includes seven who rang 100 peals or more: in 1964 there were none. The handbell list also shows the same band at the top as in 1964—although the number of peals rung by the South Wales band decreased. It will be noted that if Brian J. Woodruffe's handbell peals were included with his tower bell peals his total would have been 121.

Complete details are published on page 110, but the following are the leaders in the respective divisions:—

TOWER BELLS

Men:	Martin D. Fellows ..	118
	D. John Hunt	118
	Michael J. Fellows ..	116
Women:	Gillian M. Hussey ..	100
	Ann Jenner	55
	Susan Rothera	52
Conductors:	D. John Hunt	65
	Roderick W. Pipe ..	47
	Bernard F. L. Groves	45

HANDBELLS

Men:	Brian J. Woodruffe ..	79
	J. Arthur Hoare	77
	Richard A. J. Bower ..	33
Women:	Hazel Way	71
	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	22
	Maud Austin	15
Conductors:	Brian J. Woodruffe ..	76
	Richard A. J. Bower ..	32
	Robert B. Smith	18

HOW THE DETAILS WERE COLLECTED

A large supply of 80 column computer cards was collected and one card was used for each ringer. Men's names were written on green cards, women's on white cards and handbell peals were entered on yellow cards. These were filed alphabetically according to surname and then Christian name in wooden trays. When "The Ringing World" arrived the first operation was to put a red mark to the right of each conductor's name, as a safeguard against forgetting them. One of us would then call out the name of each ringer in turn and the other would find the card and pass it over for up-dating. Peals rung were shown in blue biro and the number conducted was recorded underneath in red biro.

At the beginning of the year, when many new cards had to be written, it took 40 to 45 minutes to analyse one page of "The Ringing World." This gradually decreased until at the end of the year we could get through a page in 20 minutes. Peal tours and batches of peals with the same participants were always a welcome sight. The biggest nightmare was the Sir Winston Churchill memorial issue—particularly as it occurred so early in the year. The nine pages of peals took about six hours to complete.

The final analysis required some thought as we did not want to disturb the order of the cards, because they are being passed on to Cyril and Marjorie Wratten at Cheltenham, who have undertaken to record 1966 peal ringers. So instead of extracting the cards of those who had rung 25 or more peals we had to examine each card and post names on to a separate set of cards. The final operation was to compile a list from the duplicate cards. There was a very useful sample of leading peal ringers at the Bristol University Dinner, and the opportunity was not missed to ask them all how many peals they had rung during the previous year as a check of our accuracy. Three or four people also sent their totals to the Editor. It was quite gratifying to us that of the 38 people who told us their totals only one disagreed with our cards—by one peal.

However, we realise that there are bound to be errors, and we sincerely apologise to those whose totals are incorrect. A certain amount of guesswork was required when initials or Christian names differed from the cards, and we also suspect that there were several errors in names, and duplicated peals which were never corrected in a later issue. We had 56 cards for the surname "Smith" so if your name is Smith or David J. Marshall there is a good chance that your total might be wrong! We hope that Cyril and Marjorie Wratten will get as much pleasure and satisfaction from the task of 1966 as we did from 1965.

GILLIAN M. HUSSEY.
D. JOHN HUNT.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Hill (first quarter) 1, P. J. Privett 2, J. W. Pries: 3, C. K. Hill 4, Miss A. Pickering 5, G. Coldman 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, K. Mumford 8. To welcome back the Vicar (Rev. O. R. Acworth) after a major operation.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. V. Davis (cond.) 1, Mrs. Gillian W. Davis 2, R. Broadest 3, R. Kiddle 4, M. Stone 5, R. Ingham 6, G. W. J. Scragg 7, K. Derham 8, R. Prime 9, A. A. Price 10. A wedding compliment to Miss Anice Evans and Mr. Brian Wright, a member of the Priory band.

Letters to the Editor

RECORDING A STANDARD PRACTICE

Dear Sir,—I must say my own feeling about recorded B.B.C. programmes is different from that of your correspondent (page 60). A programme of hymn singing, for instance, sounds no less well to me on Sunday for having been recorded the previous Tuesday. The same principle applies to the Christmas bells, in my opinion; surely most people accept this as standard practice by now? Furthermore, I found it to be an unforgettable experience, the year I was privileged to be a member of a band taking part in the programme, to be able to listen to the broadcast.

But there are wider issues involved. Bad ringing is quite rightly frowned on these days, and is clearly not to be tolerated in this programme. Therefore, if the broadcast is to be live, the risk of bad ringing has to be obviated by going only to the select few towers where no mistakes are going to be made. To avoid undue strain on the B.B.C.'s resources, these few towers will no doubt have to be further narrowed down to the big towns. This will destroy what I myself regard as one of the chief charms of the programme, that small and remote towers are, in present circumstances, able to contribute.

Perhaps I may go on to advance some objections to the general form of the programme which I myself have regarded as valid for several years now. It is almost true to say that the 25 minutes of this broadcast is the only period in the whole year devoted specifically to our Exercise. There should be much more: but that is for the moment another story. Now of the 25 minutes, one or two are taken away by the quite unnecessary inclusion of sung carols I love carols myself, but there are enough of them in other programmes at Christmastide. Then there is a grave defect in the announcing. I have nothing against the announcer personally. My point is that he should not be a "layman" as regards ringing. The programme should be introduced by a representative of the Exercise, in words of his own framing.

This would confer a much better air to the programme as a whole. It should be possible to state in each case the tenor weight as well as the number of bells (without needing to employ a tone of awe if that weight were 30 cwt., as the announcer did in the last programme, when one tenor weight only was mentioned); and to state also the method being rung. I know very well that keen ringers will have looked up the tenor weights in "Dove" beforehand, and will very often (not always, for the recordings on large numbers are sometimes bad) be able to recognise the method. But this broadcast is in a sense the Exercise's annual shop window before the non-ringing public. It is my experience that many non-ringers actually like to hear bits of the (to them) mysterious vocabulary that we use; to them, if not to some of the correspondents in "The Ringing World," "Grandsire Doubles" sounds just as well as "Cambridge Maximus." And I think that the public ought to be told what most of them do not at present realise—that there is a difference between change and call change ringing; and that both are different from the "ringing" of Bethlehem (no disrespect to the last-named). —Yours faithfully.

IOLO DAVIES.

Cowbridge, Glam.

GROTON AND GROTONIAN

Dear Sir,—With reference to your correspondent who sent up the two new principles, Groton and Grotonian ("Ringing World," page 3), I should like to venture a few comments before the Central Council formally deal with it.

In the first place, insufficient of either method (especially Grotonian) was supplied, so that the structure could not be determined. However, here I am assuming that Groton is 3.5.3.5.3.149—5.3.5.3.5.149 and Grotonian 3.5.3.5.3.1.—3.5.3.5.3.9 Both these methods are somewhat similar to Stedman Caters, and therefore may be proved in a very similar manner, with only a few modifications

In Grotonian, for example, it is immediately obvious that all the rows are in course. This has the immediate advantage that any true composition containing bobs only may be doubled by two singles, and also that proof is made considerably easier. Thus the first six (shown with the start at the first change)

1 2	3 4 5	6 7 8 9	+
2 1	3 5 4	7 6 9 8	+
1 2	5 3 4	6 7 8 9	+
2 1	5 4 3	7 6 9 8	+
1 2	4 5 3	6 7 8 9	+
2 1	4 3 5	7 6 9 8	+
2 4	1 5 3	6 7 8 9	+

may be analysed into two H-sets, that is the characteristic change from the six with the bells in 3, 4 and 5 omitted. Thus in the adjacent six there are two such sets, namely H_1=12'6789 and H_2=21'7698, it being apparent that one may be obtained from the other simply by interchanging the pairs. Then as all rows are in course, all the possible in-course rows corresponding to H_1 and H_2 have occurred, and cannot reoccur without falseness. It is thus an easy matter to prove any touches, remembering that out-of-course rows cannot be false against in-course rows even if their H's are identical.

Groton is similar in construction, only there is a phase change at the end of every six; thus whereas the above technique may be applied here also, it is necessary to keep the H-sets corresponding to alternate sixes (i.e. in-course and out-of-course) separate, even with a bobs-only touch (assuming that a bob does not itself cause any non-regular phase change).

This, of course, is only a brief outline of one possible means of proof, there being in practice short cuts, which will doubtless be investigated by the Central Council.—Yours faithfully,

W. J. COOPER BAILEY.

Clare College, Cambridge.

SURPRISE AT LLANTRISANT

Dear Sir,—I am afraid that my colleagues who rang the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Llantrisant on New Year's Day are almost 34 years too late in their claim to have rung the first peal of Surprise on these bells.

Cambridge was rung there on September 16th, 1932, during a South Wales Tour organised by Mr. Wilfred Williams. The late Keith Hart and Frederick W. Rogers took part with Charles W. Roberts as conductor.—Yours faithfully,

DONALD G. CLIFT.

Cardiff.

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I hereby give notice that I have started to solve a jigsaw puzzle of 2,000 pieces. A candid appraisal of my progress so far reveals that I should have begun a less time-consuming pastime, say pricking out the full extent of Bob Royal or Stedman Cinques. (If anyone can prick out Royal at ringing pace he's a better man than I am, Gunga Din.) I think now that those composer people who take a few Q-sets, round blocks and bob blocks and string them together into a peal and think they have been very patient and persevering should have a go at a jigsaw puzzle and see what patience really is.

The Original a model of patience and perseverance? Oddsfish and oddsblood, sir. I will wager a pony to a monkey in guineas that Holt never tried to put the correct heads and tails on a pack of hounds, sir.

A one-part, odd bob peal of Stedman? Cor, chase me eighteen stone Aunt Fanny rahnd the gas works, yer just ain't wiv it, cock. Ever tried puttin' the kerrect plates o' meat on a crahd of abart fifty people and then puttin' their proper tit-fer-tats on? The extent with the tenors together in a Surprise method with four false course heads to the plain course? Get aloft, you lubber! and assemble the mainyards and fighting tops of Nelson's "Victory" and mind you don't get the running ringing mixed up with the standing rigging or I'll give you a touch of a rope's tail, and it won't be a Yorkshire tail, either. By the time you've finished you'll be wishing to splice the mainbrace, several mainbraces, in fact. Please remind me to give a further progress at about Easter time. Yours, etc.,

A. H. KEMP.

Hawkhurst.

P.S.—My wife has caught the fever, too: I found her cutting the pastry into odd shapes and piecing them together.—A. H. K.

OLDEST COMPLETE RING

Dear Sir,—In correction of your correspondent (page 42) regarding the ring of three bells at Saxton, near Tadcaster, the bells were **not** quarter turned when Ellacombe chimes were fitted by William Potts and Sons (not Gillett and Johnston).

As to the reputed weight of a ton, the tenor measures 38 inches and the note is roughly A, so that the weight cannot be above half its local reputation.—Yours, etc.,

Leeds. R. H. DOVE.

GRANDSIRE—A PART OF BRITISH CHARACTER

Dear Sir,—I was very distressed to note a young member of Durham University say harsh words about Grandsire, which is part of the great tradition we have in ringing. As a resident of Durham I would like to say that we should do all in our power to guard such a valuable part of the character of Britain.—Yours sincerely,

ROY JAMES.

Durham.

TOMMY ROGERS

Dear Sir,—How sad it was to learn of Tommy Rogers' death! No one who met him could forget his bubbling spirits, his tolerance with raw recruits and his continual striving for good ringing. The love which he bore towards his fellowmen shone for all to see, and I know that many will join in giving thanks for his life and influence.—Yours faithfully,

ROGER B. MORRIS.

Cambridge.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

ORIGIN OF BOB AND SINGLE

Dear Sir,—I feel certain that I am not the only member of the Exercise to profess an interest in the history of its technical terms; nor am I less certain that much of what follows may be found, in the judgment of those better versed in these methods than I, misguided wrong or even both. Nevertheless, here are some investigations and queries made during the course of a search for an answer to the question "Why Bob?"

(1) Has the term "Bob" any relevance to its accepted definition? No; we cannot extract from the word any reference to its altering the course of three bells any more than the fact of its altering the course of two bells can be extracted from the term "Single."

(2) Is the term "Bob" in origin a word of movement, or are "Hunt" and "Course"? My own answer—with all due deference to those who do hold the opinion I question—is an emphatic "No," for two reasons:

(a) Surely, when two such complementary terms as "Bob" and "Single" are under consideration, it is reasonable to suppose that if the one is a word of movement, the other must connote movement also. But what would be the hoots of derision if anyone were to suggest that the term "Single" derived from the "set and turn single" of English folk dancing! It is far easier, in spite of appearances, to suppose both to share some connotation unconnected with movement.

(b) A bob, in its normal English use, is an up-and-down movement. In a change ringing context this could be interpreted to mean a zigzag in the Blue Line: thus we come to a conclusion: Bob=Dodge. But is a Bob a Dodge? Let us consider the case of Plain Bob. At a plain lead-end the making of seconds place creates dodging in 3–4 and 5–6. At a bobbed lead-head the making of fourth's place—the making of the bob—creates dodging in one position only, 5–6, and causes the 3–4 dodge to be by-passed, and permits **hunting** in 2–3. To those who counter, "Well, what about Treble Bob?" I reply that, while extra dodges are undoubtedly involved at a bobbed lead-end, the bell engaged in making the bob is actually engaged in making a **place** (or places).

(3) If the term "Bob" (and for that matter the term "Single) bears no relation either to its definition as laid down today or to the movement of bells among other bells, to what origin are we to describe it?

Here is my own conclusion:

To find the origin of the terms used to describe and differentiate our calls, we must go back to those early days when the possibilities of five bells were being explored and steps taken towards the achievement of a six-score. In the course of experimentation, two types of "special call" became standard. The first, which permitted the simultaneous changing of two pairs of bells, i.e. a double change, was for this reason named a Double; the second, which permitted the changing of one pair of bells only, i.e. a single change, was named a Single. An examination of the bob-and-single-changes in Grandsire Doubles will make my meaning clear: the making of the bob does not interrupt the progress of double changes, while the making of the single causes two consecutive single changes.

In course of time the word "Double" yelped sharply and used hard became worn down: the second syllable lapsed altogether, the first consonant assimilated itself to the second, and the Exercise was left with something that sounded a good deal more like Bob than Double—and so became, inexorably, Bob. The word "Single" being made of phonologically sterner stuff remained, and remains to this day "Single."

Tradition demanded that the terms should stay static; the Exercise, however, was not standing still, and changes were rung and touches called on increasingly higher numbers of bells which made nonsense of the original meanings of "Bob" and "Single." But custom had familiarised them; "Bob" was a handy little word and "Single" sounded sufficiently different from "Bob" to avoid confusion; their original significance—due to the change in Bob's form—had been completely forgotten; there was no reason for alteration, and unaltered they stand.

As to the use of the word "Bob" in the nomenclature of methods, the application of the above conclusion—that Bob is a corrupted form of Double—will provide an answer. J. W. Snowdon in "Ropesight" remarks at the outset of his exposition of the Plain Bob method that changes on four bells produced by this method are strictly Doubles and Singles but, for the sake of brevity, are generally known as Bob Singles. Not surely, I add, because the changes are produced by the application of the Plain Bob method and must therefore be called Bob something or other, but because the word "Bob" is itself the word "Doubles" in a worn-down form. It is easy to see how the title "Bob Singles" became misunderstood: Singles—oh, that means there are single changes in the method; Bob—well, that must be the name of the method. Right! Let's apply this Bob method to five bells—double changes, so we'll call it Bob Doubles. And what about seven bells? Triple changes, so that'll be Bob Triples. And so on and so on. . .

Q.E.D.?? All comments and refutations gratefully received.—Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH M. BARBER.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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Will members please mention the Council when booking.
Further details later.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

BELLS OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN

Dear Sir,—On p. 776 (1965) of "The Ringing World" you kindly published a letter from me in which I asked for information about the bells of India and Pakistan. Since then I have received a few letters direct; other correspondents have written to you and had their letters published.

I now send the following summary of information so that all interested may see. Bringing in "Dove" (my edition is 1956, I am afraid!), this is what I have.

Colaba, Bombay. — "Dove": St. John's Afghan Mission (8, 14 cwt.), wheels, etc. stored in belfry: tower too unstable to withstand strain of ringing bells.

Mr. J. Davis (Bridport) was there 1944, eight bells chimed for Sunday services. Mr. F. J. Lewis (Cirencester) was there 1917–18, chimed for evening service. Hung for ringing but wheels not found. Padre said tower would not stand strain. Believed Mr. Pat Cannon visited during last war.

Lahore. — "Dove": Cathedral of the Resurrection (6, 18 cwt.). Mr. L. G. Constable, Windsor Hotel, Smith Street, Durban, South Africa: Eight bells only chimed.

Rev. George E. Hubbard, Milton Malsor Rectory, Northampton: Lovely cathedral, beautiful twin towers. Was there 1929–31. In N.W. tower a fine heavy Taylor six, chimed for services, but hung for ringing, and after much work became ringable. He and other ringers in the town trained others and got bells swinging for services—call changes, due in part to the way bells hung. Bells "bumpy" and awkward to set.

Madras.—"Dove": Building unknown (8, 20 cwt.).

Mr. Constable (above): Cathedral and thinks six bells.

Mr. Peter G. Bellamy-Knights, 179, St. Thomas Hall, Madras Christian College, Madras 59: Tried to locate tower. The Church of Southern India Cathedral of St. George has ring of eight, hung for chiming only. Has chimed rounds on apparatus. Hung two tiers. Tower too small to facilitate bells being hung for ringing. Tenor could certainly not be 20 cwt.

Poona.—"Dove": The Holy Name (8, 25 cwt.).

Mr. W. C. West, Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Was there 1914–17. The English Church.

Calcutta. — Mr. Ranald Clouston, Radlett, Herts: Mears 1919 catalogue shows largest bells supplied by them for India was a 38 cwt. bell in a chime of three in Great Exhibition, 1851—now in mosque in Calcutta (?).

Mr. Constable (above): Cathedral, thinks six bells.

General.—Mr. Constable (above), having referred to Lahore, Calcutta and Madras Cathedrals as above, adds: "I think no other rings exist anywhere in India. Nearly all churches were originally built by the Government of India or the John Company, neither of which considered it necessary to provide more than one bell; thus, where rings do exist, they have been provided by public subscription encouraged by local enthusiasm."—Yours sincerely,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Felixstowe.

OBITUARY

MR. F. F. SIMMONS

Fred Simmons, who died on January 19th at the age of 83, had been a ringer at Charlton Kings for over 60 years. During that time he had rung the Passing Bell for four Sovereigns—Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, King George V and King George VI. Although advancing age had prevented his climbing the steps to the belfry for the last three years, he will be sadly missed.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a last tribute to his memory on the day of his funeral.

STOCKBURY, KENT.—On Jan. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Sylvia Knight 1, E. Clifton (first "inside") 2, Pam Tomsett 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5.

INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL ANALYSIS FOR 1965

TOWER BELLS

	Name	Rung	Con
1	D. John Hunt	118	65
1	Martin D Fellows	118	11
3	Michael J. Fellows	116	21
4	J. Alan Ainsworth	105	39
4	John C. Eisel	105	2
6	George E. Fearn	101	1
7	Gillian M. Hussey	100	1
8	Roderick W. Pipe	87	47
9	Tudor P. Edwards	86	31
10	Peter Border	78	38
11	George E. Thoday	77	40
12	John H. Fielden	72	13
13	Christopher T Osenton	71	13
13	Norman J. Goodman	71	—
15	Bernard F. L. Groves	69	45
16	Stephen J. Ivin	65	41
16	Philip Mehew	65	17
18	Richard S. Starkie	64	1
18	James R Taylor	64	—
20	Derek Butterworth	63	28
21	Alan Tubb	62	2
22	Roger D. Bailey	61	23
23	Robert C. Kippin	60	24
24	Jack L. Millhouse	57	32
25	Stanley Jenner	56	32
25	Edward R Venn	56	14
25	Martin L. Howe	56	3
28	Robert B. Smith	55	12
28	Clifford A. Barron	55	4
28	Ann Jenner	55	—
31	George A. Dawson	54	29
32	J. Martin Thorley	53	23
32	John Robinson	53	7
32	C. Martin Press	53	1
32	Michael J. Hobbs	53	—
36	J. Keith Ward	52	16
36	Alan G Payne	52	8
36	Susan Rothera	52	—
39	Geoffrey K. Dodd	51	30
39	Antony R. Kench	51	10
39	Derek J. Jones	51	7
39	Joan Beresford	51	2
39	Brian J Luff	51	—
44	David P. Hilling	50	18
44	Roland H. Cook	50	15
44	Maryl R. Crossthwaite	50	3
44	Anthony D. Sansom	50	2
44	Frederick R. Scott	50	—
49	Michael Maughan	49	25
49	Graham C. Paul	49	10
49	Kenneth J. Hesketh	49	2
52	A. Patrick Cannon	48	25
52	Nicholas W. H. Simon	48	20
52	Edward W Colley	48	—
52	David S. Osenton	48	—
56	James L. Towler	47	1
57	Arthur C Berry	46	8
57	Anthony H. Smith	46	3
57	Brian Bladon	46	2
57	Thomas J. Lock	46	2
57	D Paul Smith	46	1
57	George E. Bonham	46	—
57	Peter Bridle	46	—
64	Cyril Crossthwaite	45	17
64	Peter G. Brown	45	4
64	Alan A. Paul	45	2
67	Ian H Oram	44	22
67	Joseph W. Cotton	44	—
67	Roger W. Smith	44	—
70	Basil Jones	43	7
70	Philip J. Crossthwaite	43	3
70	Simon Humphrey	43	2
70	Jeffrey Kershaw	43	—
74	Brian J. Woodruffe	42	27
74	Philip G. K. Davies	42	17
74	Ruth M. Blackshaw	42	7
74	Frederick R. Shallcross	42	7
74	Maurice W. Harrison	42	4
74	Timothy G. Pett	42	4
74	Ronald J. Sharp	42	—
81	Geoffrey R. Parker	41	4
81	Margaret E. Chilton	41	2
81	Arthur E. Rowley	41	1
81	Margaret E. Fort	41	—
81	John C. Slater	41	—
86	D. Kay Adkins	40	19
86	G. William Critchley	40	9
86	Jeffrey Brannan	40	3
89	John R. Mayne	39	31
89	Dennis Knox	39	6
89	Peter A. Sharp	39	6
89	Dennis Latham	39	5
89	Rev. Frederick Ross	39	1
89	Claudia A. Critchley	39	3
95	Andrew J. Corby	38	9
95	R. Kingsley Mason	38	8
95	Christine Andrew	38	1
95	Edward Jenkins	38	—
95	Stanley G. Ponting	38	—
95	Edgar R. Rapley	38	—
95	Reginald W. Rex	38	—
102	Giles B. Thompson	37	8
102	David J. Llewellyn	37	5
102	Geoffrey Paul	37	3
102	Philip J. Rothera	37	—
102	J. Henry Fielden	37	14
107	Joe E. Roast	36	27
107	Derek E. Sibson	36	23
107	George W. Massey	36	18
107	Gerald C. Hemming	36	13
107	Philip A. Corby	36	12
107	David J. Purnell	36	—
113	Alan R. Pink	35	28
113	Michael W. Crowder	35	18
113	J. Richard Castledine	35	10
113	Brian Harris	35	9
113	Robin H. Rogers	35	7
113	Peter M. Adcock	35	6
113	Richard J. Parker	35	6
113	Alan McFall	35	2
113	Colin A. Tester	35	2
113	Keith R. Davey	35	1
113	Adrian C. Boorman	35	—
113	Richard J. Bowden	35	—
113	Christopher C. Clarke	35	—
113	Richard J. Clifton	35	—
127	C. Barrie Dove	34	26
127	Neil Bennett	34	13
127	Gerald Penney	34	17
127	Stuart Armeson	34	5
127	Rev. Roger O. Fry	34	5
127	John Hill	34	5
127	Vivian Nutton	34	4
127	A. Peter Whitehead	34	3
127	Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville	34	—
127	Harold B. Schofield	34	—
137	Charles E. Truman	33	14
137	Dennis Mottershead	33	21
137	Cyril A. Wratten	33	9
137	J. Barry Pickup	33	8
137	Eric N Harrison	33	8
137	John R. Pratchett	33	5
137	Cyril S. Jarrett	33	2
137	Judith M Corby	33	—
137	Joyce M. Gurnhill	33	—
146	Frank B Lufkin	32	28
146	Wilfred Williams	32	18
146	Richard E. Price	32	10
146	W. Leslie Weller	32	10
146	H. William Barrett	32	8
146	Geoffrey J. Hemming	32	3
146	Ronald Ducker	32	1
146	Victor Griffin	32	1
146	Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	32	—
146	William Davidson	32	—
146	Ralph G. Edwards	32	—
146	Iris M. E. Lemare	32	—
146	Ian Lloyd	32	—
159	Anthony R. Peake	31	24
159	W Eric Critchley	31	20
159	Richard O. Humphries	31	6
159	James Attwood (jun.)	31	3
159	Ian R. Panton	31	—
159	Denis A. S. Symonds	31	—
159	Malcolm E. Wade	31	—
166	William L. Exton	30	22
166	Derek P. Jones	30	22
166	Tony Lewis	30	8
166	Alan J. Frost	30	3
166	David S. Johnson	30	1
166	Sydney M. Bailey	30	—
166	Jack S. Dear	30	—
166	Neil Donovan	30	—
166	John H. Taylor	30	—
166	Derek F. Yates	30	—
176	Wilfrid F. Moreton	29	19
176	Roy H. Jones	29	14
176	Leonard Stilwell	29	4
176	Dan S. Pont	29	2
176	Frank E. Darby	29	1
176	Raymond H. Daw	29	1
176	Robert W. Hinde	29	1
176	Alice E. J. Lester	29	—
184	Peter S. Bennett	28	9
184	J. M. Hadley Hunter	28	9
184	John R. Ketteringham	28	7
184	Robert E. Lester	28	7
184	William Birmingham	28	1
184	Ronald F. Diserens	28	1
184	Michael J. Thomas	28	1
184	James Crowther	28	—
184	Brian W. Hall	28	—
193	Denis Beresford	27	16
193	Leslie F. Bailey	27	14
193	John Hall	27	10
193	Jack Bray	27	9
193	David J. Marshall	27	8
193	Michael J. Uphill	27	7
193	Neil D. Lomas	27	3
193	Hazel A. Arrowsmith	27	1
193	John R. Insley	27	1
193	John A. Booth	27	—
193	Eric Edmondson	27	—
193	G. Ronald Edwards	27	—
193	Frank W. Lewis	27	—
193	Marilyn C. Smith	27	—
193	Olive D. Tester	27	—
208	John Worth	26	12
208	David R. Baxter	26	11
208	C. Kenneth Lewis	26	10
208	Peter Woollven	26	8
208	Graham J. N. Colborne	26	3
208	Peter G. Pitt	26	3
208	Neville F. Whittell	26	3
208	Christopher H. Rogers	26	2
208	Patrick W. Saltmarsh	26	1
208	Alan E. Bagworth	26	—
208	Margaret Bould	26	—
208	Lucile M. Corby	26	—
208	Harold C. Lonyon	26	—
208	Arthur G. Mason	26	—
222	Len Goodall	25	15
222	Walter Ayre	25	9
222	Neil V. Avis	25	2
222	Frederick W. Soden	25	2
222	Robert E. J. Dennis	25	1
222	Patrick I. Chapman	25	—
222	Diana M. Frost	25	—
222	Maurice G. Ingram	25	—
222	John P. Partington	25	—
222	A Barry Sullivan	25	—
222	Denis R. Woods	25	—

HANDBELLS

	Name	Rung	Con
1	Brian J. Woodruffe	79	76
2	J. Arthur Hoare	77	2
3	Hazel Way	71	—
4	Richard A. J. Bower	33	32
5	Paul S. Royds-Jones	28	1
6	Robert B. Smith	26	18
7	Roger Baldwin	24	7
8	Alan McFall	23	1
9	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	22	—
9	Edmund J. Morris	21	—
11	Peter N. Mackley	20	1
12	John R. Mayne	19	17
13	John Lindsay	18	2
14	Christopher W. Woolley	16	1
14	Maud Austin	15	—

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

Special methods for the annual general meeting of the West Lindsey Branch at Gainsborough on January 15th were Bristol and Gainsborough Little Bob, and Mr. G. E. Feirn, the District Ringing Master, saw to it that those who had looked up the methods had an opportunity to ring them. The many round ringers present all had a pull.

Canon J. E. Roberts conducted the service and a local ringer, Mr T. A. Gilbert, was the organist. Tea was served in the nearby mediæval hall. The officers were re-elected and the reports and balance sheet approved. The Bingham Cup was presented by Mrs. Batters to Mr. Denton, tower captain of Stow-in-Lindsey. Evening ringing was at Lea. Next meeting: Saxilby, February 19th.

BULWICK, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,440 Doubles (Winchendon and St. Nicholas): C. N. Stephenson 1, E. A. Jacques 2, J. C. Hudson 3, A. G. Payne 4, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 5. A farewell to the Rector, Rev. Conrad J. Ough.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

District Secretary Retires After 13 Years in Office

At the annual general meeting of the Northern District, held on January 29th at the Methodist Hall, Hitchin, the members regretfully accepted the retirement of their District secretary, Mr E G. Buck, of Baldock, who has held the office for 13 years. Had it not been for his excellent work during this time, the District would have been in a very poor state indeed. Mr. Buck, who is retiring on the authority of his doctors, is wished by all members a speedy return to good health and his normal ringing practices.

Prior to the meeting, ringing took place at St. Mary's, Hitchin, and methods ranged from Plain Bob to Bristol. The ringers then gathered in the beautiful redecorated St. Andrew's Chapel for a short service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Roland Meredith).

Probably due to changing the original date of the meeting, only just under 30 people enjoyed tea prepared by Mrs. Agg, Mrs. Buck and helpers.

Officers elected for 1966 at the meeting: District secretary, C. M. Orme; District Ringing Masters, J. R. Castledine, T. Hatchett, M. Trigg and Dr. Gullick; "Ringing World" and Press representative, Mrs. J. K. Orme; General Committee, J. R. Castledine and E. G. Buck; District Committee, Mrs. A. R. Agg, A. R. Agg, T. Hatchett, D. Taplin and C. Worboys; trustees, J. S. Dear and A. C. Harris.

Two scholars at Baldock Secondary School—Christine Hutton and Richard Pettitt—were elected ringing members and also Miss E. M Fearn. It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Hitchin on January 7th next year, and the next quarterly meeting at Baldock on April 30th.

Ringing recommenced at St. Mary's and continued until 9 o'clock. As several visitors joined the members five Spliced Surprise was attained. J. K. O.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

Northern Branch

"Bellringing must always be done as an act of worship," was the point emphasised by the Rev. F. A. Stone, who conducted the service at the annual general meeting of the Northern Branch held at Hingham on January 15th. Thirty-six members attended.

The chairman, Mr G. Sayer, and the hon. secretary Mr. C. Bird, were re-elected and Mr. D. Cubitt and the Rev. W. F. P Kelley were appointed to the Standing Committee, and Messrs. R Duesbury, D. Mortlock D. W. Pardon, G H. Huilin and J. H. Tinsey to the Branch Committee. Elected ringing members were M. Taylor (Mulbarton), Janet Bagley, Angela Wright (Norwich) and S. Reynolds (Barnham Broom); probationers, Mr. and Mrs. G. Baillie, Isobel Baillie, Valerie Gilmore and Geraldine Skoulding (all Barnham Broom).

The chairman in his vote of thanks mentioned the work of Messrs. Elliott and Peel for local arrangements. The president, Mr. F. W. Golden, was unable to attend through ill-health; all wished him a speedy recovery.

On Calling up Rounds from Random Positions on Six Bells

By MICHAEL S. BRUCE

I AM aware that calling round is not now a days widely practised, and so that the value of this exercise as practice for conductors should not be totally overlooked, I thought it worthwhile to make these few notes on the simplest system of calling round any regular Minor method.

(a) IN-COURSE POSITIONS

When the bells are in-course, and not in the plain course (coursing-order 5-3-2-4-6), the coursing-order will consist of two "coursing pairs" and a "loose bell. "Coursing pairs" are pairs of bells which course together in the plain course: the "loose bell" is that bell which courses between two bells, neither of which courses with it in the plain course.

Example:	Lead-head	56423
	Coursing-order	3–2–6–5–4
	Coursing pairs	3–2 and 6–5
	Loose bell	4

If the loose bell be called to make a bob, the bells will come into the plain course, and rounds will eventually occur either at hand- or back-stroke:—

(Bob Minor)
5 6 4 2 3
6 2 5 3 4
2 3 6 4 5
— 2 3 4 5 6

Where rounds occur at hand-stroke they do so one lead after the lead-head identical to the first lead-end of the method: In Bob Minor, 11 changes after 132546: in Kent, 23 changes after 124365, and so on.

Example (Bob Minor):

Lead-head	63425
Coursing-order	5–2–3–6–4
Coursing pairs	2–3 and 6–4
Loose bell	5

63425
32654
— 32546 round at hand in 11 changes.

In Bob Minor, of course, the procedure is simple. The bob must be called when the loose bell is coursing next but one before the treble. An inexperienced conductor might miss the lead at which that bob is due: in this case, call a coursing pair to run in and out once or twice, i.e. one or two bobs, as necessary, when the treble is coursing between the pair

To see the coursing-order and identify the loose bell requires, of course, more experience and skill in a more complex method It remains true, though, that no in-course position is ever more than one call away from home, and the principle by which the bells are brought round is the same.

(b) OUT-OF-COURSE POSITIONS

When the bells are not in the plain course, and the coursing-order does not conform to the pattern of "two coursing pairs and a loose bell" the bells are out-of-course. In the majority of out-of-course positions, too, only one single is needed to produce rounds, though some conductors may find it easier to put the bells in-course with an arbitrary single, and apply the procedure as in (a). However, five out of the six out-of-course positions are only one single away from home, and can be simply dealt with. In these positions, there are two coursing groups: a coursing pair and a group of three bells.

Example:	Lead-head	24356
	Coursing-order	6–5–4–2–3
	Coursing-groups	6–5 and 4–2–3

It is evident that by reversing the bells at the ends of the 3-member group, the plain course is produced This is easily done by calling a single on these bells when the bell at the centre of the group is in 2nds (6ths in a 6ths place method), and when the coursing pair are in 5–6 (or, in a 6ths place method, in 2–3)

Example (as above—Bob Minor):
24356
45263
56432
63524
32645
S 23456

There remains the one position which needs two calls to produce rounds. This is the out-of-course position in which no bell courses with either of its plain-course partners: from course-head 54236, or its reverse, 45326. The coursing-order is 6–3–4–5–2 or 6–2–5–4–3, and to bring up rounds call any bell W and H with a bob and single (or in a 6ths place method, Out and In) Since the conductor can use his own bell as the observation, there should be no difficulty.

Examples:

Bob Minor (call 3)		Little Bob (call 4)	
45326		45326	
52436		S 62345	(Ws)
— 52634	(W)	53462	
23546		24653	
34265		— 53624	(H)
46352		46253	
S 64523	(Hs)	32546	
42635		65432	
23456		(round at hand next lead.)	

Apart from its obvious use in bringing round a touch which has gone astray, the system is useful in other ways. It can be used to sharpen the wits of a band's conductors by playing the "calling game," where one ringer calls up a position at random, and another endeavours to produce rounds as soon as possible With the system in mind, no one can be at a loss for a touch: he can make calls at will and be sure of bringing up rounds at pleasure and the habit thus formed of watching the coursing-order, and seeing how the bells work together, is the best possible training for conducting on any number of bells

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', on Dec 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, J. K. A. Cook 3, J R. Hough 4, P. Woolliven 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. With half-muffled clappers during the final hour of 1965.

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Change Ringing in the Newcastle Area

By RODNEY A. YEATES

TYNEMOUTH PARISH CHURCH: CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTH SHIELDS

(Ten bells, 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.)

In this Restoration building hangs a fine ring of ten. In 1787 a ring of six was installed by Whitechapel and in 1807 the tenor was recast after cracking. There seems to have been no change ringing on the bells until about 1874, when a local change ringing society was started. In July, 1874, a new treble and tenor were added, partly paid for by the money of John Joicey, of Newton Hall, and of John Straker, and partly by public subscription. The leading spirit in this was William Reed, a solicitor, and it would be interesting to know how he acquired his knowledge of change ringing.

Under Reed, the band advanced far. In 1877 720 of Grandsire Minor was achieved. In October, 1878, due to the generosity of Maria Wheatley, the bells were augmented by Mears to ten and a band able to ring Caters and Royal was established in the next few years.

In 1877 the inaugural meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at Christ Church. Reed became the first president, although the real leader was the secretary, G. J. Clarkson, of Stockton. In the next year the first peal for the Association was rung by seven North Shields ringers and one from Darlington. This was Grandsire, conducted by Reed.

At about this time Joel Hern, later to become local Ringing Master, moved from Hurworth-on-Tees to Tynemouth. His brother, Johnson E. Hern, was the first person to reintroduce change ringing into Northumberland and Durham. The Herns had learned to ring in Norfolk and had started change ringing at Hurworth in about 1873. Although there had been earlier change ringing at Newcastle Cathedral, Bishopwearmouth and St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, it had died out. This was the first revival.

In about 1885 William Reed gave up ringing for organ playing. He died in 1918 at the age of 78. Perhaps partly due to this departure the band began to collapse. In 1888 the Old Society was broken up and a new one formed. In 1891 the largely young band was ringing mostly Minor. In 1893 a 4,560 of Plain Bob Major was achieved. In the same year, however, the parish had no more money to pay the band, and ringing was stopped. The difficulty, however, seems to have been solved and in 1897 the local band rang a peal of Grandsire Triples. This was conducted by Joseph Keen, later Ringing Master of the Cathedral. He died as recently as 1957. Up to the first world war under Hern and then T. A. Teasdale, a very good band was maintained. In 1905 the band rang the then record length of Double Oxford Bob Major (7,232) at Tanfield. In 1906 they rang two peals of Stedman Caters, one of Triples and just failed to ring one of Double Oxford Royal. In 1903 S. O. Ferry's Sunday service ringing points scheme was started and Tynemouth was consistently in the top three.

After World War I a collapse in the standard occurred. A revival took place in about 1924 with Edward A. Hern, Joel's son, and a very able conductor, as leader. Up until the second world war a very reliable band, high in Ferry's lists, was maintained. The death of Hern in 1935 was a setback. Although in the later part of this period the band was short of ringers, it may be noted that in 1937 the average attendance of the members was 93 per cent.! In 1938 the bells were rehung on ball-bearings.

After World War II there has been very little 10-bell local ringing. Nevertheless, some local quarter peals (Grandsire and Stedman Triples) have been rung. After the death of G. W Dix in 1951, Mr. Jack Scott became Ringing Master, a position he still holds. It is interesting to note that he is the great-grandson of Zacharias Scott, the ringing sexton of Winlaton, a founder member of the Association.

ST. MARY'S, WHICKHAM

(Six bells, 6½ cwt.)

On a small rise away from the main street of the little town of Whickham stands the Norman church. The first bell was installed here in 1657 and at some time later two others were added. In 1888 three trebles were installed by Whitechapel and paid for by A. D. Carn C. L. Routledge and William Holmes helped to start a band by dint of regularly walking the distance from Newcastle. A good local society developed. A number of 720's in assorted methods were rung: in 1893 71, and two 5,040's. By 1898, however, the standard had lapsed to Doubles.

In 1904 Mr. Stephen Thompson took up ringing Until 1914 Bob Doubles was mainly rung, although an occasional 720 was possible. After the first world war there was, as in many places, a sharp fall in the standard. In 1922 R. E. Atkinson took over from Jonathan Nicholson as captain. There was a recovery but Plain Bob remained the stock method until the early thirties. In 1931 the front three bells were recast by Gillett and Johnston and the whole ring was overhauled. Mr. Thompson took over from Atkinson as captain in that year.

There followed a period of great progress. On December 12th, 1931, Mr. Thompson conducted a peal of Bob Minor with four other local ringers, all first-pealers, in it. In the few years up to the second world war a number of other peals based on Whickham and Blaydon, with Mr. W. J. Davidson of the Cathedral, were rung.

In 1944 Mr. Thompson conducted the first peal of five local ringers. However, in the early fifties the band fell apart. Mr. Thompson has made continuous attempts to train local ringers. At present (though the bells are temporarily unringable) there is basis for an excellent band.

ST. PAUL'S WHITLEY BAY

(Eight bells, 17 cwt. 1 qr.)

In the popular holiday resort of Whitley Bay lies the Church of St. Paul, built in 1864. When the church was constructed, six bells cast by Taylor's were donated by the Palmer family. In 1883, R. S. Story, a St. John's ringer (d. 1911) moved to Whitley Bay. A few years later he introduced a belfry reform, improved the ringing conditions and started a new band. All but one of the old call changers had left in protest. One of his recruits was Richard A. Gofton (d. 1891). In the next few years his five sons became the main members of the band. These were Thomas (d. 1931), Joseph (d. 1933), James (d. 1958), Robert (d. during World War II) and Alder (alive, ringing and active, aged 87). Some of the achievements of the band were:—

Various 5,040's in plain and Surprise Minor in tower and hand.

1906. Peal of 14 Surprise Minor.

1911 In this year the 41 Surprise Minor were rung for service to 720's. Twelve of these were previously unnamed.

In 1913 the bells were recast and augmented to eight by Taylor's. The trebles were donated by T. T. Gofton in 1931, and in 1933 the band's achievements were Bristol and London Surprise Major rung regularly for Sunday service. Peals of London and Bristol in the tower.

The first-ever peal of Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge and Superlative). Peals of London Major and Stedman. Cinques "in hand." Practices of Cambridge Royal "in hand."

The sons and daughters of the brothers took up ringing. At one time, of the 15 Association members at St. Paul's, 11 had the name Gofton! One of the other four was the brothers' brother-in-law, S. W. Stratford. Prominent were W. L. and Richard A. Gofton, Alder's sons.

After the death of T. T. and J. A. Gofton the band soon recovered. In 1948 another local peal of London Major was rung. At present the standard has fallen somewhat. The Ringing Master is Mr. Richard A. Gofton.

ST. PAUL'S, WINLATON

(Six bells, 10¼ cwt.)

In the old Durham village of Winlaton is the Church of St. Paul, built in 1828. On its erection a ring of five, cast by Watson's of Newcastle, was installed. It would be interesting to know if these are the only bells they cast. On these bells "called peals of Grandsire Doubles" were rung, i.e. I suppose Grandsire with the order changed not continuously but on command. In 1864 a new treble was installed at the expense of the parishioners, cast by Warner's. At this time one of the leading local ringers was Zacharias Scott (d. 1915), the local sexton. His ringing notebook still exists.

Winlaton was a founder member of the Association in 1878. In 1886 the first-ever local 720 was rung. Up to the turn of the century the band continued to improve and to ring more complex methods. In 1902 a 5,040 in seven methods was rung by them. In the next few years the standard greatly dropped and in 1906 the bells became unringable.

By 1909 the money to restore them had been raised, and they were re-opened under W. C. Bennett sen. (d. 1929) and a change ringing band was maintained. After his death the band had no conductor and standards fell. After the war a regular service band has been maintained, although at present this is not capable of change ringing. The Ringing Master is Mr. W C. Bennett, jun.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Mansfield District

The annual meeting of the Mansfield District was held at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Mansfield, on January 22nd. The Rev. A. M. P. Wilson officiated at the ringers' service and later he and the local ringers, ladies and helpers were sincerely thanked for their part in the day's success.

Arising from the business meeting was a decision to hold an evening practice in the months alternate to the usual meetings, when the emphasis each time would be on two preselected methods. It was also proposed to hold a District outing this year.

The secretary spoke against the practice of re-electing officers en bloc. However, in the absence of further proposals, the following were once again returned: Chairman, S. W. Fossey; secretary, D. J. Beach; Ringing Master, H. T. Rooke. Mr. B. A. Richards was elected to serve as the committee member, also as Assistant Ringing Master for 1966.

A wide variety of ringing was enjoyed on this tuneful ring of eight during the afternoon and evening with an overall attendance of between 50 and 60.

Next meeting: Edwinstowe, March 26th.

D. J. B.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

At the annual general meeting of the Monmouth Branch at Ebbw Vale a favourable report for 1965 was presented. Subscriptions had been paid by 151 people and there was a record number of 47 new members from 11 towers. Patricia Davies and Richard Salkad, of Chepstow, were elected members and mention was made of the enthusiasm of the Machen ringers.

Meetings fixed for the coming year were: Dingestow, May 14th; Machen, July 9th; Chepstow, October 8th; Marshfield, January 14th.

The Branch Master, Mr. Lionel Jones, thanked Mr. R. B. Parry for his expert chairmanship, the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Lewis) for the service, and Mr. Reuben Clench thanked those who had provided the bountiful tea for the 50 ringers and friends present.

CUMBERLANDS' DINNER—Contd.

night the Cumberlands had travelled an average of 47.7 miles and the visitors 32.7 miles.

Mr. John D. Rock, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who replied, said although he was jointly speaking for a vast number of visitors, he realised he was there primarily as Master of the College Youths. He was happy to state that there was now between the two Societies what they could call "a peaceful co-existence." Nevertheless, there was a very healthy rivalry. In recent years their standard of ringing had been of top quality and he congratulated the Master.

Mr. Rock said he started to ring when he was about ten in a small village in Herefordshire, and London was then a long way away. He read of those exploits of the two Societies in London and never thought he would aspire to the great heights they had reached. He used to puzzle how could they be "ancient" and "youths." and pictured them as a lot of wizened old men. On the other hand, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths rang at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, which was the Parish Church of Buckingham Palace, and he thought then that that was the best place to ring.

Mr. P. A. Corby, secretary of the Kent County Association, also replied.

The Master, in introducing Mr. P. A. Corby, said it had become their custom to invite leaders of territorial Associations and prominent members of the Central Council to join in the response to the toast to the visitors. Mr. Corby was well known to them as secretary of the Kent County Association.

Mr. Corby said he followed the activities of their Society with interest and in particular he had been very honoured to umpire the various attempts that some of their members had made in silent ringing Mr. A. J. Pitman's peals of Spliced Surprise Major with all the work, of which they had now scored peals in four and six methods. He wished them luck with further attempts in higher numbers of methods. He also congratulated those who had taken part in that evening's performance of Yorkshire Royal on handbells.

THE COMPANY

The Master, who was accompanied by his wife, had on his left the Master of the College Youths and Mrs. J. D. Rock. Others on the top table were the Rev. and Mrs. Austen Williams, the Rev. R. Thompson and N. Mottley, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Winterton, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Newport, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Sibson, Mr. and Mrs. K. Newman and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs R. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jelley, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Fleckney, Mr. and Mrs. R. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. D. Woolford, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. F. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Baldock, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. P. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bowley, Mr. and Mrs. G. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. P. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Mayer, Mr. and Mrs F. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dodds, Mr. and Mrs. P. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. N. Steere, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Bagworth, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. A Howland, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rowlands, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hinde, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Egglestone, Mr. and Mrs. C. A Tester, Mr. and Mrs. H. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. S. Jenner, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ponting, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Weller, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Diserens, Mr. and Mrs. A. Diserens and Mr. and Mrs. F. Oakshett.

The Revs. Peter Bond and A. Cardale, Messrs. J. Kershaw, A. J. Strathdee, A. J. Poynor, P. Wilkinson, R. C. Kippin, C. H. Rogers, D. Gough, P. Beresford, K. Fleming, T. V. J Smith, J. M. Swift, Harding, A. Cutler, E. Malin, C. Reeves, S. Humphrey, G. M. Fitzhugh, J. L. Millhouse, G. Parker, G. Paul, P. Raithby, J. Laverack, E. Beer, Osenton, R. Constant, W. Prockson, R. Davies, F. E. Hawthorne, R. Caporn, B. Baker, J. Phillips, D. Woodcock, B. Jeffrey, F. E. Darby, P. W. Saltmarsh, D. A. S. Symonds, E. Jenner, A. J. Corby, P. J. Eves, J. R Panton, A. S. Hudson, D. C. Manger, J. Dafters, T. Lewis, I. H. Oram, J. S. Barnes, D. D. Smith, I. M. Robinson, E. R. Rapley, C. E. G. Banham, C. Rowe and N. J. Davies.

Mesdames C. W. Woolley, R. Bould, A. Beresford, B. Sarkar, E. E. Davies, E. Deal and A. Fether.

The Misses A. Mann, M. Fort, W. Smith, Y. Edwards, S. E. Smith, M. Erik, S. Chesterton, J. Foster, H. Arrowsmith, H Walters, R. Rawlings, J. Ayres, A. Harris, L. Ellison, A. Fellows, R. Foreman, J. Beresford, Y. Porter, S. G. Rice, K. and C. Burchnall, B Millhouse, P. Miller, E. Tutty, M. E. Chilton, M. Prockson, E. Tester, A. Baldy, D Colgate, A. Durent, J. Webb, J Corby, C. Dillamore, J. Wright, F. Cannon, A. Parish, J. A. Grant, A. Ponting, J. R. Cox and B. Foster.

THIS BELLE WANTS BELLS



TO enable this bride, Miss Jean Orton, and her ringer husband, Robert Rivers, to continue their service in North Hinksey, Oxford, tower will cost £990. The bell frame is too weak and unfit for regular ringing, and the treble and second bells need to be recast in tune with the third and tenor. Jean, when she handled a rope at her wedding, was one of the last to ring there before ringing was stopped.

In a little over a year a committee with Mrs. J. Rivers, of 149, Southern By-pass, Botley, Oxford, as secretary, has raised £140 through private donations, whist drives, car rallies and coffee mornings, and they now appeal for suggestions as to how the rest can be raised—fast. Is it possible that any churches whose bells are not rung might be willing to part with one or more of them to help this good cause knowing that they would be put to proper use? This is their plea.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Central District was held on January 22nd at Eye (8). A short service of welcome was conducted by Canon D. Rea, with Mr. D. Jones as organist

Owing to wintry conditions a small number sat down to an excellent tea at the Conservative Hall, provided by Mrs. D. Pallett.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening, ranging from Bob Major to Surprise, was enjoyed by members and visitors from Norfolk and Essex. H. W. H. L.

PEAL BOARD MEMORIAL TO MR. F. W. ROGERS

A peal board memorial in the ringing chamber of Portsmouth Cathedral to Mr. F. W. Rogers was blessed and dedicated on February 5th, the ceremony coinciding with the Portsmouth District annual general meeting. A Past Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, Mr. Rogers served in various Guild offices for over 40 years and was also tower captain at St. Mary's, Portsea.

The in memoriam peal was one of Grandsire Caters, rung half-muffled at the Cathedral on June 13th, 1964, and it was contributed to by the Guild's Central Council representatives. The work had been executed by Mr. A. Davis, of Southbourne, most satisfactorily.

Mrs. Rogers and her two son, Allen and Christopher, were joined by many ringers and friends at the service. These included the Master, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, and a Past Master, Mr. G. Pullinger. Officiating at the service were Canon Lowman of the Cathedral, the Master and the Vicar of Portsea (the Rev. Mr. Temple). The act of dedication was performed by Canon Felstead, who in an address told how Mr. Rogers always strove for perfection in ringing and in the conduct of Guild affairs.

At the business meeting ten lapsed members were called for formal deletion from the list of members and seven new members elected. Two other members were transferred from compounding to ringing membership and one member transferred from the Southampton District. One compounding member was elected.

The secretary's annual report showed that attendance for ringing at the majority of District towers had improved since 1964, but more efforts must be made to improve the standard of ringing, especially in the more advanced methods.

Officers elected for the next triennial period were: Chairman, Mr. H A. Nobes; secretary, Mr. L. D. Duguid; Ringing Master, Mr. W. Cope; auditor, Mr. A. York Bramble. Executive Committee representative, Mr. A. Burbidge. L. D. D.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Central District

An enjoyable meeting was held at Edmonton on January 29th Ringing was of good standard throughout, and methods ranged from Grandsire to Surprise. A service touch of Stedman was rung by eight members.

At the business meeting Mrs. T. Lock indicated her desire to relinquish the office of vice-president, and Mrs. Savory was elected to succeed her The members thanked Mrs. Lock for the sterling work she had done for the Guild as vice-president for so many years.

Great satisfaction was derived from electing 13 new members, and a special welcome given to three from Australia. The warmth of welcome extended by Miss Newcombe and five delightful young ladies of the local band was very gratifying, and they also entertained the gathering to a sumptuous tea. Thanks to all who attended to make such a happy meeting, including the gentlemen, who managed to avoid the washing-up!! R. F.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Bellringers from as far afield as Southampton, Bristol and Nailsea attended the annual meeting of Calne Branch at Calne Church Hall on January 29th.

The secretary-treasurer, Mr. W. Hacker, reported a satisfactory year both socially and financially The meeting was presided over by Mr E Howe, of Wootton Bassett, and elections were: Chairman, Mr. W. Hacker; vice-chairman, Mr. E. Howe; secretary-treasurer, Mr. E. Spearey; Ringing Masters, Mr. E. Brooks (Wootton Bassett), Miss S. V. Rymer (Calne) and Mr. G. Pluckrose (Lyneham).

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 30th, 1,320 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Gaynor Wallace 1, Wendy Wallace 2, R. Rayfield 3, Amanda Powell 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. First in method 1 and 4. For Evensong.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On Jan. 30th, at St. Peter's Cathedral, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. O. Goulter 1, Monica E. Collins 2, Kave W. Lynas 3, R. A. S. Adams 4, J. A. Martin 5, W. B. Pitcher 6, R. K. Russ (first of Major as cond.) 7, D. J. Bleby 8. For Evensong.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. B. Pike 1, M. J. Smith 2, Mrs. F. Wilcox 3, D. L. Wilcox 4, R. M. Ashman 5, M. S. Holbrook 6, Miss A. Lawrenson 7, G. J. N. Colborne (cond.) 8.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. N. Wenden (first quarter) 1, A. W. Cole 2, Janet Semken 3, R. Stephenson (first "inside") 4, F. H. Erith 5, A. G. Semken (cond.) 6.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): K. J. Panter 1, W. Clamp 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, R. H. Cook 4, J. L. Dav 5, Mrs. D. Day 6. Birthday compliments to Mrs. Dorothy Day and K. John Panter.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela French 1, Freda Prime 2, K. Cavill 3, Janice Haggett 4, D. Dean 5, K. Prime (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 3 and 4. First of Minor by local service band. In memory of J. T. Dyke. Also on Nov. 26th, 1,260 All Saints Doubles: Catherine Ward 1, D. Dean 2, Freda Prime 3, K. Cavill (first as cond.) 4, K. Prime 5, Angela French 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Yvonne Cavill, a birthday compliment to Catherine Ward, and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Cavill.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 20th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Pettigrew 1, Miss C. Jennings 2, A. Short 3, R. Liggins 4, A. Burbidge 5, E. J. Franklin, (cond.) 6, W. J. Pettigrew 7, D. Finnemore 8, R. C. Ingram 9, R. Inman 10. First Grandsire Caters 1, 2 and 4. For the induction of the Rev. E. E. C. Smith.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): L. Cooksey 1, J. M. Swift 2, C. Verdon 3, J. Carr 4, A. Hicks (cond.) 5, B. J. Vitler 6, C. F. Pilbeam 7, R. A. Vitler 8. For the dedication of the new choir vestry and in thanksgiving for the Christmas Fair which raised £2,260.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Pyke 1, David Stocker (first "inside") 2, Penny Kift 3, Mrs. B. van Asselt 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, H. L. Williamson 6.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Miss C. Lay, 1, M. Whittell 2, A. Walters (first as cond.) 3, N. Whittell 4, R. Whittell 5. Rung on St. Bathild's Day for the baptism of David Johnson, ringer at this church.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, A. E. Bissat 2, E. Nunn 3, R. J. Pearce 4, H. Heard 5, J. Bowden 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, L. Cawsey (first quarter) 8. For Patronal Festival of St. Bridget, also a birthday compliment to Reg Pearce.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's, on Nov. 20th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: M. J. Bew 1, D. P. Snoswell 2, Angela M. Wright 3, Janette R. Kipling 4, Catherine M. Powell 5, J. R. Norris 6, A. W. Bond 7, B. G. North (cond.) 8, B. J. Stone 9, R. J. Talbot 10. Prior to the wedding of Mr. Peter Newing and Miss Angela Grainger.

BRISTOL.—At St. John-on-the-Wall, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Susan Jenkins 1, R. W. Sweet 2, M. Gilbey 3, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 4, J. Slater 5, B. Mozley 6. First of Stedman Doubles for all. For Matins, and as a birthday compliment to Leslie Pearce.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's Church, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Miss S. Evans (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Bligh-Cheesman 2, Miss S. Jenkins 3, N. W. H. Simon 4, M. Gilbey 5, J. T. Parsons 6. By the U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BURWOOD, N.S.W.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Lynette Love (Burwood) 1, Diane Gottaas (Burwood) 2, Helen Henderson (Melbourne) 3, Sandra Clark (Parramatta) 4, Clare Masefield (Kidlington, Oxon) 5, Sue Wright (Randwick) 6, Enid L. Roberts (St. Mary's Cathedral, cond.) 7, Pam Gough (Burwood) 8. First quarter in Australia by an all ladies band.

DODDERHILL, WORCS.—On Jan 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Anderson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Sayer 2, A. Sayer 3, R. Adams 4, M. Powell 5, R. Sheppard 6, W. H. Raxter (cond.) 7, A. Russell 8.

QUARTER PEALS

DUBLIN, EIRE.—On Jan 30th, at St. George's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Brown 1, A. Doak 2, Miss H. Hubert 3, C. Reede 4, A. Vere-Hodge 5, V. Scott (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's, on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Sprackling 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Susan Davis 4, F. Ransom 5, J. Porter 6 W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, F. Bishop 8. For morning service.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Reynolds 1, Janet Percy 2, Christine Baldock 3, M. Elaine Lee 4, Kathleen Rivett 5, F. Lee (first of Stedman) 6, A. Baldock (cond.) 7, P. Fox 8. Also 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Kathleen Rivett 1, Christine Baldock 2, H. Reynolds 3, Janet Percy 4, P. Fox 5, M. Elaine Lee 6, F. Lee (first of Bob Major) 7, A. Baldock (cond.) 8. Rung after a peal attempt with the best wishes of the rest of the band to Frank and Elaine Lee, shortly moving to Tasmania.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): K. Baker 1, Rosemary Smith 2, Monica Horseman 3, R. Smith 4, A. Perry (cond.) 5, J. Coombs 6. For the christening of Angela Hiscock, niece and godchild of the conductor.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Banks (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. D. Northway 2, Ruth A. Jackson 3, B. Allinson (first of Minor) 4, L. D. Smith 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,344 Spliced Plain, Little and Gainsborough Bob Major: Mrs. R. J. Palmer 1—2, Mrs J. Rogers 3—4, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 5—6, R. J. Rogers 7—8.

FULHAM, London.—On Jan. 16th, 1,282 Cambridge S. Royal: Caroline Harris 1, Deborah Hopkins 2, Alison M. Mann 3, A. E. Bagworth 4, I. M. Smith 5, A. N. Stubbs 6, R. O. Humphries 7, R. N. Harris 8, M. J. Uphill 9, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Greintor (first of Minor) 1, D. Dean 2, Freda Prime 3, F. Paramore 4, K. Prime 5, A. Beckwith (cond.) 6.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK. — On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. N. Toone 1, D. Toone 2, S. Toone 3, A. W. Bird 4, A. C. Cooper 5, S. F. High (cond.) 6. A welcome to the Rev. A. Clements Prior, to his induction service.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Constant 1, R. E. Constant 2, Miss J. Hayward 3, Miss I. Everitt (first "inside") 4, S. Sandford 5, D. Milham 6, F. J. Mathews (cond.) 7, A. Binding (first quarter) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss I. Everitt.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): C. Booth 1, S. Tomkin 2, W. Stepney 3, E. Breed 4, B. Stepney (cond.) 5, H. Goldsmith 6, G. Beeney 7, A. Ellis 8. For golden wedding of the treble ringer and his wife.

HAMPTON, MIDDX.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Walpole (first quarter) 1, Lesley Essen 2, Hilary Essen 3, C. Reader 4, P. Lawrence 5, W. Deason (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Meadows (first of Minor) 1, Barbara Walpole (first "inside") 2, Lesley Essen 3, C. Reader 4, P. Lawrence 5, W. Deason (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Jeppeson (first quarter) 1, Barbara Walpole 2, W. Deason 3, C. Reader 4, P. Lawrence (cond.) 5, Alison Wyllie 6. For Evensong.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. J. L. Gilbert 1, R. Tibbetts 2, J. S. Seager 3, Philippa Russell (first in method) 4, D. Nichols 5, R. H. French 6, R. E. Price (cond.) 7, J. E. Turley 8. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Povey (first quarter) 1, J. E. Turley 2, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 3, F. Cardwell 4, G. Pilkington 5, J. S. Seager 6, D. Nichols 7, S. Armeson 8.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Stock 1, N. Mallett (cond.) 2, Miss J. Balchin 3, Mrs. M. Bould 4, C. Reeves 5, F. Wreford 6, G. Skinner 7, C. Bryant 8. First in method 1, 3 and 5. Last quarter on the bells before being dismantled for rehanging.

HEMINGTON SOMERSET.—On Christmas morning, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Durston 1, Sandra Weaver 2, H. Hawkins 3, P. Gould 4, R. Hawkins (cond.) 5, R. Weaver 6. For early Communion. Also on Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: First in method Sandra Weaver, Jennifer Durston, R. Weaver, and R. Hawkins (cond.). Also on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles; conducted by Sandra Weaver and Jennifer Durston. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Bob Doubles and Grandsire: First quarter Michael Pomeroy. Also on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles; a birthday compliment to E. Peany. Also on Jan 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Thomas Nicholas, a life-long worker for the church.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): G. W. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, D. Barker 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE. — On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Price (first quarter) 1, W. Price 2, J. H. Jones 3, C. Bowdley (first "inside") 4, E. M. Jones (cond.) 5, M. Williams (first quarter) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Kent T.B. Major: J. W. Stephenson 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, A. J. Salisbury 4, C. Pain 5, J. Fowler 6, J. McDonald 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (eight methods/variations): I. Armstrong 1, A. C. Banton (cond.) 2, Jennifer E. Pearce 3, T. W. Brighton 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, G. P. A. Pearce 6. First in as many methods and of spliced for all the band. 25th quarter on the bells since restoration. Rung on the 14th anniversary of the accession of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Fairs (first quarter) 1, F. Whiterod 2, J. Papworth 3, Miss W. Elliott 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, A. Hunwick 6. Rung half-muffled on the day of interment of the Rt. Rev. F. D. V. Narborough, former Bishop of Colchester.



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QUARTER PEALS

KERESLEY, COVENTRY.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather Gardner (first quarter) 1, W. Allport (first "inside") 2, C. Stowe (first "inside") 3, H. Folwell 4, N. Stowe (first as cond.) 5.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. J Desborough 1, Pamela C. Martin 2, Diane J. Angell 3, Helen Y. Price 4, D. C. Price 5, J. G. Cull (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3. An 85th birthday compliment to the tower captain, Mr. John Wells.

LILLINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anthea Sparshott (first quarter) 1, Delphine Holman (first "inside") 2, Miss G. M. Champness (first in method) 3, Kathleen Walley (first quarter) 4, Shirley E. Jones (first as cond.) 5. First quarter by King's High School for Girls, Warwick, Bellringing Society.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On January 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dianne Bird 1, Katherine Maylott 2, Christine Hiscock 3, Frances Massey 4, Gillian Graney 5, J. Wilson 6, H. L. Hatfield (cond.) 7, B. (Sandy) Tringham (first quarter) 8. Rung by U.C.W., Aberystwyth, as a farewell to Rev. Gareth Jones.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedast's, on Jan. 30th, 1,272 York S. Minor: D. L. Cawley 1, R. W. Powell 2, R. D. Bailey 3, R. O'Humphries (cond.) 4, T. G. Pett 5, R. E. J. Dennis 6. For morning service by U.L.S.C.R.

MALVERN LINK, WORCS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Edenburgh (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Boulton (first quarter) 2, E. Rose 3, J. Lawrence 4, G. Edwards 5, G. Morris (cond.) 6. For evening service. Also on Nov 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): W. Edenburgh 1, E. Rose 2, J. Lawrence 3, G. Edwards 4, J. Clements (cond.) 5, C. Hayward (first quarter) 6. For the christening of Penelope Ruth Morris.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): T. S. Bowles 1, K. Sansom 2, Lesley Read (first as cond. in more than one method) 3, B. S. Gambrill 4, D. H. Hughes 5, F. A. Culliford (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire): D. Strong 1, L. Derrick 2, J. Lett 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, H. Hardwidge 5, L. Childs 6. A compliment to the conductor, on his birthday.

OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 30th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford and Kent T.B.): Marion Richards 1, Winifred Lockwood 2, G. R. Goodship 3, E. J. Lockwood 4, A. R. Bridges 5, C. B. Dove (cond.) 6.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire): D. S. Bishop 1, Alison M. Mann 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, A. R. Millidge 4, A. R. Patterson 5, B. J. Bull 6, M. J. Uphill 7, D. C. Brookes 8. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Wood (first quarter) 1, A. Howland 2, Tessa Hollis 3, Elsie Chaddock 4, D. G. French 5, N. Donovan 6, G. S. Lee 7, J. N. D. Chaddock 8, D. Nichols 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. For Morning Eucharist

SEND, SURREY.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,296 Minor (Beverley and Plain Bob): D. Lodge 1, Carolyn White 2, Janet E. Cleeve 3, W. Savill 4, J. Collier 5, D. Tubbs (cond.) 6.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Laker 1, A. Stoner 2, I. Butcher (cond.) 3, A. Laker 4, E. Knapp 5, E. Constable 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. J. Wilde, bell ringer at this church, who died suddenly on January 9th, and who was cremated this day.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Hawkins (15) 1, Shirley A. Cox (15) 2, J. H. Thompson (13) 3, A. F. Lee 4, R. L. Coles (first as cond, age 15) 5, D. F. Jefferies 6. Rung for Evensong, which was a combined service with local Methodist and Baptist Churches.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): B. Pink 1, Maureen White 2, Mary White 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. 50th quarter together 4 and 5. Rung for the anniversary of the union of the benefices of West Meon and Warnford.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S. Sharland 1, D. A. Wills 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, F. Williams 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Hugh L. Crisp.

HATHERN RINGERS' KEENNESS REWARDED

February 3rd was a memorable day for Hathern (Leicestershire) Ringers. Since November, 1961, they had been striving to raise funds for the augmentation of their bells from six to eight. On that day the two new bells were cast at Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s foundry at Loughborough.

A distinguished company witnessed the ceremony. It included the Bishop of Leicester (the Rt. Rev. R. R. Williams), whose name and date of consecration (1953) is inscribed on one of the bells, the Rector (the Rev. C. R. Ball), the tower captain and the ringers' secretary (Mr. R. A. and Mrs. V. M. Carter), the president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild (Mr. B. S. Payne), the District chairman (Mr. L. W. Stevens) and other ringers and friends.

Undeterred by the Parochial Church Council being unable to give financial help towards the £500 approximate estimate, Hathern ringers contributed regularly week by week and visiting ringers helped, including the collection at District services held in their church. A considerable sum was raised by a ringers' festival in May, 1964, when 30 towers were open and teas served at Hathern.

When the half total was reached in late 1964 the Church Council agreed to underwrite the balance upon a promise to repay and also gave two donations. The estimate had now risen to £622 and with prospects of rising prices it was decided to get on with the work as soon as a faculty was received. Acknowledging the help of many friends, Hathern ringers state that the balance underwritten is now £160 and they hope soon to be in a position to repay this.

The ringers here pride themselves on ringing twice on a Sunday and on special occasions. A ringers' Sunday is a regular feature in the church's year and handbells are introduced at the service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

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Two 3 cwt. buoy bells stolen from Trinity House buoy depot, Harwich, have been found undamaged. They are said to be worth £140 each.

Mr Michael S. Bruce, of Walsall, hopes to organise and ring a peal of Groton Caters composed by Mr. Russell Young. He assures us that he will not change the name to "American Stedman." but adhere to that given by the composer.

A new school society—the High School for Girls, Warwick, Bell Ringing Society—has made its bow by ringing its first quarter peal—Grandsire Doubles—at Lillington Parish Church on February 5th. We feel certain that King's School, Worcester, will join us in sending best wishes for their future.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

It is expected that a second edition of "Change Ringing" will be necessary, thanks to the wonderful support of the Exercise.

The in memoriam peal of Grandsire Triples at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on January 27th, for Mr. Peter Crook, was the same composition as he called for his 500th peal.

Conducting a golden wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Slack at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, was Mr. Thomas Cooke, and ringing in it were his wife and two daughters. Incidentally, all four learned to ring at St. Cuthbert's—Mr. Cooke first, then his wife and two daughters.

Mr. Tom Jennings, of St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, commenting on a quarter peal he rang at Weston Favell, at 86 years of age, said he felt as fresh at the finish as at the start! Mr. Jennings does not look a day above 70, and rings regularly every week in one or more churches.

It was an auspicious occasion when the Rector of Hemington (the Rev. A. G. Durston) rang his first peal on January 22nd. It was conducted by his daughter, Jennifer, as a compliment to her grandparents on their golden wedding, who are parents-in-law of the Rector. Have we any other record of an incumbent ringing his first peal on his own bells conducted by his daughter?

Those knowing the recent propensity of the clappers at St. Peter Mancroft to break will not be surprised to learn that a peal attempt on January 29th came to an early end through the clapper of the 11th breaking; nor will it astonish them that this bell was being rung by David E. House.

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HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

Hereford Cathedral central tower of rose-red stone is now in a web of steel scaffolding awaiting a "face lift." An inspection to determine necessary repairs is proceeding.

Originally there was a wooden spire, which was removed by architect Wyatt after the collapse of the Cathedral's west end in 1786. The tower is 146 ft. 6in. high and has 215 steps. It houses a clock and ring of ten bells. The tenor is 33¼ cwt. in C. diameter 59in., and cast in honour of St. Cuthbert.

The front four bells are by Abraham Rudhall dated 1697–8, as is also the seventh, but the treble was recast by Mears and Stainbank in 1892. The old eighth was also by Rudhall, 1697, by recast by T. Mears in 1810. The original fifth was a pre-Reformation bell recast by Mears and Stainbank in 1865. The sixth, ninth and tenor are Bristol 15th century. F. M.

MANCROFT GUILD

The Guild dinner, held at the Flixton Rooms, Tombland, Norwich, on January 26th, was attended by 51 members and guests. The Guild's president, the Rev. W. J. Westwood, was in the chair. The toast of "The Guests" was proposed by the Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. David Heighton, in the unfortunate absence through indisposition of the Ringing Master, Mr. Nolan Golden.

The ringers' jug, given by John Dersley in 1749, together with an inscribed pewter flagon of 1764 and pewter mugs of 1821, remnants of the property of the Norwich Scholars, adorned the top table and were later put to their proper use.

36 YEARS TOWER CAPTAIN AT CALNE

Mr. Herbert Burry, who for the past 36 years has been tower captain at Calne, Wilts, has resigned through ill-health. In appreciation of his long and valued services he was presented with an armchair by the tower members. Canon D. O'Hanlon (Vicar) spoke of his services to the church and tower, and Mrs. O'Hanlon made the presentation.

Mr. Burry moved to Calne in 1919 after service in the Canadian Army to take up the post of verger at the Parish Church in the days of the late Archdeacon Boddington. In 1922 he took up bellringing and received his initial lessons from the late Mr. Tom Knight.

After this he practised on his own and quickly became proficient. When the bells were rehung in 1929 he was appointed captain of the Calne tower—a post he has held ever since.

YORKTOWN PEAL

The peal at Yorktown on January 1st (page 66) was a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Franklin, who has left for Pool-in-Wharfedale, Yorkshire, and also a 77th birthday compliment to the senior ringer, Mr. F. J. Farr, who has been a ringer at Yorktown for 59 years. The ringer of the fourth was Michael J. Church, and not as printed.

STAMFORD RINGERS TELEVISED

The bellringers of All Saints' Church, Stamford, are to be seen and heard on a television programme on A.T.V. called "Today." The film was taken on February 2nd but a definite date for the showing has not been given yet. The producer suggested it might be on February 11th or 18th at 6.15 p.m.

HOLT CHURCH BELLS

There was a miller hale and bold,
Whose mill was near to me.
He worked and sang from morn till night,
No better man was he.

A peal of bells, said he,
I'll have before I die.
And hang them in the belfry
Of Holt Church standing by.

We'll get the people one and all
To help us pay the bill,
And I am sure that none will fail
My task to help fulfil.

The money came from rich and poor,
For few did say him nay,
And soon the bells within the tower
Were ready for the day.

The Bishop came in regal gown,
The deans and parsons too,
All journeyed to this little town,
And crowded in the pew.

To bless the bells they all had come,
The Bishop rang them true.
They sang and praised just everyone,
For Billy West they knew

Had got his bells but said that he
On this his greatest day,
Was sick in bed and could not be
With them to sing and pray.

So write on these, the Holt Church bells,
Engrave it if you can,
We rang and sang for Billy West,
Who's more than twice a man.

RANG WITH THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON

The suggestion that the late Mr. A. E. Pitstow was one of the last surviving ringers of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's tours of 1897–98 is questioned by Mr. Peter Minchin. He notes in his copy of "Among the Bells" that Mr. L. A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, who is still alive, rang in several peals. We should like to hear of any other survivors.

HOVE'S TOWN HALL BELLS

A special crane from West Croydon was employed to move the 12 bells from the fire-gutted Town Hall at Hove to the Corporation depot. Difficulty was experienced in moving the three largest bells from the steel joists and charred timbers about 20 feet below the top of the 92 foot tower. Big Tom, the heaviest, about 2¼ tons, is cracked and distorted. According to "The Brighton and Hove Herald" the bells are to be recast.

ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM

Dear Sir,—Mr. P. A. Corby is correct in pointing out the inadequacy of my account of the augmentation of St. Peter's, Nottingham, bells. However, it is intended to write a full account of all restoration work at St. Peter's when this is completed later in the year. Property development and road widening have entailed the moving back of the churchyard walls and, in conjunction with this, the interior and exterior fabric is being renovated. Work in the belfry is not yet complete but ringing has recommenced and visitors are always welcome.—Yours faithfully.

D. STAINSBY,
Ringing Master.

ASHBY FOLVILLE RINGER MARRIED

A ringer and Sunday School teacher at Ashby Folville, Leics, for about 17 years, Miss Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Smith was married to Mr. Anthony George Woodcock on February 5th. Ashby Folville bells were rung by local ringers, including some she had taught at Ashby and Gaddesby. In the afternoon 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung by D Lowe 1, Mrs. M. Stimson 2, F. J. Stimson 3, Mrs. D. Day 4, J. H. Cook 5, J. L. Day 6, R. H. Cook (conductor) 7, L. Lowe 8

WORTH £1,700?

Liddington, Berks, P.C.C. asks is it worth £1,700 to restore to the village the sound of their five bells, which have been silent since the 1939–45 war? Before the bells can be rung, the massive supporting beams—one dated 1604—would have to be renewed and work done to the bells. In the meantime it is hoped to raise a team for the church's handbells.

DAGENHAM—FOUR FIRST PEALERS

There were four first pealers in the peal of Plain Bob Triples at Dagenham on Januarv 22nd. Writes the conductor, Mr. John Armstrong: "It was creditably struck and with hardly a mistake throughout. For the four it represented the results of two years' hard work in which the rudiments of change ringing had to be learned with little outside help. On this occasion we were very grateful to have visitors from Hornchurch and Shenfield, without whose able assistance we should not have been able to ring such an enjoyable peal."

TENOR BELL WELDED

The tenor bell from Bramford, Suffolk, which had been to Denmark for welding, is back in this country. At the time of writing it is being retained at Harwich for Customs clearance. One of the ringers from Bramford visited Vejle in October last year and saw the welder, Mr. August Nielsen and the bell. It was hoped that the welding would be in progress at the time of the visit, but the welding was put back until November. J.C.

LADIES MAKE HISTORY IN AUSTRALIA

The Ladies' Guild should note that the first all-ladies' quarter peal to be rung in Australia was achieved at St. Paul's, Burwood, N.S.W., on January 23rd. The method was Plain Bob Triples. A week earlier an attempt was lost after 1,130 changes had been rung. In it were Margaret Goodyer and Janet Smith, of Turramurra.

NEW ZEALAND SCHOOL WANTS HANDBELLS

Miss R. Willis, of the Samuel Marsden Guild of Ringers, Marsden School, Karori, Wellington, W.3, New Zealand, writes that their group, formed in 1963, was very popular in the school. It operated on a set of 36 bells loaned by the Blind Institute, Auckland. The bells have had to be returned, and to continue activities they want to purchase a set of about 36 bells. They are in a position to pay in sterling.

1965 PEALS

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOSBURY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt.

*Leonard J. Walters	Treble	Thomas Cooper	4
C. William Nutt	2	John Clements	5
James Ward	3	R. George Morris	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal in seven Minor methods. First peal on the bells since the 2nd was recast and the front five rehung by John Taylor and Co.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Nov 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

H. George Hart	Treble	Anthony R. Kench	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Mary C. Taylor	3	Christopher W. Woolley	7
John Faircloth	4	Kenneth R. Dunstan	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

BUSHEY HEATH, Hertfordshire.—At 39, Titian Avenue.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C

Christopher W. Woolley	1–2	John R. Mayne	5–6
Margaret D. Woolley	3–4	Roger Baldwin	7–8

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Roger Baldwin

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Sun., Sept. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C

Mary C. Taylor	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	3–4	John Faircloth	7–8

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

1966 PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LUTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

Andrew N. Stubbs	Treble	George W. Holland	6
Frederick R. Scott	2	J. Keith Ward	7
John Armstrong	3	George E. Thoday	8
Anthony D. Sansom	4	David P. Hilling	9
Edward R. Venn	5	John H. Crampion	Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne. Conducted by David P. Hilling

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRIDGWATER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES
Tenor 25 cwt

Frank D. Mack	Treble	Brian J. Wylde	5
Allan Tubb	2	John Brain	6
Arthur H. Reed	3	Patrick J. Bird	7
Michael J. Horseman	4	Cecil T. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. S. Powell. Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.
First of Erin Triples by all the band, and first of Erin by all except ringers of treble and 7.

BATH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bathwick
On Sat., Jan 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 68 lb in E flat.

Roger S. M. Stubbs	Treble	*Peter J. England	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Gwilym G. Salmon	6
Eric Naylor	3	†David G. Yeo	7
*Monica E. Horseman	4	John H. Gilbert	Tenor

Composed by E. Shuttleworth. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise "inside." The ringer of the third bell has now "circled the tower" to peals. First peal of Surpise on the the bells.
Rung for the 146th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

FROME, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist
On Saturday, Feb. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 31 cwt. in D flat

Eunice D. Overend	Treble	David A. Burt	5
Edward J Chivers	2	*George W Massey	6
David G Massey	3	*David T H. Robertson	7
Raymond E. J. Baker	4	Hugh Vennell	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* 25th peal together.
To mark the 75th anniversary of the first meeting held at Frome for the Bath and Wells Association, on Saturday, January 27th, 1891.

HEMINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan 22 1966 in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods/variations, being 10 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Plain Bob and April Day, and 12 extents Grandsire.
Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr. 17 lb. in F.

*Jennifer M Durston	Treble	*†Ronald E. Weaver	4
*Sandra Weaver	2	Alan F. Lee	5
*Robert J. Hawkins	3	‡Rev. A. G Durston	Tenor

Conducted by Jennifer M. Durston
* First peal in more than one method † First away from cover bell. ‡ First peal.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs. W. T. Woodward, grandparents of the conductor and parents-in-law of the tenor ringer.

KEWSTOKE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr

*David Hawkins	Treble	Anthony R Peake	4
George J. Hawkins	2	George Prescott	5
Marjorie Legg	3	Rev Roger O Fry	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods

NORTON ST. PHILIP, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 12 methods/variations: (1-4) Reverse Canterbury, (5-6) Wychbold, (7-8) Reverse Canterbury, (9-10) Clifford's Pleasure, (11-12) Reverse Canterbury, (13-14) St. Colomb, (15-16) Reverse Canterbury, (17-18) Southrepps, (19-20) Reverse Canterbury, (21-24) Plain Bob, (25-26) Dedworth, (27-28) Plain Bob, (29-30) April Day, (31-32) Plain Bob, (33-34) Old, (35-36) Norfolk, (37-38) Kennington, (39-40) Plain Bob, (41-42) Grandsire (240 Morris').
Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

*Harry E. Applegate	Treble	*Jennifer M Durston	4
*Sandra Weaver	2	*Julian E. Newman	5
Alan F. Lee	3	*Robert J Hawkins	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee
* Most methods to a peal Treble ringer's first peal for 30 years.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev and Mrs. N. O W. Johnson, who have moved to Shipham and Rowberrow, Somerset.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
CADDINGTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 8 cwt. in G.

Mary S. Taylor	Treble	John D. Faircloth	4
*Brenda P Redfearn	2	John R Mayne	5
*David Redfearn	3	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
CASTLE BROMWICH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 14lb in A flat.

Ruth Gay	Treble	James R White	4
Richard J. Parker	2	Rupert A Clarke	5
Keith H. Mildred	3	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Harold C. Lonyon	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Gerald Moorhouse	2	Alan McFall	6
Derek F. Yates	3	David J. Atkinson	7
John Worth	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Kippin. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Oswald Claybrook	Treble	Fred Jackson	5
*Geoffrey Graham	2	Cyril Valentine	6
Walter Allman	3	*John Oultram	7
John E. Bibby	4	*John R Bibby	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Walter Allman.
* First peal in the method.

In memoriam Cecil Raddon, died January 24th, 1966, honorary secretary of the Grappenhall Branch.

HINSTOCK, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in seven methods: Six each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Kennington, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*Keith W. Eaton	Treble	Terence E. Trickett	4
*Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	Frank R. Morton	5
*John R. Scott	3	†David Allman	Tenor

Conducted by Frank A. Morton.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal.

WILMSLOW, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being three extents of Cambridge Surprise, two Oxford T.B. and one each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. All called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

Neil D. Lomas	Treble	J Derek Smith	4
Christine Andrew	2	Sidney Hough	5
Kenneth Davenport	3	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

HARBURY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

*Mrs. Doris M. Randall	Treble	Anthony J. Fox	4
James C. Alexander	2	Peter C Randall	5
Shirley E. Jones	3	Robert W. Sherrif	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Randall.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, Devon.—At the Church of SS. Cyr and Juletta.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Five-Part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

*Miss M. Glendon Stock	Treble	†Frederick Wreford	5
Sidney F. Skinner	2	Derek Jewell	6
Leslie Walters	3	†Norman Mallett	7
Frederick J. Sage	4	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Conducted by Sidney F. Skinner.
* First peal. † 50th peal together.
A compliment to Leslie Walters, on becoming a grandfather.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

*Reg Wallis	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	5
David K. Walklate	2	Jack Bailey	6
*Kevin Betesta	3	Denis R. Carlisle	7
*†Jack Chadwick	4	David Friend	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by David Walklate.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells.

SANDIACRE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., Jan. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
One extent each of Double Court, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge S., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob.
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Arthur Sheppard	Treble	*Jack Chadwick	4
*John Moore	2	Girling Rigby	5
*Ivan Barlow	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
To welcome the arrival of Amanda Jane Smart, daughter of Vivien and Robert Smart, granddaughter of Nora and Denis R. Carlisle.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDERLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Roker.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5,040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 82 lb. in E.

*George S. Deas	Treble	David J. Marshall	6
†William Davidson	2	Kenneth Lawson	7
Michael Maughan	3	Clifford A. Barron	8
‡Andrew G. Craddock	4	*J. Alan Ainsworth	9
†James Crowther	5	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* 200th peal together. † First peal of Yorkshire Royal. ‡ First peal on 10 bells.

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.

Janet Warwick	Treble	Janet Cooke	5
Rohilla M. Cooke	2	Ernest Pannell	6
Brenda Cooke	3	Fred Hodgson	7
Thomas M. Cox	4	Thomas Cooke	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Thomas Cooke.
A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Slack, parents of the ringer of the 2nd and grandparents of the ringers of the 3rd and 5th.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BURWELL, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Frank E. Haynes	5
Ian H. Oram	2	Geoffrey M. Brewin	6
Tony Lewis	3	Herbert E. Audsley	7
D. Paul Smith	4	Frederick J. Cullum	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

HOLYWELL, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Geoffrey A. Lucas	Treble	Alan M. Barber	4
George E. Bonham	2	George E. Thoday	5
Jack S. Dear	3	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
A welcome peal by the Association for the new Rector and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Edgell, formerly of Arlesey, Beds.

GUILDEN MORDEN, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720 (C.C.C. Nos. 57, 54, 56, et var., and 31). Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

J. Stuart Hutton	Treble	George E. Bonham	4
Eileen M. Fearn	2	George E. Thoday	5
J. Richard Castledine	3	*Philip Mehew	Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* 600th peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 STEDMAN CINQUES
Comprising 17 courses Handstroke Home, 10 courses Tittums, and 11 courses Inverted Tittums. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Edna M. Cooper	Treble	Christopher K. Cooper	7
Claire Dillamore	2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	8
Hadley Hunter	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
Richard Inglis	4	Dennis A. S. Symonds	10
Patrick W. Saltmarsh	5	*Howard W. Egglestone	11
Andrew S. Hudson	6	Ian R. Panton	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.
* 300th peal.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Feb. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

Peter G. Pitt	Treble	Brian J. Vaughan	5
Neil V. Avis	2	David F. Culham	6
Frank G. Oliver	3	James L. Towler	7
Stephen D. Humphrey	4	Harry J. Millatt	Tenor

Composed by Stephen H. Wood. Conducted by Harry J. Millatt.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rt. Rev. Frederick Dudley Vaughan Narborough, Bishop of Colchester 1946–1965, vice-president of the Essex Association, for whom a memorial service was held in Chelmsford Cathedral this day.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt.

Thomas J. Southam	Treble	Christopher E. Slade	6
Geoffrey Dodds	2	Gerald Penney	7
Julia A. Fellows	3	Bertram C. Johnson	8
*Christopher Forster	4	George W. Debenham	9
Mrs. Joyce Dodds	5	Reginald W. Darvill	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by George W. Debenham.
* First peal in the method.

BROXBOURNE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
*Gillian S. Martin	2	David J. Herschell	6
†Keith J. Walpole	3	Ian G. Campbell	7
Keith D. Waples	4	C. Martin Press	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by C. Martin Press.
* First peal "inside." † 25th peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BORDEN, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt in E flat.

Ann Jenner	Treble	Robert W. Hinde	5
Hilary F. Hinde	2	Stanley Jenner	6
*Robin Lee	3	Colin A. Tester	7
Andrew J. Corby	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tester.

GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George's Chapel of Unity.
On Sat. Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

Frederick J. Cullum	Treble	Frank J. Matthews	5
Herbert E. Audsley	2	D. Paul Smith	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Robert W. Hinde	7
Hilary F. Hinde	4	John W. Smith	Tenor

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

WOOLWICH, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 OUNDLE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Philip A. Corby	Treble	Richard Hayes	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
Ann Jenner	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Richard G. Crosland	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
First peal in the method by all the band, inthe county and for the Association.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Jan. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 10 methods: (1) Kelso, (2) Munden, (3) Wells and London, (4) York and Durham, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Michael H. O'Callaghan	Treble	Ian H. Oram	4
D. Paul Smith	2	Tony Lewis	5
Richard G. Crosland	3	Ralph Bird	Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, Lancs.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

Peter Watson	Treble	Christine Andrew	5
Sidney Hough	2	Dennis Latham	6
*Kenneth Davenport	3	Neil D. Lomas	7
Jeffrey Brannan	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First in the method.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sun., Jan. 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Neil Bennett	Treble	*Jeffrey Kershaw	5
*John P. Partington	2	*J. Colin Ashworth	6
*Margaret E. Fort	3	*Cyril Crossthwaite	7
*Edward Jenkins	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BOLTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., Jan. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans' Five-Part. Tenor 17 cwt.

Margaret E. Fort	Treble	Thomas W. Smith	5
John F. Wood	2	John Ashcroft	6
Frederick W. Brownlow	3	Joseph Thornley	7
Peter Crook	4	William Tyson	Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
Rung half-muffled by Bolton Branch in memoriam Peter Crook, sen.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At the Church of Emmanuel.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Norman Heaps	Treble	*Martin Snape	5
John Lunham	2	Dennis Jones	6
*Victor Draper	3	Ronald Kenrick	7
*Edward Taylor	4	†Alan Wilson	Tenor

Composed by J. Washbrook. Conducted by Ronald Kenrick.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

BURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Jan. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

John P. Partington	Treble	Alan A. Wild	5
Dorothy Mason	2	Roger I. Kendrick	6
Albert Greenhalgh	3	Joseph Thornley	7
Philip Mason	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by G. Hughes. Conducted by John Ashcroft.
100th peal as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a compliment to Rev. Mr. Martin and Mrs. Maureen Down, married January 15th.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Jan. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt

E. Alan Jaques	Treble	Robert B. Smith	7
A. James Poynor	2	Brian S. Chapman	8
Sandra E. Chesterton	3	Herrick B. Bowley	9
John M. Jelley	4	William J. Root	10
Roland H. Cook	5	Peter J. Staniforth	11
S. John Haines	6	Russell S. Morris	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Russell S. Morris.
First peal in the method on tower bells by all the band.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Michelle Claire, to Russell and Patricia Morris on January 30th, 1966.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, Churchgate.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

Roland H. Cook	Treble	Samuel J. Haines	6
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Malcolm E. Wade	7
John Bramley	3	A. Maxwell Lindsey	8
William A. Lacey	4	E. Alan Jacques	9
J. Martin Thorley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.

Howard Scott	Treble	Michael W. Crowder	5
Ronald Chafer	2	Frank G. Bloomfield	6
Jack Bray	3	W. Eric Critchley	7
Gibson Jackson	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ULCEBY, Lincolnshire.— At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

John H. Parker	Treble	Arthur Pashley	4
Septimus Neave	2	Geoffrey Bromfield	5
W. Arthur Crowder	3	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
First of Oxford T.B. Minor by all the band.
Rung for W. Martin Walker on his 80th birthday.

FISHTOFT, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Guthlac.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*Peter J. Kilner	Treble	Albert E. Flatters	4
†Joan Gilbert	2	Keith R. Davey	5
R. Arthur Goldsmith	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
* First peal. † First "inside."

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANGYNWYD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Cynwyd.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 4 extents of Plain Bob and 38 of Grandsire Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Thomas E. Hiddins	Treble	Harold Preece	4
*†D. Walford Davies	2	*William T. Petty	5
D. R. Lynn Jones	3	Raymond J. Mayle	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal for the Association.
Rung as a compliment to Canon Daniel Richards, on his retirement after 35 years as Vicar of the parish.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being two different 2,160 blocks and one 720 (C.C.C. Nos. 87, 74 and 77).

*David L. Cawley	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	4
Yvonne Edwards	2	*Richard O'Humphries	5
Roger D. Bailey	3	*Roger W. Powell	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
* First peal of London.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

RICKMANSWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
On Sat., Jan 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
(27-course block reduced.) Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Roy D. Tomlin	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	David E. Rothera	6
Ruth M Foreman	3	Michael J. Uphill	7
David J. Herschell	4	Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Patterson.
Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Gorleston.
On Thurs., Jan. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt.

A. William Bird	Treble	J. Barry Pickup	5
H. William Barrett	2	*William B. Duncan	6
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	Stephen F. High	7
*Diane Toone	4	*Arthur Cooper	Tenor

Composer unknown. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal of Plain Bob Triples.
Rung to welcome the Rev. Mr. Clemens as Vicar of Gorleston.

CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Grandsire, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin, St. Simon and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

Paul S. Royds-Jones	Treble	*Timothy G. Pett	3
Richard A. J. Bower	2	Michael W. Coleman	4
Roger D. Bailey	Tenor		

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
* First peal of Doubles.

WROXHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Jan. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*Stephen Toone	Treble	David Bird	4
Roger B. Lubbock	2	Stephen F. High	5
Diane Toone	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
On Sun., Feb. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Diane Toone	Treble	Norman P. J. Cossey	4
James W. Forder	2	H. William Barrett	5
Stephen F. High	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Norman Cossey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sun., Jan. 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Mrs. A. Diserens	Treble	J. Keith Ward	5
John N. Diserens	2	David P. Hilling	6
Frank W. Lewis	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
Frederick R. Scott	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

GORING-ON-THAMES, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

*Mary G. Trent	Treble	‡Anthony D. Smith	5
†Leslie G. Haines	2	J. Anthony Beaumont	6
Mrs. A. D. Smith	3	William J. Irving	7
Stephen J. Franklin	4	Robert B. Blond	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal, first attempt. † First of Plain Bob. ‡ First of Plain Bob "inside."

GREAT TEW, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 EVESHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb.

Brian W. Hall	Treble	Sydney M. Bailey	5
Valerie Willard	2	William Birmingham	6
Peter J. Heritage	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Christopher C. Clarke	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the third, and for the Guild.
Rung within the octave of the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

DORCHESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

P. Gerald McIlhone	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	5
Roger D. Bailey	2	Timothy G. Pett	6
Michael J. Uphill	3	Michael W. Coleman	7
Roger W. Powell	4	Richard O. Humphries	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Jan. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Malcolm J. V. Chown	Treble	†Barry E. Saunders	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Richard F. B. Speed	7
*James Linnell	3	†Alan A. Paul	8
†Roger W. Smith	4	Barrie Hendry	9
Ian D. Thompson	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Pudsey Surprise Royal.

THE READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

SHAW, Berkshire.— At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Feb. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*Ronald E. Stillwell	Treble	Robert M. Ashman	4
Margaret A. Wilson	2	Maurice G. Ingram	5
Mary E. Marshall	3	Graham J. N. Colborne	Tenor

Conducted by Graham J. N. Colborne.
* First peal at first attempt.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Feb. 3, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Roderick W. Pipe	2	John C. Eisel	8
Brian J. Luff	3	Peter J. Stretton	9
Graham C. Paul	4	Martin D. Fellows	10
Michael J. Fellows	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
George E. Fearn	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Jan. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Martin D. Fellows	Treble	Michael J. Fellows	6
*James Insley	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
*Ann E. Fellows	3	George E. Fearn	8
John C. Eisel	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
Norman J. Goodman	5	†J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Arranged and conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of London Royal. † 600th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., Feb. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Mark Androlia	Treble	Norman J. Goodman	6
Graham C. Paul	2	Peter J. Stretton	7
John R. Insley	3	Michael J. Fellows	8
James Insley	4	David J. Purnell	9
George E. Fearn	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 37 lb. in E

Norman J. Goodman	Treble	David J. Purnell	6
Graham C. Paul	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
S. Clarke Walters	3	Clifford A. Barron	8
Brian J. Luff	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
Peter J. Stretton	5	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	J. Alan Ainsworth	5
Brian J. Luff	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	Michael J. Fellows	7
George E. Fearn	4	John C. Eisel	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Edburgha, Yardley.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 72 lb. in F sharp.

James W. Belshaw	Treble	Brian J. Luff	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
J. Alan Ainsworth	3	George E. Fearn	7
Henry H. Fearn	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

BEOLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 78 lb.

*Michael A. Jones	Treble	*Eric Spence	4
John N. Lindon	2	Ray Aldington	5
Veronica M. Miles	3	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* First peal.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEENE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Ronald Russell	Treble	Keith R. Davey	4
Joan Gilbert	2	*J. Charles Hudson	5
J. Martin Thorley	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. Conrad J. Ough.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, Wiltshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 3 qr. in F sharp.

George W. Massey	Treble	Norman G. Knee	5
*Mary E. Elmes	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
Eunice D. Overend	3	George E. Bonham	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven (arr.). Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal of Surprise Major. The first peal of Major on the bells.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

*Christine Purnell	Treble	George W. Massey	5
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	‡Robert J. Purnell	6
Norman G. N. Knee	3	Laurence E. Hitchins	7
†Charles P. Quartley	4	Eric J. Hitchins	Tenor

Conducted by Eric J. Hitchins.
* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise "inside." ‡ First in the method and 25th peal. First Cambridge as conductor.

LYME REGIS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

*Angela Quick	Treble	G. Stedman Morris	5
Mrs. C. W. Powell	2	Rev. Roger Keeley	6
Cuthbert W. Powell	3	Henry G. Keeley	7
†Melvyn J. Hiller	4	Frank C. Knight	Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Roger Keeley.
* First peal. † First of Triples. A 60th birthday compliment to H. G. Keeley.

WESTBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in C sharp.

Edgar C. Shepherd	Treble	David A. Burt	5
David G. Massey	2	David J. Orledge	6
Norman G. N. Knee	3	George W. Massey	7
*Charles P. Quartley	4	Eric J. Hitchins	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Margaret Woolley	Treble	Cyril T. Haynes	6
William J. Leach	2	John K. Smith	7
Gordon Harrison	3	George L. Roobottom	8
*Kingsley Jones	4	Barnabas G. Key	9
Jennifer Toon	5	Michael Webster	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Caters.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and a compliment to Jennifer Toon on her 21st birthday and on becoming engaged to Kingsley Jones.

LICHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary and Chad.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Clive M. Smith	Treble	‡Jonathan D. Chamberlain	6
Frank W. Perrens	2	Geoffrey Pratt	7
*Lucy Smith	3	Arthur Pritchard	8
†Remi M. Hodister	4	Richard J. Warrilow	9
F. Hector Bennett	5	†Clifford W. Bowen	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First of Caters. ‡ First of Stedman "inside." Quickest peal on the bells.

AUDLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Jan 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

*Ruth Fairbrother	Treble	Ian Friend	5
*Jennifer Beech	2	*George Morrall	6
*Edward Fairbrother	3	Richard J. Warrilow	7
†Frank Beech	4	John C. Evans	Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Triples "inside."
Rung as a birthday compliment to Jennifer Beech and Richard J. Warrilow.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
CANNOCK, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

*Angela Bagnall ..	Treble	Eric E. Speake	5
†Margaret L. Ellwood ..	2	‡Cyril T. Collins	6
Jeffrey B. Webb	3	‡Leslie Monk	7
Clifford W. Bowen	4	Clive M. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Yorke Green. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.
* First peal on eight bells. † First "inside" and on eight bells.
‡ First of Major.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

Joyce M. Sharp	Treble	Peter J. Eves	7
Geoffrey R. Parker ..	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	8
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Colin A. Tester	9
Olive D. Tester	4	Geoffrey Paul	10
Peter A. Sharp	5	Thomas H. Francis	11
Patrick W. Saltmarsh ..	6	William L. Exton	Tenor

Composed by J. M. Hadley Hunter. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

James W. Raithby	Treble	F. William Midwinter ..	5
Paul Raithby	2	Cyril H. Pritchett	6
*Peter Wakefield	3	Colin W. Reed	7
†Margaret E. Chilton ..	4	†Harold Stevenson	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* First peal of Triples. † 25th peal together.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

Peter R. Humphrey ..	Treble	†‡Simon Humphrey	5
*Elizabeth J. Foster	2	*John R. Pratchett ..	6
*Ann Harris	3	George A. Dawson ..	7
†Susanna Poppleston ..	4	Ian V. J. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 1).
Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. ‡ 50th peal for the Guild. First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann Harris.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. George,
On Wed., Jan. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being one 720 and three different 1,440's. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	*John Eborall	4
*M. Baz Smedley	2	David Oliver	5
Maurice Harrison ..	3	Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
* First peal of Minor "inside." First in the method as conductor.

WOLLATON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Jan., 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven methods in seven extents (six callings): (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Double Oxford Bob, (6) Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 5½ cwt.

Jane Blackler	Treble	Peter R. Humphrey	4
Elizabeth J. Foster	2	Susanna Poppleston ..	5
Royston Blackler	3	Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
The first peal by an all Wollaton band, at their home tower.

GOTHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents All Saints, ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Southrepps, and 20 extents Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 5 qr.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	*Neil Handley	3
Robert D. Marsh	2	Maurice W. Harrison ..	4
David Oliver	Tenor		

Conducted by David Oliver.
* First peal "inside."
Rung to welcome Paul Raymond, son of Raymond and Jane Larkin.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTH COLLINGHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Jan. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES
Being 44 extents in 54 plain course methods and 126 variations, viz.: (1) New Bob, Forncett and Itchingfield, (2) Huntspill, Oakley and Eilingham, (3) St. Vedast, Chipstead and Bedingnam, (4) Blaisdon, Shelford and Screveton, (5) Westminster II, Chesham and Knapton, (6) Burton Joyce, Stoke Bardolph and Epperstone, (7) Lillingstone, Arnold and Swalcliffe, (8) Blackburn Place, Broughton and Lyng, (9) St. Hilary, Ockham and Intwood, (10) Brightwell, Sandford and Standlake, (11) Wellow, Bilborough and Strelley, (12) Trowell, Granby and Linby, (13) Huntley, Norwell and Ossington, (14) Weston, Awsworth and Cossall, (15) St. Nicholas, Longford and Fundenhall, (16) Lapley, Shareshill and St. Mary, (17) St. John, Ryton and St. Crispin, (18) Winchendon, Thornborough and Haddiscoe, (19) St. Remigius, Hascombe and Harpley, (20) Horsley, St. Cleer and St. Cecelia, (21) St. Ninian, St. Felix and St. Austell, (22) St. Osmund, Longworth and Merton, (23) Staunton Caunton and Cromwell, (24) Knesal, Marnham and Normanton, (25) Eynsham, Elford and St. Jude, (26) St. Simon, Braywood and Rugby, (27) St. Martin, Welford and Slapton, (28) St. Leonard, Austrey and St. Laurence, (29) New Grandsire, Wheatley, Rolleston, Gonalston, Woodthorpe and Balderton, (30) Lambley, Woodborough, Tavistock, Churchdown, Uppingham and Stafford, (31) Donningleigh, Bulcote, Fyram, Fernleigh, Netherfield and N. Collingham, (32) Mitre, St. Aldate, St. Collingham, Oxbridge, Westleigh and Whatton-in-the-Vale, (33) Fulmer, Gunthorpe, Wysall, Cropwell Bishop, Caythorpe and Sutton Bonington, (34) New Antelope, Rylsun, E. Leake, Dell, Upton, Broughton Sulney, (35) Cowleigh, St. Callen, Kirklington, Westwell, Ardley and Halstead, (36) Wensley, Stowe, Eastrey, New (?), Bucknell and Eythorne, (37) Grandsire, St. Margaret, Newark, Newborough, Oxford and Southwell, (38) St. Helen, St. Valentine, Nazeing, Longparish, Freeland and Oxton, (39) Daffodil, Isis, Pinxton, Bluebell, Beckley and Quantoxhead, (40) St. Anne, Ray, St. Endellion, Middleton Stoney, Stanton and Roxholme, (41) St. Quintin, St. Swithun, Saxondale, St. Lucy, Northleigh and Tuxford, (42) Antelope, Allestree, Uttoxeter, St. Frisewide, St. Cross and Vauxhall, (43) Ladbroke, Gresford, Waxham, Zennor, St. Tydfil and Xanxene, (44) Keysoe, Jacobstowe, Yaxley, Pink's, Harbury and Zeal Monochorum.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Ann Harris	Treble	George A. Dawson ..	3
Ian V. J. Smith	2	Simon Humphrey	4
John R. Pratchett	Tenor		

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
The largest number of methods/variations yet rung to a peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Roger K. L. Whittell ..	Treble	*Brian J. Vaughan	5
Cecil W. Pipe	2	*Neville F. Whittell	6
*Neil V. Avis	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
*Peter G. Pitt	4	Ernest G. Pearce	Tenor

Composed by J. Flemming. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Major.

LEISTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E.

†J. Ian Margetts	Treble	William B. Duncan ..	5
Norman P. J. Cossey ..	2	Peter Kindred	6
*Michael J. Howes ..	3	H. William Barrett	7
Stephen F. High	4	J. Barry Pickup ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Jan. 25, 1966 in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 40 methods: (1) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Morning Star and Elston (15 methods by A. G. Driver), (2) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise, (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne Surprise, (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (5) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob, (6) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (7) Plain Bob, with 93 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Robert E. Lester	Treble	*Robin H. Rogers	4
*Janet I. Rogers	2	Colin F. Loke	5
Alice E. J. Lester	3	Howard W. Egglestone ..	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* 25th peal together. Most Minor methods yet rung to a peal on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band except the conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Most Rev. Leslie Wilfred Brown, on his appointment as Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*L. Ann Gasson	Treble	Michael J. Uphill	5
Robert J. Cooles	2	Christopher F. Mew	6
Christopher H. Rogers	3	John F. M. Maybrey	7
†Brian J Bull	4	Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Composed by G H. Cross. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal. † 50th peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HENFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

*James M Hills	Treble	John A. Howard	5
David S. Osenton	2	W. Arthur Riddington	6
Frank H Hicks	3	Martin L. Howe	7
Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Arranged by P. J. Wycherley. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

FELPHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods: nine extents Stedman, 12 Plain Bob, and 21 Grandsire. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Elizabeth Smith	Treble	*Patrick Wills	4
Michael J. Wake	2	Robert Wake	5
*Susan Main	3	*Vernon Crouch	Tenor

Conducted by Robert Wake.
* First peal First peal on the bells by a local band.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Jan. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Alan J. Taylor	Treble	*Marcus J. Davies	4
Jean Horton	2	Benjamin W. Farhall	5
Leonard Stilwell	3	Robert Wake	Tenor

Conducted by Robert Wake.
* First peal.

FITTLEWORTH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of London Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's Bob, Kent T.B., Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise
Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

*Barbara Walpole	Treble	Gillian A. Leale	4
Alan R. Paterson	2	Robin G Leale	5
Stanley G. Ponting	3	William S. Deason	Tenor

Conducted by Robin G. Leale
* First peal.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

KENWYN, Truro, Cornwall.—At the Parish Church.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Rev. A. S. Roberts	Treble	Alan Carveth	5
Frances M. Rickard	2	Arthur F. Burley	6
*Graham F. Dunstan	3	*Derek A Tretheway	7
Anthony Locke	4	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor

Composed by J A Trollope. Conducted by Alan Carveth.
* First peal of Major.

ST. AGNES, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Agnes.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents, called differently Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*Graham F. Dunstan	Treble	Alan Carveth	4
Anthony Locke	2	Derek A. Tretheway	5
Rev. A. S. Roberts	3	Anthony J Davidson	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.
* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of St. Agnes

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 34 cwt. 6 lb.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	Michael J. Best	7
John Phillips	2	John Hartless	8
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3	David J. Forder	9
Michael J. Thomas	4	Brian J. Luff	10
*Peter J. Joyce	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Frank L. Harris	6	Lewis F. Cobb	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal on twelve. Mr. J. Phillips 100th peal on twelve bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Helen M. Diserens	Treble	John N. Diserens	6
Frederick R. Scott	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
David J. Forder	3	Frank W. Lewis	8
David P. Hilling	4	Ronald F. Diserens	9
J. Keith Ward	5	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, m 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 1,760 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, and 1,600 Lincolnshire, with 84 changes of method and all the bells doing all the work of each method. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Richard Bateman	Treble	Thomas W. Lewis	5
Arthur C. Berry	2	Martin D. Fellows	6
Michael J. Fellows	3	John C. Eisel	7
Geoffrey J. Hemming	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

OLD SWINFORD, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Jan. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in seven variations, viz.: two each of Reverse Canterbury and Southrepps; four Clifford's Pleasure; five each April Day and Kennington; ten Plain Bob and ten extents (ten callings) and two 240's (Morris's and Price's arrangements) Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Brian Wootton	Treble	John E. Lawley	4
Roger Tandy	2	Peter L. Bill	5
Michael Clewes	3	Alan D. Roden	Tenor

Conducted by Peter L. Bill.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESTERFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt.

David Nichols	Treble	W. Eric Critchley	6
Iris Lemare	2	Malcolm P. Phipps	7
Patricia Rodgers	3	Rodney H. French	8
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Richard E. Price	9
Kathleen M. Higgins	5	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
Rung to mark the 45th anniversary of the first peal of Yorkshire Royal, which was rung at this tower.

WHISTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Rodney H. French	Treble	Cyril Rusby	5
*Elizabeth Snell	2	David Nichols	6
Richard J Tibbetts	3	Neil Donovan	7
Kathleen M. Higgins	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of Surprise.
An engagement compliment to Elizabeth Snell and Michael R. Meadows.

PENISTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Wed., Jan. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

David Nichols	Treble	*Richard J. Tibbetts	5
*Patricia Rodgers	2	Rodney H. Franch	6
*Cyril Rusby	3	*Fred Jackson	7
Kathleen M. Higgins	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as an engagement compliment to John Chapman and Jan Camfield.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Stuart Armeson	Treble	Cyril Rusby	5
M. Susan Jackson	2	Ronald Ducker	6
*Patricia Rogers	3	Neil Donovan	7
Iris M. E. Lemare	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
* First peal of London Major.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. approx.

*Joan Hingley	Treble	G. Frederick Terry	5
*Margaret Whitehead ..	2	Edward M. Bradley ..	6
Ronald R. Warford ..	3	John Potts	7
Kenneth B. Sissons ..	4	Alan Sheppard	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Alan Sheppard.
* First peal of Major.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 36 methods, comprising 192 changes each of Cambridge, Claybrooke, Derwent, Eastcote, Elford, Falmouth, Framley, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Painswick, Radlett, Rutland, Wembley and Yorkshire, and 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Bristol, Cray, Deben, Dublin, Hanbury, Hitchin, Jersey, Maulden, New Gloucester, Pudsey Ramsey, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Trowbridge, Uxbridge and Watford, with 158 changes of method.
Tenor 11 cwt.

Richard J. Bowden ..	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
*Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
*†Michael J. Hobbs ..	3	Peter Bridle	7
Brian Bladon	4	Edward R. Venn	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal of Spliced Surprise. Greatest number of Major methods to a peal by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall.
On Wed., Feb. 2, 1966, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 12 in G.

Keith H. Mildred	1–2	Rupert A. Clarke	3–4
Richard J. Parker (cond.) ..	5–6		

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being five methods in seven extents: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Double Plain, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Plain Bob, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.

*Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith (cond.) ..	3–4
		*Giles B. Thompson ..	5–6

* First handbell peal in five methods.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., Feb. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan McFall	1–2	*Robert B. Smith	5–6
*Neil Bennett	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Composed by John W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Double Norwich on handbells.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Christine C. MacNair and David T. Darby.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DURHAM CITY.—At the Gables, Bede College.
On Sun., Jan. 30, 1966, in 4 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 8064 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Malcolm E. Johnson ..	1–2	John O. Freeman	5–6
Andrew G. Craddock ..	3–4	David J. Marshall	7–8

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by David J. Marshall.
Witnesses: William Bruce Warne, Pauline Kyme.
Longest length "in hand" for the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Tues., Jan. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In twelve methods, comprising 640 each of Bristol, London, Rutland and Watford, and 320 each of Cambridge, Ealing, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
Christopher W. Woolley ..	3–4	Stephen Ivin	7–8

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Tues., Feb. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 896 of Bristol, 768 each of Cambridge and Pudsey, 672 of Watford, 512 each of London and Superlative, and 448 each of Kendal and Wembley, with 126 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	Christopher W. Woolley ..	7–8

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At Wayside Cottage.
On Mon., Jan. 31, 1966, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Fulbeck Bob, St. Clement's, Reverse Bob and Double Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob
Tenor size 15 in C.

Gerald Penney (cond.) ..	1–2	Julia A. Fellows	3–4
		*Roger D. R. Brown	5–6

* First handbell peal in five methods.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Sun., Jan. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Joan A. Hayward	1–2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5–6
Edward J. Beer	3–4	Stuart Sandford	7–8

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal of Major "in hand."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At Glebeland.
On Tues., Jan. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 13¼ in D sharp.

*John Hall	1–2	*Michael W. Crowder (cond.)	3–4
		Jack Bray	5–6

* First peal of Minor on handbells.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At 19, Gainas Avenue.
On Wed., Feb. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in G.

A. Robin Heppenstall ..	1–2	Geoffrey R. Parker	5–6
Delia E. Heppenstall	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse	7–8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbroke Square, W.
On Fri., Jan. 14, 1966, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PINEHURST BOB MINOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

Paul S. Royds-Jones	1–2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.)	3–4
		Timothy G. Pett	5–6

First peal in the method by all the band.

LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbroke Square, W.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 1 Hour and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of: (1) Pinehurst Bob, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Double Bob, (4) Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Buxton, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

Paul S. Royds-Jones	1–2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.)	3–4
		Timothy G. Pett	5–6

LONDON.—At Bentham Hall, Cartwright Gardens, W.
On Sun., Jan. 23, 1966, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

*Roger D. Bailey	1–2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.)	3–4
		Timothy G. Pett	5–6

* First peal "in hand."

LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbroke Square, W.
On Mon., Jan. 31, 1966, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Westlecot and Rodbourne College, (2) London Bob and College Bob, (3) Single Court and Reverse Bob, (4) Hereward Bob and Single Oxford Bob, (5) Pinehurst Bob and Buxton College Bob, (6) Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor size 14 in D.

Paul S. Royds-Jones	1–2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.)	3–4
		Timothy G. Pett	5–6

Most Minor methods to a peal "in hand" by all the band and for Association.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At 9, Richmond Road.
On Mon., Feb. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven 720's, differently called. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Paul N. Mounsey	1–2	Harry Poynor (cond.) ..	3–4
		Mary C. Poynor	5–6

* First peal (aged 11).

COLLECTION OF DOUBLES

By G. K. DODD and R. H. JONES

SUPPLEMENT — APRIL, 1965

Since "The Collection of Doubles" was published last year much information regarding Doubles methods and variations has been received. This information has corrected names and compositions in Part C and in Part D of "The Collection" and has added to the number of methods already published. It is hoped that this collection of Doubles is now "up to date."

Some methods with 20 changes to their plain course have been added, but only for information. These have a separate section so as to avoid the confusion which was caused when such methods were published with those of 30 or 40 changes to their plain course. It must be understood that the Central Council ruling on methods with 20 changes to their plain course has led to a transfer of names.

Corrections to Part C or Part D are denoted by the prefix C or D.

With the publication of this Supplement it is believed that there must be very few methods left which have not been compiled.

We would like to thank all ringers who have sent information to either of us. Any further information would be appreciated.

N.B.—Before ringing any methods, please check that they are true.

PART A

These are methods which have not been published or have parts used in other methods.

PINK'S DOUBLES

Plain Course	Bob	Single
12345	45312	45312
21354	54132	54132
23145	51432	51432
32415	15432	15432
34251	14523	15423
43521	41523	51423
45312	45123	54123
54132	54213	45213
51423	52431	42531
15243		
12534		
21543	Called	
25134	Bob and Single	
52314	as for Grandsire	
53241		
Grandsire		

EYNESBURY	HUNTLEY	BLAISDON
12345	12345	12345
21435	21345	21354
24153	23154	23145
24513	23514	23415
24531	32541	23451
42351	32451	32541
42315	32415	32514
42135	32145	32154
41253	31254	31245
14523	13254	13254
14253	13524	13524
41523	31524	31542
45132	35142	35124
45312	35412	35214
45321	35421	35241
54231	53241	53421
Bob	Bob	Bob
Plain Bob Bob	Rev. Canterbury Bob	New Bob Bob

ST. OWEN	DRAGON	ST. BRITIUS
12345	12345	12345
21435	21354	21435
24153	23154	24153
24513	23514	42513
24531	23541	24531
42351	32451	42351
42315	32415	24315
42135	32145	42135
41253	31245	41253
14523	13254	14523
14532	13524	14532
41352	31542	41352
43125	35142	43125
43215	35412	34215
43251	35421	43251
34521-	53241	34521
Bob	Bob	Bob
Grandsire Single (Not 2nd as Obs.)	Shipway's Place Bob	Grandsire Single (Not 2nd as Obs.)

HENRY PLACE	WAVENDON PLACE	CRANBORNE IMPERIAL
12345	12345	12345
21435	21435	21435
24153	24153	24153
42513	24513	42513
42531	42531	45231
24351	24351	54321
24315	42315	54312
42135	42135	45132
41253	41253	41523
14523	14523	14253
14532	14532	14235
41352	41352	41325
43125	43125	43152
34215	43215	34512
34251	34251	35421
43521	43521	53241
		53214
		35124
		31542
		13452
Bob	Bob	13425
Grandsire Single (Not 2nd as Obs.)	Grandsire Single (Not 2nd as Obs.)	Bob
		Plain Bob Bob Single
		Half Leads of Original

HARDMEAD

Plain Course	Bob
12345	45132
21354	41532
23154	14523
32514	15432
35241	51423
53421	54132
54312	45312
45132	43521
41532	34251
14523	
14253	
41235	
42135	
24315	
23451	
Shipway's	

(To be continued)

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Jan. 30th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. G. Knight 1, Mrs. H. G. Hart 2, Miss D. M. Robotham 3, D. T. C. Smith 4, H. G. Hart 5, Miss R. M. Foreman 6, G. M. Ellis (first on ten) 7, A. E. Rushton 8, M. F. Lock (first on ten as cond.) 9, T. J. Lock 10. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. J. Talbot 1, A. W. Bond 2, M. J. Bew 3, Janette R. Kipling 4, Catherine M. Powell 5, Wendy Treble 6, R. I. Vaughan 7, S. E. Armstrong 8, D. P. Treble (first as cond. on 10 bells) 9, R. H. Newton 10. For Evensong.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Bloxsome 1, W. Drinkwater 2, J. Tyler 3, Mrs. M. A. Wratten 4, H. Lewis 5, F. A. Stephens 6, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 7, G. Simmons 8. Half-muffled in memoriam F. Simmons, a ringer at Charlton Kings for over 60 years. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Bloxsome 1, W. Drinkwater 2, J. Tyler 3, G. Simmons 4, F. A. Stephens 5, C. A. Wratten 6, J. Culley (first as cond.) 7, P. Jones 8. For Evensong.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Allcock 1, Miss L. M. Baguley 2, J. A. Harrison 3, Miss E. A. Hill 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 April Day Doubles: Miss L. M. Baguley 1, Miss E. A. Hill 2, Miss M. Green 3, M. Kirk (cond.) 4, E. A. Harrison 5. Also on Jan. 1st, a date touch of 1,966 Doubles (five methods): Miss E. A. Hill 1, Miss M. Green 2, G. Allcock 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: K. J. Perrin (first quarter) 1, A. W. Childs 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, F. J. Robinson 4, A. A. F. Peters 5, A. E. Jones 6. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Feb. 6th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): B. Butcher 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 5, A. Lamb 6. For Family Communion service.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Young 1, R. Manton 2, W. Clamp 3, Mrs. D. Day 4, O. Homewood 5, J. Day 6, H. Clayton (cond.) 7, S. Smith 8. For Evensong, also a compliment to Betty Smith and Tony Woodcock, who were married the previous day at Ashby Folville.

MIDHURST, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Old, Seighford and April Day): D. O. Haslam 1, R. D. Smith 2, Rev. J. H. Greene 3, R. Osborne 4, D. A. Kirk (cond.) 5. First in four variations of Doubles 1, 2, 3 and 4.

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, LANCS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sue Flint 1, Jennifer Ellison 2, A. Flint 3, R. Dorling (first quarter) 4, K. Edwards 5, D. Bennett (first as cond.) 6.

ORSTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Foster 1, R. D. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw 3, T. Goodwin 4, T. O. Greasley 5, M. W. Harrison (cond.) 6. For the induction of the Rev. G. F. Blackmore as Rector.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: (4, 6, 8 covering): Howard Meek 1, W. Spiers 2, R. Chew 3, Harold Meek 4, E. W. Penn 5, P. Wilce (first quarter) 6, K. Tyler (cond.) 7, D. Bower 8. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of Mr. G. Jones, late member and sidesman.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Pearson 1, Denise Hargreaves 2, Margaret Westwood 3, M. Mulvey 4, D. Large 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band. Rung in recognition of the Rev. C. Simister completing 10 years' service as Vicar.

SELBY, YORKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: C. M. Brown 1, J. R. Grant 2, D. Whitehead 3, Margaret Whitehead 4, D. J. Swann 5, R. R. Warford (cond.) 6.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Margaret Edmonds 1, T. Jennings (aged 86) 2, Miss G. A. Ashby 3, H. Marlow 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss Susan Clarke to George Herbert Fairley. Also a compliment to the curate (Rev. F. N. Holman), upon his wedding a month earlier at Wellington, Somerset.

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"And be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."—Ephesians iv, 32.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ACRES.—Due to continued illness, John A. Acres unfortunately has had to leave Leicester. Until further notice, address is now 30, Nalla Gardens, Chelmsford, Essex. 8509

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MISCELLANEOUS

ASH, SURREY.—No practice will be held on February 23rd, Ash Wednesday.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 148th anniversary will be held on Saturday, March 5th. Bells open 2 p.m. Dinner in Village Hall at 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 12s. from F. A. White, Bellhanger, Appleton, Abingdon, Berks, before February 25th. 8417

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—The Bethersden Players will be performing a three-act play on February 24th, 25th and 26th. As is customary, therefore, bellringing practice on February 25th has been cancelled.—J. E.S.

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COUNTRY MEETING

Preliminary Notice: Meeting at Gloucester on Saturday, May 7th. Full details later.

ANNUAL DINNER

Preliminary Notice: The 329th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, at Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E.1

J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12

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CROYDON.—Would readers please note that all future correspondence regarding ringing at St. John-the-Baptist's, Croydon, should be addressed to Mr. R. C. Stevens, 28, Waynflete Avenue, Croydon, Surrey. 8476

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual District social will be held at St. Michael and All Angels' Parish Hall, Maidstone, on Saturday, February 19th, commencing 7 p.m. Association and District members and friends very welcome Tickets 2/6 available at door, but preferably on application to Miss D. M. Groves, 50, Heather Drive, Maidstone. — M. L. H., Dis. Sec 8430

SS. PETER AND PAUL'S, HEADCORN, KENT.—From February 18th, 1966, weekly practices will be held on Fridays commencing at 7.15 p.m. Visitors most welcome. 8480

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LATE NEWS

We regret to learn that Mrs. Mary Walker, widow of the late Mr. Albert Walker, died on February 1st in her 88th year.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Preliminary Notice.—The eight-bell striking competition will take place on Saturday, April 30th next, at Christ Church, Coseley. Draw at 3 p.m. sharp. Test piece: A Plain Course of Grandsire Triples or a Bob Course of Plain Bob Major. Entries, in writing by the next meeting (Rushall, March 19th), please, to me.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8477

ST. ANDREW'S, COBHAM.—Change of practice night from March 1st, 1966: Tuesdays, 7.30–9 p.m. Visitors welcome. 8445

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CANCELLATION

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Due to special Lent services, Wednesday practices at Merstham will be cancelled. This will mean that the District practice scheduled for March 2nd will unfortunately not take place. 8518

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—At Minehead, February 19th, 10-bell practice at 7 p.m 8478

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Practice meeting, Croscombe (6), Saturday, February 19th, 7.30 p.m. 8489

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Winford (6). Saturday, February 19th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8505

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Annual general meeting, Oxton, February 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Phone CLA 5192 for free tea. 8518

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Archdeaconry of Warwick.—Meeting at Kenilworth on Saturday, February 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr J Royal, 33, Waverley Road, Kenilworth, please. Special method: Double Stedman Minor. 8472

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Fourteenth annual and Sir A. P. Heywood Memorial Dinner at the Odeon, Chesterfield, on February 19th from 6.30–11. Chesterfield (10) available from 4–6 p.m. Tickets (price 20/-) available from District secretaries or direct from Mr. M. Phipps, 23, Walton Drive, Boythorpe, Chesterfield. (Please enclose s.a.e) 8347

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Clenchwarton, Saturday, February 19th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 — J. Fox, Dis. Sec 8467

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District. — Meeting at St. Neots, Saturday, February 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Further ringing after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8441

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Evening practice at Farnborough (8) on Saturday, February 19th, from 6–9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 8451

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Stephen's, St. Albans, February 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss C. Rimmer, 182 Tippendel Lane, St. Albans. — R. D. R. Brown Dis. Sec. 8438

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting at Teignmouth on Saturday, February 19th. Ringing will commence at St. James' at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring a packed lunch for tea in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Cups of tea will be available. Evening ringing at St. John the Baptist's Church, Bishopsteighton, from 7.30 p.m. 8486

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester and Rossendale Branches. — Joint meeting on Saturday, February 19th. Ringing at Radcliffe (8) and Prestwich (8) 3 p.m. Tea at Prestwich 5 p.m. Both towers available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. F. Reynolds, 38, Windsor Avenue, Prestwich—P. Mason and J. Brannan, Branch Secs. 8465

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Evening practice meeting at Groby (6), Tuesday, February 22nd, at 7.30 p.m., mainly for elementary ringers, but experienced ringers essential to help. Special method: Plain Bob.—Ron Hughes, Dis. Sec. 8456

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.— Meeting at Saxilby, Saturday, February 19th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mrs R. Crosby, 19a, Mill Lane, Saxilby. 8437

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, St. Giles', Cripplegate, February 19th, 2.30–3.30; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 4–5.30. Service. Tea, business meeting and social Edinburgh Tavern, Milford Lane (opposite church). Handbell competition. Names for tea essential to Miss Y. E Dupré, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road, Fulham S.W.6 Renown 4423. 8380

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — N. and E.—Annual District meeting, February 19th, at St. John-at-Hackney. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business Evening ringing to 8 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8404

SALISBURY GUILD — West Dorset Branch. — Langford-Beams-Cox memorial meeting, Bradpole, Saturday, February 19th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. All welcome Names for tea to J. Davis,, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 8444

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Annual meeting, Hurstpierpoint (8), Saturday, February 19th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea please, to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade. 8448

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, February 19th, Wentworth (6) 2.30–4 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Gatty Hall. Ecclesfield, at 4.30 p.m Ringing at Ecclesfield (8) after the meeting Names for tea to Mr. G. Sharpe, 8, Townend Road, Ecclesfield, near Sheffield. No name, no tea. All welcome. —M. King, Hon. Sec. 8337

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Winscombe (8), Saturday, February 26th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 8507

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Leighton Buzzard, Saturday, February 26th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6. Names to Mr. J. Clapp, Top Flat, 38, St. Andrew's Street, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, by 24th.—K. G. Spavins, Dis. Sec. 8494

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE and DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE and YORKSHIRE (Northern District) ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting at Stockton on Saturday, February 26th. Tea 5. Service 6.40. Names for tea to Mrs. E. P. Rock, 513, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Stockton. 8511

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY —Meeting at Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, February 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m Names to Mr J. Laughton, 95, Tenter Balk Lane, Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster. 8488

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A social evening will be held at King George VI Playing Field Hall, Braintree, on Saturday, February 26th, at 8 p.m. Tickets (3/6 each) from Mr P. Wood, 10, The Causeway Finchingfield, Braintree. (S.A.E., please) 8425

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting, Horsell, Saturday, February 26th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following in school. Names to Miss B. Gordon, Northrepps Cottage, West Hill Road, Woking. 8491

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Smarden, Saturday, February 26th. Bells (6, 18 cwt.) 3 p.m Service 4.30. Names for tea to A Bourner, 2, Glebe Close, Smarden, near Ashford, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde District.—Meeting on Saturday, February 26th, at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Lytham. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 8497

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, February 26th, Saviour's, 2.30 p.m. (afternoon only). Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Business follows tea. Deane 6 p.m. to 7.25 p.m.—M. E. Fort, Sec. 8514

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting at Horbury on Saturday, February 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food: cups of tea only available.—Ian North, Hon. Sec. 8502

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Meeting, Burbage, Saturday, February 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea to Mr. F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, by Wednesday. Tel. Burbage 516.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 8453

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—A.G.M. at Boston, Saturday, February 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, February 21st.—P. J. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 8455

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (South and West District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). Joint meeting, Saturday, February 26th. Ringing: Fulmer 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.; Beaconsfield 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. Social evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss Fletcher, 11, Aylesbury End, Old Town Beaconsfield.—W. S. Deason, Miss Hague. 8442

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Annual meeting, Fakenham, on Saturday, February 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 Service 4.30, followed by business. Names for tea to George Cooke, 24, Back Street, Hempton, Fakenham, by February 24th. 8482

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting, Faringdon, Saturday, February 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea Wheatsheaf Hotel Names, please, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks, by Wednesday, February 23rd. 8464

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch. — Practice meeting, Wallingford, Saturday, February 26th, 6.30–8.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. Corderoy, Hon. Sec. 8484

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Britford, Saturday, February 26th. Bells from 5.30 p.m. 8492

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS and DERBY DISTRICT.—Meeting at West Hallam, Saturday, February 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 8512

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY —Evening practice meeting at Stretton, near Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, February 26th. Bells (6) available 6.30–8.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. M S., Hon. Sec. 8402

SUFFOLK GUILD — S.W. District. — Quarterly meeting at Stratford St. Mary on Saturday, February 26th Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting **Meeting of the Executive Committee at 7.30 p.m. in the church (heated!).** Names for tea to W D Bailey, Squirrels Hall Cottage, Stratford St. Mary, Colchester, by Wednesday, February 23rd. 8419

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Bexhill-on-Sea, Saturday, February 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. G. Fitzhugh, 36, London Road, Hailsham, Sussex, by Wednesday, February 23rd. Will all members please make special effort to attend.—G. Fitzhugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 8432

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Trull, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 8500

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Lillington, March 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells 6. Special method: Double Norwich. Names for tea to Mr. D. Allibon, 6, Farm Road, Lillington Nominations for District officials will be required. 8499

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South East District.—Meeting at Springfield on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827). 8490

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hartlip, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to W. Kitchingham, Stone Hall, The Street, Hartlip, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8483

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 5th, Sturminster Marshall (6). Bells 3–5 p.m. Wimborne Minster (10) 6.30–8.30 Names for tea, at Wimborne, to Mr C. Bishop, Denhom, Wimborne Road West, Wimborne, by Thursday March 3rd. 8479

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.— Annual general meeting, Walkley, Saturday, March 5th. Bells available 2.30 till 3 p.m. only. Ranmoor from 3.15 and after tea. Business includes new secretary and proposed changes to cup contest rules. Names for tea to Miss E. Webster, 29, Ranmoor Road, Sheffield 10.—J. Seager, Sec. 8510

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting, Neath, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea, by February 26th. 8498

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Quarteriy meeting, Earls Croome (6), Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Strensham (6) available 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea (Village Hall, Earls Croome), to J. J. Stanier, Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Ronkswood, Worcester, by Wednesday, March 2nd. 8508

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Social at Boreham, Saturday, March 12th, at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall. Tickets 6/- from E. W. Roast, Twixus, Mill Lane, Danbury, Chelmsford, Essex. S.A.E., please, by Wednesday, March 9th. 8503

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting, Goodnestone, Canterbury, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Village Hall at 2/- per person. Those who require tea please notify Mrs. R. R. Brett, Copmans Hall, Goodnestone, near Canterbuy, by March 9th, together with cash. 8513

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TECHNOLOGY AND CHRISTIANITY CAN LIVE TOGETHER

By CANON GILBERT THURLOW

[From a sermon preached at the dedication of Holt, Norfolk, bells.]

THIS is a highly technical age and some people question whether a faith which began in simple surroundings can inspire a technical society. What is the use, such people say, of quoting words like "I am the good shepherd" to men whose life is in mine or factory, who are lost in mass production, inspired by the power of the crowd alone? But Christianity began in a technical age. The Wise Men's gifts were the fruits of technology. Herod's new temple was a technical achievement, and Paul's travels depended on a technical organisation. And the proclamation from this tower at Holt is the fruit of technology through six centuries proclaimed in Christ's name.

One of the bells we hear tonight was cast by Thomas Potter in Norwich, in a highly skilled, technical and dangerous operation, which he accomplished 600 years ago. It has proclaimed the Gospel since then; first in the tower of St. Swithin and then, when that tower was taken down in 1881, it was transferred to St. Margaret's. That parish has now lost its population and in consequence the bell has come here to take a new lease of life, which may last as long in the future as it has in the past.

Thomas Potter inherited a technical skill already at least four centuries old in England and only last summer men were digging up at Winchester the furnace and moulds used for casting the bells for the Saxon Minster in which the Kings of Wessex were being buried 1,000 years ago. The technical achievement which cast Thomas Potter's bell has been gradually improved, so that today English bellfounders, like those who have rung Holt bells, are more skilled and have wider connections than ever before. In the last two years English founders have sent magnificent new rings of bells to the Cathedrals at Washington, Sydney, Capetown and Guildford. So much for the dying Church and the inconsistency of Christianity and technology! These two can live together and the City of God is in Coventry—the city of constant strikes—as much as in Jerusalem which killed the prophets.

The Gospel is best preached in simplicity—Christ said so himself. Intricacy is not inconsistent with simplicity and we must learn not to let the one banish the other. The bells illustrate this so well. Bell tuning, hanging and change ringing are each an intricate science and I must compliment both the local ringers and the Gresham boys on what they are achieving. But the result of all this work is, for the average listener, a challenge—simple, compelling, penetrating the souls of all who hear it. The sound of bells is wordless, so it is not subject to the limitations of words. Bells do not state a creed so they are not subject to the limitations of a creed. We are subjected to constant discussions about Christian belief, but the bells sound with a voice as simple as "Follow Me, My peace I give unto you," and one cannot turn one's back on a simple call, as one perhaps can when Christianity is reduced to a mere subject for discussion. A wordless call has no limits. There it is.

When people work together God's power is realised. These bells are the fruit of the working together of many people of goodwill, each for all and all for each. Not only have there been the technicians of whom I have spoken, but there have been besides so many here who have shown such splendid leadership and such fine co-operation, in raising the money. Let us encourage them by giving towards the sum still needed—by spreading interest and goodwill, and by doing all kinds of technical works here, either at cost price or for nothing.

It is usually invidious to mention names—but there is one very much in our minds, Billy West, to whose splendid leadership this achievement is so largely due. At this moment he is ill in Cromer Hospital, but he will have the satisfaction of knowing of the climax of his achievement, even though he cannot personally join in it.

Working together will continue here in the future. It will be the working together of men and women, boys and girls, who in days to come learn to ring, will teach others, and will maintain the bells and the ringing tradition in union with the 40,000 other ringers in this and other lands, which will keep the proclaiming of the Christian Good News from this tower as a living fact.

There is much talk today about the need for training the laity for work in the Church. But ringing is just one example of the fact that the laity have for centuries been quietly doing their work without talking about it. The quiet sincere leadership and team work among thousands of ringers is an example of lay work of which the Church can be proud.

So as Holt's bells ring tonight and in years to come, allow them to remind you of the three facts of which I have spoken: technology and Christianity are not inconsistent, each can be of great help to the other; the Gospel is best preached in simplicity, deep though its origins, its philosophy and its implications are: and it is when people work together as a team that God's power is released.

REDUNDANT NORWICH BELLS PROVIDE HOLT WITH RING OF SIX

HOLT Parish Church, Norfolk, was packed on February 6th, when the ring of six was dedicated at a special service at 6.30. Some local churches had closed down for the evening so that their people could be present. The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Lynn, and the address given by the president of the Central Council.

There is an interesting example of "bells moving with the people" behind this new ring. Holt has for long possessed two bells hung for ringing, on which Gresham's schoolboys and others have learned to handle. Their frame was intended to be adaptable for a larger ring at some future date. But how were four more bells to be obtained?

St. Margaret's, Norwich, is one of many "redundant churches" in the centre of that city. It possessed a ring of five hung "dead," consisting of three taken from the redundant St. Swithin's next door, when the tower of that church was taken down in 1881, with two others recast from older bells in 1908. These seemed likely never to be hung for ringing in St. Margaret's. So, when it transpired that Holt wanted a ring of six, a happy arrangement was made, by which four of the St. Margaret's bells were made available for Holt. Taylor's of Loughborough have made a very good job. They have retained the two Holt bells as 3 and 6, the old St Margaret's 3 and 4 are now 4 and 5 in the new ring, and the two St. Margaret's trebles are recast into the two trebles at Holt.

A great deal of local interest was stirred up. The lead in this was magnificently given by Mr. Billy West, captain for 40 years of Wiveton tower nearby. He, together with many others, has given unsparingly of his time and talents, so that much of the work has been done free or at cost price. Indeed, the one most disappointing feature of the evening was the absence of three people—Billy West himself, who has knocked himself up with overwork in this matter, and was then in Cromer Hospital, the Rector of Holt, who is unwell, and the president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, Mr. Nolan Golden, who was away for a similar reason.

The form of service was planned round the dedication itself, which was preceded by a bidding prayer and the sermon, and followed by the opening plain course of Bob Minor rung by ringers from Wiveton, Aylsham and Reepham, and prayers, anthem (Purcell's "Bell Anthem") and hymns, during one of which a collection was taken to help pay off the still considerable debt on the work. A number of ringers attended, and many more were welcomed at the meeting held there on February 12th.

A tribute to Mr. Billy West appeared in our last issue.

BELLS TRIED OUT

Many ringers tried out the new bells on February 12th, when the Rev. D. Tuck conducted a short service and the Rev. M. C. C. Melville read the lesson. All were pleased to have Mr. Billy West there; although he did not ring, he ventured up to the ringing chamber. There are several willing to learn and it looks as if in the not too distant future there will be an up-and-coming band here.

It is gratifying to know that Wiveton bells will still be rung for Sunday services and we wish Mr. West and his many helpers every success in their new venture. Mr. Bird informs us that the fund is still some hundreds of pounds short and anyone willing to help should send a donation to Mr. W. West, Southfield, Norwich Road, Holt. The collection for the fund at the meeting was over £10.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 26



MISS MARGARET E. CHILTON
The Southwell Diocesan Guild

The Southwell Diocesan Guild, through this series, proudly presents to the Exercise a brilliant young member of the fair sex in the name of Margaret E. Chilton.

Born in Newark-on-Trent, Notts, on March 20th, 1946, Margaret is a great-niece of the late Arthur Andrews, of Billingborough, Lincs (who stood in the first peal to be rung on the old five at that tower), and daughter of Arthur E. Chilton, the tower-keeper at Newark, and so carries on the tradition of a great ringing family into the third generation.

Educated at Newark Technical College and School of Art, Margaret passed seven commercial subjects and G.C.E. and is now employed by the National Provincial Bank as a cashier

As an 11-year-old schoolgirl, complete with pigtail, she climbed the 92 steps to the Newark belfry and learned to handle a bell under the guidance of Mr. J. W. Raithby, Master of the Newark Society, and Mr. W. L. Exton, who is now general secretary of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

After scoring her first peal by ringing the treble to Doubles at Elston, Notts, on October 29th, 1960, conducted by J. R. Pratchett, Margaret has continued with a busy life of peal ringing, having taken part in 108 successful attempts, 101 of which were for the Southwell Diocesan Guild. Happiest when ringing Caters but equally at home on any number of bells, her achievements include several multi-method/variations of Doubles.

Apart from peal ringing, Margaret has wide interest in other fields of the Exercise and has taken full advantage in this day and age of modern transport and willing teammates, having rung in 299 towers covering 27 counties and is a member of six Guilds or Societies, one of them being the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Although Margaret enjoys ringing, she also plays an important part in looking after other ringers' interests, being hon. treasurer of the Newark Parish Church Society and an Executive Committee member of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

Six months ago Margaret said that she had two ambitions in her ringing life, one was to be the youngest person in the Southwell Guild to ring 100 peals, and the other was to be another lady to ring 500 peals. The first ambition was realised in September, 1965.

The future is always uncertain but, fired with the enthusiasm of youth and surrounded by a goodly company of ringing friends, she will surely be well on the way to the next target and inspire many young ringers in doing so.

An excellent and noteworthy record from a most brilliant youngster, deserving heartiest congratulations from the whole Exercise.

NORVING.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

All the officers were re-elected at the annual general meeting of the Cary Branch at Evercreech on January 22nd. About 70 members and friends were present and they stood in remembrance of the following who had died during the year: H. Milborne, R. Stuckey, F. Mead, J. Newport and J. T. Dyke.

The chairman (the Rev. G. S. Robinson) presented Association certificates to four members from Barton St. David, two from Castle Cary, five from Evercreech and two from North Cheriton. New members were elected from Bruton (three), Evercreech (four), Castle Cary and South Cadbury (one each).

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. A. Sellick) for conducting the service, Mr. J. Kinley (organist) and Mr. H. J. Sanger for making the arrangements.

Peal at Corfe, Somerset

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to the band who rang the peal at Corfe, which I think was the first since 1936, but I am afraid it was not the fastest peal for the Association. I have rung in two at Dunkerton which were faster, 2 hours and 15 minutes on February 27th, 1960, and 2 hours and 16 minutes on February 11th, 1963, and also one in 2 hours and 21 minutes on February 11th, 1961.

The little six will go very fast indeed if required and there could possibly have been some rung faster again, but it is interesting to look back and find that I have rung peals here in almost 2¼ hours—one extreme to the other, but nevertheless equally enjoyable. —Yours truly,

ALAN F. LEE.

Bath.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

The Andover District elected a new team of officers, following retirements at the annual District meeting on January 8th at Andover. The chairman is Mr. G. Dodd (retiring secretary); vice-chairman Mr. A. W. Alliston; hon. secretary Mr. J. Wimlett; Ringing Master Mr. R. Crook; Deputy Ringing Master Mr. P. Murdock; treasurers Mr. and Mrs. Tarrant.

The secretary reported a successful year, with 18 peals, which included the firsts of Highclere Surprise and Longparish Doubles and first for the Guild of Glasgow Surprise. The secretary is to draw up a rota of monthly practices and the Ringing Master hopes to organise advanced practices.

Next A.D.M Andover, January 14th, 1967, and quarterly meeting, Amport and Abbot's Ann on April 2nd.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A company of over 40 sat down to the bountiful tea provided by the wives of St. Leonard's ringers at the annual general meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch at Bridgnorth on February 5th. The Rector (the Rev. D. Allen) conducted the service at St. Leonard's Church. At the ensuing meeting Mr. A. Jones (Ringing Master) and Mrs. Joan Bennett (secretary-treasurer) were thanked for their services and duly elected for another 12 months. Ringing took place at both St. Leonard's and St. Mary's Churches.

NORTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Angell 1, A. F. Lee 2, J. E. Newman (first as cond.) 3, H. E. Applegate 4, R. F. Phelps 5, C. B. Applegate (first quarter) 6. A farewell to Rev. and Mrs. N. O. W. Johnson.



UNIQUE KENT RINGING RECORD

Dear Sir,—When, some years ago, I first decided to try to trace my family history, I knew that my great-great-grandfather, Henry Down, was a ringer at Hythe, in Kent, and was born there in 1805. It was known, too, that his father, another Henry, was also a Hythe ringer.

Having established more recent relationships through Somerset House, which has birth, marriage and death records back to 1837, an examination of the Hythe parish registers was obviously the next step. These confirmed the young Henry Down's birth in 1805 and also that his father's name was Henry. But although the older Henry lived in Hythe and owned property and carried on a business there, there was no sign of his baptism in the otherwise complete registers; clearly, he had been born somewhere else, but where?

It was at this point that I decided to look in the ringing chamber. You can imagine my delight when I saw a framed silhouette of my great-great-great-grandfather hanging on the wall and under it the caption "Henry Down, a celebrated ringer of Hythe. Born at Saltwood 26th May, 1757. Died at Hythe 11th June, 1849." This silhouette the towermaster very kindly allowed me to have photographed. To add further proof of the relationship between the two Henrys and of the birth date of the elder, a peal board commemorating 5,040 Bob Triples in 1832 showed "Henry Down (Junr.)" on the treble and "Henry Down (Senr.), aged 75," on the 4th.

Thanks to these clues I now know that the elder Henry's father was named Edmund Down, that he was a "husbandman" (a farmer), and that he was married in the charming little Marshland church of Old Romney in 1746 at the age of 29. The search continues, but that is another story.

I do not know when the elder Henry began ringing, but he was of some standing by 1802 (probably Hythe towermaster), for in that year (according to Stahlschmidt—"The Church Bells of Kent," 1887), his name was cast into the tenor of a new ring by Mears of London. A family story has it that he went up to London for the casting and was fool enough to throw a guinea into the molten metal! The first record I have of one of his peals, though there must have been some earlier, is of 10,080 Bob Major at Hythe in 1818, in which he rang the 3rd. He rang many later peals and in fact remained active to a great age; he was certainly still ringing at the age of 88.

The elder Henry must have been proud to have lived long enough to see his son ring the 2nd in the long peal of 13,440 Bob Major at Hythe in 1846. Morris records this peal in his "History and Art of Change Ringing," and I believe it remained a record length in Kent for many years.

I would like to think that I might one day match my predecessors' prowess. However, my friends at Christ Church, Erith, would probably agree that there is still a long way to go yet!

It would be interesting to see if any other readers have ringing forbears of this vintage. Is there an Annable, a Snowdon or a Thurstans anywhere today? Finally, may I use your columns to say that if anyone has any further information on my ancestors, especially if they know of the whereabouts of any notebooks belonging to them, I should be delighted to hear from them.—Yours faithfully,

PHILIP R. DOWN.

32, The Drive,
Erith, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District A.G.M. at Southwark

It was announced at the annual general meeting of the Northern District, held at Southwark Cathedral on January 29th that a recommendation to invite the Central Council to hold its 1968 meeting in the London Borough of Croydon would be submitted to the Association's annual meeting in May.

Seventy ringers (44 resident of the District) were present and 14 new members were elected. The committee reported that the system of instructional courses was beginning to show a small return for the monthly visits of instructors to less experienced bands.

On being elected Master, Mr. W. Jackson said that his policy would be to keep the business meetings as short as possible and to spend more time in the belfry. Other officers elected were: Hon. secretary, Mr. N. Steere; assistant secretary, Mr. B. Bull; committee, Miss A. Mann, Rev. A. Clayton and Mr. C. Mew; auditor, Mr. R. F. Layton.

Further ringing followed, including Surprise Royal.

Southern District

Despite the rather damp afternoon a large number of ringers attended the annual general meeting of the Southern District at Merstham on January 22nd. The Ringing Master, Mr. T. Bird, supervised the ringing before the excellent service. The tea prepared by the ladies was most satisfying. The meeting followed, at which 12 new resident members were elected.

The following officers were elected for 1966: Ringing Master, Mr. A. Streeter; secretary-treasurer, Mr. K. Game; assistant secretary, Mr. I. Wickens; auditor, Mr. M. A. Northover; "Ringing World" representative, Mr. I. Wickens.

Ringing was resumed at St. Katharine's with methods ranging from Oxford Bob Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS. — On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 All Saints Doubles: Carol Hedges 1, P. M. Edgson 2, J. G. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Joan Cheney 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. D. Eveleigh, the conductor's mother, who died on December 23rd.

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E. A. BARNETT,
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GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual meeting of the South-West Branch was held at Lifton on January 29th. The ringing included rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. M. L. Thornwill), who, after welcoming the Branch, in his address appealed to the ringers to dedicate themselves more earnestly than ever in sharing the struggle of the parish churches to call the people back to the Church. Between 50 and 60 people sat down to tea, which was served by the ladies of the church.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. H. H. Thomas. There were several changes in the officers elected, Mr. George Mudge (of Whitchurch) and Capt. Read (of Galmpton) were new to the General Committee, the third member being Mr. Roy Bould, Ringing Master. Mr. R. Southwood, Plympton, was elected hon. secretary and treasurer. Miss Sylvia Sims, Press officer, Mr. Owen Thomas, auditor, and Mr. Roy Bould, Ringing Master, were re-elected. Mr. T. G. Myers (St. Andrew's, Plymouth) succeeds Mr H. H. Thomas, who did not seek re-election as chairman. He was thanked for his efforts on behalf of the Branch over the past 15 years, having been elected chairman in 1951. The resignation of Mrs. Bould as hon. secretary and treasurer was received.

A recommendation to the General Committee that £25 be donated to Whitchurch Bell Restoration Fund was carried.

New members elected were the Rev. Eric Hayman, Lynn Murkin, Linda Le-Tissier and N. A. G. Rowe (Emmanuel, Plymouth) and the Rev. Roy Harris, Vicar of Emmanuel, as an honorary member

The votes of thanks were proposed from the chair and included one to Mr. Brimicombe and local ringers.

Next practice meeting: St. Budeaux, March 12th.

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Letters to the Editor

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL PEAL STANDS

Dear Sir,—It is not my intention to enter into correspondence with Mr. Mason through the columns of "The Ringing World," but as my integrity as a ringer and my competency as a conductor have been questioned, I wish to speak to the Ringing Exercise in general in defence of both.

Over many years I have made a host of friends throughout the country and they have accepted me both as a ringer and a person commanding as high a standard as the band itself allows. These people will appreciate that the discretion I used as the conductor of the peal at Leicester on New Year's Eve and as to its validity requires no challenge. Therefore I have no hesitation in stating that the peal shall stand as one that should remain in the records of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

P. J. STANIFORTH.

Leicester.

MIGHT NOT REMEMBER?

Dear Sir,—From his letter ("The Ringing World," February 11th) it is to be assumed that Mr. Mason's peals are always of a very high standard. Perhaps he always follows his own advice and asks the conductor to stop the ringing if he considers it too bad to proceed. But no! He might not want to remember a recent visit to a Somerset 10-bell tower in the light of what he has written. Or is his reputation at stake and the thought of the tenor-kings who have rung that certain tenor in recent years! Come now, what's fair to one is fair to another.—Yours faithfully PLAIN HUNT.

(Name and address supplied.)

KING EDWARD SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—I can see little point in changing the name of a Minor method that has already been established, as in the case of King Edward Surprise recently rung at Kilndown, Kent, on January 8th, when it was renamed Keston Surprise.

Surely the situation was already sufficiently complicated—the "Minor Alphabet" recently published contained over 1,000 names, some of the methods having two, three, four and even five names.

Although published as King Edward in the "Bell News" in 1907 it was probably rung under that name before publication, and my records show that it was rung at Wath-on-Dearne and Felkirk in the 1920's as King Edward, although it was probably rung elsewhere as well.

In any case it already has a duplicate name, Crown Bob. Why tack on a third?—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, near Wakefield.

REDDITCH BELLS

Dear Sir,—The correspondence on Redditch was interesting. St. Stephen's possesses a musical ring of eight and its spire is a landmark for many miles in a picturesque part of Worcestershire and Warwickshire.

Some remarks in the report of the County School outing were not quite accurate. I was privileged to conduct a quarter peal on the back six at the commencement of a week of festivities to celebrate the centenary of the borough charter in July, 1955. Four of the company were local ringers and as far as I know the band has been active for many years since.—Yours faithfully,

V. A. HEMMING.

(Formerly of St. James', Shirley, Solihull.)

WEST DOWN CAPTAIN ON CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I, through your paper, say thank you to P. R. M. for the nicely-worded report on the death of my uncle, Mr. William Phillips, of Newport, which is more than I can say for the report by Mr. Claude Rush on the B.B.C. Christmas Bell Broadcast.

What we have beeen striving for all our ringing lives, "good striking," he writes off as "monotonous" and would be improved by "open leads," "clips" and "near misses." Blimey!

Should Mr. Rush take C. E. Thoday's advice to spend his next holiday in Devon he will do well to learn this little verse that hung on the wall at the school I attended:

A wise old owl sat in an oak,
The more he saw the less he spoke,
The less he spoke the more he heard,
Why can't we be like that old bird?

because he will meet quite a few who can "zend 'em around a bit viddy like."

On behalf of the ringers at West Down I extend to him a hearty invitation to join us if ever he is down our way.—Yours faithfully,

MERVYN PHILLIPS,
Captain, West Down, Ilfracombe.

"THANKS, PETER CROOK"

Dear Sir,—In Peter Crook's records are two peals rung in Cornwall in July, 1938. He rang them with a Cornish band. One of those ringers was a 12-year-old boy, who now says "Thanks, Peter Crook." Of that band only four can now claim to ring at all regularly, and only two of those are left in Cornwall, but Peter's example of keenness still bears fruit amongst those remaining in the Exercise who came into contact with him in that part of the world.—Yours faithfully,

E. V. WILLIAMS.

Dagenham.

THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS

Dear Sir,—Re the peal of Grandsire Royal at Daventry, if I may give a verdict it is to say that people have a right to please themselves what they ring in the name of **true changes** and without David J. Marshall's (or anyone else's) permission just because **he** or they don't like the method rung. The best answer to Mr. Marshall I consider came from Mr. Edmund Malin—particularly that last paragraph asking if he wants a "Police State" in ringing.

I have not rung a peal of Grandsire ten and doubt, with health and advancing years, whether I now shall, but I have rung (and enjoyed ringing) two peals of Grandsire Major, as well as three (maybe four) of Grandsire Minor. What is all this nonsense, anyway, about "boredom" of having to lay six blows behind at a call—does not the tenor man to a peal of Triples have to lay **5,040** blows behind?

To get the tenor behind for six blows does add music to Grandsire, and takes away some of the "cartwheel" stuff we so often hear to even-bell methods with no open leads, as many of the peals I've listened to have been!—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell,
Northants.

IN SUPPORT OF GRANDSIRE

Dear Sir,—Having read with interest the varied controversy in "The Ringing World" concerning Grandsire, I would like to express an opinion as to its merits as a method. In my early days of ringing, having been brought up in a five-bell tower, Grandsire was very much practised but I have never had any regrets for having had such a grounding in one method.

Forty years ago Grandsire and Stedman were very much the methods of the day and if one was not interested in either, let alone not able to strike them to perfection, you got very little encouragement to attempt any other method more complex. Today we too often find a ringer has had too little time spent on learning to handle a bell, mastering rounds efficiently, followed by a good grounding in the elementary stages of change ringing, including Grandsire.

After all, Grandsire and Stedman are two of the main foundation stones to the art of change ringing. Instead, a beginner is often hurried on to Surprise ringing; in consequence we often find inferior and very second rate striking. It is much like teaching a pupil at school to learn algebra and geometry before he has fully grasped simple arithmetic. Grandsire for its musical qualities ranks high, with scarcely a bad change whether in Doubles or Caters, with Stedman a very close second; perhaps some would reverse this order.

Looking back a good number of years, when we used to tour our District around Christmas with handbells and visit a large number of houses, I particularly remember an old gentleman (a true bell lover, but not a ringer), who always expected us and gave us a great welcome. We would ring in the spacious hall, table changes, either Grandsire Caters or Plain Bob Caters; he would invariably single out Grandsire Caters and maintain it was perfect bell music. So from this point of view I wonder how the listening public classify our efforts to put over our best effects of bell music. Is it Surprise ringing or Plain? Is it odd- or even-bell ringing which appeals most? Whichever way it is, I feel we owe a deep sense of gratitude to our forbears in handing down to us such a rich legacy as Grandsire.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Folkingham, Lincs.

LESSNESS SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—After reading Mr. Jenner's letter (page 76, 1966) I must write in defence of Mr. Wycherley, under whose name the composition of Lessness, to which he refers, appears. The composition was sent in by me against Mr. Wycherley's advice because it is particularly suited to the Uxbridge/Lessness type of method and because it had not to my knowledge been published previously. No blame can therefore be attached to Mr. Wycherley.—Yours sincerely,

NEIL BENNETT.

Ashton-under-Lyne.

NURSES' PEAL BAND

Dear Sir,—I wonder whether it might be possible to get an idea of how many trained nurses there are in the Exercise. Although I know of a few student nurses who are learning to ring in this area I do not know any other trained nurse ringers. I imagine there must be a few somewhere, and wonder if a peal band of nurses could be raised.—Yours sincerely,

TERENCE M. FITZGERALD,
S.R.N., R.F.N., Q.N.

Liverpool.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

CLAPPER FAILURE

Dear Sir,—If we assume that failure of a clapper invariably occurs as the result of the sudden shock as it strikes the bell, the problem posed by Mr. Hayns, in "The Ringing World" of January 28th, becomes more readily analysed.

At that time the bell is practically stationary, so that it is only necessary to consider the effect on the clapper of the blow it receives as it meets the soundbow. Wherever this arresting and impulsive blow is applied on the clapper there must be a parallel impulse in the bearing to stop the rotation. Given the lengths from the clapper bearing to its centre of gravity to the point of contact with the soundbow and of the equivalent simple pendulum, together with its weight and actual speed as it strikes the bell, it should be possible to deduce the magnitude of these two impulsive forces, and hence compute the shear in the staple bolt.

However, the snags arise in determining the speed of the clapper at impact. This is related to the speed of the ringing, the natural speed of the bell, whether she is early or late struck, and whether she rings "right" or "wrong." I feel that these last are probably connected, but the speed problem seems extremely complex. Last November Messrs. King, McClenahan and Threlfall reported their investigations into the clappering of a bell ("Ringing World," November 25th, 1965, page 744) and, as their problem was also associated with the relative speeds of bell and clapper, they may be able to shed some additional light on this one.

Incidentally, the failures reported by Mr. Hayns would have been aggravated by the tension in the bolt due to the centrifugal force instantaneously in the clapper as it strikes the bell, together with that tension due to tightening the nut.

Could it be also that the area of the bolt might have been reduced through wear through ringing whilst it was slack for want of maintenance? Alternatively the strength of the bolt of a well-used bell might have been reduced by fatigue, being subject to some two and a half million stress cycles in a period of ten years.

Whatever the conclusions to which Mr. Hayns ultimately comes for the general design of clapper staple bolts, they can be of little immediate aid to any tower without substantial rehanging funds, as they could involve redrilling for larger bolts or providing rebalanced new clappers. New rings, however, will have an assurance of greater freedom from the disconcerting results of losing a clapper.—Yours faithfully,

J. S. BOOTHMAN.

Birmingham 17.

OLDEST COMPLETE RING

Dear Sir,—George Elphick mentions Iford, Sussex, a ring of three by William Chamberlain, to be added to those noted, Bartlow, Cambs, and South Elkington, Lincs.

I have also found what seems to be another ring of four, Fawsley, Northants, attributed to William Chamberlain.—Yours sincerely,

RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON.

Radlett, Herts.

OBITUARY

MR. W. T. BEESON

AN APPRECIATION—HIS PEALS

William T. Beeson, who passed on last July, had a ringing career lasting over 51 years. At the beginning of this span the opportunities to practise ringing demanded far more effort from the individual than today. From his records it is evident that Bill grasped every available chance and took pride in doing so. For example, a notebook reveals, "October 20th, 1914. 720 Oxford. 1st of Treble Bob," and "May 11th, 1915. A course of London Surprise inside, also first course of Woodbine inside."

Taught to ring by his father at Godstone, Bill rang his first peal (Plain Bob Minor) at Burstow in April, 1914. The second, over five years later, was of Grandsire Caters. In his third peal the conductor was Oliver Sippetts, and from then until 1950 Oliver's name appears with Bill's frequently. Many outstanding ringers have stood in peals with Bill, among them being Frank Bennett, Canon Coleridge, William Fussell, George Gilbert, Keith Hart and Alfred Pulling.

Many of his peals were of outstanding merit and of interest to the historians of the Exercise. Of special note are the first of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung (June 11th, 1927), the first of London Surprise Major by a "William" band (October 18th, 1924), the first in any Surprise method by a band of police officers (May 25th, 1929), 9,600 Double Dublin Surprise Major (April 6th, 1931), the first non-conducted peal by a same name band (Stepney, on May 10th, 1958).

Bill rang 873 peals altogether for 24 Guilds or Associations. Of the total, 486 were of Surprise Major in 59 different methods, with 25 peals in up to Six Spliced. His friends tried to help Bill to complete the alphabet but "M" eluded him. His other peals were Cinques 1, Surprise Royal 39, Plain Royal 5, Treble Bob Royal 8, Caters 33, Treble Bob Major 36, Plain Major 85, Triples 95, Minor 72, Doubles 6, "In hand" 2.

I first rang with Bill shortly after his first serious illness. Although often far from well he was always eager and ready for a peal. He never minded losing an attempt but became most outspoken when the striking fell below his conception of "good." In many hours of travelling to and from towers I learned to respect Bill as a man greatly concerned about the future of this country and the Church and interested in a variety of subjects as well as his beloved gardening.

Mr Tom Lock writes: "Bill was a safe and reliable member on ringing tours, and would prefer not to attempt any method or methods unless he was quite sure. In this he showed a true sense of team spirit. Again, he would ring any bell to suit the rest of the band, but preferred to be around the back end. He never attempted to exercise the authority of a policeman but he would demonstrate the qualities of one by remaining calm and unruffled. His country brogue and dry humour were both appealing and fascinating, for one could tell that he enjoyed life in a quiet way. He was always a pleasant companion on tours and was really entertaining when he 'opened up.' The members of his regular touring party for about ten years missed his burly figure and congenial presence after his first illness and were in hopes of his return, but it was not to be." S. G. P.

MR. W. C. WARD

The funeral took place at Great Dalby, Leics, on February 2nd, of William Coley Ward, who died in St. Mary's Hospital on January 28th, aged 80.

He learned to ring at Kirby Bellars, his native village, and worked on the Midland Railway at Trent Junction and Shirebrook and joined the ringers at Old Sawley. He served in the Royal Artillery in World War I and on his return settled in Asfordby. He had rung three peals for the Leicester Guild.

In the evening after the funeral a quarter peal of Doubles was rung half-muffled at Great Dalby by T. Field 1, A. E. Hinman 2, J. L. Day 3, H. T. Bonshor (conductor) 4, C. E. Cooper 5.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

The splendid new parish hall at St. Peter's, Staines, made a very pleasant setting for the S. and W. District annual meeting on February 5th. About 35 members attended, and ringing at both Staines towers preceded the business meeting.

The accounts showed a similarity to those of 1964, with 172 ringing members paying subscriptions. The secretary drew attention to the sum donated to the Bell Restoration Fund, which was rather on the low side, and said he hoped that 1966 would produce far better results. To this end he had invested in a Bell Restoration Fund collection box, which would be left much in evidence at all future meetings. He hoped that before long the Association would be in a position to make grants for sound controlling purposes, since this was becoming ever more vital as the population density of the district increased.

The peal and quarter peal ringing activities had been on the quiet side, with only eight peals. The highlight of the year, however, had been the introduction of the weekday evening meetings and the response to the three meetings held had been most encouraging. After a discussion, all speakers agreed that weekday evening meetings possessed many advantages over those held on Saturdays, and a proposal was unanimously passed that after March, 1966, the Saturday meetings be reduced to three business meetings per year. The officers are to decide when these would be held, with February (A.D.M.), June and September being the probable choice. In future the A.D.M. would be held on the second Saturday in February to avoid clashing with the Cumberlands dinner. Weekday meetings would be held once per month, and joint meetings with other Associations would continue unaffected.

All the officers were re-elected. Mr. R. G. Leale was elected to the Central Committee in place of Peter Ruch. Six ringing members elected were: P. Venn and J. Smith (Hillingdon), J. Porter and Miss S. Davies (Ealing), R. Renn and Miss S. Bradley (Staines). Five non-resident life members were also elected.

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HALF PEAL

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile, on Jan. 25th, 2,688 Bedfordshire Surprise Major: G. R. Edwards 1, R. J. Clifton 2, E. Deakin 3, J. W. Cotton 4, A. E. Rowley 5, R. Beniston 6, D. S. Pont 7, D. P. Jones (cond.) 8. Longest length in method by all except 4.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Jan 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. O. Goulter 1, Kaye W. Lynas 2, R. K. Russ (first of Cambridge Minor) 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 5. D. J. Bleby 6. A wedding compliment to Brian and Anna Cox, who married on January 12th. Also on Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. C. Prior 1, Monica E. Collins 2, Kaye W. Lynas 3, J. O. Goulter 4, F. N. Smeaton 5, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 6, R. K. Russ 7, R. A. S. Adams 8. For the engagement of Elizabeth Abbie and David Bleby. Also on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Kaye W. Lynas 1, Monica E. Collins 2, B. E. Potts 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 5, R. K. Russ 6, D. J. Bleby 7, R. A. S. Adams 8. A farewell to Basil Potts, on his way to New Guinea. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. O. Goulter 1, Monica E. Collins 2, Kaye W. Lynas 3, R. A. S. Adams 4, J. Martin 5, W. B. Pitcher 6, R. K. Russ (first quarter of Major as cond.) 7, D. J. Bleby 8.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (unconducted): Stella G. Rice (first in method) 1, Anne E. Sharpe (first in method) 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Pamela R. Gough 4, S. W. Brown 5, D. A. Hibbett 6. First unconducted quarter in the method for all the band.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Feb. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Beryl Astridge 1, Margaret Arnold (first Major) 2, Felicity Hamilton (first on eight and on "inside" bell) 3, Geraldine Piper 4, J. T. Symonds 5, Tony Skilton (first Major) 6, R. Mills 7, J. Hayns (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Wilcox 1, G. Edwards 2, J. Scott (cond.) 3, K. Eaton 4, L. Perry 5, D. Allman 6.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Sarll (first on treble) 1, A. Swatton (first "inside") 2, P. J. Devrell 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 5, J. G. Hobbs 6. To commemorate the accession of Queen Elizabeth II (1952).

BERKSWELL, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Kedge 1, Miss B. Sawdon 2, Miss M. Hutchings 3, M. Edwards 4, J. Belshaw 5, G. Lightfoot (cond.) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's, on Feb. 5th, 1,616 Plain Bob Major: Wendy Treble 1, Catherine Powell 2, J. R. Norris 3, R. B. Newton 4, D. P. Treble 5, A. W. Bond 6, M. J. Bew 7, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 8. A farewell to Paul and Wendy Treble.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Newlands (first on eight) 1, D. Reynolds (first on eight) 2, Miss G. M. Hussey 3, F. J. Sampson 4, J. C. Slater 5, R. W. Sweet 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, F. R. Hussey 8.

BROUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: D. Graham-Scott (first quarter) 1, T. Raymond Garret (first "inside") 2, P. S. Abbott (first as cond.) 3, C. J. Higgins 4. First of Minimus by all and first on the bells. A welcome to the Bishop of Huntingdon.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Frances Templeman 1, Brenda Chatfield 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, M. G. Tong 4, K. I. Davis 5, D. G. Mitchell 6, T. H. Holmes 7, D. A. Chapman 8. First of Major 4 and 5.

CANTERBURY.—At St. Dunstan's, on Feb. 6th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B.): Miss F. Templeman (first of T.B.) 1, J. Stockbridge 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, C. Beeching 4, A. Butler 5, D. Chatfield (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

CHARING, KENT.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): Diana Bradford 1, Betty Robbins 2, Rev. P. T. Robbins 3, Rhian N. Bagshaw (cond.) 4, P. J. Bagshaw 5, J. L. Anderson 6. First in ten Doubles methods by all. For Evensong.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 7th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: E. Wadman 1, A. P. Beck 2, G. Salmon 3, R. Short 4, H. J. Sanger 5, D. Mackay 6, B. Stirland 7, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 4 and 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Starbuck 1, M. Uphill (cond.) 2, J. Rea 3, R. Cooles 4, C. Daws 5, A. Clayton 6. A.M.D.G.

QUARTER PEALS

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's, on Nov. 28th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, E. E. Davey 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, B. Downie 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. P. Duffield 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. E. Davey 6, A. R. Andrews 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Festival of Nine Lessons.

COLYTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, D. Summers 2, F. Stamp 3, D. Salter 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, T. Travers 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Feb. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. C. Stevens (cond.) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Miss C. Snelling (first in the method) 3, G. A. Fisher (first on ten) 4, G. H. Humphries 5, N. Brown 6, N. G. T. Steere 7, K. Taber 8, F. E. Collins 9, I. M. Parry 10. For Evensong.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 6th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. Frewin (first quarter) 1, G. C. King 2, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 3, P. J. Bloomfield 4, R. E. Copleston 5, J. Armstrong (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob 2, 4 and 5.

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cull 1, R. Kennard 2, S. Brook 3, J. Baker 4, D. McLean (cond.) 5, A. Turner 6. For the wedding of Miss G. Ashby and Mr. M. Chamberlain.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Livesey 1, Ruth Gay 2, P. H. Evans 3, A. J. Jobson 4, J. R. White 5, R. J. Parker 6, G. C. Paul cover. Alternate bobs called by 5 and 6. For Evensong by Birmingham University.

ELY, CAMBS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): T. J. Sandham 1, J. W. Pickett 2, B. Bass 3, F. Talbot 4, B. B. Hullah (cond.) 5, I. M. Waters 6. Rung to celebrate completion of 60 years as a ringer by 2, and birthday compliment to conductor.

EXETER.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on Jan. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, C. Reeves 2, Miss J. Balchin 3, G. Skinner 4, C. Yates 5, P. Colton 6, F. Wreford 7, C. P. Yates 8. First in method 3 and 6. For morning service. Also on Feb. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, C. Bryant 2, Miss J. Balchin 3, A. Truman 4, C. Yates 5, P. Colton 6, F. Wreford 7, C. P. Yates 8. For morning service.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Sturgess 1, Pamela Osborne (cond.) 2, R. Fisher 3, R. Whiting 4, B. Osborne 5, P. Barrett 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Reginald (Dick) Bailey, a ringer at this church for 40 years, who was interred this day.

HALEWOOD, LANCS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Barbara J. Davies 1, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 2, N. P. A. Goulding 3, J. Dunbavin 4, J. Robinson 5, T. M. FitzGerald 6, D. Allen cover. For Evensong, also in memoriam Mr. G. Milne, a member of St. Nicholas'.

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Lightfoot (cond.) 1, J. Bellshaw 2, T. Kedge (first "inside") 3, M. Edwards 4, Miss B. Sawden 5, G. Cox 6.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Leleux 1, Miss V. Williams 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, Miss H. E. Leleux 4, D. Fox 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

HESSLE, EAST YORKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Moss 1, K. Gatman 2, R. Horton 3, R. Jordan 4, Rev. F. Ross (cond.) 5, R. Hawtree 6. For Evensong.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, T. Travers 2, R. Watts 3, D. Salter 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, F. Lane 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Janet Real and Mr. David Coles, on the day of their marriage.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Armstrong (first Minor) 1, Mary I. Hildred (first Minor "inside") 2, T. W. Brighton (first Minor) 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, A. C. Banton (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Jan 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, D. A. Trethewey 2, Frances M. Rickard 3, Mary Carveth 4, A. Locke 5, C. W. Jose 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, G. F. Dunstan 8.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss D. Bentley 1, G. Green (cond.) 2, N. Hough 3, C. J. Jones 4, A. Hough 5, N. Davies 6. For Candlemas service.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Davidson 1, A. P. Smith 2, H. Miles 3, J. J. George 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis 6. First in method 2, 4 and 5. Also on Feb. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. J. Davidson 1, Marion Lidgey 2, H. Miles 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, F. M. Bowers 5, M. Peters 6. For the Feast of St. Ury.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. W. Richards 1, Anita Foden (first "inside") 2, J. H. Allen 3, Anthea C. Richards 4, D. W. Barr 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, on Feb. 6th, 1,250 Surfleet S. Minor: J. Pladdys 1, D. L. Cawley 2, R. W. Powell 3, R. O. Humphries 4, R. D. Bailey 5, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 6. By U.L.S.C.R.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 13th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: M. Hatchett 1, Susan Davis (first of Caters "inside") 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 4, C. A. Hughes 5, J. Marks 6, R. Collis 7, R. Cadamy 8, W. Oatway 9, F. Walters (first on ten) 10.

LONDON, E.—At St. George-in-the-East, on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Adrienne Gibson (cond.) 1, Janet E. Crane (first "inside") 2, Jill P. Oakshott (first of Triples "inside") 3, A. J. Luxford 4, G. W. Stevens (first of Triples "inside") 5, A. D. Elsmore 6, H. R. Ashmore 7, R. M. Ashman 8. For the Feast of Epiphany.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Lewis 1, Mrs. I. E. Hill 2, D. M. C. Hill 3, M. E. Turner 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, D. Chick (15, first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. B. Martin, a ringer, retired through ill-health.

LYMINGTON, HANTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. L. Claughton 1, Ruth A. Elmes 2, A. W. Fry 3, W. E. Cheater 4, J. W. Blackwood 5, W. T. Perrins 6, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 7, L. T. Perrins 8. Rung by the combined Ringwood and Wareham bands in memory of Mr. Gerald Arnold, of Lymington, died February 3rd.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—At St. Michael's, on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Henshaw 1, J. Morlidge (cond.) 2, J. Smith 3, D. Wright 4, N. C. Lonyon 5, C. Morlidge 6. Rung by the service band to mark the 25th wedding anniversary of 2nd ringer.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Feb. 6th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. G. Evenden 1, W. T. Grice 2, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 3, T. E. Sone 4, S. Smith 5, L. Head 6, G. Evenden 7, B. F. L. Groves 8, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 9, F. Thwaites 10. For Evensong.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Rendall 1, A. Best 2, H. E. Turner 3, A. W. D. Robinson 4, W. E. Turner (cond.) 5, T. Wills 6. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. French.

MINSTER, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Griffiths 1, P. Beal 2, N. Chesson (first as cond.) 3, G. Wood (first in method) 4, P. Jackson (first "inside") 5, Joan Exeter 6.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. D. Harrison 1, D. J. Marshall 2, Miss W. Lee 3, P. J. Malloch 4, C. J. Clegg 5, L. Hill 6, R. M. Edwards (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 7, J. Brannan 8. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,488 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. D. Harrison 1, M. Platt 2, Miss J. Lowndes 3, Miss H. Schofield (first "inside") 4, Miss M. Wright 5, J. Heap 6, J. Brannan (cond.) 7, R. M. Edwards 8. First quarter 2 and 3. Both for service.

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 5th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: M. T. Hebden 1, G. Hebden 2, R. W. Rice 3, P. England 4, S. G. Smith 5, W. S. Rice (cond.) 6. First of Kent Minor by all except 2.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS. — On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: Carol Hedges 1, W. C. Budd 2, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 3, J. G. Edgson 4, P. M. Edgson 5, Lynda Hopkins 6. Rung for Evensong, half-muffled in memoriam George Cooper, sidesman.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Feb. 5th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Fox 1, R. A. Eldridge 2, Miss D. J. Mann 3, Miss H. E. Leleux 4, Miss J. A. Downing 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob 1, 3 and 4.

NORTHAW, MIDDX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: J. Young 1, C. Cole (first Cambridge) 2, A. Boyd 3, A. J. Slade 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, M. C. Austin 6.

COLLECTION OF DOUBLES

By G. K. DODD and R. H. JONES

Part A (continued from page 125).

Methods which have not been publishe d or have parts used in other methods.

NEWARK	WOLLATON
12345	12345
21345	21345
23154	23145
32514	32415
35241	34251
53421	43521
54312	45312
45132	54132
41523	51423
14253	15243
12453	12534
21453	21534
24135	25134
42315	52314
43251	53241
34521	35421
Bob	Bob
Grandsire	Grandsire
Single	Single
Grandsire	Grandsire

NEW NEWARK	NEW WOLLATON
12345	12345
21435	21435
24153	24153
42513	42513
45231	45231
54321	54321
53412	53412
35142	35142
31542	31524
13542	13524
15324	15324
51234	51234
52143	52143
25413	25413
24531	24531
42351	42351
Bob	Bob
Grandsire	Grandsire
Single	Single
Grandsire	Grandsire
Called:	Called:
As for New	As for New
Grandsire	Grandsire

JACK OF BOTH SIDES

12345	
21354	31245
23145	32154
32415	23514
34251	25341
43521	52431
34512	25413
43152	52143
41325	51234
14352	15243
14532	15423
41523	51432
45132	54123
54312	45213
53421	42531
35241	24351
53214	42315
35124	24135
31542	21453
13524	12435
13254	12345

Calls are Grandsire Singles.

Called:

Any bell as observation. This bell makes 2nds at the call.

MELVIN DOUBLES

Plain Course	Bob
12345	35241
21354	53421
23154	54312
32514	45132
35241	41532
53421	14523
54312	15423
45132	51432
41523	54132
14523	45312
14253	43521
41235	34251
42135	
24315	
23451	
32541	

Shipway's Bob

CHEVASSE	MALTBY	CALLENDER
12345	12345	12345
21435	21435	21435
24135	24135	24135
42315	42315	24315
42351	24351	42351
24531	42531	24531
24513	24513	42513
42153	42153	42153
41253	41253	41253
14523	14523	14523
14532	14532	14532
41352	41352	41352
43152	43152	43152
34512	34512	43512
34521	43521	34521
43251	34251	43251
Bob	Bob	Bob
Old Doubles	O.D.S.	O.D.S.
Single		

ST. HUGH	WAINFLEET	WOLSEY
12345	12345	12345
21354	21435	21345
23145	24135	23145
32415	42315	32415
34251	43251	34251
43521	34521	43521
45312	35412	45312
54132	53142	54132
51423	51342	51432
15243	15432	15432
15234	15423	15423
51243	51243	51423
52134	52143	54123
25314	25413	45213
23541	24531	42531
32451	42351	24351
London		Pink's
Extreme		Single
Bob	Bob	Bob
Thurlby	Old Doubles	Old Doubles
Bob	Single	Single
Single	Called:	Called:
Old Doubles	Bob when 3, 4	Bob when 3, 4
Called BPSP	or 5 are to	or 5 are to
	make 2nds, e.g.	make 2nds, e.g.
	call a bob	call a bob
	every time 4th	every time 3rd
	makes 2nds.	makes 2nds.

(To be continued)

The "Church Times" of February 4th reported that the Rev. P. J. Boulsover, Rector of St. Luke's, Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia, had been appointed a Canon of Rockhampton Cathedral. Canon Boulsover was a ringer at Bexhill, Sussex, before leaving for Australia some 20 years ago.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The bourdon bell of Perth (see page 90) is 28 cwt. 14 lb. and not 21 cwt. 14 lb. as appears in the article "Perth's Older Bells."

Miss L. Valerie Bird, of Selby Cottage, Melling, via Carnforth, Lancs, inquires whether there are any week courses for beginners during August. She prefers her own area or Wiltshire/Dorset.

Listeners to I.T.V on Saturday, February 12th, had a background of bells to two broadcasts—during the wrestling those of St. Helen's Trowell, and in an interview with the Rhodesian Premier, Salisbury Cathedral.

The members of All Saints' Society, Great Addington, who participated in an in memoriam peal at Brigstock, Northants, for Frederick E. Tooley, thank Mr. J. Clipston, the local tower captain, for the cups of tea he provided after the peal.

With the exception of the conductor (Mr. Neil Bennett) all the ringers in the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne on February 11th were members of the local band. Six were ringing their first peal of Surprise Royal.

The band who rang the peal of Grandsire Triples at Overton, Hants, on February 5th are indebted to Mrs. Sanders, wife of the Vicar, for standing in at a minute's notice and putting up a very creditable performance by ringing the treble to her first peal at the first attempt. It had been intended to ring a 6,144 of Bob Major, but the same morning Reg Rex was taken ill with flu and although he turned out he was persuaded to go home to bed. The band wish him a speedy recovery.

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THE GOSPORT PEAL

After a lapse of 28 years another peal has been rung at Holy Trinity Gosport. It was Bob Major—the same as the previous peal. The bells are a very tricky eight and the peal was not rung without incident. A gradual introduction to the sound of bells was arranged in this built-up area. Last September the long silence, because of fears for the tower's safety, was broken by a short ring. Later came a quarter peal and then an open day with two hours' ringing in October. Finally, on January 30th, the successful peal attempt.

The tenor at the last peal was rung by Reg Reed, of Eastleigh, the "tenor king" of those days, and he afterwards claimed that the 3 hours and 8 minutes ringing nearly killed him. Pat Cannon accepted the invitation to be tenor man on this occasion—the easiest bell in the tower! The frequent shouts of "Get up" we considered were a put up job, writes G. D. The bell did not drop as much as some of the others and when the conductor reminded Pat that he was ringing the easiest bell in the tower his reply was: "Well, if this is the best bell I feel sorry for you lads."

The main worry, however, was of a rope breaking. Fortunately all went well, and 2 hours 55 minutes later "That's all" was called, and all the band felt satisfied with their efforts. David Hughes, of Liss, is thanked for the loan of two ropes, and Charles Bassett for three more. It is now up to the church authorities to accept the offer of eight seecondhand ropes if they wish to have their bells rung.

There have only been three peals on these bells. The first was Stedman Triples on January 12th, 1897, conducted by Arthur E. Tomkins, and another on March 12th, 1938, Plain Bob Major, conducted by Frederick W. Rogers, the January 30th peal being the third.

CANADIAN IN AUSTRALIA

The first Canadian ringer to visit Australia, to the knowledge of Sydney ringers, is Geoffrey White, of the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver. He rang in a quarter of Plain Bob Minor at St. Mary's Basilica, on January 30th, to welcome Prince Charles to Australia, and this was his first quarter for more than five years and his first of Minor. There was another quarter for Prince Charles—at Turramurra, where Cambridge was scored for the first time, although short touches have been rung sporadically here for 15 years.

FIRST OF THE SEASON

Under the supervision of Mr. A. L. Bennett, a number of members of the Devon Guild held their first outing of the year on February 12th, the route chosen being alongside the River Teign. The first two towers visited were Coombe-in-Teignhead and Stoke-in-Teignhead, two six-bell towers, where little or no Sunday service ringing is done now. Thence across Shaldon Bridge to Bishopsteignton, another six rather difficult to handle, where the ringing included a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor. After tea in Teignmouth the final tower visited, St. James', contained a restored octave.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION GIVE GOLDEN WEDDING PRESENTS

A pleasant surprise awaited the secretary, Mrs. F. I. Hairs, at the annual meeting of the Northern Division at Cuckfield on February 5th. Before the business proper the Master (Mr. R. Johnson) announced that he had a pleasing duty to perform and presented Mrs. Hairs with a gilt Sheaffer pen in case, two golden wedding cards signed by over 100 members from the four Divisions of the Association and a large spray of flowers. Her husband was also presented with a Sheaffer pen. After recovering from her surprise, Mrs. Hairs expressed her grateful thanks.

The business meeting took the now familiar form. The secretary's report and balance sheet was received with enthusiasm, as it showed the largest balance for some years. The hon. secretary and the auditor were re-elected and the committee now consists of F. I. Hairs and H. Burton, and the new Ringing Master E. Knapp in place of G. Francis. Mrs. Hairs continues as C.C. representative.

After discussion it was decided to start practice meetings at 6 p.m. Another discussion related to helping beginners and it was agreed that the most useful thing would be for them to get out and about.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. C. N. Lawson) was thanked for conducting the service.

WITNEY BRANCH DINNER

Canon C. Elliot Wigg, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and Mrs. Wigg attended the annual dinner of the Witney and Woodstock Branch held at Witney on February 4th. The Branch chairman, the Rev. P. Wilkins, presided, and the Master, in proposing "The Witney and Woodstock Branch," spoke in appreciative terms of the activities of the Branch.

The social which followed was ably controlled by Bob Clow, of Tackley, the programme including tune ringing by the Northleigh handbell ringers, Plain Bob Minor by David Floyd, James List and Peter Holden, and lapping Grandsire Doubles by Susan Cantwell, Alec Cantwell and David Floyd. Games and dancing continued until 11.15 p.m.

ST. MARY'S SCARBOROUGH

A promising outlook was presented at the first annual meeting of St. Mary's, Scarborough, on February 9th. The Ringing Master, Mr. W. Fay, reported that there had been three outings and the handbells had been used for change and tune ringing. While two or three ringers had left the band, they had six keen youngsters, one of whom had already rung her 720 to qualify for the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. Fay was re-elected Ringing Master with Mr. S. Wright as his deputy. Mr. E. King, of The Cottage, Manor Farm, Muster, near Filey, is the hon. secretary, and all correspondence re visitors and peals should be addressed to him.

It was decided to start a new belfry fund, to have the handbells overhauled and to order a new set of ropes. The Darlington area was chosen for this year's outing. The Vicar (the Rev. J. Keys Fraser), who presided, thanked the ringers for their services.

HAPPENINGS IN CORNWALL

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have recently dismantled two rings of six in Cornwall. The first was at St. Dominic's, where the bells had not been rung for a few years owing to their bad state. This is a complete ring of six cast in 1773 by John Pennington during the incumbency of Thomas Horndon, who was Rector of the parish for 48 years; his name is inscribed on the tenor. The bells are now to be completely restored in new frame and fittings, and these in a parish church which borders the banks of the Tamar will be an acquisition to ringers of South East Cornwall. The tenor is said to weigh 10 cwt.

The second ring of six dismantled was at Manaccan, this church being noted for the fig tree which is growing out of the south wall and is said to be two centuries old. Until 1902 there were three bells in this tower, the tenor having been cast in 1765 by John Bennet, a local founder at Helston. These bells were then recast and three more provided to commemorate the coronation of King Edward VII, but were hung for chiming only owing to the unsafe state of the tower. In 1910, when the tower had been restored, the bells were hung for ringing and were opened on August 25th of that year. The work was done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The tenor weighs 8½ cwt. This ring is being rehung in the same frame on ball bearings and with other necessary renewals.

At Newquay Parish Church, to which a large bequest was left a few years ago for the provision of a tower and ring of bells by the late Rev. W. P. St. M. Michell, a retired naval chaplain, the tower was commenced last autumn and work has progressed to just beyond halfway, having passed the second string-course of the proposed four-stage tower. This is to be proportionately built to reach a height of 100 feet or more. Reconstructed stone is being used throughout to match the local stone with which the church is built. This tower will be a fine addition to the church and will dominate Newquay, but how long it will be before the proposed bells will be installed cannot be ascertained; the provision of the tower is a costly undertaking. The original suggestion was that a ring of 12 with a semitone bell would be installed.

MR. ROLAND H. COOK REACHES 200 PEALS

Peal secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, Mr. Roland H. Cook, of Asfordby, rang his 200th peal on January 8th. They were rung in 92 towers, in 14 counties and for 14 Guilds or Associations. He conducted 50.

Surprise Maximus 3 (Lincolnshire, Cambridge, Yorkshire), Cinques 3 (Stedman), Royal 15 (Plain 3, Surprise in seven different methods 12), Caters 5 (Grandsire 2, Stedman 3).

Major 9 (Plain Bob 5, Double Norwich 3, Kent T.B.), Surprise Major 69 (17 different methods), Spliced Surprise Major 5 (nine to 17 methods).

Minor: Plain Bob 9, Kent T.B. 1, two to 14 methods 44. Surprise Minor 11 (eight Spliced five to 14), Doubles 26 (three to 21 methods 4).

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, GREAT ADDINGTON.
BRIGSTOCK, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Grandsire, five extents each of St. Martin and St. Simon, and thirty extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Mrs. F. E. Crosier .. Treble	*John Mills 3
*Michael J. Hawkins .. 2	*Stephen B Bell 4
Frank E. Crosier .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Frank E. Crosier.
* First peal. First peal for the Society.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Frederick E. Tooley, a faithful and well-liked ringer at this church for many years, who was interred the previous day.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BACKWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Gillian M. Hussey .. .. Treble	D John Hunt 5
*Richard W. Sweet .. 2	John C. Slater 6
*Andrew Howard 3	*John Brain 7
Alan Tubb 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Rutland.

CONGRESBURY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. in C

John Brain .. .. .. Treble	Edgar T. Skipsey 5
Eric T. Lee 2	†Walter S. Rice 6
*Geoffrey R. Marchant .. 3	William H. Kingcott .. 7
Peter J. England 4	John H. Gilbert .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
SANDBACH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

A. Doreen Edwards .. Treble	Harold Dowler 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Raymond J. Ballard .. 6
Dennis Latham 3	Barry Corbishley 7
*Gerald Parsons 4	Roy Worrall .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Norman Sherratt
* First peal in the method.

BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat

Malcolm A. Phillips .. Treble	Martin Snape 5
*Robert Peers 2	*F. Leslie Coventry 6
†Julie E. Lethbridge .. 3	David G. Wilford .. 7
‡David F. Moore 4	Joseph Ridyard .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton Conducted by Joseph Ridyard
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Major and of Surprise.
‡ First in the method.
In memoriam A. E Salmon (organist and choirmaster of Emmanuel Church Southport), formerly resident in the Wirral

IGHTFIELD, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Leon A. Perry .. .. .. Treble	John R Scott 4
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2	Gerald Parsons 5
James S. Baker 3	Frank R. Morton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
First peal in the method by all.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., Feb. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*John F. Murfin .. .. Treble	Gordon A. Halls 6
Felicity T. Webber .. 2	Douglas Derbyshire .. 7
Christopher Hughes .. 3	Colin Banton 8
David W. Friend 4	Burley P. Morris 9
George L Roobottom .. 5	Sampson Walklate .. .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
* Has "circled the tower."

ILKESTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E

Denis R. Carlisle .. .. Treble	Fred Gobey 5
Nora Carlisle 2	Christopher Hughes .. 6
Felicity T. Webber .. 3	Gordon A. Halls 7
Mrs. S. Foskett 4	David W. Friend .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ICKLETON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr 21 lb. in F.

Stuart Brown .. .. .. Treble	Geoffrey Pearson 5
Gordon Lilley 2	John G. Gipson 6
Frank E. Haynes 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 7
William J. Ridgman .. 4	Dennis E. Pepper .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
A compliment to Brian and Jill Pratt and Geoffrey and Margaret Pratt, on the birth of a daughter and son respectively, both born on January 28th, 1966

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*Brian J. Vaughan .. Treble	*Stephen D. Humphrey .. 5
*Peter G Pitt 2	Frank B. Lufkin 6
*Leslie Ward 3	Adrian Semkin 7
Neil V. Avis 4	*David E. Culham .. .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal in the method.

COGGESHALL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr 25 lb. in F.

Claire Dillamore .. .. Treble	Christopher K Cooper 5
Ian R. Panton 2	Patrick W Saltmarsh .. 6
Richard J. Harrison .. 3	Joe E. G Roast 7
Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4	Peter J. Eves .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Joe E G. Roast.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

Lesley Ward .. .. .. Treble	Adrian G. Semken 4
Peter G. Pitt 2	Neil V. Avis 5
Stephen D. Humphrey .. 3	Brian J Vaughan .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Neil V. Avis.

LANGHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Feb 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 15 methods being seven 720's viz : (1) London Scholars' Kingston and Sandal T.B. (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob (4) Childwall and Thelwall Bob, (5) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob (6) Double Court Bob. (7) Kent and Oxford T.B. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Peter G. Pitt .. .. .. Treble	*Neil V. Avis 4
Leslie Ward 2	Frank B Lufkin 5
Stephen D. Humphrey .. 3	Brian J. Vaughan .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B Lufkin.
Most methods to a peal by all except the conductor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of Holy Nativity, Knowle.
On Sat., Jan 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Richard W. Sweet .. .. Treble	Alan Tubb 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	John C. Slater 6
Diana M. Chapman .. 3	D. John Hunt 7
Gillian M Brearley 4	Peter Bridle .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by P. J. Wycherley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
Rung to mark the anniversary of the reconsecration of the church.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 extents Plain Bob, and 20 extents and one 240 of Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

*Paul G. Treby .. .. Treble	†David Huddleston 4
*Gillian E. Thomas 2	Philip M. J. Gray .. 5
†Mary C. Knight 3	*Stephen J. Bendle .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.
* First peal. † First of Doubles.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

*Genebeth C. Webb	Treble	Dennis G. Blows	6
*Christopher J. Webb	2	Roy Collins	7
Reginald W. Rex	3	Philip Murduck	8
Peter G. Smart	4	Reginald F. Crook	9
†Denby P. Murduck	5	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by H. Tucker. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal. † First of Royal.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Shepherd, with the best wishes of the band.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
COLWALL, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Fri., Jan. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods/variations, being two extents each Wychbold, Windrush, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Kennington and Southrepps, and eight extents each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*Jack Cale	Treble	James Ward	4
James Ranford	2	John Clements	5
Leonard J. Walters	3	George Gwyne	Tenor

Conducted by James Ward.
* First peal away from tenor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
TOTTERNHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Walter Ayre	Treble	Keith D. Waples	5
Antony R. Kench	2	Eric Edmondson	6
Augustin V. Good	3	Peter W. Harper	7
Gillian S. Martin	4	Reginald E. J. Sheppard	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Walter Ayre.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Feb. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Ipswich, York, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Walter Ayre	Treble	Anthony K. Fortin	4
Peter W. Harper	2	Antony R. Kench	5
Augustin V. Good	3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
For the Feast of Candlemas, and the Queen's Accession. Also as a birthday compliment to A. V. Good and a welcome to his grandson, Andrew Paul.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
TUNSTALL, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

Terence Barton	Treble	*Peter D. J. Beal	5
George A. Naylor	2	Brian Trill	6
*Joan A. Hayward	3	Brian Jemmett	7
*Nicholas J. Chesson	4	Peter M. Wilkinson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
* First peal of Major.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Paul Bayes	Treble	Christopher T. Osenton	5
Reginald E. Lambert	2	Martin L. Howe	6
Robert T. Lambert	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Cyril S. Jarrett	4	S. Geoffrey Waters	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal in the method by all the band.

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent Single Oxford, and two each Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

*Graham M. Wood	Treble	†Peter D. J. Beal	4
Nicholas J. Chesson	2	George A. Naylor	5
Joan A. Hayward	3	Peter M. Wilkinson	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
* First peal. † First in four methods.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Corbishley.

WATERINGBURY, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in three methods, viz.: (1 and 2) St. Clement's Bob. (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B. flat.

*Phyllis R. Chidwick	Treble	Martin L. Howe	4
†Shirley P. Town	2	Norman R. Mattingley	5
Peter S. Muchlinski	3	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal. † First in three methods "inside."

CUDHAM Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., Feb. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Ian H. Oram	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	4
*D. Paul Smith	2	†Andrew J. Corby	5
*H. Michael Williamson	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal of London Minor. † First of Surprise Minor "inside."

BEARSTEAD, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 19 methods: (1) London, Cunecastre and Wells, (2) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (3) Rossendale, Stamford and Annable's London, (4) York and Durham, (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick and Hexham, (6) Primrose and Norfolk, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich, with 101 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

Michael H. O'Callaghan	Treble	Ian H. Oram	4
John Faircloth	2	†Ralph Bird	5
*Tony Lewis	3	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* Most methods to a peal. † 800th peal.

YALDING, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In 27 methods: (1) Cheddleton, (2) Horton, (3) Cheddleton and Horton, (4 and 5) Lindley, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Carlisle, Wooler, Whitley, Alnwick, Newcastle, Morpeth, Canterbury, Chester and Munden, (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich, (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley.
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

Tony Lewis	Treble	Ralph Bird	4
Mary S. Taylor	2	Ian H. Oram	5
John Faircloth	3	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42¼ cwt.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Peter J. Wycherley	7
Cyril Crossthwaite	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	8
Christine Andrew	3	Jeffrey Brannan	9
Dennis Latham	4	Tudor P. Edwards	10
Margaret E. Fort	5	Derek Butterworth	11
Philip J. Crossthwaite	6	Neil Bennett	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick Pipe. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

*David Chadderton	Treble	*Peter J. Malloch	6
*C. John Clegg	2	Edward Jenkins	7
*Margaret Wright	3	*Leonard Hill	8
Christine Andrew	4	*Ronald M. Edwards	9
Neil Bennett	5	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Peter Malloch, Ringing Master at this church.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

John P. Partington (Ringing Secretary)	Treble
Geoffrey Cheetham (Rochdale Branch Secretary)	2
Cyril Crossthwaite (Vice-President)	3
Frank Reynolds (General Secretary)	4
Joseph Thornley (Bolton Branch Secretary)	5
Stanley Anderton (Lancaster Branch Committee Member)	6
Albert Greenhalgh (Bolton Branch Ringing Master)	7
John F. Wood (Association Treasurer)	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
An officers' peal
In memoriam Peter Crook.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	5
Graham C. Paul	2	Philip J. Crossthwaite	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Richard J. Parker	7
*Christopher L. Watson	4	Jeffrey Kershaw	Tenor

Composed by Roderick Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Major.

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Margaret Crossthwaite	Treble	Dennis H. McCormick	5
*Jane Reynolds	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
John Ascroft	3	Frank Reynolds	7
Roger Barnes	4	James E. Sumner	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker (6 Part). Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome Caroline Elizabeth, daughter of James H. and Jean M. Pailing. Tenor 19½ cwt.

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Feb. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

John Ascroft	Treble	*Dennis H. McCormick	5
Richard J. Parker	2	Graham C. Paul	6
Rupert A. Clarke	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
Philip J. Crossthwaite	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 8½ cwt.

HOGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

*John Nelson	Treble	*John Nixon	4
*David Marsden	2	*James E. Snmner	5
Lawrence Walmsley	3	Bernard Moss	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard Moss.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells since being rehung.
Rung by the Preston Branch to mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Goodenough, ringer at this tower. Tenor 14 cwt.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
WINTERTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Feb. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Maurice Lings	Treble	William Bains	4
*Roger Hippisley	2	Frank Bloomfield	5
Harold Judd	3	John Hall	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by John Hall.
* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANTHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Thomas J. Lock	6
G. William Critchley	2	John R. Mayne	7
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Gerald Penney	8
Dennis Knox	4	John Hill	9
William S. Deason	5	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Composed by David G. Wilford. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
The first peal in the method.

FELTHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

*Susan E. N. Davis	Treble	Norman F. Edwards	5
Pamela E. Brown	2	Christopher K. Hill	6
Jonathan S. N. Porter	3	Peter N. Felton	7
*Martin E. Harrisson	4	†Robin J. Collis	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Robin J. Collis.
* First peal in method. † First peal.
Rung as a 19th birthday compliment to Miss Jan Cluett, of Chartham.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 ESSEX SURPRISE MAJOR

*C. Edward Lankester	Treble	Vernon Green	5
Joan Beresford	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	John R. Mayne	7
Alick Cutler	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 200th peal on these bells. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile
On Tues., Feb. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Dan S. Pont	6
Edwin Deakin	3	Gordon H. Lane	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method by all except the 4th ringer.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Mon., Feb. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

John A. Underwood	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Gordon H. Lane	6
*Edwin Deakin	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Feb. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Bradley Murduck	Treble	Michael S. Holbrook	5
*Roger B. Pike	2	Philip Murduck	6
*Margaret A. Wilkins	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
David Wilcox	4	Reginald F Crook	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.
Rung in memory of Henry E. Curtis, a former captain of Newbury Parish Church band, who died suddenly the previous week.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5088 ILKESTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	*Christopher C. Clarke	5
Frederick W. Soden	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Frank Reed	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Alan R. Pink	4	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* 200th peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

BUCKINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 STOWE SURPRISE MAJOR

George Shellard	Treble	William Birmingham	5
William A. Yates	2	James Linnell	6
Giles R. Shedden	3	George W. Holland	7
D. Kay Adkins	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (E.3). Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
The first peal in the method (Tipler's E. 69-3, H. & M. Collection No. 2117). Tenor 27 cwt.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Feb. 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 STEPNEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Patrick I. Chapman	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	6
Malcolm J. V. Chown	2	James Linnell	7
Anne B. Speed	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Avril Ivin	4	Stephen Ivin	9
Roger W. Smith	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.
The first peal in the method (otherwise known as London No. 1) by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Frank E. Haynes	Treble	Brian J. Luff	7
Patrick I. Chapman	2	John H. Fielden	8
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	3	Norman Chaddock	9
Norman J. Goodman	4	Clifford A. Barron	10
J. Alan Ainsworth	5	John A. Anderson	11
George E. Fearn	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

David J. Purnell	Treble	Martin D. Fellows	6
George E. Fearn	2	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
J. M. Elaine Dixon	3	John C. Eisel	8
Graham C. Paul	4	Michael J. Fellows	9
Edward W. Colley	5	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

*Richard H. Johnston	Treble	†David A. Burt	6
Mrs. F. A. Penn	2	Charles P. Quartley	7
Nigel P Spencer	3	Robert D. Quartley	8
Gilbert H. Harding	4	Frank A. Penn	9
*Richard J. Gardiner	5	Ronald H. Lucas	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Robert D. Quartley.
* First peal. † First of Caters. First of Caters as conductor.
Rung in memoriam Samuel J. Hector. Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Wed., Feb 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 10 methods/variations, viz,: six extents All Saints, four each Rushall. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Seighford.
Tenor 12 cwt.

W. Gordon Marsh	Treble	Maurice W. Harrison	4
Robert D. Marsh	2	David Oliver	5
Ruth Blackshaw	3	Sydney Adams	Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Emily Moore, aged 86 years, interred at Thoresby Park this day.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

W. Gordon Marsh	Treble	David Oliver	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	Maurice W. Harrison	5
Elizabeth J. Foster	3	George Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by George Dawson.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Henry Harrison, aged 77 years, father of the ringer of No. 5, interred at Holme Pierrepont this day. Tenor 12 cwt.

WARSOP, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

George Challans	Treble	*John Watkins	4
*Joan Booth	2	David Whetton	5
Herbert T. Rooke	3	Frank Cooke	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5) Oxford and Plain Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Simon Christian	Treble	Roger K. L. Whittell	4
*Jennifer M. Andrews	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Robert E. Lester	3	Neville F. Whittell	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* Most methods to a peal.
Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Martin Whittell.

GRANTHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
30—50. 14—50—30. 14—14. 50. 14—36. 70—14—70. l.e. 1426.
Composition see "R.W." 1965, page 444.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHEWTON MENDIP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 29 lb. in E flat.

Rosemary Kemp	Treble	Peter J. Joyce	5
Heather Walters	2	Michael J. Thomas	6
Robert Partridge	3	Malcolm M. Powell	7
Michael D. Trigg	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by E. J. Linley. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

GOSPORT, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., Jan. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

Robert C. Kippin	Treble	Charles E. Bassett	5
Frank W. Lewis	2	Bradley Murduck	6
Philip Murduck	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Denby P. Murduck	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
The first peal on the bells since March, 1938.

OVERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Jan. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eight methods/variations, being three extents each Kennington, Norfolk, Old, April Day, Seighford and May Day, and 12 each Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*Penelope E. Goddard	Treble	†Frank R. Tonge	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	Reginald F. Crook	5
*Terry Tarrant	3	John W. Cheney	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K Dodd.
* First peal in eight Doubles methods/variations. † 100th peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Alice McDowall, daughter of the Rector

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., Feb 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 3¼ cwt.

*Heather Walters	Treble	*Alan J. Luxford	4
†Michael J. Thomas	2	Robert A. Partridge	5
*Michael D. Trigg	3	‡Roger W. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.
* First peal of Stedman and of Doubles. † First peal of Stedman Doubles and completes Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. ‡ First peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 EVESHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Thomas W. Lewis	Treble	Peter Bridle	6
Diana M. Chapman	2	John C. Eisel	7
Geoffrey J. Hemming	3	David Beacham	8
Alan Tubb	4	Michael J. Fellows	9
Arthur C. Berry	5	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.
First peal of Evesham Surprise Royal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.
A farewell on retirement to Canon T. Charles Jones, 21 years Rural Dean and 28 years Vicar of Evesham.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35½ cwt.

M. Susan Jackson	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	7
W. Eric Critchley	2	John J. N. Chaddock	8
Jeanne E. Bottomley	3	Stuart Armeson	9
Kathleen Higgins	4	Vernon Bottomley	10
John J. L. Gilbert	5	Wilfrid F. Moreton	11
Neil Donovan	6	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
The first peal in the method for all the band, in the county and for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
SYDNEY, New South Wales.—At 16, King Edward Street, Roseville.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

Enid L. Roberts	1–2	*Suzette M. Wright	5–6
John H. Fryer	3–4	Thomas W. Goodyer ..	7–8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.
* First peal on handbells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHEADLE HULME, Cheshire.—At 18, Hill Top Avenue.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	7–8
Giles B. Thompson	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	9–10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5–6	John Worth	11–12

Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
COVENTRY.—At 68 Warwick Avenue.
On Mon., Feb. 7, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.

Ernest Sibley	1–2	Paul K. Williamson ..	7–8
Frank W. Perrens	3–4	†Geoffrey Pratt	9–10
*Hubert E. Ashley	5–6	†Hubert G. Summers ..	11–12

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.
* First handbell peal on twelve. † First twelve bell peal. First twelve bell peal for the Guild by resident members.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Tues., Feb. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	John R. Mayne	5–6
Christopher W. Woolley ..	3–4	Roger Baldwin	7–8
Gerald Penney	9–10		

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal of Surprise Royal on handbells by all except the conductor. The first peal of Surprise Royal rung on handbells outside Leicester.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HALLING, Kent.—At Formby Farm.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

W. Arthur Riddington ..	1–2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5–6
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3–4	Cyril S. Jarrett	7–8

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At "Glebeland," Tee Lane.
On Fri., Jan. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Frank Bloomfield	1–2	Jack Bray	5–6
Michael W. Crowder ..	3–4	John Hall	7–8

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by John Hall.

QUARTER PEALS

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Strong 1, J. Yeates 2, H. Hardwidge 3, P. Gardner 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, L. Childs 6. A compliment to E. J. Baker ("Ted"), former captain of this tower, on his 90th birthday.

NORTON-IN-HALES, SALOP.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Brook 1, Ruth Talbot 2, Mary Keay 3, Doreen Brassington 4, W. G. Talbot (cond.) 5, G. Simon 6. A farewell to the Rector (Rev. H. Y. Burnett), and his wife, on retirement.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. W. Barrett 1, G. W. Walpole 2, J. W. Forder 3, T. J. Brock 4, N. P. J. Cossey 5, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Norman Cossey.

OVER STOWEY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Marchant 1, Valerie Stone (first in method) 2, C. Clarke (cond.) 3, M. Stone 4, R. Short 5, J. Aldridge 6.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on Jan. 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. K. Thompson 1, J. Gibbon 2, J. M. Preston 3, R. A. Yeates 4, G. R. Mordaunt 5, A. P. Foster (cond.) 6. For Matins by O.U.S.C.R.

PEMBROKE.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Prunella James (first quarter) 1, E. Lingard 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, Miss N. M. Rosen 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, G. Norris 6. For Evensong.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss P. Raine (first quarter) 1, G. Jennings 2, N. Elliott 3, M. Jennings 4, H. Burton 5, S. Arnold 6, I. Wickens (25th quarter) 7, T. Lewenden 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lt.-Col. G. H. Loder.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On Jan 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, A. Somerfield 2, R. Penny 3, P. Watts 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of second, also for golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hutchings.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—At St. Mary's Basilica, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Suzette M. Wright 1, Clare J. Masefield 2, Enid L. Roberts 3, E. G. White 4, J. C. Sheehy 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. To welcome Prince Charles to Australia.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—On Jan. 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. K. Stacey 1, Enid L. Roberts 2, Clare J. Masefield (first touch of Cambridge) 3, J. C. Sheehy 4, J. R. Rainsford (first of Cambridge) 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. To welcome Prince Charles to Australia.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Metcalfe 1, P. Hull (cond.) 2, W. Colwell 3, H. Crabbe 4, T. Nicholls 5, T. Crabbe 6. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Roynon 1, Miss C. White 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, C. White 4, N. G. Knee 5, E. E. Norris (cond.) 6, B. D. Price 7, T. E. Mallard 8. A compliment to the ringer of the 4th, on the birth of his second daughter.

WARWICK.—On Feb. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Penelope Adams (first attempt) 1, Mrs. D. Randall 2, E. Holdsworth 3, P. C. Randall 4, Clare F. Dolphin 5, J. L. Garner-Hayward 6, R. Randall 7, E. J. Gower (cond.) 8.

WITTERSHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob: J. L. Garraway 1, P. R. Staples 2, C. Wyld 3, J. Pladdys 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, D. L. Cawley 6.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Gunter 1, H. V. Young 2, F. Eggerton 3, H. Purchase 4, G. Sparkes (cond.) 5, W. Nurcombe 6, F. Casley 7, A. Gale 8. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Elliot. Mr. Elliot is the lay reader and a great friend of all ringers.

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Corrections.—The ringer of the third in the peal of Plain Bob Major at Claverley, Shropshire, on December 11th (page 31) was Alan A. Elsmore and not Alan D. Elsmore as submitted. The conductor of the peal of Minor at Upton Bishop, Herefordshire, on January 11th (page 98) was Marcus, not Maurice, C. W. Sherwood as published.

OBITUARY

MR. H. WALTER SMITH

Essex ringers and many from more distant parts will be saddened to hear of the death on February 4th of Walter Smith, of 11, Causeway, Great Dunmow, Essex, at the age of 80 years.

For 62 years Walter had been a ringer at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Great Dunmow. His regularity of attendance, both for services and practice nights, was notable. He was also a regular member of the congregation.

In 1909 he rang in the first peal on the bells, when the ring was one of six heavy bells. When the bells were rehung and augmented to eight in 1926 by Taylor's of Loughborough, all the masons' and carpenters' work for this conversion was done as a labour of love by an enthusiastic band of ringers in their spare time. Such wonderful sacrifices of time and skill are rarely seen these days. No record of the number of his peals is available but their total must have been considerable. Walter set the greatest store on Sunday service ringing and it was a matter of pride that he was always there. He was ringing until about eight weeks ago.

As a tower captain and secretary, Walter set a splendid example. He was also always ready to teach anyone keen enough to learn. He had endless patience and put up with the disappointment of losing a pupil with Christian resignation.

We in Dunmow will miss him but we cannot fail to be better for his example as a man, a ringer and a Christian. L.S.C.

MR. B. H. REES

Members of St. David's Guild were shocked to hear of the sudden death of their auditor, Mr. Benjamin H. Rees, of Burryport, in January. A retired civil servant, he was a churchwarden at Burryport for many years and was keenly interested in ringing, although not a ringer, being a founder member of the Guild.

His generosity in many ways is especially remembered by the gift of a badge of office for each Guild official. A genial character, he will be greatly missed by all. As a token of respect the Guild officers, together with the local tower captain, met at St. Mary's, Burryport, on February 12th, to ring a half-muffled peal. Unfortunately this was lost when a fifth of the way through and, instead, a quarter peal of Doubles was successfully brought round. To his wife and family we offer our deepest sympathy in their loss.

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GODFREY.—On February 4th, 1966, to Margaret and Eric Godfrey, of 53, Chelsham Road, Warlingham, Surrey, a son, David Christopher. 8524

PERSONAL

"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him who is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up."—Ecclesiastes iv, 10.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—The Bethersden Players will be performing a three-act play on February 24th, 25th and 26th. As is customary, therefore, bellringing practice on February 25th has been cancelled.—J. E.S.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

NEW RULE BOOKS

New rule books, including a short history of the Society, may now be obtained by members only, from the secretary Price 6/6 each including postage.

COUNTRY MEETING

Preliminary Notice: Meeting at Gloucester on Saturday, May 7th. Full details later.

ANNUAL DINNER

Preliminary Notice: The 329th anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5th, at Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, S.E.1

J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Ringing on March 5th: Cherry Hinton 1–2 p.m.; St. Andrew's 2–3 p.m.; St. Benet's 3–4 p.m.; St Mary's 4–5 p.m.; Catholic Church 5–6 p.m.—F. C. Hobson. 8552

DUXFORD, CAMBS. — Practice during Lent on Tuesday at 7.30 p.m., then Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. from April 13th onwards. All correspondence regarding ringing at St. Peter's to I. Stacey, 10, St. John's Street, Duxford, Cambs. 8543

ALL SAINTS', HUNTINGTON (YORK). —At the A.G.M. the following officers were elected: Guildmasters, Jennifer E. Pearce and Mary I. Hildred; hon. treasurer, John W. Kendall; hon. secretary, A. Colin Banton, 22, Pennine Close, Huntington, to whom all correspondence should now be addressed. 8558

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—All five practices in March will be held on Thursdays, 8–9.30 p.m., instead of Tuesdays. Back to normal after Easter. 8533

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Annual Dinner, February 26th

Ringing Arrangements:

St. Mary's, Walton (8) ..	1.00–2.00
St. James', West Derby (6)	2.30–3.30
Emmanuel, Everton (8) ..	4.00–5.00
St. Francis Xavier's (8) ..	5.30–6.30

Dinner 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. 8519

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SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

A country meeting will be held at LEICESTER on SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd. Will all Cumberlands please note and book the date so that we can have a good attendance. Further details later.—D. E. Sibson, Hon. Sec. 8548

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice, Betchworth, Tuesday, March 1st, not Merstham, March 2nd.—K. G. Game. Dis. Sec. 8529

TAPE RECORDINGS of carillons or bells playing hymns or other tunes wanted for copying. Blank tape sent if preferred. — Write: F. Fowler, Jun., 9, High Street, Stourton, Warminster, Wilts. 8540

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—Summer tour, 1966, from August 20th–27th. H.Q. at Western Training College, Hinksey, near Oxford. The hon. sec. is now Rev. M. Melville, Sunningdale, Main Road, Ingoldisthorpe, King's Lynn, Norfolk. 8522

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District. —The secretary is now Mrs. T. H. Francis, 41, Bassett Green Close, Southampton. Tel. No. 69589. 8531

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting, Horsell, Saturday, February 26th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following in school. Names to Miss B. Gordon, Northrepps Cottage, West Hill Road, Woking. 8491

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Smarden, Saturday, February 26th. Bells (6, 18 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. Bourner, 2, Glebe Close, Smarden, near Ashford. — C. T. H.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (South and West District) and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch). Joint meeting. Saturday, February 26th. Ringing: Fulmer 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.; Beaconsfield 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. Social evening. Names for tea, please, to Miss Fletcher, 11, Aylesbury End, Old Town Beaconsfield.—W. S. Deason. Miss Hague. 8442

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Annual meeting, Fakenham, on Saturday, February 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 Service 4.30, followed by business. Names for tea to George Cooke, 24, Back Street, Hempton, Fakenham. 8482

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch. — Practice meeting, Wallingford, Saturday, February 26th. 6.30–8.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. Corderoy. Hon. Sec. 8484

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS and DERBY DISTRICT.—Meeting at West Hallam, Saturday, February 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 8512

SUFFOLK GUILD. — S.W. District. — Quarterly meeting at Stratford St. Mary on Saturday, February 26th Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting **Meeting of the Executive Committee at 7.30 p.m. in the church (heated !).** Names for tea to W D Bailey Squirrels Hall Cottage, Stratford St. Mary, Colchester. 8419

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on March 1st at 8.15 p.m. March practices, all at 6.30 p.m.: 1st, St. Paul's Cathedral: 8th, St. Michael's, Cornhill: 15th, St. Lawrence Jewry; 22nd, St. Giles', Cripplegate: 29th, St. Paul's Cathedral.—J. G. A. Prior. 8538

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Meeting at Longwood, Saturday, March 5th. Names for tea to Mr. I. Roberts, 22, Bull Green, Longwood, Huddersfield. Method: Double Norwich. 8521

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Trull, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 8500

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Drayton (8), Saturday, March 5th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton.—R. J. Fox, Yeovil. 8554

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Biddenham, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. Harral, 3, Main Road, Biddenham, Beds, by Thursday.—C. M. Payne. 8547

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Lillington, March 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells 6. Special method: Double Norwich. Names for tea to Mr. D. Allibon, 6, Farm Road, Lillington. Nominations for District officials will be required. 8499

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Annual meeting of the above at Egremont, Saturday, March 5th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to D. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, Cumberland, by March 1st. 8534

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, East Budleigh, Saturday, March 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Quick, Hill Farm, East Budleigh.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 8532

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton (6), Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing. Special method: Hull Surprise. 8550

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at South Benfleet, March 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to C. L. Matson, 75, St. Mary's Road, Benfleet.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South East District.—Meeting at Springfield on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827). 8490

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting will be held at Upper Cam on March 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Quarterly business 5 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Minors, Quarry House Farm, The Quarry, Cam, near Dursley. 8530

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—An evening practice, Madeley, March 5th. Bells (8) 6.30–8.30—Joan Bennett, Hon. Sec. 8549

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Evening meeting at Cottered on Saturday, March 5th. Bells at 5.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 8544

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hartlip, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to W. Kitchingham, Stone Hall, The Street, Hartlip, Sittingbourne, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8483

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Monthly meeting at Accrington on Saturday, March 5th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Helliwell, 24, Turkey Street, Accrington, at reduced charge if received by Thursday.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 8528

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. — Meeting at Melling on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Gibson, Brentwood, Melling, Carnforth. 8520

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Blaby (5) on March 5th. Bells 5.30. Service 6.30. Ringing afterwards. No business. Everyone very welcome.—Ron Hughes, Dis. Sec. 8487

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District. — Ringing meeting at Ealing, Saturday, March 5th. Ringing: Christ the Saviour's (8) 3.30–4.45 p.m.; St. Mary's (8) 6.30–8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—W. H. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8468

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Fenny Stratford, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to R. W. Sear, 37, Buckingham Road, Bletchley, by March 3rd. 8493

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ewelme, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon, by Wednesday, March 2nd. 8523

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Seaton (5), March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Thorley, School House, Lyddington, Uppingham, by Tuesday, 1st. 8506

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, March 5th, Sturminster Marshall (6) Bells 3–5 p.m. Wimborne Minster (10) 6.30–8.30 Names for tea, at Wimborne, to Mr C. Bishop, Denhom, Wimborne Road West, Wimborne, by Thursday March 3rd. 8479

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Bishop's Cannings (8) on Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. 8378

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY — Monthly meeting, Sherburn-in-Elmet, March 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names, please, to Mr J. Potts, North Sweemings Farm, Lennerton, South Milford, Leeds, before March 3rd.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8527

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY —Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 5th. Times at Walkley now altered to 2.15–2.30 and 3–3.45 owing to a wedding. Ranmoor bells from 3.30 and after tea. Business includes new secretary and proposed changes to Cup Contest rules. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. Webster, 29, Ranmoor Road, Sheffield 10.—J. Seager, Sec 8557

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, March 5th, Wollaton. Bells (6) 3.30 to 7.30. Names for tea to Miss S. Poppleston, 25, Hambledon Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham. 8535

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting, Neath, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea, by February 26th. 8498

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch.—Method ringing practice will be held at Constantine (6) Parish Church on Saturday, March 5th, commencing 3 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided.—Mrs. K. N. Mosson, Hon. Sec., The Vicarage, Constantine, Falmouth. 8525

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Earls Croome (6), Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Strensham (6) available 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea (Village Hall, Earls Croome), to J. J. Stanier, Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Ronkswood, Worcester, by Wednesday, March 2nd. 8508

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Woodstock, Thursday, March 10th, from 7 to 9 p.m.—Ted Patching. 8541

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Coleman's Hatch, Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by A.G.M. and evening ringing. Withyham bells available between 2.30–4 p.m. Hartfield bells available between 7.15–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, by March 10th, please. 8536

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District — Social at Boreham, Saturday, March 12th, at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall. Tickets 6/- from E. W. Roast, Twixus, Mill Lane, Danbury, Chelmsford, Essex. S.A.E., please, by Wednesday, March 9th. 8503

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 12th. Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m. will be followed by tea and meeting in the Cathedral Refectory. Members requiring tea should notify Mrs C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey (Tel. Ewell 4986) by March 10th. Bells available as follows: Holy Trinity and St. Mary's from 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.; Cathedral from 3 p.m and after the meeting; St. Nicolas' and Stoke after the meeting. 8553

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Leeds on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Whitlock, 2, Battel Hall Cottages, Leeds.—M. L. H., Dis. Sec. 8537

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting, Goodnestone, Canterbury, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Village Hall at 2/- per person. Those who require tea please notify Mrs. R. R. Brett, Copmans Hall, Goodnestone, near Canterbuy, by March 9th, together with cash. 8513

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—The annual general meeting of the Branch will be held at Woodbridge, March 12th. Ringing, St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m., then service. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing 7–9 p.m. All bookings for tea to Mr. Stanley Woodard, The Flat, 42, Thorofare, Woodbridge, Suffolk, not later than Wednesday, March 9th. — Winifred Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 8546

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Cleeve Prior (6) on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to W. J. Newman, Manor Farm, Hinton, Evesham, by previous Tuesday, please. 8526

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

When the Barnsley District Society met at Penistone, near Sheffield, on February 12th, the new Vicar, the Rev. R. I. J. Mathews, took the chair. They learned that the Vicar's wife had an ambition to train a band of ladies to ring and had about 16 recruits. We wished her success, and also Mr. Arthur Champion, who had been struggling for a long time to keep the bells going.

Three new members were elected and Mr. Christopher Moxon proposed the vote of thanks.

Next meeting: Ossett, March 12th; adjourned annual, Barnsley, April 9th.

J. W. B.

QUARTER PEALS

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Clifton 1, B. Johnson 2, A. Bourner (first Minor "inside") 3, H. Deacon 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, N. J. Davies 6.

STONE, GLOS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (21 methods): K. G. Weeks 1, D. M. Smith 2, W. Lambard 3, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 4, H. Taysom (first of 21 Doubles) 5, B. K. Lewis 6.

SOUTH NEWINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Withey (first quarter) 1, Elisabeth Maude (first quarter) 2, Deborah Maude (first quarter) 3, T. King (first quarter) 4, A. Ivings (first as cond.) 5. Rung for A. Ivings' birthday.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Swain 1, W. Brown 2, L. Cooper 3, P. Rumley (first of Triples "inside") 4, D. Taplin 5, W. Lawrence 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, W. Munson 8. A farewell to the Rev. E. A. Gaskell, and to mark his institution to St. James', Biddenham, Beds.

COMPOSITIONS

5,120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN 32 METHODS

Arranged by John R. Mayne from a composition by Albert J. Pitman.

23456	M	W	H	
52436		—		Wembley. Apsley, Lindum
42356		2	—	Edin., Linc., Ripon. Tring. Codd.
25346		2		Acton. Sup., Cray., Ald.. Uxbridge.
34256		—	—	Lond., Yorks, Claybrooke.
53246		—		Elford. Hitchin, Shoreditch.
24536		—	—	Watford, Camb., Chester.
43526		2	3	Words., Pud., Dublin, Rut., Here., New Glos
42635	2	—	—	Heath., Bris., Langley. Eastcote.

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5,056 FOULNESS SURPRISE MAJOR

By G. W. MASSEY

23456	O	H	I	F
25346	2		—	
54326	3		—	
35426	2			3
42356	—		—	
42635	—	x		
23645	3		—	
34625	3		—	
52436	3		—	—
23456	3		—	

Rung at Spalding on January 3rd, 1966.

5,000 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

By R. F. B SPEED

23456	M	W	H
42356			—
52364		A	3
24365	—		2
62345		—	3
25346	—		2
23456		—	2

A= 5, S6, S7 8, S10, S11, 13.

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THE BELLS OF CARDIGANSHIRE

SOME might regard Cardiganshire as of little interest to the change ringer as there are only two towers which figure in the columns of "The Ringing World"—the eight at St. Padarn's, Llanbadarn Fawr, a happy centre for enthusiasts at the nearby university college at Aberystwyth, and the six at St. Mary's, Cardigan, a tower with a blend of John Rudhall and the Whitechapel foundry as recent as 1961, and a band of keen ringers who against nine teams in the St. David's Diocese won the Bishop Prosser Shield in 1962.

The 143 bells in the county have provided the basis of a very interesting book from the pen and camera of Frederick Sharpe. The author from his long experience knows the art of producing a book of interest to the general public and ringers alike. The evolution of the bell through the ages, the founders of the bells, St. David's Diocesan Guild of Ringers who come of age this year, and a wealth of local history and legend make this a most comprehensive book. The illustrations are good—many of the photographs apart from the towers give fine views of the Welsh countryside, and there are plates of founder's mark—a fascinating study.

Above all, the story of the bells of this county provides romance and adventure. It was at the Church of St. Tygwydd, Llandygwydd, with its beautiful background of trees, that on July 25th, 1935, the author was married to Miss E. J. M. Evans. There is a chime of six bells by John Taylor and Co. here with a tenor of 13 cwt., and a wedding peal of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor was chimed on that occasion by Canon C. Elliot Wigg, the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The church also contains a service bell hung for swing-chiming going back to the end of the fifteenth century. The canons are retained and it is hung on an elm headstock.

There was also adventure, and Mr. Sharpe tells of his experience last August at Rhostie, where there is a bell in a central enclosed turret. Two clerics carried a ladder across the fields to this isolated church. The floor above the vestry was reached, but as the author placed his hands on this floor to heave himself through the hatchway the decayed boards collapsed. Fortunately the supporting joists were sound. From the space above the vestry access was gained to the roof space above the porch, high above which could be seen a small hatchway leading to the bell turret, but the decayed ladder used for gaining access to this collapsed. By standing on the main tie-beams supporting the roof, the hatch was raised revealing a rare fourteenth century bell only a few feet above.

Standing on the tie-beam, with his head through the opening, Mr. Sharpe made his notes of this rare find while one of his companions made rubbings of the lettering and marks. This bell, the author considers, dates from *circa* 1350 and came from the Bristol medieval foundry which supplied by sea many bells to the West Country and South Wales.

And from the sea comes the legend of a cargo of bells being lost at sea. Verwig, a parish in South Cardiganshire, has a little stump tower. According to "The Western Mail" of February 21st, 1949, a local legend tells of when the tower was being built a cargo of bells to be housed in it was wrecked near the Telfi Estuary. The tower was taken no higher, but sailors approaching the coast on stormy nights could hear the bells being wildly rung as a warning of danger by the spirits of the drowned.

The author heard more about this legend in 1926 from Mrs. Llewelyn Davies, of Ashleigh, Cardigan. Her version of the legend was that after the ship was wrecked on the rocks of the Pembrokeshire side of the Telfi Estuary their solemn tones could be heard by people on Pen Cemmaes at midnight when the moon was full and the tide out.

Cardiganshire has only four medieval bells (14th century to 1540) and two in the transitional period (1540–1600). The 14th century bells are at Llanrhystid and Ciliau-Aeron and the 15th century ones at Gwnws and Llandygwydd. The founders of these four bells have not yet been identified. The percentage of 2¾ medieval bells compares, states the author, with Flintshire, where Mr. R. W. M. Clouston found under one per cent. in 1949. Radnorshire, surveyed by Mr. Sharpe in 1947, had over 9½ per cent. Other percentages quoted were Monmouthshire 3½ in 1940, Oxfordshire 4½ in 1953, Worcestershire 5½ in 1930, Wiltshire 6 in 1927, Suffolk and Dorset 15 per cent. Another unusual feature was that no saunce or sanctus bells were found by the author.

In a foreword the Rev. R. W. Thomas, Master of St. David's Guild, mentions that this is the first book to be published dealing with the bells of West Wales. The inspection of the bells had been a very exacting undertaking and "this interesting volume contributes a great deal to the historical annals of the Diocese."

"The Church Bells of Cardiganshire," price £1 15s., plus 1s. 10d. postage, from the author, Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

THE BELLS OF POONA, INDIA

By P. G. BELLAMY-KNIGHTS
of the Madras Christian College..

LAST Christmas I decided to utilise the first week of the vacation in going about 600 miles north from Madras to Poona. I had the good fortune to have a fellow teacher from Madras Christian College coming with me, Ian Manning, an Australian. Although he is not a ringer, he had been following with interest the news of Great Adventure II in my copies of "The Ringing World."

We had kindly been offered accommodation by the Cowley Fathers, and arrived at St. John's Mission House in the evening. I had anticipated that a whole morning at least would be required to locate the Church of the Holy Name—listed in "Dove" as containing a ring of eight. We were, however, pleasantly surprised to be taken by Father Bishop a two-minute walk to the church.

The tall, slender, red-brick tower is detached from the church. It was erected some years after the 19th century Church of the Holy Name. Ian noted that the architecture of the tower had a marked Venetian flavour, with its flat overlapping roof.

We were informed by the pastor that, by order of the police, no one was allowed into the tower, since a siren warning apparatus had been installed therein during the time of the national emergency due to the Indo-Pakistan conflict. The following morning, however, found us back at the pastor's house —this time with a note from the Assistant Commissioner of Police, permitting us to be allowed into the tower to see the bells.

The eight bells are hung in a metal frame at a height of about 60 feet above ground level and are reached after climbing up past three floors. Access to each bell is easy due to a three foot gap between the floor of the bell chamber and the frame. Well above the frame a narrow wooden gallery round the four walls of the tower affords a good overall view of the bells. Here was the ideal position for a photograph, but unfortunately we had been asked to refrain from taking any photos while inside the tower.

All the bells have the same inscriptions—"John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, England—1893" around the crown and "JESV" around the waist. The bells themselves are in good condition although tattered ends of ropes hanging from the flights of the clappers indicate clocking. At the moment only the seventh is clocked for services. We were told that in past years tunes were clocked out at Christmas and the National Anthem on Independence and Republic Days. This information was confirmed by the rows of figures chalked up on the louvres of the otherwise bare ringing chamber All the stays are intact but all the ropes are missing (that by which the seventh is clocked not being a proper bell rope). Sixty years of weathering have had their effect on the frame. The wheels are rather loose and, as was to be expected, the bearings certainly need some lubrication.

I should say the bells could be rung after a certain amount of overhauling such as could be done by ringers themselves. Father Bishop, however, expressed doubts concerning the strength of the tower to sustain the bells being rung up at their present height in the tower. Again, it could be some years before free access to the tower is permissible although the Tashkent Declaration has struck a hopeful note for the future.

From Poona we proceeded to Goa. This delightful old Portuguese colony is replete with Roman Catholic churches. Many, such as the Minor Basilica of Bom Jesus (in which are kept the relics of St. Francis Xavier), date back to the 16th century. Our guide book says of the Cathedral in Old Goa: "The church has a huge bell which is supposed to be one of the best in the world." The campanologist is assisted by the fact that the bells are usually visible from outside the church, as the photo of the Church of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception, Panjim, illustrates. Unfortunately time did not permit a thorough investigation of the bells which the area deserved and we returned to Madras having spent a very interesting week.

Note.—I should be glad to hear from any ringers in India (if any!).



THE DETACHED TOWER



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY NAME

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Southern Branch

The Southern Branch held its annual general meeting on February 5th at Saxlingham. About 50 members and visitors were present and enjoyed ringing on this light and easy-going eight.

The service was conducted by the Rev. S. Merrifield, who also gave the address. The organist was Dr. D. Heighton, and Mr. T. Simmons read the lesson.

At the business meeting, presided over by Dr. P. Jonason, the secretary's report showed that the past year had been a successful one for the Branch. The only change in the officers was the election of Mr. J. Mowle to the Standing Committee.

The chairman in his vote of thanks mentioned Mr. H. Howlett, and the ladies for arranging the tea.

It is hoped to visit South Lopham for the next meeting. C. F. W. P.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. W. Gay 1, Susan J. Webber 2, Pat Mills 3, A. P. White 4, P. C. Kimber 5, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 6. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

THE EDENBRIDGE WEDDING

Brian Jeffrey—Betty Tester

The sun shone brightly and the bells rang merrily on February 19th at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Edenbridge, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Elizabeth (Betty) Tester, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Tester, of Southborough, to Mr. Brian E. Jeffrey, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Jeffrey, of Edenbridge.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a white embossed brocade dress, with train trimmed with roses, round neckline and long pointed sleeves. Her veil was full-length held in place by a headdress of roses and lilies of the valley, and her bouquet was of pink roses, white freesias and lilies of the valley.

The bride was attended by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Olive D. Tester, and Miss Margaret A. Ladd (who also made the bride's and chief bridesmaid's dresses), in long dresses of turquoise satin milano carrying white crescents of freesias, carnations and lilies of the valley. Also in attendance were Miss Lynne Albrow (six-year-old goddaughter of the bride) in a long dress of white velvet and turquoise ribbons, and Master Steven Albrow (three years) in black velvet trousers and white blouse. The best man was Mr. Raymond A. Large. The marriage ceremony, conducted by the Rev. D. H. Bartleet, was followed by Holy Communion.

The reception for 100 guests was held at St. John's Hall, Edenbridge, and the honeymoon spent in the Scilly Isles.

The bridegroom is captain of the Edenbridge band of ringers and popular chairman of the East Grinstead and District Guild: the bride is a committee member. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Edenbridge preceding the service. We wish them both all good health and happiness in the future.

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THE BELLS OF ST. JOHN'S, WAKEFIELD

BY DAVID CUBITT

THE erection of a second church in Wakefield was mooted in 1723; but for various reasons, including the opposition of one particular Vicar of Wakefield, who feared for his parochial rights, it was not until 1791 that the requisite "Act for Building a new Church in the Town of Wakefield in the West Riding of the County of York and for providing a proper Burying Ground, and making Provision for a Minister to officiate at the said Church" was passed. The church was built in the north of the town, in an area favoured by the more superior townsfolk, in the middle of a square which was bounded on two sides by a terrace of late Georgian three-storied red-brick houses. The foundation stone was laid on November 3rd, 1791.

The original architect was John Hope, of Liverpool, but he was quickly replaced by Messrs. Lindley and Watson, of Wakefield, whose plan was adopted on April 19th, 1792. The building was completed in 1794. It was of stone, in classical style, with a small apsidal east end and with vaults beneath. The north and south sides, of five bays, were relieved by coupled pilasters with a round headed window between each on the upper storey (above the level of the gallery) and smaller arched windows on the lower storey. The principal door was in the centre bay on the south side. The tower was square for its lower two-thirds, the upper third octagonal, with a domed top surmounted by a vane.

Regrettably, in restoration work a hundred years later, when the gallery was removed and only replaced at the west, the furniture replaced and a rectangular chancel added, the symmetry was lost by adding a further bay on the south side and vestries on the north, and the external appearance further spoilt by blocking up the south door and the lower windows.

BELLS COST £743

In May, 1793, Charles Watson, one of the architects, was ordered to inquire the price of a ring of eight bells and in August was empowered to order them "at Mears' Foundry half a Note sharper than the Bells in the Parish Church of Wakefield." Mears' bill, dated September 15th, 1794, reads:

1 Peal of Eight Church Bells Complete, viz:

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8 pair of Brasses	2 5¼ @ 14d. p. lb.		3 11 9
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Policy			7 6
			£743 15 8

The bells bore the inscription "Thos. Mears, of London, fecit, 1794." Mears' account was paid by instalments, the first, of £150, on December 19th, 1794, the last, of £212 8s. 2d., on December 24th, 1796.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTHS

A Society of ringers calling themselves the St. John's Youths was formed. They received their first payment of £9 18s. 0d. on August 5th, 1795; thereafter they received £6 5s. 0d. each quarter. In 1819 the quarterly payments became £6 11s. 3d. and in 1828 £7 1s. 3d. The last payment at this



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WAKEFIELD, after the restoration in 1898

rate was on March 13th, 1830, and the Society seems then to have gone into suspended animation for a couple of years, when the only payment for ringing was £1 a quarter to the verger.

Foremost among the St. John's Youths was William Woodhead, but after the new ring of ten was opened at the Parish Church in 1817 he transferred his allegiance to that tower, taking others with him. His place was taken by Benjamin Thackray—or Thackrah, as he preferred later to spell his name—the author of a book on ringing, and then by Procter William Hewitt. The Society remained in existence until about 1850. A list of peals rung at St. John's is set out at the end of this article, but is not claimed to be complete.

In 1859 the tower was found to be in need of repair. John Hewitt, whose father was Procter William Hewitt, recorded visiting the ringing chamber in August of that year and, finding it in a dilapidated state, he was told: "This chamber, Mr. Hewitt, was not in this state when your relatives attended here and men of science rung these bells." Hewitt noted that the bells were then chimed by two lads.

TOWER DEMOLISHED

In 1879 the architect employed to plan alterations for the church discovered the tower was cracked. Chiming, or rather clocking, which resulted in the sixth being cracked, continued until 1883. In December, 1883, Taylors, of Loughborough, were employed to remove the bells from the tower to the vaults and it was decided to take down the upper portion of the tower: but the damage, which may originally have been caused by lightning, was apparently more extensive and the tower was pulled down completely. Work on rebuilding started almost immediately the foundation stone being laid on April 18th, 1885, and the tower was built in the former style with much of the old stone: but only to the height of the church roof, and in this stunted form it remained for ten years. On July 31st, 1895, a further inscribed stone was laid in what would be the ringing chamber, and the upper part of the tower rebuilt to the original design, but of brick faced with stone.

In 1900 Mears and Stainbank recast the sixth, an additional inscription being placed on it, rehung the eight bells, dead, in a new frame and supplied a chiming apparatus. In this state they remain today.

PEALS RUNG AT ST. JOHN'S

December 28th, 1794. — 5,040 Triples, in 3 hours 24 minutes, "by the society of ringers at that place"—first peal on the bells.

April 3rd, 1801.—5,040 Bob Major, 3 hours 23 minutes, "by the Society of Ringers"—first peal of Major on the bells.

July 5th, 1801.—5,280 Treble Bob Major, 3 hours 41 minutes, by St. Peter's Society, Leeds, conducted by Joseph Tebbs—first of Treble Bob on the bells.

May 29th, 1803.—5,040 Bob Major, 3 hours 25 minutes, by the St. John's Youths.

November 3rd, 1805.—5,040 "St. John's Pleasure, or Bob Major Tripples," 3 hours 1 minute, by St. John's Youths, conducted by William Woodhead—first in method at Wakefield.

June 11th, 1806. — 5,088 Old Treble Bob Major, 3 hours 30 minutes, by St. John's Youths—first in the method on the bells.

January 25th, 1807.—5,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3 hours 35 minutes, by St. John's Youths and St. Peter's Society, Leeds, conducted by William Woodhead.

September 27th, 1807.—5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major, 3 hours 23 minutes, by St. John's Youths, conducted by William Woodhead.

May 1st, 1808.—5,144 Kent Treble Bob Major, 3 hours 21 minutes, by five St. John's Youths and three Independent Ringers, Leeds, composed and conducted by Joseph Tebbs.

January 4th, 1809.—5,120 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3 hours 15 minutes, "by the joint societies of Wakefield and Oldham," conducted by J. Newton.

August 13th, 1809, 5,760 Maidstone Bob Major, 3 hours 32 minutes, by St. John's Youths, composed by Joseph Tebbs and conducted by William Woodhead—first peal in the method.

January 3rd, 1812.—5,040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's), 3 hours 22 minutes, by seven St. John's Youths and one from Bristol, conducted by William Woodhead.

December 27th, 1813. — 5,040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's), 3 hours 3 minutes, by seven St. John's Youths and Benjamin Thrackray, of Dewsbury, conducted by Benjamin Thackray.

October 14th, 1821.—5,040 Grandsire Triples, 3 hours, by seven St. John's Youths and Benamin Thackray, conducted by Procter William Hewitt.

November 21st, 1821. — 5,040 Grandsire Triples, 2 hours 56 minutes, by St. John's Youths, composed and conducted by Procter William Hewitt. This peal was recorded on a board in the belfry.

October 14th, 1822.—5,120 Kent Treble Bob Major, 3 hours 12 minutes, by St. John's Youths, composed by Benjamin Thrackray, conducted by Procter William Hewitt.

February 18th, 1844.—5,056 Kent Treble Bob Major, 3 hours 1 minute, by St. John's Youths, composed by Joseph Tebbs, conducted by Henry Senior—last peal on the bells.

THE SANCTUS BELL

Dear Sir,—Mr D. J. Derrick is to be congratulated on his lucid and, I am sure, useful editorial in which he refers to an action for nuisance caused by excessive bell-ringing brought against a Roman Catholic church in the 19th century.

It is, however, to be hoped that in these more enlightened days, and in spite of the case noted above, the Anglican Church may soon be legally permitted to use a sanctus bell as an outward sign of worship.
—Yours faithfully,

JOHN C. SAWTELL.

Trowbridge, Wilts.

Letters to the Editor

OLD RINGS IN WEST COUNTRY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Ranald Clouston and others may find interesting some comments from the South-West on his article on "The Oldest Complete Ring."

The Exeter founders are very difficult to distinguish from one another, as they used the same stamp for generations, and one has to take note of moulding wires, etc., as well as lettering-stamps and crosses. The four at Northleigh have a tenor by "I. T."—he left his thumbprint on one word of the inscription, but we still do not know his name—but the other three are by a slightly later 15th century founder, who impressed coins, here and elsewhere, in the head-moulds of many of his bells

We have Exeter threes probably by the same founders at Huish and Moreleigh, and incorporated into rings of five or six at Payhembury, Monkleigh and Monkokehampton. Brushford has a three by William Dawe of London; this is probably the oldest complete ring in the county, but alas the treble has recently been cracked through clocking; Wolborough preserves one complete bell and the inscription bands of two others by Bird of London; they are lovely castings and well worth a look as they are in the church and easily seen. Townstal incorporates three by William Chamberlain.

Mixed Exeter threes are abundant—Loxbeare, Wembworthy, West Ogwell (still threes): Churston Ferrers, Gidleigh, High Bray, Honeychurch (the treble here from the time of Mary I): Manaton (one Exeter bell and two lovely London bells by Joanna Hille), Torbryan (three Exeter and one 16th century bell by an unknown founder) and Luppitt (two Exeter and one by Roger Semson of Ash Priors, c. 1560) are also of great interest; Broadwindsor, in Dorset, has one bell by Robert Norton of Exeter, another later 15th century Exeter bell, and another early 15th century Salisbury bell. There are probably a number of mediæval threes in Somerset which I have yet to see.

It is beginning to appear likely that Devon has more mediæval bells than any other county; what is more, the Exeter foundry, with bells as far away from the centre as Dorchester-on-Thames, Upton Magna (Salop) and Guernsey, may prove to have as many surviving bells as any pre-Reformation foundry in the country I have seen over a hundred, and I think I may be halfway through them.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT (Rev.)

Clawton, Holsworthy.

THE KINGSLEY MASON PROTEST

Dear Sir,—Having read Kingsley Mason's letter in the issue of February 11th, may I say that as far as I am concerned when the name of Peter J Staniforth appears at the bottom of a peal that in itself leaves no doubt in my mind that the ringing was good enough to be called a peal.

Those not acquainted with the circumstances existing between most Leicester ringers and Kingsley Mason are unaware of an unpleasant incident at the Cathedral and other towers in which he is not welcome. I wish that I had never had the misfortune to ring in Kingsley Mason's first peal.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

IN DEFENCE OF WARNER'S

Dear Sir,—May I suggest that the sweeping statement P. A. C. made about Warner's in the February 11th issue is only his own opinion. In my opinion, it was their engineering and **not** their founding that was at fault.

Most Warner rings cast in the last quarter of the 19th century were among the finest cast by anyone at that time and are still hard to be faulted today Apart from their distinctively individual character they were made to last—anyone who really listens knows this.

To illustrate my point I have drawn up a list of Warner rings I have had the pleasure of ringing on and listening to in my travels.

Here they are, listed in their counties. Berkshire: Boyne Hill, St Paul's, Wokingham: Devon: Withycombe Raleigh; Essex: Chelmsford Cathedral, Galleywood, Harlow Town, Loughton, St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, Broomfield; London: Bethnal Green (all except Mears' modern tenor), St. Mary's Holloway Road, Immanuel, Streatham; Middlesex: St. Mary's, Ealing, St. Peter's, Staines, Shepperton: Northants: St. Mary's, Peterborough: Surrey: Oatlands Park; and, last of all, in my own county, Kent: Chatham, St. Nicholas', Chislehurst, Walmer and, finally, one of Warner's last rings at my own tower, Christ Church, Erith, cast during the first world war—their only attempt at modern tuning as far as I know, and a delight to hear.—Yours faithfully,

Crayford. GEOFF P. HUCKSTEP.

THERE'S A "BRISTOL AFFAIR" IN CHESTER GUILD

Dear Sir, — I read with great interest your leading article on January 28th, "A Bristol Affair," as during the past 12 months exactly the same thing has happened within the Chester Diocesan Guild.

At the beginning of 1965 the members of the tower at which I ring decided that they would like to transfer from one branch to another, and by doing so caused quite a disturbance amongst Guild authorities. After extensive negotiations, both at the Committee and Guild annual meetings in 1965, no final decision was attained, but the general feeling was that certain officers were against the idea.

Since then our own ringers decided that in a voluntary organisation, such as the ringing fraternity, a tower has a right to belong to whichever branch it desires, and so paid our subscriptions via our intended branch.

Recently, however, I have been informed that the Master of the Guild has instructed the general secretary to repay the contributions through the original branch, as Rule 14 of the Association had been broken, which states that the committee only can decide to which branch a tower must belong.

In conclusion, we have decided that if the General Committee fail, this year, to grant the transfer, no further subscriptions will be paid. In my opinion, after paying voluntary subscriptions to a voluntary organisation the ringers themselves should have the right to state to which branch they wish to belong, and should not be dictated to by any committee, as this contradicts the democratic principles of a Christian organisation.

Finally, I should like to hear what the general opinion is in such matters as these.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER J. JONES.

Knutsford, Cheshire.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—Just for the record, if F. M. is the man his initials lead me to suppose, he should know that the eighth was recast again at Whitechapel in 1953. There may be some doubt about the sixth being a 15th century Bristol bell, although for long supposed, with the ninth and tenor, so to be. It could well be older, for it differs in shape considerably from the other two and is inscribed "Stephanus Banastre Me Fecit."

There was, and doubtless still is, a 12th century book in the Cathedral library with an inscription in 13th century script to the effect that it was given to the Minor Brethren "for prayers for the soul of their Lord Stephani le Banastre." The inference is that S.B. was Custos of the College of the Vicars Choral, and as such would have responsibility for things musical and "Our Lord" to his minor brethren, but unfortunately the records of the College are not sufficiently complete to verify this.

If there is no founder on record as Stephanus Banastre nor real evidence of Bristol origin, then it seems reasonable to suppose that the two S.B.'s were one and the same man and that he cast or had the bell cast at least as early at the 13th century. Perhaps Mr. Sharpe during his current investigations in Herefordshire may be able to find out. —Yours faithfully,

A. W. D.

MR. COLLINS' COMPLAINTS

Dear Sir,—In view of the smokescreen and red herrings produced by Mr. A. J. M. Collins in the issue of February 11th, may I repeat that from October 24th, 1961, to March 31st, 1962, he **insisted** on absolute secrecy concerning the film "Ringers Required," and that he personally wished to arrange its distribution to the ringing public.

He is under a delusion that his film, issued four years ago, has received no endorsement from officials of the Central Council. It was well received and commented upon favourably by numerous Central Council officials, including myself, at the Cardiff meeting in 1961, when it was introduced. Since then, in replies to some of the many people who write to me for information about instructional material, I have recommended his film and given details of where it can be obtained.

It is obvious that his dissatisfaction has only arisen since the Washington film became available five months ago and this is borne out by his statement "My reason for dissatisfaction goes back to **1965** (not **1961**), "when it was observed that the Education Committee had presumably purchased a film solely to entertain."

At the last Council meeting (in 1965) in recommending the Central Council to purchase the Washington film, Mr. C. K. Lewis referred to its value, in the high status accorded in the film to bells, ringers and bell-ringing, in connection with church services.

The film, though not one on ringing instruction, includes excellent detailed shots of bells and ringers in action, is excellent propaganda for the art and certainly is enjoyable.

Instead of adopting a dog in the manger attitude, Mr. Collins should realise that the two films are complementary and not competitive. Shown together, as they have been on several occasions, they provide an interesting programme and I know that **both** films are in good demand and booked up well ahead.—Yours, etc.,

N. CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

Note.—This correspondence is now closed. —Ed.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society was held at the Churches of St. Andrew, Kirk Ella, and St. Mary, Beverley, on February 12th. The attendance was affected to some extent by illness and adverse weather conditions but 62 members and visitors were present.

The afternoon ringing took place on the six bells at Kirk Ella, followed by a service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. H Wilson, at which the preacher was the Bishop of Hull, patron of the Society. Handbells were rung during the singing of Psalm 150, and the lesson was read by the secretary, Mr. A. B. Cooper. The bells of St. Mary's, Beverley, were rung in the evening.

Tea was provided in the Memorial Hall, Kirk Ella, by wives and parents of the Kirk Ella ringers, and before the business meeting the Bishop of Hull presented the Albert Sellers Memorial Cup to Mr. R. H. Sharp, representing All Saints', Hessle, band, who were judged to have made most progress in church service and method ringing. Under the expert guidance of the Rev. F. Ross, senior curate at Hessle, a very young, enthusiastic band has been trained in a remarkably short time and one member, Robert Hawtree, rang two peals of Surprise Major and one of Minor in seven methods within only 14 months of learning to handle a bell.

The president, Mr. K. Kirk, was in the chair for the business meeting, and the annual report and financial statement were formally approved. Ten meetings had been held with an average attendance of approximately 50 members, a feature being the enthusiasm of an encouraging number of young learners. The financial position was greatly improved by a bequest of £10 from the will of the late Mr. Fewster, a former ringer at Patrington. During the year 1965, 45 members took part in 17 peals, and 79 members rang in 53 quarter peals. Some towers, however, are silent and several others require reliable recruits. Society members supported activities organised by the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies, and the Beverley Society will act as hosts for the festival to be held at Beverley next May.

The Society president, vice-president, secretary and assistant secretary, Mr. K. Kirk, Mr. N. Castle, Mr. A. B. Cooper and Miss J. Gray, were re-elected. Mr. D. S. Johnson resigned from the office of Ringing Master and was succeeded by Mr. R. Ducker, with the Rev. F. Ross as Assistant Ringing Master.

A vote of thanks to the Society officers was proposed by Mr. F. Parker (Bridlington), and Mr. A. Taylor (Beverley) thanked the incumbents and all who helped in the arrangements made for the meeting. The ladies were complimented on the substantial tea provided at a very reasonable cost. Mr. N. Castle thanked the Bishop of Hull for his address and interest in Society activities.

FALSE?

Dear Sir,—I think the composition used for the peal rung at Peterborough on December 18th, 1965, is false in the fifth and 21st courses.
—Yours faithfully, TOM H. RUSH.
Beccles, Suffolk.

Dinner Day at Bristol University

A RECORD attendance was expected at this year's Dinner, as nearly 200 tickets had been sold which, incidentally, makes the Bristol Dinner far and away the biggest University dinner in the country; and now, for many people throughout the land, the fourth Saturday in January is synonymous with the Bristol Dinner.

A number of traditions concern Dinner week-end, and one of the oldest is that people in Bristol on Friday evening and, of course, attending the Dinner, should go to the Volunteer. No one knows why—the public house is surely one of the roughest in the city—but, as with all Society traditions, it will never be changed, and certainly part of the charm of the Society lies in its often illogical, always unalterable, traditions. What other University, for instance, has a Cupid, or head- and under-gardeners or, for that matter, a grandmother? However, to return to the point, everybody enjoyed Friday evening in spite of the heaving throng, and were in good spirits for the next day.

AN ORGANISER'S DREAM

With 25 rings of bells to choose from, Bristol is an organiser's dream, and so it was not a difficult task to arrange for 12 towers to be open at various times of the day to accommodate everyone. Bristol has more towers per acre than anywhere else, but one wonders where anywhere else there are so many bad rings. However, the general standard of ringing was quite good and for most people the unique charm of the centre of Bristol more than made up for any deficiencies in the bells. Two peals were also attempted, but because of feckless organisation neither was successful. Grandsire Caters at St. Stephen's was lost after two hours, while Stedman Triples at St. Philip's started two hours late and was lost after 20 minutes. Certainly Dinner Day attempts seem ill-fated; a peal has not been rung for over three years.

As has been customary in the past, a Society meeting was held in St. Michael's Church Hall towards evening, a service following at the church. Unfortunately, the heating apparatus was not in working order and the church was icy cold—so cold in fact that the organist was at times unable to play.

ELEGANT TOP TABLE

For the second year running the Dinner was held in the Senate House, and can these rooms be bettered? A new departure this year was the autocratic decision by the Master that dinner suits should be worn on top table, which provoked much adverse comment among prominent non-resident members—though whether it will be repeated next year is very much open to question.

The speeches began with Miss P. Bligh-Cheesman proposing in fluent style "The Visitors." She was delighted to report that this year there were more than ever before, and the more who came the better. A certain other Society seemed to be trying to limit numbers by an inflationary price increase: this she thought wrong, and she hoped that Bristol University Society would always warmly welcome visitors.

Next followed a presentation on behalf of the Society, by Mr. P. J. Bird, of a set of sherry glasses and tray to Professor R. Brocklehurst, the retiring president. Mr. Bird spoke of the tremendous amount of hard work done by the Professor for the Society—he was, for instance, largely responsible for having the Society represented on the Central Council. The Society was tremendously grateful for this and he hoped that the gift would be some token of the esteem the Society held for the Professor.

In reply, the Professor thanked the Society for the gift: he was sure he could put it to good use. Far from being hard work, he had enjoyed the presidency greatly and he was sorry that he had at last to relinquish the post. In retirement, he hoped to find the time to master more complicated methods of ringing bells; however—in reference to a recent letter in "The Ringing World"—Grandsire must never be derided. He had derived a great deal of pleasure from this method, even though it was a relatively simple one.

CUPID HAD TO RESIGN

After "The Society" had been competently proposed by Mr. K. Darvill, of Cambridge, the Master (Mr. D. B. Williams) replied. He regretted that as yet no peals had been rung by the Society in the current year but that was not a sign of weakness. A peal was a transitory thing which might or not be creative. With 30 members to cater for, time was valuable and there were few opportunities to go for peals. However, eight quarters had been rung in one term, in five different towers, with 20 people taking part. These did indicate the strength of the Society, and what augured well for the future was that 19 of those 20 would be returning next year. The Society was handicapped by the bells it had to ring on; he hoped that someone would donate new rings for St. Michael's and Christ Church. As far as the social side went, Cupid had not been at all successful; in fact he had had to resign. It was to be hoped that his successor would prove more fortunate. In conclusion, he spoke of the need of the Society to look to the future if it were to flourish; if it failed to, it deserved the epitaph given to Cæsar by Hamlet.

Thus concluded the speeches, the rest of the evening being pleasantly spent in the sumptuous lounge. This Dinner was certainly one of the best ever. N. W. H. G.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

An encouraging feature of the Marlborough Branch meeting at Ramsbury on February 19th was the number of learners and young people present. The Rev. Roger Keeley (Ringing Master) supervised ringing activities.

The Vicar (Canon H L. Philp) conducted the service, and an excellent tea was provided by the ladies of the parish. Mr. G. Newman (chairman) proposed the vote of thanks.

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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jackie Roberts (first quarter) 1, Amanda Powell 2, R. Rayfield 3, Wendy Wallace 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome David Christopher, son of Margaret and Eric Godfrey, born on February 4th.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 17th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. Wilcox 1, G. Edwards 2, J. Scott (cond.) 3, K. Eaton 4, L. Perry 5 L. Meredith 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. Coxell, the oldest inhabitant, who died earlier in the week, aged 96 years.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss W. Matthews (first quarter) 1, B. Matthews 2, Mrs. J. Fynes 3, H. Wood, 4, G. Rix 5, C. Fynes 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, I. M. Robinson 8. For Evensong. First quarter on the new bells.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 13th, 1.264 Plain Bob Major: S. Warne 1, Mrs. P. Lindsell 2, R. J. Lindsell 3, A. Wiffen 4, C. Barker 5, Miss J. Quilter 6, Mrs. J. Syder 7, A. R. Syder (cond.) 8. Rung for farewell to the Vicar, Rev. F. C. Trundley.

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. Fulker 1, B. Cray 2, C. Woodwards 3, J. Goodman (cond.) 4, R. Tuckwell 5, C. Gammon 6. For the induction to this parish of the Rev. E. R. Charlewood.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Feb. 6th, 1,346 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: P. Bridle 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, R. J. Bowden 3, J. T. Parsons 4, Diana N. Chapman 5, A. Tubb 6, J. H. Gilbert 7, J. C. Slater 8, E. F. Hancock 9, A. M. Tyler 10, J. R. Taylor (cond.) 11, R. G. Edwards 12. Rung for the 14th anniversary of the Queen's Accession.

BROMSBERROW, GLOS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Wilson (first quarter) 1, L. Smith 2, E. D. Wilson 3, R. Chew 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, F. Lawrence 6. Rung for Evensong; also a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. F. Rigby.

BURRY PORT, CARMARTHEN.—1.440 Doubles (five methods): W. P. E. Sage (Burry Port captain) 1, R. C. Warburton (Guild secretary) 2, A. F. Walters (cond., treasurer) 3, P. C. Rogers (Ringing Master) 4, Rev. Russen Thomas (Master) 5. In memoriam Mr. B. H. Rees, auditor of St. David's Diocesan Guild, 1945–1966.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Feb. 13th, 1,440 Minor (three methods): A. W. King 1, Miss C. Wickens 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, A. J. Ede 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6.

CHISLET, KENT.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Joan M. Barrett 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, G. J. Neilson 3, D. B. Cox 4, A. Berry (cond.) 5, R. M. Copley 6. By Christ Church College Society. Rung for the engagement of Miss Rosemary Howells and Mr. Peter Barney, members of the Society.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. M. Norgrove (first quarter) 1, D. Floyd (cond.) 2, A. E. Hicks 3, H. Osborne 4, J. F. List 5, E. Patching 6. Rung on the sixth birthday of Prince Andrew.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Parker 1, C. Stevenson 2, Josephine Pole 3, J. Britchford 4, D. Fowles 5, P. Woodgyer (cond.) 6. To bid farewell to the Rev. H. E. Farrington.

CROMHALL, GLOS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Sturdy 1, Miss E. Starling (first "inside") 2, J. Shingler (first "inside") 3, M. Powell (first of Grandsire "inside") 4, G. Marchant (cond.) 5, T. R. Hemmings (first quarter) 6.

CROPWELL BISHOP, NOTTS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,320 Doubles (11 method/var.): W. G. Marsh 1, Robert D. Marsh 2, Miss R. Blackshaw 3, O. Oliver 4, M. W. Harrison (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. G. Smith, interred previous day.

DYRHAM, GLOS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gibbs 1, M. Brain (first of Minor) 2, K. G. Weeks 3, D. M. Smith (first of Minor "inside") 4, B. K. Lewis 5, A W. Gibbs (cond.) 6.

EDGMOND, SHROPSHIRE.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Mansell 1, Miss J. Harris 2, E. Broom 3, E. C. Morrall 4, J. A. Morrey 5, G. E. Morrall (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2. For Evensong.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Jan. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): D. J. K. Paul 1, Sal Parrott 3, D. J. F. Oakshott 4, W. Parrott 5, S. Warren 6, R. E. Fentiman 7, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 8 Rung for Epiphany, and as a silver wedding compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

HOLBECK, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. L. Riley 1, A. Talbot-Ponsonby (first in method) 2, G. Cooper 3, M. G. Dodson 4, J. Jones 5, G. J. Jones (first as cond.) 6.

HORDLE, HANTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, Mrs. G. D. Northway 2, J. Hartless 3, L. D. Smith 4, B. Allinson 5, T. Matcham 6. First in seven methods by all.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 13th, 1,280 Treble Bob (Ilkeston Var.): A. Grainger 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, J. Fowler 4, C. Pain 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, J. McDonald 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band for the speedy recovery of Andy Salisbury after a recent operation in Oldchurch Hospital.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Soten (first of Major) 1, R. Biggs 2, R. Barton (first of Major "inside") 3, Miss M. Newton 4, Miss J. Barton 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, D. Cornwall (cond.) 8.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKSHIRE.—On Feb. 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Mitchell (first in the method) 1, Mary I. Hildred 2, A. C. Banton (cond.) 3, Susan E. Thompson 4, T. W. Brighton 5. Rung with the band's best wishes to Colin Armstrong and Judith Maybon on the occasion of their marriage at this church.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Doubles: J. Maysmith (first quarter) 1, G. Spratt 2, R. M. R. Picton 3, P. W. Harper 4, R. J. Picton (cond.) 5, K. D. Waples 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Harrop 1, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, C. Cousins 5, C. Tovell 6, N. Harding 7, L. Houghton 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1 and 6, who are members of Gaywood band.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Whitehouse (first of Bob Minor) 1, A. E. Morgan 2, C. Pearman 3, F. E. Jukes 4, Dr. D. N. Layton 5, C. F. Jukes (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. K. Smith (cond.) 1, Linda Dalton 2, M. J. Wilson 3, K. Kirk 4, A. B. Cooper 5, R. D. Gibson 6. For Evensong, and in honour of the engagement of Elizabeth Peace and David S. Johnson.

MADELEY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan J. Webber 1, Valerie Rushforth 2, Felicity Webber 3, P. C. Kimber 4, P. Gay 5, A. P. White (first as cond.) 6.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (Clifford's Pleasure and Southrepps): R. D. Smith 1, D. O. Haslam (first "inside") 2, J. H. Greene 3, R. Osborne 4, D. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, R. G. Coombes (first quarter) 6.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): C. S. Jarrett 1, G. E. Kenward 2, G. A. Naylor 3, P M. Wilkinson (cond.) 4, B. E. Jemmett 5, G. M. Wood 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. E. Dobbie, aged 101. Also 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): P. Jackson 1, Joan A. Hayward (cond.) 2, P. D. J. Beal 3, N. J. Chesson 4, P. M. Wilkinson 5, G. M. Wood 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. E. and Mrs. Richmond, who are leaving the parish.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. L. Shenton (cond.) 1, Robert Bailey (first in method) 2, P. Phillips 3, J. A. J. Jack 4, D. Bennett 5, O. Williams 6, J. M. Jack 7, W. H. Pickett 8.

PEMBROKE. — On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): D. Cooper (14) 1, S. Rogers (12) 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, G. Norris 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, P. R. Huntbach 6. For Evensong, and with best wishes to Rev. H. B. Pearce, curate for four years, on appointment as Vicar of Jordanston and Llanstinan.

PENN, STAFFS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gillian M. Griffiths 1, D. G. Smith 2, G. F. Griffiths 3, Pamela Garbett 4, C. Griffiths 5, J. A. Roden 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyre 8. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Matins.

PYLLE, SOMERSET. — On Feb. 13th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Sheila Y. Hallett 1, G. G. Salmon 2, J. Sheppard 3, E. Skipsey 4, M. Bartlett 5, R. C. Taylor (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 6.

RAWMARSH, YORKS. — On Feb. 15th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Brooks 1, F. Pickering 2, G. Hiner 3, D. Burling 4, G. W. Pilkington (cond.) 5.

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): F. E. Wilson (first quarter) 1, L. Smith 2, E. D. Wilson 3, J. Arnall 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, H. Meek 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich, 576 Cambridge): R. Bickerton 1, D. Fellows 2, Celia J. Bland 3, Christine M. Rimmer 4, P. J. Fells 5, G. Penney (cond.) 6. For Matins.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Best 1, G. Norcliffe 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, H. E. Turner 4, A. C. Best 5, I. Best 6. Birthday compliments to 1, 3 and 5. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Norcliffe 1, F. Welch 2, D. R. Best 3, R. C. Beale 4, J. Cornelius (first on 8 as cond.) 5, R. Welch 6, J. T. Locke 7, K. Welch 8. After the wedding of Mr. C. Male and Miss M. Salisbury.

STAFFORD.—On Feb. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Ruth Fairbrother (first in method) 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, E. R. Fairbrother 3, F. R. Wiggin (first in method "inside") 4, Jennifer Beech 5, F. H. Eley 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, A. E. Garbett 8, F. Beech 9, C. J. Evans 10. Rung for the Queen's Accession, and a farewell to the Rev. John Dilnot, senior curate, on appointment to Stoke-on-Trent Parish Church.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Gillian A. Richards 1, P. J. Brown 2, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 3, L. W. Haines 4, M. D. Fellows 5, J. C. Eisel 6, R. Edwards (covering) 7. First of Surprise "inside" 2 and 4.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Bissatt 1, M. J. Crowell 2, C. F. Mutton 3, E. Nunn (cond.) 4, H. Heard 5, H. Stacey 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, G. Halford 8. First quarter 2 and 3. Birthday compliments to J. W. Sangwin and Colin Mutton (14).

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. Hawthorne 1, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 2, C. P. Starbuck 3, R. Canorn 4, R. Phelps 6. For the institution and induction of the Rev. John Emrys-Jones.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Johnston 1, R. D. Quartley 2, R. J. Gardiner 3, G. H. Harding 4, N. P. Spencer 5, R. H. Lucas 6, C. P. Quartley (cond.) 7, G. B. Davis 8. Rung as a welcome to Bishop of Salisbury for Evensong. Also on Jan. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. H. Johnston (first of Doubles) 1, N. P. Spencer 2, R. D. Quartley (cond.) 3, R. H. Lucas 4, C. P. Quartley 5, R. J. Gardiner 6. Also on Jan. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. H. Johnson 1, Mrs. F. A. Penn 2, G. H. Harding 3, R. D. Quartley 4, R. J. Gardiner 5, N. P. Spencer 6, R. H. Lucas 7, C. P. Quartley (first of Caters as cond.) 8, F. A. Penn 9, G. B. Davis 10. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters rung by the same band.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 9th, 1,276 Grandsire Cinques: Laura Grindrod 1, K. Warner 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, D. Hawkins 4, A. J. Slade 5, D. Wilson 6, June Whitcher 7, H. Duncan 8, M. C. Austin 9, D. A. Hewitt 10, R. J. Chapman 11, P. D. Chapman 12. First of Cinques 1, 5 and 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Whitcher and a farewell to David Wilson on his return to Ringwood, Hants.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Feb. 13th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth A. Elmes 1, Claire E. N. Brown (12, first quarter "inside") 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, J. W. Blackwood 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, C. T. Brown 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rector, Rev. John C. Wallis, on his appointment as Rural Dean of Purbeck.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Minor (Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. Gibbs 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, E. Ovens 3, D. M. Smith 4, W. Lampard 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. First in two Minor methods for all except conductor.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1.320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: B. Moran 1, R. Spencer 2, F. Cooke 3, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke 6. First in method 1 and 2. For Evensong.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jenny Peel 1, R. G. Smith 2, G. Avent 3, R. D. Bell 4, L. North 5, D. Laud (cond.) 6, R. G. Bell 7, S. J. Laud 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon R. H. L. James (95), Vicar of St. John's, Watford, for 50 years.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Stephen Gay 1, Martin Gay (first in method) 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, W. A. Hollamby 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. Fry 6.

WORCESTER.—On Feb. 10th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. L. Bowen 1, D. R. Morris 2, P. Cattermole 3, D. R. Sayers 4, R. G. Morris 5, R. Sheppard 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, J. J. Stanier 8. Rung half-muffled on the back eight in memoriam Ald. Dr. F. L. Spalding, Freeman of the city.

OBITUARY

MR. SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS

Members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild were shocked to hear of the sudden death on February 17th of the secretary of the Central Branch, Mr. Sydney A. Chambers. Mr. Chambers, who was 48, had rung as usual at Lincoln Cathedral and St. Giles' the previous Sunday and at Monday practice.

Mr. Chambers was a member of St. Giles' Church for over 40 years and began to ring in 1935 with the writer under the tuition of Mr. Harold Marcon, now of Loughborough, in preparation for the bells which were to be hung in the new Church of St. Giles. He joined the Lincoln Cathedral company in 1946 and was most loyal and regular in his attendance.

He rang his first peal in July, 1939, and had rung a total of 123 peals, mostly for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. He was a good method ringer and an excellent striker and took part in the first peals of many Major, Royal and Maximus methods for the Guild. One of Mr. Chambers' notable achievements was a peal in 32 Spliced Surprise methods.

Sydney Chambers gave varied service to the Church: he was a member of St. Giles' Parochial Church Council for 20 years, a server, sacristan, and he worked for the Church Union in Lincoln. He had been a prison visitor for many years. He was secretary of the Central Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, an office he had held for six years.

The Guild, the Cathedral and St. Giles' have lost a valuable and faithful member and we will miss his friendship and reliability. His sense of humour, too, and his telling of stories on Cathedral outings were a joy.

May he rest in peace. J. L. M.

MR. RALPH MOORE

Cogenhoe, Northants, ringers are mourning the loss of their tower captain, Mr. Ralph Moore, whose death was unexpected although he had been ill for several months. He will be sadly missed. For much of the 35 years he had been a ringer at Cogenhoe he had been captain and steeplekeeper. Another office he had held was that of churchwarden for about ten years. Like many other places, the ringers came and went but Ralph seemed to go on for ever He only rang one peal in his life, his main object being Sunday ringing, and in this he never failed. B. E. F.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Ringing under the management of Mr. G. Maves was of a good standard at the Biggleswade District meeting at Clifton on February 12th.

At the business meeting it was decided to send a get-well card to Mr. A. E. Rushton, the Association's president, and also to visit Old Warden on Easter Eve, April 9th, as the Vicar was in full agreement.

Next meeting: Campton and Meppershall, March 12th.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

The annual general meeting of the Llandaff Branch was held at Aberavon on February 14th, the chair being taken by the Rev. Derek Ford, of Newton-Nottage, in the absence of the Vicar.

Subscriptions had been paid by 154 members, a figure lower than usual due to a few towers being in arrears. Thirty-four new members were elected during the year.

Progress was reported from Coity, where the entire band has joined the Association, under the leadership of Mr. D. J. Godfrey; Porthkerry, where methods up to Cambridge Minor are rung for Sunday service; and Newton-Nottage, where Stedman is again rung following the loss of many young ringers from the area.

A very successful year for peal ringing was accomplished. The Branch rang 54 peals in which 13 ringers rang their first peal.

Mr. Christopher Ricketts, at 14¼, became the youngest Association member to call a peal of Major, also James Clatworthy had the distinction of ringing his first peal to Stedman Triples.

The Branch was unanimous in its election of Mr. Iolo Davies, of Cowbridge, as Ringing Master for the coming year—a fitting tribute to his untiring interest in the affairs of the Cowbridge Grammar School Society.

Following a long and interesting discussion, the members agreed to experiment with holding only a half-yearly and annual business meeting. The alternate meetings would then be ringing, service and tea only, leaving it to the discretion of the secretary to call a business meeting at these times if the need arises.

Meetings for the year were arranged for: Merthyr, June 11th; Coity, September 10th; St. Athan, November 12th; Newton-Nottage, February 11th, 1967.

Mr. Gwyn Lewis extended the best wishes of the Branch to the secretary, Mr. David J. Llewellyn, and Miss Penelope J. Welch, who are to be married on March 1st at Llandaff Cathedral. Mr. B. Thomas thanked the ladies of Aberavon for providing an excellent tea for the 53 members present. Mr. R. John Thomas replied, saying how welcome ringers were to visit the church at any time. D. J. L.

LADIES' GUILD

Eight new members were elected at the annual meeting of the South Wales District in Monmouth on January 28th. They were Mrs. D. Griffiths and daughter Jane, and Anne Goodwin, all of Monmouth, Mrs. B. Jones and Sally Guest (Usk), Miss Joyce Pepperall (Ebbw Vale) and the Misses Patricia and Jacqueline Black (Chepstow).

Fifty ringers and friends were present. Canon Knight conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. Terrance Palmer, and Mrs. V. Jones and the Monmouth ringers, who provided an excellent tea, were thanked by Mr. T. Stephens.

Next meetings (provisional): Whitchurch, May 21st; Ross-on-Wye, October 22nd.

Devon Branch

The lately restored bells at Teignmouth were kept going throughout the afternoon of February 19th for the annual meeting of the Devon Branch, and touches of Stedman Doubles and Triples and Plain Bob Major and Minor were rung. Capt. J. C. Styler, assistant priest, conducted the service, and a snack tea was served in the Parish Hall.

Miss M. A. Bould, vice-president, presided at the business meeting. Arrangements for the national meeting at Exeter on July 2nd were discussed, and the Misses B. Duck and J. Bryant were elected members.

Officers appointed for the ensuing year were: Vice-president, Mrs. H. Boobier (Exeter); secretary and treasurer, Mrs. P Burnham (Dartmouth); Ringing Master, Mrs. G. E. Retter (Clyst Honiton); Branch Committee, Mrs. P. Pavey, Misses S. Sims, V Stephens and C. Goss; representatives on the Central Committee, Misses M. Matthews and Y. C. Porter.

Further ringing took place at Bishopsteignton in the evening. A. E. R.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Hawkhurst on February 12th was the first on the bells by a local band for 28 years.

Will the correspondents submitting peal copy please write quarter peals on separate sheets and not on the back, to avoid copying.

Mr. R. F. Anscott writes regarding the peal at Corfe, Taunton (page 97), the footnote should read: "Believed to be the fastest peal of Minor for the Taunton Deanery," and not as stated.

Another milestone on the path of progress was passed by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths at Sittingbourne on February 20th, when a peal of seven Spliced Surprise Major was rung silent and non-conducted.

Behind the peal at Pylle, Somerset, there is a story of an obliging Vicar. The band intended to make the attempt at the neighbouring village of Pilton, but on arrival found that the sound-proofing had been "kidnapped." Hearing of their disappointment, the Vicar of Pylle kindly allowed the attempt on his easy-going six.

In connection with our report of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' dinner, we are asked to make two corrections. In Mr. Barnett's speech, "pestering the Archbishop" should read "pestering the Prime Minister," and the ringer of 7–8 in the touch of Yorkshire Surprise Royal was Roger Baldwin and not Peter Beresford.

An evening practice at Farnborough, Hants, on February 19th attracted an excellent attendance of both District members and visitors. A wide variety of methods was rung including rounds and plain methods, Yorkshire, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major. The practice was supervised by Mr. Tom Page, Farnham District Ringing Master.

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THE FIRST GIRL TO RING A PEAL

The first lady to ring a peal, Mrs. Sullivan (nee Alice White) sends the following letter to Mr. William Shepherd, of Addlestone, written from Galt, Ontario, Canada:

"In one of 'The Ringing Worlds' I note you put in a word for Dora and me; I was the first girl to ring a peal—at 15 years of age—even though I had to contend with an injured spine, which was caused by a bull tossing me. Bellringing was not hard when the bearings were kept well oiled, and I remember Father taking a bottle of castor oil if we were going to a tower which had no efficient caretaker.

"I have a picture of myself, with Dora, which was taken for the then 'Bell News.' I was then 17, and Father rigged up the ropes in the studio—twice. It was all ready the first time and I suddenly had a bad hæmorrhage; even at the second attempt Father was kneeling on the ground holding me up. I am sending the photo back to Harold to be kept in the family."

SOMERSET'S FAST PEALS

Mr. G. W. Massey, peal secretary to the Bath and Wells, has, in consequence of the false claim of the peal at Corfe as the fastest for the Association (it was, however, for the Taunton Deanery), been looking into the times of peals.

He writes that there have been nine faster peals for the Association, the record being shared by two peals rung at Dunkerton, near Bath, in 2 hours and 15 minutes, viz: February 20th, 1960, six Doubles methods; July 28th, 1962, Plain Bob Minor. Other peals in less than 2 hours and 21 minutes have been rung at Corston, Farmborough, Bathampton and Ash-in-Martock.

ROUGHAM BELLS AT THE FOUNDRY

"The East Anglian Daily Times" in its issue of February 19th had a fine picture of one of the six bells at St. Mary's, Rougham, near Bury St. Edmunds, being lowered preparatory to going to the Loughborough Foundry for overhauling. The oldest bell here dates back to about 1410 and is thought to have been cast by John Bird of London. Its Latin inscription can be translated: "I, being rung, am called Katherine, the rose of the world." This bell is to be one-eighth turned. It is badly worn where the clapper strikes and the metal there is in danger of cracking.

Three of the other bells are by John Darbie—two 1661 and the other 1678. The tenor of 1790 was cast by Thomas Osborn of Downham Market and weighs about 16 lb. The youngest was cast by John Warner and Son in 1894. The estimated cost of the work is about £7,000. Mr. Claude Rush informs us that the 1553 Survey showed four bells.

TWO IRISH RECORDS

The name of Mr. John T. Dunwoody, of Holywood, Co. Down, should have been included in the handbell peal table for 1965. He rang 17 peals "in hand" (conducted 16). His total of peals for the year was 31 (conducted 25). Both figures are a record for the Irish Association.

The peal of Ealing on January 22nd, 1966 (page 98), was rung at St. Peter-in-Thanet, Kent, and not as printed.

STRIKING COMPETITION AT BURGESS HILL

For the third year running a striking competition was held at St. John's, Burgess Hill, in conjunction with the Mid-Sussex Arts Festival. Eight towers entered—the same number as in 1965—and once again A. P. (Pat) Cannon was the adjudicator.

Those taking part were: St. Leonard's, Aldrington; St. Mary's, Balcombe; St. Peter's, Brighton; Good Shepherd, Brighton; St. John's, Burgess Hill; St. John's, Crawley; Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint; SS. Damian and Cosmos, Keymer.

St. Peter's, Brighton, were declared the winners with 82 faults, and have thus won every time since the competition started.

About 60 people sat down to tea and to hear the adjudicator's comments on the standard of ringing which, unfortunately, was not up to the level of previous years. Following tea, Pat Cannon gave a brief but interesting talk on his recent trip to Australia. Ringing then continued until 8 p.m.

The competition seems to be maintaining its interest among local towers and, after three years, is acquiring an air of permanence. This must surely be to the good of ringing and ringers, as it not only brings about an awareness of what constitutes good striking but also, by its link with the Arts Festival and the attendant publicity, brings the art of bellringing to a wider (and possible more appreciative) audience. A further competition will be held in 1967. D. L. H.

61 YEARS AS CAPTAIN

On February 15th Mr. William Lawrence was re-elected captain of the St. Nicholas', Stevenage, band for the 61st year. He began ringing in October, 1900, and has been in charge of the belfry since 1906. Except for war service in 1914–18 and the enforced silence in World War II he has rung morning and evening on Sundays with only very rare absences because of illness.

Ringers are well known for longevity and faithful service, so Stevenage does not claim this as a record, but Mr. Lawrence's term of office must be amongst the longest—and still continuing to the joy of all his colleagues.

SPLICING THE MAINBRACE FOR JAMES BENNETT

Many of the old school will remember Jim Bennett, who went into the Royal Marines in 1905 and later rang many peals with the late William Pye.

Apart from "the screws" in the arms, Jim is hale and hearty and as upright as ever, and still enjoys a touch on Sundays and practice nights. It is a pity he could not stand in the peal of Grandsire Caters on the evening of his 79th birthday, but the ringers were glad to join him to splice the mainbrace after the peal.

Jim sends best wishes to all old friends.

BROTHERS FATHERS THE SAME DAY

The two brothers, Geoffrey and Brian Pratt, achieved a remarkable distinction on January 28th by both becoming fathers for the first time. Geoffrey and Margaret's baby was a boy (David Charles) and Brian and Jill's a girl (Helen Anne). All four parents are ringers and all are from Cambridge, although Geoffrey and Margaret now live near Nuneaton.

"A COLLECTION OF SURPRISE COMPOSITIONS"

This book, by Cyril A. Wratten, has made a significant addition to the small but gradually increasing amount of published technical data. It is intended for the conductor who has neither records of methods and compositions published in "The Ringing World" nor the time or know-how to derive falseness and compose peals.

The book is divided into sections dealing with Major, Royal and Maximus. In each section all Surprise methods rung and published up to and including October 22nd, 1965, are listed by name, together with leadheads and falseness groups. These lists of methods are followed by compositions, grouped by leadheads, with the falseness groups to which each composition is true. The Major section is by far the largest, containing over 600 methods and 119 compositions.

The user has merely to look up the leadheads and falseness of the method for which he needs a composition and then look through the group of compositions with the appropriate leadheads to find the ones which are true to the method's falseness.

As in any book of finite size, there are limitations: because the falseness of the methods and the "truth" of the compositions are given without incidence, no compositions will be found for a small proportion of methods, such as Hitchin, which have falseness to which no composition is true for all incidence.

A final section contains a selection of peals of spliced in up to 30 methods; these have been chosen so that the same composition can be used to a wide range of methods.

At five shillings, this well-printed book is a bargain. It provides compositions for over 700 named methods and, if used in conjunction with Hudson and McClenahan's publications, compositions for several thousand more methods become available.

DAVID J. MARSHALL.

RANG WITH THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON

Mrs. Sullivan (nee Alice White), who was born in 1880 and rang her first peal at the age of 15, rang peals with the Rev. F. E. Robinson. She now lives at Galt, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. William Shepherd writes that he rang three peals with the Rev. F. E. R.—at Hersham in 1903 and two at Arklow, Ireland, in May, 1905. He also rang a peal with Mr. Louis A. Wilson at Putney on November 25th, 1901, and with Mr. A. E. Pitstow's father, Frederick Pitstow, at Waltham Abbey on January 25th, 1919.

WESTBURY PEAL'S TIME

Dear Sir,—The band which rang the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Westbury, Wiltshire, on January 29th, 1966, have no desire to be credited with the crime of ringing the fastest peal on these glorious bells. It was a good peal rung in the reasonable time of 3 hours and 29 minutes, and not as published on page 121.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE MASSEY.

Frome.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WELLS, Somerset.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B.

Gillian M Hussey	Treble	Philip M. J. Gray	6
Patrick J. Bird	2	John C. Slater	7
Nicholas W. H. Simon	3	Frank D. Mack	8
Alan Tubb	4	D. John Hunt	9
Richard J. Bowden	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

MARTOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr.

Gilbert W. Rendell	Treble	*Frederick T. Sandy	5
Raymond B. Selway	2	Gordon Gaylard	6
*Derek S. Beaufoy	3	Harry J. Gaylard	7
William E. Turner	4	Albert W. Dyer	Tenor

Conducted by Gordon Gaylard.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
(Axbridge Branch.)

COMPTON BISHOP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Kent T.B. and six extents of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

Vincent A. Hemming	Treble	‡Harold Hooper	4
*P. John Hall	2	§Geoffrey Hebden	5
†Stanley Lewis	3	†R. W. Rice	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Vincent A. Hemming.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in two methods ‡ First including Kent. § First peal for the Association as conductor

PYLLE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury
On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being six callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb

*John Sheppard	Treble	*Christopher R. Jenkins	4
Brenda H. Boyce	2	†Gwilym G. Salmon	5
Sheila Y. Hallett	3	*Richard C. Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by Richard C. Taylor.
* 1st peal of Minor. † 100th peal for the Association. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Sheila Hallett.

CHILCOMPTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt

Eric C. Wadman	Treble	*Derek S. Beaufoy	4
Ronald G. Beck	2	*Bryan C. Stirland	5
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	3	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods. First of Minor in seven methods as conductor.

WOOTTON COURTENAY, Somerset—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 10 cwt. in G

Mrs. Jean Lee	Treble	*Tom Court	4
Alan F. Lee	2	William Middleton	5
Julian E. Newman	3	*Reginald Court	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F Lee
* First peal for 14 years.
A thanksgiving peal for the restoration of the church roof.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DARESBURY, Cheshire.— At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Feb. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt

Michael Thomson	Treble	Harry W. Howard	5
John Ryder	2	Harold Worrall	6
*Christopher Jones	3	John R. Bibby	7
John Oultram	4	Walter Allman	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Walter Allman.
* First peal in the method In memoriam C. Raddon.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

HELMDON, Northants.— At the Church of St Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge S., St. Clement's B and three of Plain Bob.

William J. Chester	Treble	Anthony J. Cox	4
Shirley E. Jones	2	Christopher J. Roval	5
Peter C. Randall	3	Geoffrey W Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
First peal as conductor. First in five Minor methods by all except treble and tenor ringers. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.
Rung in honour of the engagement of Peter S. Bennett and Marion R. Panton, with the best wishes of the band.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

EXETER, Devon.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 4 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

Arthur H. Reed	Treble	Frank L. Harris	7
*Norman Mallett	2	John Hartless	8
Ann E. Fellows	3	Ronald N. Marlow	9
David P. Hilling	4	Edward J. Chivers	10
Colin Reeves	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Lewis F. Cobb	6	James A. D. Woolford, Frank D Mack	Tenor

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

WEST HARTLEPOOL, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in E

Margaret Lawson	Treble	Kenneth Lawson	6
*Ann Lawson	2	Michael Maughan	7
*Enid Lawson	3	Jack Roach	8
James Crowther	4	George S. Deas	9
Peter Wishart	5	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by Rev H. Law James. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.
* First peal of Royal.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. D. Stubley, who has left the parish to take up his new post as industrial chaplain.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SOHAM, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., Feb. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No 3 Version. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Anthony D Sansom	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Claudia A. Critchley	2	Alan E. Bagworth	7
Frederick R. Scott	3	George E. Thoday	8
G. William Critchley	4	David P. Hilling	9
J. Keith Ward	5	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne. Conducted by David P Hilling.
First peal of London Surprise Royal for the Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYNE, Essex —At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Feb. 18, 1966 in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being seven extents in 135 methods as follows:
(1) Butterwick, Freiston, Frampton, Benington, Saltwood, Burmarsh, Tattershall, Candlesby, Alford, Langton, Sutton, Denton, Chelford, Poynton and Witcombe Special Alliance, Minchinhampton and Finchley Alliance, Darrington, Thrybergh and Adwick New Alliance, Cornhill and Cripplegate Special Little, Bastow Little Court, College, Double Oxford, London Wavertree and Double Court. (28 methods by H. Chant arranged by C. A Wratten.)
(2) Mendelsham and Tonbridge Alliance, Pontefract, Donottar, Aldbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight, Childwall, Horsmonden, Thelwall, St. Clement's, College, Wavertree, Killarney, Lytham, London, Reverse, Fulbeck, Frodsham, Plain, Canterbury, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Double, Windermere and Ullswater and Belvedere Little Bob. (27 methods by H. Chant arranged by A Peake.)
(3) Stonehouse Bramfield, Harmondsworth, Lamberhurst, Wordsley, Blaxhall, Ringstead, Iver, Hayes, Ellacombe, Mitcham, Beckford, Winchcombe, Sharnbrook, Stanhoe, Stratton and Buxton Alliance, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court. (19 methods by A. G. Driver, arranged by C. A. Wratten.)
(4) Dronfield, Retford, Minehead, Spalding, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn and Brampton Surprise, Peveril, Melandra, Leasowe, Beeston, Tollesbury and Middlesex Delight (16 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh.)
(5) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone and York Minster Treble Bob Brighton, Appleby and Redcar Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatherop, Skipton, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Stisted, Boredone, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight. (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A Peake.)
(6) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob. (15 methods by A. G. Driver.)
(7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise. With 229 changes of method and a plain lead of every method included. Tenor 7 cwt.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	4
Andrew S Hudson	2	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Claire Dillamore	3	Patrick W. Saltmarsh	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G Roast
125th peal of Minor as conductor.
Most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ST. OSYTH, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Feb. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 16 methods, seven 720's, viz: (1) College Exercise T.B., (2) London Scholars, Kingston and Sandal T.B., (3) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (4) Oxford, Double and Plain Bob, (5) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (6) Double Court Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford T.B.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Adrian Semkin	Treble	Peter G. Pitt	4
Leslie Ward	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Stephen D. Humphrey	3	Brian J. Vaughan	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
Most methods to a peal by all except the conductor.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BELFAST, Co. Down.—At the Church of St. Mark, Dundela.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve Part. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Rosemary Thompson	Treble	Jean Jeffery	5
John T. Dunwoody	2	M. Jack Pryor	6
Maud Austin	3	John Lindsay	7
John Palmer	4	*Walter Mann	Tenor

Conducted by John Lindsay.
* First peal in the method. First of Triples as conductor. Rung as a farewell to M. J. Pryor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY, Kent.—At the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in C.

George J. Butcher	Treble	*David S. Osenton	7
Dennis A. Chapman	2	W. Arthur Riddington	8
Herbert E. Audsley	3	Frank J. Matthews	9
Marjorie F. Matthews	4	Frederick J. Cullum	10
*Cyril S. Jarrett	5	*Christopher T. Osenton	11
Bernard F. L. Groves	6	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by Louis Head. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
*First peal of Cinques. First of Cinques as conductor. Ringer of the fifth has now completed the method from Doubles to Cinques.
Rung in honour of the 14th anniversary of the Queen's accession.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Feb. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Frederick J. Cullum	Treble	*Cyril S. Jarrett	5
*†W. Arthur Riddington	2	*Colin A. Tester	6
*Christopher T. Osenton	3	*†Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Herbert E. Audesley	4	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. S. Powell. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method. †50th peal together.

HAWKHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12 Part. Tenor 23 cwt.

Judy M. Bowen	Treble	Albert H. Kemp	5
*Edward Baker	2	Philip Harrison	6
Marion Kemp	3	Geoffrey S. Waters	7
William Gorringe	4	Leslie W. Jarvis	Tenor

Conducted by William Gorringe.
* First peal "inside." Rung by local band.
A birthday compliment to the conductor, also for the wedding anniversary of the Vicar (Rev. A. S. M. Leese) and Mrs. Leese.

HORSMONDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

Reginald E. Lambert	Treble	Arthur S. Richards	5
Robert T. Lambert	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Doris E. Colgate	3	Thomas Cullingworth	7
William Rogers	4	Dennis A. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
The band extend good wishes to Betty Tester and Brian Jeffrey, married this day at Edenbridge.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz: (1) Norwich, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Surfleet, (5) London, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Tony Lewis	Treble	*Michael H. O'Callahan	4
Hazel A. Arrowsmith	2	Ian H. Oram	5
Richard G. Crosland	3	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal of seven Surprise "inside." First of seven Surprise as conductor. Tony Lewis and Paul Smith have now "circled the tower" to peals.
Rung on the Feast of St. Scholastica, Virgin.

LITTLE CHART, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Holy Rood.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5–6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.

*Paul Bagshaw	Treble	*Colin Wyld	4
*Elizabeth John	2	Crawford T. Hillis	5
*Rhian N. Bagshaw	3	†David L. Cawley	Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

WOLVERHAMPTON, Staffs.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	7
Beryl E. Causer	2	Alan E. Jacques	8
William A. Lacey	3	Denis A. Frith	9
J. Edward Cawser	4	Samuel J. Haines	10
W. Ernest Rawson	5	A. Maxwell Lindsey	11
Roland H. Cook	6	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by David G. Wilford. Conducted by William A. Lacey.

AYLESTONE, Leicester.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Feb. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Sandra E. Chesterton	Treble	S. John Haines	5
*Tony Natt	2	David G. Farrar	6
A. James Poynor	3	Russell S. Morris	7
Brian S. Chapman	4	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by A. James Poynor.
* First peal "inside."
With the compliments of the band to Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Morris on the birth of a daughter, Michelle Claire, on January 30th, 1966.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

Jack Bray	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Jack L. Millhouse	2	John Hall	6
*Gwen I. Bloomfield	3	Michael W. Crowder	7
Ronald Chafer	4	Philip Barnes	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* 100th peal for the Guild.

SPALDING, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Alan G. Payne	Treble	*Bernard B. Tyrrell	5
Frank Taylor	2	Ronald C. Noon	6
Norman Forvague	3	Maurice Bennett	7
Denis Woods	4	Cyril R. Burrell	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.
* First peal in the method.
In memory of Stanley E. Bennett.,

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz: (1) Double Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Single Oxford, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.

Frank Taylor	Treble	R. Arthur Goldsmith	4
Joan Gilbert	2	Harold Barsley	5
Janet E. Hubbard	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G Payne.

BRANSTON, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Feb. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 23 lb.

Philip C. Pitchford	Treble	John F. Pearson	4
John Walden	2	George H. Randles	5
Walter Tomlinson	3	Louis Willders	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James. Conducted by Louis Willders.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lt.-Col. F. W. Allbones, organist at this church, interred this day. R.I.P.

GOSBERTON, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., Feb. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods, viz: (1) Double Court, (2) Oxford and Kent T.B., (3) Ipswich Surprise, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Edwin T. Chapman	Treble	George W Massey	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	Alan G. Payne	5
R. Arthur Goldsmith	3	Cyril R. Burrell	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
CHEPSTOW, Mon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*Richard W. Owen	Treble	*Reuben S. Clench	6
Jacqueline S. King	2	*David J. Hughes	7
Audrey Bruten	3	James L. Fitzgerald	8
Donald G. Clarke	4	David J. King	9
David Pike	5	George Ward	Tenor

Composed by Morris J. Morris. Conducted by David J. King.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. John C. Woodward on his appointment to the living of Ynysddu with Cwmfelinfach.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb.

William T. Petty	Treble	†Barrie Williams	5
*Susan Harber	2	‡James Clatworthy	6
Thomas Yeomans	3	Stephen Fenwick	7
Penelope J. Welch	4	David J. Llewellyn	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.
* First peal "inside." † First peal. ‡ First peal of Major.

WHITCHURCH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*John Williams	Treble	Mrs. Christine M. Lucas	4
†Sandra Ford	2	‡William H. Harford	5
Gwen B. Bidgood	3	William Dove	Tenor

Conducted by Gwen B. Bidgood.
* First peal. † First "inside." ‡ First of Grandsire Doubles. First as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to Rev. W. A. Winton, M.A., also for his induction as Vicar of Whitchurch on February 14th.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat, Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

*Jean S. Anderson	Treble	Wilfrid G. Wilson	6
Christopher H. Rogers	2	†Martin E. Harrisson	7
Olive L. Rogers	3	†Robin J. Collis	8
†Harold R. Blagden	4	Peter N. Felton	9
*Ian C. Cooper	5	Harold W. Rogers	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Peter N. Felton.
* First peal. † First of Royal. First as conductor on tower bells.
Christopher H. Rogers has now "circled the tower."
Rung by the local company as a tribute to Rev. J. Derek Hayward, B.A., on completion of his first year's ministry in Isleworth, and in honour of his marriage to Miss Tessa Kaye.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
KILBURN, London.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

Michael N. Bland	Treble	Christine C. Macnair	5
*Douglas C. Birkinshaw	2	David T. Darby	6
*David A. H. Bennett	3	Ian M. Smith	7
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	Rodney B. Meadows	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Rodney B. Meadows.
* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

John Cox	Treble	Kevin S. Hohl	5
Geoffrey H. Pullin	2	David Cubitt	6
Angela M. Wright	3	Peter Adcock	7
Martin Cubitt	4	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by David E. House.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

NORWICH.—At the Church of St George, Colegate.
On Fri., Feb. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods— (1) London and Wells, (2) York, (3) Durham, (4) Beverley and Surfleet, (5) Ipswich, (6) Norwich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G sharp.

Geoffrey H. Pullin	Treble	Martin Cubitt	4
David Cubitt	2	Peter Adcock	5
Angela M. Wright	3	David E. House	Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.
First peal in nine Surprise Minor methods by all the band and on the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Roland Biggs	Treble	Sydney M. Bailey	5
Arthur Newton	2	Percy Newton	6
*Judith M. Loten	3	David A. Cornwall	7
Roy E. Barton	4	Joyce I Barton	Tenor

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First peal.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 36 methods, comprising 192 changes each of Cambridge, Claybrooke, Derwent, Eastcote, Elford, Falmouth, Framley, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Painswick, Radlett, Rutland, Wembley and Yorkshire, and 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Bristol, Cray, Deben, Dublin, Hanbury, Hitchin, Jersey, Maulden, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Ramsey, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Trowbridge, Uxbridge and Watford, with 158 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*W. Bertram Kynaston	Treble	Brian Bladon	5
Edward R. Venn	2	James R. Taylor	6
†Michael J. Hobbs	3	Peter Bridle	7
†Anthony R. Peake	4	‡Victor Griffin	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 25th peal on the bells. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Major in 36 methods.
The greatest number of Major methods to a peal in the county and for the Association.
A compliment to Mr. A. J. Gough and Miss R. A. Ford, married this day at Wootton Bassett, Wilts.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, Bucks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz: Single Oxford, Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Walter Lee	Treble	Ronald J. Snack	4
Anthony K. Fortin	2	Roy Woodruff	5
*Joyce I. Barton	3	David A. Cornwall	Tenor

Conducted by David A. Cornwall
* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
ABINGDON, Berks.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

M. Roger Ashmore	Treble	Rodney A Yeates	6
F. John Nelson	2	Anthony P. Foster	7
Hilary F. Pardoe	3	G. Robert Mordaunt	8
Bruce Wakefield	4	Roger M. Heyworth	9
Richard Wharton	5	Peter M. Bradford	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. John Nelson.

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THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
KIRTLINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Feb 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

John M. Preston	Treble	G. Robert Mordaunt	5
Vanessa C. A. Rodriguez	2	Roger M. Heyworth	6
Rodney A. Yeates	3	Anthony P. Foster	7
Richard Wharton	4	F. John Nelson	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by F. John Nelson
First in the method by all the band and for the Society.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
SITTINGBOURNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sun., Feb. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Sheila M. Dobbie	Treble	Edwin A. Barnett	5
Joan Beresford	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Ronald F. Diserens	3	Stanley Jenner	7
Derek E. Sibson	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Rung silent and non-conducted.
Umpire: Philip A. Corby, Ancient Society of College Youths.
First peal of seven Spliced Surprise Major rung non-conducted and silent.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
ASTON.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

*William J. Pettigrew	Treble	‡Alan S. Burbidge	6
*Cynthia Jennings	2	‡Donald T. Finnemore	7
*Robert J. Liggins	3	Edric J. Franklin	8
†Mark Androlia	4	Allan Short	9
*Reginald A. Inman	5	Richard C. Ingram	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.
* First peal. First peal of Plain Bob Royal. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH BRADLEY.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

David T. H. Robertson	Treble	†Archibald T. Knight	5
Jonathan Nibbs	2	Christopher M. White	6
*Carolyn White	3	Frederick S. Slatford	7
†‡David Nibbs	4	Norman G. N. Knee	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major "inside." ‡ 25th peal. The ringer of the tenor has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.
GLASGOW.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Feb. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr 16 lb. in C sharp.

*Henry F. Sargent	Treble	†Michael J. Pink	5
Ernest Boumphrey	2	†David M. Graham-Service	6
†Thomas J. Winderam	3	Michael H. Johnson	7
*Thomas C. Winderam	4	Leslie Boumphrey	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Leslie Boumphrey.
* First peal of Bob Major on tower bells. † First peal at first attempt. First peal of Major on the bells.
Rung by past and present members of the local band as a farewell to the Provost, the Very Rev. F. F. Laming, on his appointment as Provost of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations viz: Three extents each Grandsire, Newborough, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Rushall, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure and Little Aston.
Tenor 12 cwt.

Robert D. Marsh	Treble	David Oliver	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	Maurice W. Harrison	5
Margaret E. Chilton	3	Leslie Butler	Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.
Rung in memoriam John Walter Ward, aged 81 years, deputy organist at Holme Pierrepont for 22 years and a chorister and organist for 73 years.

GOTHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Arthur Newell	Treble	David Oliver	3
Neil Handley	2	Graham J. Fisher	4
Sydney Adams			Tenor

Conducted by Sydney Adams.
* First peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Feb. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb in G

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	Michael Howes	6
Clifford R. Lovett	3	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	7
Robert E. Lester	3	Ernest G. Pearce	8
Alice E. J. Lester	4	George W. Pipe	9
Howard W. Egglestone	5	Roy Groom	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
Rung as a compliment to James Bennett on his 79th birthday.

BECCLES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

J. Ian Margetts	Treble	Thomas Brock	6
Edwin R. Goate	2	William B. Duncan	7
Terence G. Page	3	H. William Barrett	8
Norman P. J. Cossey	4	Ralph W. Bickers	9
Edwin T. Chapman	5	Trevor N. J. Bailey	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.
A wedding compliment to Miss V. Jane Cooper, a member of St. Michael's company, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. William Bentley this day.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

G. William Critchley	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	6
Robert C. Kippin	2	George E. Thoday	7
Frederick R. Scott	3	George W. Pipe	8
Claudia A. Critchley	4	J. Keith Ward	9
Anthony B. Sansom	5	David P. Hilling	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.
First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Royal for the Guild.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
HASTINGS, Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*J. Michael Swift	Treble	Frederick J. Lambert	5
*Kathleen A. Rivett	2	C. Alfred Levett	6
*Janet M. Percy	3	*Alan R. Baldock	7
*Stanley F. Buckland	4	*Robert W. R. Percy	Tenor

Composed by Edward F. P. Bryant. Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal of Oxford Bob
Rung in connection with the celebrations for the 900th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings, and also as an 18th birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

PULBOROUGH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*Leonard Stilwell	Treble	Tom Page	5
E. Jane Sibson	2	George Francis	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Ronald F. Diserens	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* 800th peal, and rung as a 76th birthday compliment.

HAMMERWOOD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in ten methods, viz: four extents Stedman, five each All Saints' and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and four each Winchendon, Place Bob, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

Betty M. Baines	Treble	Valerie J. Howard	3
*†John A. Howard	2	†Derek Slater	4
*Frank H. Hicks			Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks
* 50th peal together. † 25th peal together. First of Doubles in ten methods by all except the conductor.
Rung immediately after the wedding of Pamela N. Smart, daughter of the Vicar, and Richard C. Brown, both ringers at this church.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
STORRINGTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Jan. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Alan J. Taylor	Treble	*Marcus J. Davies	4
Jean Horton	2	Benjamin W. Farhall	5
Leonard Stilwell	3	Robert Wake	Tenor

Conducted by Robert Wake.
* First peal.
Rung for the 21st birthday of Marcus J. Davies.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH STONEHAM, Hants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sun., Feb. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

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

Thomas J. Lock	Treble	John C. Baldwin	6
David J. Forder	2	Michael J. Thomas	7
A. Patrick Cannon	3	Maurice J. Butler	8
Reginald W. Rex	4	Tom Chapman	9
Derek C. Jackson	5	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.

ROMSEY, Hants.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Ethelfreda.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

Reginald F. Crook	Treble	David J. Forder	5
Tom Chapman	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	D. John Hunt	7
Richard W. Sweet	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

EAST WOODHAY, Hants.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G sharp

Reginald F. Crook	Treble	Reginald W. Rex	4
John C. Baldwin	2	Thomas J. Lock	5
Geoffrey K. Dodd	3	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
First peal in seven methods on the bells.

WOOLTON HILL, Hants.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in B.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	Geoffrey K. Dodd	4
Reginald W. Rex	2	Reginald F. Crook	5
John C. Baldwin	3	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
Arranged to enable Mr. T. J. Lock to ring a peal at his birthplace and at the tower where he learned to ring.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
TEWKESBURY, Gloucestershire.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 27 cwt. 5 lb. in D.

*Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Joseph D. Johnson	7
Philip A. Corby	2	Doris E. Colgate	8
Mrs. J. Thomas	3	Robert W. Hinde	9
†Ann Jenner	4	Trevor A. Cross	10
Hilary F. Hinde	5	Stanley Jenner	11
†Judith M. Corby	6	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Stedman Cinques.

NETHERTON, DUDLEY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Feb. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods comprising 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Martin D. Fellows	Treble	Graham C. Paul	5
John C. Eisel	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
J. Alan Ainsworth	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
Brian J. Luff	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
First peal of Spliced as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Tues., Feb. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Adrian C. Boorman	Treble	Harold B. Schofield	5
Mrs. H. B. Schofield	2	Geoffrey Crossley	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
Harold Barron	4	Roger J. Lumley	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Adrian C. Boorman.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Roger Lumley and Elizabeth Thomson and also Barry Sullivan and Edna Poulter, who have recently become engaged.

NON-ASSOCIATION
THORLEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*Kenneth Westwood	Treble	Herbert W. Watts	4
Cecil J. Warboys	2	Albert E. Richardson	5
Peter C. Warboys	3	Thomas A. Camp	Tenor

Conducted by Peter C. Warboys
* First peal. First in the method by all the band.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Warboys, who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. F. G. Warboys has been the steeplekeeper at this church for many years

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HANDBELL PEALS

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MIDDLESBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At 29, Farley Drive, Acklam.
On Sun., Feb. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Enid Lawson	1–2	Kenneth Lawson	5–6
Margaret Lawson	3–4	Ann Lawson	7–8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by Ann Lawson.
First peal as conductor. Tenor size 15 in C.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At Wayside Cottage.
On Mon., Feb. 7, 1966, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of College Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Reverse Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

Gerald Penney (cond.)	1–2	Julia A. Fellows	3–4
		*Roger D. R. Brown	5–6

* First handbell peal in seven methods.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
All rung in the belfry of SS. Philip and James' Church, Holywood, Co. Down.
On Fri., Jan. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD T.B. MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Maud Austin	1–2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.)	3–4
		*John Lindsay	5–6

On Fri., Jan. 28, 1966, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*†Maud Austin	1–2	†John T. Dunwoody (cond.)	3–4
		*John Lindsay	5–6

* First peal in method. † 25th peal together. First in method as conductor.

On Fri., Feb. 4, 1966, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

*Maud Austin	1–2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.)	3–4
		*John Lindsay	5–6

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

On Fri., Feb. 11, 1966, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

John Lindsay	1–2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.)	3–4
		Maud Austin	5–6

On Fri., Feb. 18, 1966, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE BOB MINOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Maud Austin	1–2	John T. Dunwood (cond.)	3–4
		John Lindsay	5–6

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

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Feb. 11, 1966, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 11 extents New Antelope, 11 Grandsire, 10 Plain Bob, 10 New Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary Whalley	3–4
		*Kevin Price (cond.)	5–6

* First peal in four methods

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Ringing arrangements, March 5th: Erdington Abbey 1.30–3; Aston 3–4.15; St. Martin's 4.30–6. 8555

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton (6), Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and further ringing. Special method: Hull Surprise. 8550

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at South Benfleet, March 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to C. L. Matson, 75, St. Mary's Road, Benfleet.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South East District.—Meeting at Springfield on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827). 8490

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at St. David's. Bells 7–9 p.m. — G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road. 8562

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Hartlip, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to W. Kitchingham, Stone Hall The Street Hartlip, Sittingbourne.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8483

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St James', Poolstock, Wigan, Saturday March 5th. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. L. Williams, 4, Coronation Street, Poolstock, Wigan.—K. Wilson, Sec. 8574

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— S. and W. District. — Ringing meeting at Ealing, Saturday, March 5th. Ringing: Christ the Saviour's (8) 3.30–4.45 p.m.; St. Mary's (8) 6.30–8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—W H. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8468

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — North Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Fenny Stratford, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m Service 3.30 p.m Numbers for tea to R. W. Sear, 37, Buckingham Road, Bletchley. 8493

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ewelme, Saturday, March 5th Bells 3 p.m Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman 22 Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon. 8523

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Yatesbury, March 5th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss V. Preston, 24, Yatesbury, Calne.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 5th. Times at Walkley now altered to 2.15–2.30 and 3–3.45 owing to a wedding Ranmoor bells from 3.30 and after tea. Business includes new secretary and proposed changes to Cup Contest rules. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. Webster, 29, Ranmoor Road, Sheffield 10.—J. Seager, Sec 8557

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, March 5th, Wollaton. Bells (6) 3.30 to 7.30. Names for tea to Miss S. Poppleston, 25, Hambledon Drive, Wollaton, Nottingham. 8535

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BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Ossett, near Wakefield, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify Mr. Fred Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett, Wakefield, not later than March 8th. N.B.—The adjourned general meeting will take place at Barnsley on a later date.—J. W. Buxton. 8584

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Campton (5) and Meppershall (5), Saturday, March 12th. Ringing, Campton, 3–4.30. Tea, Meppershall, 4.45. Meeting and ringing 4.45. All welcome 8579

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Coleman's Hatch, Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by A.G.M. and evening ringing. Withyham bells available between 2.30–4 p.m. Hartfield bells available between 7.15–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, by March 10th please. 8536

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting Saturday, March 12th, Trumpington, Bells (8) 3 and after meeting Service 4.30. Tea 5 in the Church School (Farm School). Washington film after tea, followed by business meeting. All welcome.—B. D. Threlfall. 8592

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District — Social at Boreham, Saturday, March 12th, at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall Tickets 6/- from E. W. Roast, Twixus, Mill Lane, Danbury, Chelmsford, Essex. S.A.E., please, by Wednesday, March 9th 8503

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stratton St. Margaret on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting at Dymock, Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. E. Wilson, 12, Hyde Park Corner, Redmarley, Gloucester. 8587

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Budeaux, on Saturday, March 12th. The bells (6) are available from 6.30–9 p.m. All welcome. 8588

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 12th. Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m will be followed by tea and meeting in the Cathedral Refectory. Members requiring tea should notify Mrs C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey (Tel. Ewell 4986) by March 10th. Bells available as follows: Holy Trinity and St. Mary's from 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.; Cathedral from 3 p m and after the meeting; St. Nicolas' and Stoke after the meeting. 8553

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Leeds on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea. please, to Miss J. Whitlock, 2, Battel Hall Cottages, Leeds.—M. L. H., Dis. Sec. 8537

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting, Goodnestone, Canterbury, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Village Hall at 2/- per person. Those who require tea please notify Mrs. R. R. Brett, Copmans Hall, Goodnestone, near Canterbuy, by March 9th, together with cash. 8513

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting at Ambleside on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. A. Capstick, Kirkwood, Millans Park, Ambleside.—T. F. Metcalfe, Sec 8560

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, March 12th Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 8577

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Penwortham, Saturday, March 12th. Names for tea, please to Mr. J. Ascroft, 9, Kew Gardens, Penwortham, Preston, by Wednesday, 9th.—L. Walmsley. 8585

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Annual meeting, Portishead (8), March 12th Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. de Jong, 6, Beresford Close, Saltford, by **Thursday, 10th.** 8567

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—Meeting at Barkby, Saturday, March 12th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p m Tea in Village Hall at 5 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. M. Kirk, Brooklands Farm, Barkby, or telephone Syston 2527. Names in by Wednesday, March 9th.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8551

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, March 12th. Bells (6) from 2.15 p.m Service 4.15 p.m. Tea following. Names for tea to Jack L. Millhouse, 3, Honington Crescent, Lincoln (Tel. 23662) by Wednesday, March 9th. Would all members endeavour to be present at this meeting.—J L. Millhouse, Ringing Master 8561
Highfields, Big Common Lane, Bletchingley, by March 15th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 8569

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Swanbourne (6), Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks, by Thursday, March 10th. 8572

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Norton, Saturday, March 12th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Haynes, Whilton, Daventry, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 8564

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening meeting, Weekley, March 12th. Bells (6) 7–9 p.m. Special methods: Single Oxford and Wells Surprise. All welcome. —M. A. C. 8566

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Orston on March 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous.—R. Blackshaw. 8592

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Practice meeting at Euston (5) on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. —A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 8583

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSIOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Storrington on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5 o'clock. Please notify for tea Mr. J. Taylor, 27, Spierldge, Storrington, Sussex. 8597

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District. —The annual general meeting of the Branch will be held at Woodbridge, March 12th. Ringing, St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m., then service. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing 7–9 p.m. All bookings for tea to Mr. Stanley Woodard, The Flat, 42, Thorofare, Woodbridge, Suffolk, not later than Wednesday, March 9th. — Winifred Lockwood, Dis. Sec 8546

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Cleeve Prior (6) on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting Names for tea to W. J. Newman, Manor Farm, Hinton, Evesham, by previous Tuesday, please. 8526

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District. — Evening meeting at Cranford, Friday, March 18th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec 8469

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—Meeting, Wivenhoe, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 and in evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. F. Sparling, Winton, Rectory Road, Wivenhoe. 8570

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Meeting at St. Michael's, Rushall near Walsall, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Entries for eight-bell striking competition (April 30th next) to be in by this meeting, please, to hon. secretary. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Bainham, 35, Lyswavs Street, Walsall, Staffs, by March 16th.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8403

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Bletchingley, March 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Service 6.45 p.m. Names for tea to A. Streeter.

LATE NOTICES

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at Benwell and St. Stephen's, March 5th. — CANCELLED due to unforseen circumstances: Advanced Notices.—Next Meeting.—Gosforth, April 2nd: Trip to Rothbury, May 7th.—Names as soon as possible, please, to—Miss G. Douglas, Sec., 5, Ross Way, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 3. 8606

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting Hedon (8), Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Rev. C. E. Dann, The Vicarage, Hedon, East Yorks. 8605

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at North Wingfield, March 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea **without fail, please,** to Mr. J. Timons, 19, Williamthorpe Road, North Wingfield, Chesterfield, by Wednesday, March 9th. Special methods: Ealing Surprise and Gainsboro' Little Bob.—M. Phipps, Sec. 8612

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Ignatius, Sunderland, on Saturday, March 12th, starting at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Bell, 22, Brinkburn Street, Sunderland, Co. Durham, not later than Wednesday, March 9th. 8598

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting Grittleton (6) on Saturday, March 12th. Bells at 6 p.m.—H. Heath. 8616

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Northchurch (8), March 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. 8608

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas, St. Helens, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at St. Mary's, Prescot, (8) 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hedgcock, 37, Wilson Street, St. Helens, by Wednesday.—M.E.D. 8613

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Practice meeting at Bell Foundry on Saturday, March 12th. Beginning at 5 p.m. prompt. Methods: Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. 8614

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — A special committee meeting, Church House, Leicester, Monday, March 7th, 7.45 p.m. — B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen Sec. 8617

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, March 12th, St. Mary, Neasden Lane, Willesden, 4 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea 140, Church Lane, Kingsbury, 5, Kingsbury St. Andrew 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to Miss V. E. Dupre, 63 Woodlawn Road, S.W.6. RENown 4423. 8611

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Norton on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Miss B. Johnson, Engine Locks, Norton-le-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent. — D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 8615

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting of Western Deaneries, Saturday, March 12th, Horsham St. Faith. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. G. Chapman, Horsham St. Faith, NOR87X, by Wednesday, March 9th. 8604

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Llanelli on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to S. Rees, Marble House, 6, Brynallt Terrace, Llanelli, Carms.—R. Warburton. 8601

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts. meeting at Blyth, March 12th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mrs. M. C. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford. 8603

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Alton & Petersfield District.—Practice meeting at Binsted on March 12th. Bells 6–8.30 p.m. 8600

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting at Charlton Kings (8) on Tuesday, March 15th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. 8607

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting at Stebbing on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Harrington, 8 Warehouse Villas, Stebbing, Dunmow. 8599

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Quarterly meeting March 19th West Wickham: bells 3–4.30 p.m. Addington: bells 4.30–5 p.m. Service at Addington 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. Evening ringing at Addington. Names for tea to Miss C. Cousins, 18 Upper Shirley Road, Shirley, Croydon, by previous Tuesday. 8602

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Bob 4ths
F.C.H 24365

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5,024 CHANGES by E. W. TIPLER

23456	W	M	B	H
52436	—			3
43526	—			—
36524		—		2
25634		—	x	2
32654	—			
34625	—	—		2
23645	—			
42635	—			3
63425	—			—
54326		—		—
25346	—			3
23456	—			2

5,024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By MICHAEL BANGHAM

23456	W	B	M	H
42356	3			—
32654			—	3
65324	—			—
23645		1	—	2

Repeat five times,
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(No. 6)

By A. S. HUDSON

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412365		S	—		
214365	—			S	
41256378E90		(b)			
415362				2	
412365	S			3	
215364	—			3	A
213564	S			2	
315264	—			2	
314265	S			3	
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ON THE ORIGIN OF BOB AND SINGLE

IF those pioneers of the Exercise responsible for providing it with its basic terminology have left us no explanation of their choice of terms, it must remain a matter for conjecture. Nevertheless, in attempting to trace the origins of such terms, we must first take cognisance of all available facts, for only when we have exhausted those may we justifiably have recourse to surmise.

Unfortunately, I have no easy means of access to the early works on Change Ringing. Perhaps someone who has may be able to provide material that will shed more light on the subject. In compiling the following notes I have consulted that monumental and extremely reliable work, the *Oxford English Dictionary*.

Elizabeth M. Barber's letter (p. 109) poses interesting problems. However, her derivation of the word *Bob*, ingenious as it is, cannot possibly be correct. In 1677, Stedman (*Campanologia*, p. 82) writes of *Grandsire Bob* and *College Bob*, mentioning *single* and *double* courses (= leads?). In 1702 (*Camp. Impr.*, p. 26) we find: "The word Extream we must confess is the most proper Signification, in regard to the Change, but there is now and for some time has been a word called Bob, instead of Extream, upon what account the word was chang'd, we know not." Now, had the word *Double*, with this meaning, existed in 1677, it is reasonable to suppose that it would be found in *Campanologia;* moreover, in 1702 we are told quite clearly that *Bob* has replaced *Extream*, and there is no mention of *Double*!

Apart from this, there are grave phonological difficulties against Elizabeth Barber's deriving *Bob* from *Double*. If she were right, it would be to say that, in a couple of decades, a word newly coined for a specific purpose had undergone a process involving three phonetic changes (one perhaps unprecedented). Such a drastic transformation is unparalleled in the history of the language.

If it is true that the early terms of our art have a common source, I would suggest that it may be the popular sport of hunting, especially as hunt and course must have arisen first. The evidence is as follows:

Hunt (first recorded thus 1684 in O.E.D.). In 1688, we find this definition: "The first, or Treble Bell, it is termed the Hunt, and the second Bell the half Hunt, because they run from the round Ringing, through all the change of Bells backwards and forewards, before they (the other bells) come to round Ringing againe" (*R. Holme, Armoury*, III, 462/2).

Course. One meaning is *hunt* or *follow*, which is exactly what bells do when they course one another. It also means a race (as in Shakespeare) and so a complete circuit, *i.e.* the circuit completed by each bell (compare Stedman's use in 1677, *loc. cit.*).

Bob. It is less easy to be sure about *Bob*. In almost all of its many senses in O.E.D. it is of obscure etymology. Even so, its meaning in our sense seems to me best explained (so O.E.D.) as ultimately from *Bob, verb*[3], to rebound. This describes the movement of the bell actually making the bob in, say, Stedman Triples, Grandsire or Plain Bob: it *bobs back*, or *rebounds*, sooner than it would in the normal course of ringing. Our definition, describing the effect of a bob on the coursing order, is a later development. If this is related to the other terms in origin, it perhaps stems from a deer's bobbing back on its own path.

(*Treble Bob* is less easily explained, for the treble dodges and then pursues its original course. Nevertheless, it does *bob back* to dodge where normally, in a plain hunt, it would not be expected to do so.)

Single. (O.E.D. *noun*, sense 3: not recorded with its present meaning except as "a term . . .") It is found in *Campanologia* (*loc. cit.*) and in *School of Recreation* (1684): "Another way of Ringing Twenty Four Changes Doubles and Singles on Four Bells." We should note O.E.D. *single, verb*[1], sense 2: "To separate (one deer, etc.) from the herd—pick out and chase separately." (*Cp. single out.*) Thus, the bell making the single is *singled out* to perform a special function, producing an effect which cannot be obtained by a bob. Note, too, *single, noun*, sense 1b: the tail of a deer.

Change. Finally, we may consider O.E.D. *change, noun*, sense 9: Hounds taking a fresh scent are said to "hunt change."

ROBIN BROWN.

Great Adventure II Reunion in London

MEMORIES of the five weeks of active sight-seeing, ringing and hospitality in Australia and New Zealand were revived on February 26th, when all those who participated in the tour assembled at Western Australia House, Strand, for a most successful reunion.

Australian ringers in England were the guests of the tourists. These were Mrs. T. W. Goodyer (Turramurra), Miss M. Chambers (Perth), Miss J Murphy (Melbourne), W. G. Knight (Turramurra), Dr. H. J. Rossell (Perth) and Miss B. Bennett (Ballarat). A Canadian ringer, Mike Simpson, who is in England for three weeks from Calgary, was also present with his mother, who lives in Lincolnshire.

Others present were Mrs. L. Stilwell, Mrs. A. P. Cannon, Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Mrs. T. J. Lock and Mrs. A. G. Mason, wives of the tourists, and Mrs. Sarkar, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason. Miss Ruth M. Foreman, who undertook the financial arrangements for the tour, Mr. Philip M. Gray, the Central Council representative of the Australia and New Zealand Association, and Miss E. Stevinson, of Godalming, a friend of Dr Rossell, were also present It was regretted that Mrs. A. Richardson, of Surfleet, was unable to make the journey.

The leader, Mr. T. J Lock, welcomed the company on arrival, many of whom having previously met at St. Lawrence Jewry, where the bells were available in the morning. Signatures were taken to send greetings by air mail to all towers visited. The main feature of the afternoon was the film of the tour, exhibited by the Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville and taken by him. This pictorial record was an excellent coverage. Supplementary transparencies were provided by Tom Locke and Pat Cannon, and Anne Holford had her collection of some 200 slides with her. Recordings of some 15 rings of bells were also available and were played to the assembly. These included such famous bells as those at Melbourne Cathedral, St. Andrew's Cathedral, the new ten at Sydney, St. Mary's Basilica, Sydney, and Adelaide Cathedral. During the proceedings a telegram was read from Bill Pitcher, the hon. secretary of the Australia and New Zealand Association, and the Editor of "Ringing Towers," their journal, which stated: "Best wishes for a happy Great Adventure II reunion."

THE PRESENTATION

Dinner followed at the Strand Palace Hotel and after an excellent meal the party adjourned to an ante-room, where three presentations in appreciation of his leadership were made to Mr. Tom Locke from members of the party. These were a film projector screen, a Parker 61 pen and an electric razor.

The Rev. Malcolm Melville said he had been given the task, as representing Great Adventure II, to thank their leader, Tom, for all he had done for them. They had many times expressed appreciation for his tireless efforts in shepherding them right round the world and also for organising that memorable reunion. When travelling, they found it impossible to make a presentation, and that evening they asked him to accept these tangible gifts of their appreciation. At Mr. Melville's request the gifts were handed to Mr. Lock by Mrs. Kathleen White.

After thanking the party for their generous gifts, Mr. Lock said it had given him the greatest pleasure to arrange the tour and there was no doubt that due to their splendid co-operation and closely adhering to the programme it had been a great success. He had no grumble to make. "You all did magnificently," he said.

Mr. Lock said he very much appreciated the generosity and hospitality extended to them: the Australians did everything they could for them. It was, as he said before, the tour of a lifetime. They would never forget what the Australians did for them. They knew what they wanted and laid it on for them. As far as he was concerned, the tour could not have been bettered. The next Great Adventure would have to be Australians coming to this country, and he could assure them that they would give them a hearty welcome and whilst in this country enable them to take advantage of what the Ringing Exercise could offer them. Ringing was so organised here that there was no reason why they should be in the cold.

The leader also thanked Miss Anne Horsford for providing peal cards of the tour. These were being sent to towers visited.

The membres of the party were the leader (Mr Lock), the Rev. M. C. C. Melville, Mr. and Mrs Shirley Burton, Mr. and Mrs. T. White, Miss Anne Horsford, Messrs. A. P. Cannon, R. Mark Damerell, A. G. Mason, C. W. Pipe, L. Stilwell and Wilfred Williams.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Shropshire Association held its annual general meeting on January 29th at Shrewsbury, when there was a good attendance, with ringing at St. Chad's and St. Mary's.

At the business meeting the Ringing Master regretted that he was unable to carry on with his duties and asked to be relieved of his office; Mr. E. Willcocks was elected Ringing Master and Central Council representative. Mr. Willcocks thanked the meeting for showing their confidence in him and said that he hoped to attend most meetings but was unable to promise to get to them all.

A proposal that the treasurer should be peal secretary was carried unanimously.

A proposal to change the date of the annual general meeting was also carried, the new date being the second Saturday in July The secretary and treasurer were re-elected without opposition.

The treasurer's report showed a good balance and it was proposed and seconded that £75 should be invested in five per cent. Defence Bonds.

Mr. E. Willcocks proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop of Shrewsbury for his address, to the Vicars of St. Chad's and St. Mary's and to the local captains for the use of their bells, to the ringers' wives and friends for the tea arrangements.

E. M.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LADIES' JOINT MEETING

Eynsford, in the winter, is very dead, but not on January 22nd. Despite wind, rain and peals, some 60 members attended the quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District held jointly with the Ladies' Guild. After the service, conducted by the Vicar, an enjoyable tea was supplied by ladies from Bexley and Crayford.

Mr. E. A. Barnett took the chair at the business meeting, at which 16 new practising members were elected, five from Bromley Parish Church, five from Biggin Hall and six from Chelsfield In welcoming them, the chairman said "We hope they will get a lot out of the Association, and put a lot into it by attending meetings, etc." One associate member and four non-resident life members were also elected. Tony Lewis was elected "Ringing World" correspondent.

Ringing continued on the recently rehung bells until 8 p.m. under the Ringing Master, Mr. Paul Smith.

T. L.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

A record number of 13 new members was elected at the East Devon Branch meeting at Feniton and four certificates were presented. Mr. J. Sage gave a talk on the history of the local bells. Arrangements were made for the first Branch dinner to be held at Honiton on March 5th, and for an outing to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The Rev. G. S. Bussell, Vicar, conducted the service.

After the meeting an in memoriam quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles for G. C. Woodley, former Branch chairman, was rung by B. F. Coles 1, A. J. Holway 2, Mrs. R. C. Woodley 3, K. T. Clarke 4, R. C. Woodley (conductor) 5, J Clarke 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

THE 18th century Church of St. John at Hackney was a popular choice for the annual meeting for the N. and E. District on February 19th. The present church is the successor to the Church of St. Augustine, built in the 13th century on an adjacent site, but only the tower of this building now remains. The bells, a ring of eight with a 16¼ cwt. tenor, were removed from this tower in 1854, but following a disastrous fire in 1955, when the church was extensively damaged, were recast and hung lower in the tower.

A company of 40 attended the service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. H. McKinley, with the Rev. Colin Hodgetts as organist.

At the start of the business meeting Mr. J. R. Mayne referred to the passing of Mr. Roy Wilkinson, a member of the Harrow Weald band. He had a long record as a Sunday service ringer in the Pinner, Bushey and Harrow areas, and members stood in silence in tribute.

In submitting his report the secretary stated it showed a satisfactory state of affairs. Eight District meetings had been held with an average attendance of 33, whilst joint meetings had been held with the St. Albans District of the Hertford County Association and the Central District of the Ladies' Guild and the South West District of the Essex Association. Nineteen new ringing members had been elected and eighteen non-resident life members. It was noted that during the year the 500th peal on the bells of St. Mary's, Willesden had been accomplished, whilst among the list of quarter peals recorded were a number rung half-muffled in remembrance of Sir Winston Churchill.

All the officers were re-elected for a further 12 months with the exception that Miss G. E. Newcombe succeeded Mr. S. G. Peck as a committee representative, viz.: Chairman, Mr. H. G. Hart; Master, Mrs. H. G. Hart; Deputy Master, Mr. T. G Hawkins; secretary, Mr. E. H Kilby; assistant secretary, Mr. D. T. C. Smith; auditor, Mr. J. R. Mayne; committee representatives, Miss G. E. Newcombe, Messrs. D. E. R. Knights and C. F. Neal.

Miss M. Cruickshank (Finchley) and David Grove (Upper Clapton) were elected as ringing members, whilst the ratifications of the provisional election of Michael N Bland (Kilburn) as a ringing member and R. J. Talbot (Beddington) as a non-resident life member were confirmed. The Rev. G. H. McKinley Rector of St. John at Hackney, who is also a ringer and assists in the belfry when duties permit, was elected as an honorary member.

The chairman thanked all who had contributed to the success of the meeting with a special word for Miss French and other members of the local band for arranging a splendid tea. Further ringing then took place until 8 p.m.

E. H. K.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The ground-floor six at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, was the tower for the District meeting on February 19th. The mild weather encouraged visitors from as far afield as Lincolnshire, and methods up to Wells Surprise were rung.

The service was taken by the Rev. Hart-Synott, who also played the organ. Tea was held in the local Cavalier Hall.

Mr. Anthony Kench was elected chairman for the business meeting. It was announced that Hatfield was not available for the May meeting and it was decided to go to Kimpton instead. Mr. John Cull, of Kimpton, mentioned that at the May Day festival on May 7th, ringing was to be one of the activities. The tower would be open from 3 p.m. until 8.

Mr. Roger Brown, the secretary, said that he would like as many names as possible for the outing on March 19th, plus 8s. a head, by the Saturday before at the very latest. The coach would leave St. Albans at 1.30 p.m.

J. A. F.

MR. GERALD ARNOLD
AN APPRECIATION

I was very sorry to read in "The Ringing World" of the passing of Gerald Arnold, for it was with him I rang my first quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Thomas' Church, Lymington, Hants in 1905. A tablet recording this is in that tower. We had a very keen band in those early days and had two practices a week, one open and one with fixed clappers, thanks to that grand veteran of Christchurch Priory, Mr. George Preston, and several of his ringers, who used to cycle over to Lymington (12 miles) each Monday to help us.

Through ill-health, Gerald Arnold had not done any ringing for a long time, but was able to follow the interests of the Christchurch District of the Winchester Guild. I was glad to read a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Lymington by a combined band from Ringwood and Wareham.

C. A. H.

MR. S. A. CHAMBERS
AN APPRECIATION

It was with great sorrow that the Lincoln Cathedral company of ringers learned of the passing of one of their most respected members, Mr. Sidney A. Chambers. "Sid." as he was known to all his friends, had been a member just on 20 years and during that time he had been a most loyal, very efficient and most regular attender both for Sunday service ringing and for practice. No words that I can write will quite express how much he will be missed, his place so hard to fill; his genial manner endeared him to all.

On the day of his death the Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled and towards the end of the ringing the Very Rev. the Dean (Ven. M. D. Peck) came into the belfry and said a few short but moving prayers as a mark of respect of our beloved colleague and friend.

The attendance at the funeral at St. Giles' Church was evidence of the great respect in which Sid was held and we of the Minster company find it hard to believe that he has passed from our midst at the age of 48. We express our deepest sympathy to his father, brothers and sister in their very sad and sudden loss.

J. W.

MR. EDWARD EARNSHAW

With deep regret we report the death on February 24th of Mr. Edward Earnshaw, of Meltham, past president of the Halifax and District Association of Change Ringers. For over 30 years he was president of the Association and throughout that time was only once absent from a meeting. His devotion to his duties as an officer of the Association and to his church at Meltham could not be surpassed. He was a friend to everyone and all were welcome at his home.

During the 14 years that I was secretary of the Association his advice and guidance were always there when I asked, and these qualities endeared him to all who came into contact with him. I shall certainly miss him, and so will every member of the Association. Now that I am president, the responsibility seems greater without him.

On behalf of all our members, past and present, our sincere condolences go to his widow and the ringers of Meltham in their, and our, sad loss.

God rest his soul, he has earned it.

ARTHUR FARRAND.

MR. J. A. WILTON

We have received notice from his younger son Frank of the death of Mr. John Albert Wilton on January 21st. He was a ringer at St John the Baptist's, Whitwick, Leics, and also St. Margaret's, Leicester. R.I.P.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. G. HARWOOD

Great Yarmouth's oldest ringer, Mr. J. W. G. ("Billy") Harwood, died on February 1st, aged 88 years. He had been a member of St. Nicholas' company since 1905, its secretary for 30 years, and also for 20 years secretary of the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Association. When he retired from the latter office he was elected a vice-president of the Association.

"He set a splendid example to all ringers by his regular attendance at his own tower and at District meetings. He was a genial character, loved by all with whom he came in contact and a credit to the Exercise." writes H. W. B.

Canon Gilbert Thurlow officiated at the funeral service on February 7th at St. Nicholas' Church. Interment in the cemetery was next to his ringing friend, Mr. W. Lee. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. W. B. Duncan, E. R. Goate, G. W. Fletcher and H. W. Barrett.

Mr. Ben Thompson, of Lowestoft, writes: His ringing career began in 1902 at St. Nicholas' under the wing of the late Denison Hayward. He did not progress very quickly, but keenness and patience eventually enabled him to ring standard methods. He rang 59 peals for the Norwich Association, having been elected a member about 1905.

A skilled engineer fitter, he worked with the Cobholm Engineering Company, of which the managing director was the late Arthur Webber, a very skilled ringer. When the tenor at St. Nicholas' became unringable in the mid-twenties Mr. Webber undertook to do the rehanging: he and Billy did the job complete with new iron headstock. It was such a great success that the late W. Pye said to me that it was the best-going bell of its weight he had handled.

Many holiday visitors to Yarmouth will remember with pleasure and cherish the memory of "Billy's" geniality.

REV. GEORGE STORER

The passing of the Rev. George Storer, chaplain to the Beverley and District Society, is deeply regretted by a wide circle of ringing friends. He was 83 years of age.

For 38 years he was Vicar of Hutton Cranswick, retiring in October, 1964. His ambition was to augment the three bells in his church to a ring of six, and this was accomplished in 1950. The anniversary of the dedication was marked each July by the Society meeting at Hutton Cranswick, when the members were most hospitably entertained to tea by Mrs. Storer.

At the funeral service on February 25th at Hutton Cranswick the bells were rung half-muffled, two of the ringers being Harry Rodmell (86) and Len Rodmell (83), who were members of the band who rang the first touch on the bells. Also present were the Society's president, Ringing Master, secretary and assistant secretary.

ANOTHER ROBINSON VETERAN

To the mention of those who rang with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson must be added Mr. F. A. Ranson, who now rings with Mr. W. G. Wilson at Ealing. He took part in a peal of Stedman at the Norman tower, Bury St. Edmunds, on June 18th, 1907.

MR. S. H. SYMONDS

After a short, severe illness, Mr. Stedman Harry Symonds, of Lavenham, died at St. Mary's Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, on February 23rd, aged 77. He was a worthy member of a great ringing family, having rung at Lavenham since the age of 11. He had been Ringing Master since the death of his father, Mr. Arthur Symonds, in 1938. His peals exceeded 200 and many of these he conducted. His only son, Dennis, is a member of the Chelmsford Cathedral band.

Many ringers attended the funeral service on February 26th. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by A. Turner 1-2, P. Eves 3-4, T. Bird 5-6, W. Jarvis 7-8. On the Sunday a quarter of 1,260 Plain Bob Major, one of the deceased's compositions, was rung with the bells half-muffled by M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, A. Turner 2, W. Jarvis 3, R. Chambers 4, R. M. Clouston 5, A. R. Knight 6, L. Pryke 7, D. A. Symonds 8.

MR. TOM VALLENCE

Mr. T. H. (Tom) Vallence passed away suddenly on February 19th at the home of his daughter, 27, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton.

He learned to ring in 1910, when two trebles were added to the present four at Stoke Golding.

After several years he left the village to reside in Leicester and joined the band of St. John the Divine's under the late Mr. W. Willson. He rang a number of peals for the Midland Counties and the Warwickshire Guild. When he returned to Stoke Golding in 1931 he was presented with a clock from the ringers of St. John the Divine's. Another ringer he admired was the late Fred Dexter.

He had not done much ringing during the last few years as he found it difficult to get up the steps. A good churchman and also a member of the choir, Tom was greatly respected in the village and beyond.

H. H.

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SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

A joint meeting of the Society with the Derby District of the Derby Diocesan Guild was held at West Hallam on February 26th, thanks to Dr. G. Futers and the Rector (the Rev. G. C. C. Spencer), who made it possible. Every one was welcome. Owing to the Southwell Diocesan Committee meeting the same day the attendance was affected. The Rector conducted the service.

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Letters to the Editor

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL FEES

Dear Sir,—The peal fees required under Rule 18, Guild Rules, have not been paid for the following three peals reported in "The Ringing World," and these peals are not therefore eligible for inclusion in the Guild Records and Triennial Report to be published this year:

Cambridge Surprise Maximus, at Winchester Cathedral, on September 25th, 1965. Conductor, John Worth.

Ludgate Surprise Royal, at St. Michael's, Southampton, on October 2nd, 1965. Conductor, Dennis Beresford.

Victoria Surprise Major, at Hawkley, on November 28th, 1965. Conductor, Robin Leale.

Yours truly,
D. T. MATKIN.
Hon. Peal Recorder.

26, Wellington Road,
Bournemouth, Hants.

AN OLD FOUR IN NORTHANTS

Dear Sir,—Where is the oldest ring of bells—are we to recognise threes and fours? There was a time, 100 years ago, when nothing less than eight was eligible for a peal—there are in fact some people today who argue that there is no such thing as a peal of Minor or Doubles; but now that the Central Council has recognised four bells for a peal I would suggest that Fawsley, Northants, near Daventry, has possibly one of the oldest rings anywhere untouched since being cast by Henry Jordan between 1442 and 1470.

Vandals have unfortunately from time to time got up to the tower in the isolated church (with less than 30 inhabitants) and made it so that these four bells (tenor approximately 11 cwt.) cannot be rung, mainly through wheel trouble. All the bells have dedications to saints—St. Mary, St. Botolph, St. Gabriel and St. Katherine—with decorations.

The church is situated in a park with lakes near an old mansion once the seat of Sir Charles Kingsley, whose family memorials adorn the church.

Fawsley's small population could not, by themselves, raise the money necessary to restore these bells.

At different times I have come across other very old bells—one at Cold Ashby, 1317, one each at Slapton and Winwick of like period, and one at Great Billing of circa 1370—a fine 14 cwt. bell by Johannes de Yorke. A sanctus at Harringworth and one of four at Yarwell, near Peterborough, are reputed to be by John de Colsale, circa 1410. And nearby, at Chesterton and at Orton Longville are bells by John Walgrave, circa 1420, in addition to one of four at Newton Bromswold, near Wellingborough, circa 1430.

These are only odd examples and not complete rings like Fawsley's.—Yours faithfully,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

SOUTHREPPS

Dear Sir,—No one seems to have noticed that the method published in your issue of January 14th, 1966, as Southrepps Bob Major is in fact Canterbury Pleasure Bob Major. This was first rung to a peal on December 17th, 1888, at Warnham, Sussex. The lead-end is also given incorrectly—it should be 14257386.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

THE GOSPORT PEAL

Dear Sir,—With the ringing of the recent peal at Gosport, I presume we have reached the end of the chapter. It began last September with much publicity in "The Ringing World" and the local Press regarding the activities of Mr. G. Dodd and a team of amateur bellhangers. Their object, it was stated, was to get Gosport bells ringing again, and, according to the "Portsmouth Evening News," "to form a resident team of ringers" to ring for Sunday services. However, Mr Dodd in "The Ringing World" for September 24th, wrote "a word of warning: these bells are not for beginners." It is significant that no mention was made about who was to teach beginners on bells not suitable for beginners—or were we to assume that Mr. Dodd and his merry men would regularly travel to Gosport to teach the beginners?

We in this district were aware that the Vicar of Gosport did not want the bells rung and that the bells were entirely unsuitable for beginners. We also knew that during the last few years the Gosport campanile has been engulfed by four blocks of multi-storied flats, by several smaller blocks of flats, and by many new houses and shops. Is it surprising that letters of protest appeared in the local Press after a quarter peal had been rung and that protests at the recent peal resulted in the Vicar having the ropes removed to prevent any further trouble with his parishioners?

If it was genuinely intended to get Gosport bells ringing with the object of raising and training a resident band, the obvious way to go about it was (a) to approach the local District officers to see why they had not done anything in the matter, and (b) to get the approval and co-operation of the Vicar to see what could be done about raising the money to have the bells made ringable for beginners and also to modify the campanile to restrict the noise factor to a minimum.

The way in which Mr. Dodd and/or his colleagues approached a churchwarden in the absence of the Vicar and the events which followed and which culminated in a peal seem to me to be quite unethical. I would suggest they should restrict such activities to towers in their own districts, and preferably to towers in the country, where they are less likely to antagonise the general public.

Apart from other considerations, it is sheer hypocrisy to write and talk about getting bells ringing for the benefit of the Exercise when the real object is to ring a peal on the bells.—Yours faithfully,

W. F. J. COPE,
Ringing Master, Portsmouth District,
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

RINGERS' SERVICES

Dear Sir,—The General Committee of the Leicester Diocesan Guild has asked the Provost of Leicester to draw up a form of service to use at quarterly and annual meetings of the Guild. He has graciously agreed to do this, and has asked to be furnished with material for this from other Guilds and Associations.

I would be most grateful if your readers would send to me copies of ringers' hymns and prayers or copies of their own Association services.

These would be returnable and would help us to choose from a wider variety of material.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.

68, Elmfield Avenue,
Birstall, Leicester.

ROUNDS AT HANDSTROKE QUESTIONABLE

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. Bruce's letter on page 111 concerning calling up rounds from random positions, and I would like to make a few comments on it.

Mr. Bruce says, quite correctly, that if two coursing pairs can be found together as they would be in the plain course, then a single bob would produce plain course coursing order, and ultimately rounds. He suggests, however, that these rounds may occur at handstroke, but this will never be the case.

To produce rounds at handstroke requires a "mirror image" of the plain course coursing order, and this would be obtained if the two pairs of bells found to be coursing together in a similar manner to the plain course were actually coursing backwards (i.e. in the case of 2-4, if 4 came to lead immediately before 2, rather than after).

Producing rounds at handstroke is a questionable practice. I personally—and I am prepared for a lot of people to disagree—consider it undesirable, on the grounds that the last whole lead before rounds will have been false to the plain course, first lead, and ringing a false touch goes against the grain.

I think it worth while to try to avoid this, and for the case mentioned earlier—that of two coursing pairs reversed—I suggest the following solution. Simply call the bell coursing immediately before the "loose" bell (see Mr. Bruce's article) to make a bob. It will then always be found that there are two pairs of bells coursing as in the plain course, with a new "loose" bell between them. We now have the situation described at the beginning of Mr. Bruce's article, and calling the new loose bell to make a bob will give the required plain course coursing order. It will always be found that the new loose bell is the one which was coursing two places in front of the last one we called to make a bob, and this tells us that the second bob will be just two leads after the first in every case.

For example, if the coursing order 4-5-3-2-6- came up, then 3-5 and 6-4 should be recognised as coursing pairs reversed, with 2 as the loose bell. 5 should be called to make the first bob, and then, two leads later, 4 should be called. In this case we will get rounds on backstroke as the last bob is made. (The rule of calling the second bob two leads after the first only applies to methods with lead ends in the same order as Plain Bob.)

What I have written does not contradict what Mr. Bruce has written, and I was glad to read his article and to have the opportunity to think about this aspect of the Exercise.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BRUCE WARNE.

St. John's College, Durham.

CHANGE RINGING IN NEWCASTLE AREA

Dear Sir,—I have been interested to read your recent series "Change Ringing in the Newcastle Area" and I am pleased that you have been able to give prominence to ringing in this often-neglected part of England.

Having said that, however, I must make it known that many errors and omissions occur among these potted histories and I trust that present readers and future students will not accept them as standard works of reference. It is obvious that your contributor has not made his researches in sufficient depth and has relied mainly on hearsay and even guesswork in certain instances.—Yours sincerely,

K. ARTHUR.

Newcastle upon Tyne.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

LETTERS—Continued

WIDEN THE ART

Dear Sir,—I should like to add one or two points to W. G. Wilson's letter of February 11th on Grandsire. I am convinced that it is immaterial whether Grandsire or Plain Bob is taught as the basic method. The danger lies in the fact that it often remains the only method rung. In my own tower, for various reasons, the band, although keen and lively, can ring little more than Plain Bob. After two or three years of this, the one or two of us capable of ringing up to Surprise Minor are understandably bored with this one method, and at one time we nearly lost members as a result.

Going to a meeting, it is not only possible but easy to predict the dozen or so standard methods which will be rung. You know the ones I mean—they come up every month without fail. Your only chance to ring much else is to take the diagram with you and hope that your friends will rally round. Again, after a year or two of these methods, it is easy to be bored.

So why not ring the occasional peal of Grandsire Royal if it makes a change from Caters? Let us have some real variety if the methods are musical, and this is something a man may judge for himself; if a ringer does not like the music he need not ring the method whether it be Grandsire or Cambridge, so let him make his own decision.

I should like to wish the very best of luck to all those who are trying to keep up the interest and challenge of our art, whether they choose to extend the vast range of Doubles variations, to pioneer in the field of Surprise Major, or to continue to ring so-called "irregular" Minor methods. I have every intention of joining their number.—Yours faithfully,

C. J. EASTON.

Scalby, Yorks.

MR. RUSHTON'S THANKS

Dear Sir, — May I express through the columns of "The Ringing World" my sincere gratitude for the many encouraging messages received during my recent, and fortunately short, period of treatment in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

It was a real delight, too, to receive visits from the Master and secretary of the "Cumberlands" and many others, including Mr. L. G. Coburn, representing my very good friends at Harpenden. With regret, I find myself unable to accept all the invitations and offers of hospitality I have received during convalescence, but would like to thank the general secretary of the Bedfordshire Association and his wife for the privilege of spending a few days under their hospitable roof.

If I conclude by saying that I shall, in all probability, soon be seen at a rope's end, it should not be taken that the recent Government decision on capital punishment is reversed, or that I have been guilty fo anything more than the normal indiscretions of one rejoicing in his new-found robust health!—Yours sincerely,

ALFRED E. RUSHTON.

Luton.

GROTON AND GROTONIAN

Dear Sir,—I have had quite a few replies on the "pealability" of Groton and Grotonian, notably from Michael Bruce in Walsall, Staffordshire, and E. W. Martin, of Great Bowden. It seems that both principles are O.K., at least in Caters, and I do hope some of Groton's friends will get together to attempt a peal.

It might be of interest to your readers to know how the whole experiment came about. Last June Frank Price and I went on a ringing jaunt in the Guildford area. At one tower John Chilcott, the Kippins and others were ringing a superb touch of Superlative. I was struck by the beauty of the dodging in front and back and when Frank explained the structure of the method I wondered if a similar arrangement couldn't be devised for Triples and Caters. That week-end in Winchester—in the garden of friends who teach at the college, and thus in the shadow of the great Cathedral—I struck upon Grotonian. Not satisfied with its stagnancy I continued to work at it off and on throughout my English stay, and in Utrecht the first night on the Continent with the boys, came up with Groton, obviously the more interesting of the two principles, and the easier, I think.

Neither may ever be rung very much in English towers but anything at all capable of being called the "American Stedman" is an honour to the school.

As I wrote to Mr. Martin, I, being more of a musician than a mathematician, feel that a certain degree of "stagnancy" is not undesirable. Repetition—or in change ringing, near repetition— is for me an essential part of the æsthetics of the Exercise. If I may quote Michael Bruce, "You'll gather I don't think much of Grotonian, but Groton's musical potential impresses me more every time I look at it. It's almost worth while swimming the Atlantic to join the peal attempt—just to listen to the music." I wish there could be a peal attempt here but we're just not quite up to it.—Yours sincerely,

RUSSELL S. YOUNG.

Groton, Massachusetts

THANKS TO MR. MALCOLM PHIPPS

Dear Sir,—Thirty-five members and friends from the Peak District who attended the 14th annual and Sir Arthur Heywood Memorial Dinner on February 19th at Chesterfield, calling at Baslow and Old Brampton en route, wish to express their thanks for a most delightful and successful evening to Malcolm Phipps and all who took part in organising the speeches, dinner and dance.—Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) G. RICHARDSON.

Fairfield, Buxton.

NURSE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Fitzgerald wonders how many trained nurse ringers there are in the country. At first I thought there must be dozens, but on further thought I've only met two in all my travels. Are there many of us?

WIN M. ELLIOTT,
S.R.N. S.C.M., B.T.A

Kelvedon, Colchester.

NURSE RINGERS' PEAL ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the letter from Terence Fitzgerald with regard to a possibility of a "list" of ringers who follow the nursing profession.

Because of duty hours I would suggest that the probability of getting a peal band together might cause a "major" headache, as I imagine that any such ringers that exist must be very widely scattered.

However, I admire Mr. Fitzgerald's enthusiasm and would respectfully submit my own name for his "register," though being somewhat doubtful as to my capabilities in the peal ringing class, never yet having attempted one!—Yours sincerely,

FREDERICK WILLES.

28, Danetree Road,
West Ewell, Epsom.

Mr. Albert Wiffen informs us that there are two nurse ringers at Braintree, Essex—Mrs. Pat Lindsell, S.R.N., Ringers, London Road, Braintree, who has rung two quarters of Plain Bob Major, and Mrs. Marion Wood, S.R.N., wife of the District secretary, of 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield, Essex, who has rung several peals of Surprise Major and Minor.

REDDITCH BELLS

Dear Sir,—May I make a reply to two letters which appeared in "The Ringing World" since the publication of my report of the pupils from Redditch County High School and their visit to London.

At the end of my report I said the pupils were helping man St Stephen's bells on Sunday evenings, where formerly the bells had been chimed, from all accounts, for many years. I did use the words "from all accounts," but my observations as a "local" were obviously not quite correct. Mr Kynaston said he had heard the bells ringing for Evensong and had even rung with the local ringers. I suspect that he might have heard chiming on some occasions and he did not say whether he had helped to ring five or six of the bells of the octave!!

Mr. Hemming, in issue 25/2/66, says he rang a quarter peal with four of the local ringers in 1955 on the back six. This was for an important occasion and yet only six of the bells could be rung, with the town having a population of over 32,000! The band has remained so active since then, that today there are four ringers and the captain. I will say no more but let readers guess the rest of the story.

The four ringers are quite wonderful in the help they are giving me, and my praise could not be too high. Perhaps some time in the future the eight bells will be ringing to changes regularly—that is certainly my hope and the hope of the four regulars. Needless to say there are difficulties which many towers and bands do not experience, and publicising them does not help!—Yours faithfully.

M. V. WHITE.

Studley, Warks.

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A SUFFOLK REHANGING

THE bells at St. Mary the Virgin, Rougham, have recently been removed to the Loughborough Foundry for their first major overhall since 1895, when the present treble was added to the existing ring of five and the whole rehung some 15 to 20 feet lower in the tower in a fine oak frame by George Day and Son of Eye

The bells are a pleasant six by various founders, the particulars being as follows:

Treble.—"Cast by John Warner and Sons Ltd., 1894. Hung by G. Day and Son, Eye. Ave Maria."

Second.—"John Darbie made me, 1661."

Third.—"John Darbie made me, 1661. William Maning, C.W."

Fourth.—(Figure of bell) 9 thrice † 13. Sinn Rosa pulsata Mundi Maria Vocata."

Fifth.—"John Darbie made me, 1678."

Tenor.—"John Martin, Churchwarden. Thos. Osborn fecit 1790. Venite Exultemus." 16 cwt.

John Darbie flourished between 1658 and 1691, during which period he cast some 160 bells in Suffolk churches alone, far exceeding those of Miles Graye the elder. Canon Raven in "Church Bells of Suffolk" surmises that Darbie married Ann, daughter of Miles Graye, and we know that he worked at Ipswich for some time.

Thomas Osborn, of Downham Market, born 1741, was the son of Richard Osborn, joiner of that town, and was buried in the churchyard there in 1806. He was for a while partner of Arnold, of St. Neots, also of Robert Patrick, of Whitechapel, and cast between 60 and 70 bells in Suffolk.

The fourth, a pre-Reformation bell, dates from between 1408 and 1418 and is attributed to John Bird, a member of the Bellmakers' Guild in London.

Messrs John Taylor and Co. are now to rehang the bells on ball bearings and the fourth is to be one-eighth turned, all being retuned.

PRESENT CHURCH 13th CENTURY

There has been a church at Rougham since Saxon times, when both church and manor were in the possession of the powerful Abbey of St. Edmundsbury, and in the 19th century three coins of Canute were found in the churchyard. After the dissolution of the monasteries in 1539 both the patronage and the manor passed to the wealthy and influential local family of Drury. The present church dates from the 14th century, when it was rebuilt in the Decorated style. Curiously enough, it stands in the middle of a spacious graveyard surrounded by open fields of barley and sugar beet, the only adjacent buildings being the Rectory, the village school and the sexton's cottage, for after the Black Death in 1349/50 the village was abandoned and re-established half a mile away.

The bells hang in a magnificent 15th century flint tower some 100 feet high with interesting decorative panels on the parapet. The inscription on the south side is "Pray for the sowle of John Tillot," whilst on the north side appears the name "Drury," thus commemorating the two families responsible for its building. The Tillots were evidently still here in the next century, for the name appears frequently in the Subsidy Returns of 1523.

The nave has a fine hammer-beam roof, the beams being carved with angels—now unfortunately all decapitated by the Puritan image-breakers in their misguided zeal.

The population of this scattered village is not much above 1,000, but during the five years of the present incumbency some £3,000 has been raised for church purposes. With the excention of a grant of £150 from the Barron Bell Trust, the cost of rehanging the bells must be borne by the parishioners. No specific appeal is being made in this connection, but should any reader who knows Rougham or the Suffolk countryside wish to send a donation, of whatever amount, it will be most gratefully received and acknowledged by the Rector, the Rev. G. E. Jarrold, The Rectory, Rougham, Bury St. Edmunds.

C. W. H.

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hibbins 1, W. Spiers 2, Howard Meek 3, W. Smith 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): R. E. Lester 1, B. J. Vaughan 2, N. V. Avis 3, P. G. Pitt 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5, M. J. Rose 6.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): A. Swatton 1, Miss J. Webber 2, Miss C. J. Mitchell 3, D. C. Hawkins (25th quarter) 4, J. G. Hobbs (50th quarter) 5, B. Sarll 6. Conducted by 4 and 5. First in eight methods by all.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 13th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: N. Thomson 1, Jean L. Kimber 2, Kathleen E. Chilcott 3, Juliet S. Stoy 4, F. E. Roberts 5, R. J. Cook 6, F. D. Jennings 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Brown (first of Triples) 1, C. Haynes 2, Margaret Woolley 3, T. Pryce 4, J. H. Brittan 5, G. Roobothom 6, J. K. Smith (cond.) 7, R. A. Welton 8. A compliment to T. Pryce, 50 years a ringer at St. Modwen's.

CHISLET, KENT.—On Jan. 27th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Deacon (first of Treble Bob) 1, P. G. Huckstepp 2, P. Richardson 3, B. Johnson 4, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 5, N. Davies 6.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Netherton (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Shanks (first "inside") 2, P. Hatmil (first "inside") 3, B. J. Imber 4, J. R. Pratt (first as cond.) 5 T. Farmer 6. Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Patrick Hatmil.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 14th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. E. Newman 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 2, D. C. Hawkins (first of T.B.) 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, J. W. Owen 6.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: G. Hebden 1, H. Knight (cond.) 2, G. Prescott 3, W. S. Rice 4, P. J. England 5, R. W. Rice 6, S. G. Smith 7, J. Baker 8.

COPDOCK, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Christian 1, Jennifer M. Andrews 2, Sandra L. Goodship 3, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 4, E. J. Lockwood 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gill Whittard (first of Minor) 1, L. Warner 2, E. Warner 3, H. Arthur 4, S. G. Ponting 5, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Arthur.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 13th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: D. E. Parsons (cond.) 1, S. Elliott 2, Miss V. Greeves (first quarter) 3, A. D. Flood 4, W. A. Peck 5, N. Summerhayes 6.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. N. Haslum 1, D. Huddleston 2, D. C. Haslum 3, R. Huddleston 4, A. Tubb 5, A. Howard (cond.) 6. First of Kent by all except the conductor.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,232 Plain Bob Major: P. A. Slight 1, Mrs. H. Ketteringham 2, V. P. Evans 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, D. A. Frith (cond.) 5, J. R. Jordan 6, K. Ketteringham 7, J. M. Simpson 8.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Venton 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, T. Phillips 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, Mrs. E. Weatherley 5, H. A. May 6, T. Davies 7, R. G. Burford 8.

LISS, HANTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Lesley Read 1, B. S. Gambrill 2, Kay Tremeer 3, T. S. Bowles 4, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 5, R. J. Lintott (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. May.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 20th, 1,312 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. J. Spice 1, T. Lewis 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, I. H. Oram (cond.) 5, E. J. Ladd 6, J. W. Smith 7, D. P. Smith 8. For Evensong.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Broom (first quarter) 1, A. J. Crabb 2, Miss G. Stock 3, Miss M. Sage 4, F. J. Sage (cond.) 5, J. Sage 6. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Butcher 1, B. Watts 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Evensong.

MALVERN LINK, WORCS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Hawkes 1, Anna Sadowska 2, G. Edwards 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, P. Robertson 5, J. Clements 6, M. Boskett 7, R. G. Morris 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. R. Dix.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Negus 1, Jean Sanderson 2, W. Pye 3, F. Harper 4, B. Couzens 5, G. Pearson 6, E. Pye (cond.) 7, L. Turner 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Robert H. Young.

SALFORD, LANCS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,328 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Whitehead 1, Juliet Stamper 2, D. Jukes (first of Major "inside") 3, S. Taylor 4, R. L. Coley 5, C. R. Calton 6, E. A. Harrison 7, J. W. Gander (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 6th, 1,328 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Gander 1, D. Jukes 2, S. Taylor 3, A. S. Taylor 4, Margaret Whitehead 5, C. R. Calton 6, E. A. Harrison 7, R. L. Coley (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 13th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: P. Coddington 1, A. S. Taylor 2, C. R. Calton 3, Margaret Whitehead 4, J. W. Gander 5, P. Hawcock 6, E. A. Harrison 7, D. J. Baker (cond.) 8. All rung by the Manchester University Guild for Sunday service.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 3 leading): F. Welch 1, D. R. Best 2, L. Pond (aged 69, first quarter) 3, G. Norcliffe 4, J. Cornelius (cond.) 5, R. Welch 6, R. C. Beale 7, A. Rowswell 8. For the wedding of Mr. P. Burt and Miss Wendy Cornelius, also a 74th birthday compliment to James Stenner.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Dury (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, E. Clifton 4, H. Deacon (cond.) 5, B. Johnson 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS. — At St. Thomas' Church, on Feb. 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss G. A. Richards 1, P. J. Brown (first of Cambridge Major "inside") 2, J. Warr 3, G. Westwood 4, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 5, C. T. Richards 6, J. C. Eisel 7, M. J. Fellows 8. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Stacey 1, E. Nunn (cond.) 2, C. Sangwin 3, Miss B. Boyle 4, H. Heard 5, H. Trewin 6, B. Vince 7, J. Bailey 8. Rung for the christening of Claire, daughter of Penny and Brian Vince. Also for the laying up of the Stratton British Legion Standard.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. S. Eastwood 1, M. G. Turner 2, Christine Turner 3, C. Bainham 4, P. J. Barker 5, D. Jordan 6, D. J. Wilkes 7, K. Williams 8, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 9, R. Coleman 10. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. V. S. Nicholls, and also the 10th anniversary of his induction as Vicar.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dr. V. Pain 1, Miss J. Whitcher 2, Miss L. Grinrod (first "inside") 3, R. Chapman 4, K. Scrimshaw 5, I. Dear (cond.) 6, D. Hawkins 7, L. Dear (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Bailey 1, H. V. Booker 2, Elizabeth Gill 3, K. Leach (cond.) 4, J. Baldwin 5, J. White 6, A. R. Wood 7, H. White 8. For Evensong.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. W. Robertson 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, Ruth A. Elmes 3, Frances J. N. Brown (first of Triples "inside") 4, Mary E. Elmes 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, C. T. Brown (cond.) 7, V. J. Baker 8.

WENTWORTH, W. YORKS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): R. Nalliah (first in 11 methods) 1, A. King 2, D. Hunton 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King (cond.) 5, T. Cairns 6. Rung prior to Evensong.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Binsted (first quarter) 1, J. M. Swift 2, P. Fox 3, L. Tapp 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, J. W. Evans 6.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: G. W. Massey 1, Eunice D. Overend 2, R. E. J. Baker 3, D. G. Massey (cond.) 4, Frances M. Massey 5, H. Vennell 6.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Edmans 1, F. Gregory 2, J. Hall 3, H. France 4, M. Jamieson (cond.) 5, H. Wood 6. For morning service, and to mark the silver wedding of J. Hall.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lyn Croger (first quarter) 1, A. E. Leggett 2, D. E. Culham 3, V. A. P. Cross 4, B. A. Lord (first quarter as cond.) 5, M. J. Warren 6.

YORK.—At the Minster Church of St. Peter, on Feb. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Frances S. Chapman 1, Jennifer Pearce 2, Christina Faulkes 3, R. Smith 4, R. Joy Watkin 5, Margaret E. Wilkinson 6, H. Walker 7, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the 14th anniversary of the accession of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II by members of York Minster and St. John's College (York) Societies.

COLLECTION OF DOUBLES

By G. K. DODD and R. H. JONES

Part A (continued from page 135)

SPONDON	BREASTON	BREADSALL	ALFRETON
12345	12345	12345	12345
21354	21354	21435	21435
23154	23145	24153	24153
32514	32415	42513	24513
35241	34251	24531	42531
53421	34521	42351	42351
35412	43512	43215	43215
53142	43152	34125	34125
51324	41325	31425	31452
15234	14235	13452	13425
12534	12453	14352	14352

These methods are Grandsire or New Grandsire in "structure," therefore may have Grandsire-like calls.

NOWELL DOUBLES

Plain Course	Bob
12345	35241
21345	53421
23154	54312
32514	45132
35241	41532
53421	14523
54312	15423
45132	51432
41532	54132
14523	45312
14253	43521
41253	34251
42135	
24315	
23451	
32541	

Shipway's Bob

JACK A NAPES PLAIN COURSE

12345	41532
21354	45123
22145	54213
32415	52431
34251	25341
43521	52314
34512	25134
43152	21543
41325	12534
14352	15234
13452	51243
31425	52134
34152	25314
43512	23541
45321	32451
54231	23415
45213	32145
54123	31254
51432	13245
15423	12345
14523	

Called:

These are P.L. of Jack of Both Sides called as bobs, Called

Call a bob every 4th lead end.

(To be continued)

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Bingham District

The Bingham District held a very good meeting at Bingham on February 12th, when the rather heavy eight were well employed. The Rector (the Rev. H. A. Kirton) acted as organist to his curate, who conducted the service, which was noted for its singing.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, Mr. W. L. Exton thanked all for the good response to the Bell Repair Fund collections during 1965 but pointed out that more widespread support was needed if they were to help at least three towers in the District with new bells. Mr. S. Rippon, of Gedling, was elected a new member.

Next meeting, Orston. No meeting April (Easter Saturday). May meeting, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds (Crawford Cup Contest).

R. B.

JOINT MEETING AT STOCKTON-ON-TEES

Over 40 ringers from a wide area attended the joint meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association (Southern District) and Cleveland and N. Yorkshire Association (Northern District), held at the 18th century church at Stockton-on-Tees on February 27th.

The musical ten bells at this church are housed in a brick tower 80 feet high. The tops of the ends of the pews are finished half-round and during the years many of them have been carved and ornamented in memory of eminent citizens. The most interesting of these is one carved in a leaf design in the centre of which is a bell in the up position, complete with its frame. It is in memory of "Geo. I. Clarkson, who raised the peal from six to ten, 1915."

The peal boards in the ringing chamber record this ringer's activities in the latter end of the nineteenth century and the early part of this, when most of the peals were conducted by him from the treble position.

After an excellent tea provided by Mrs. P. Rock and her excellent cake-making helpers, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T. E. Hudson (Yorkshire Association) and the thanks to the Vicar and wardens by Mr. J. Roach (Cleveland Association). Evensong was conducted by the Rev. P. R. Heselton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Southern District

An enjoyable afternoon was spent on February 19th, when the Southern District held its first quarterly meeting of 1966 at Wentworth and Ecclesfield. Ringing for tastes from call changes to London Scholars' was enjoyed for 100 minutes at Wentworth. Tea was taken at the Gatty Hall, Ecclesfield, and Mr. N. Chaddock presided at the business meeting.

After much discussion, it was decided that the annual general meeting be held at Tickhill and another tower on May 28th.

Messrs. R. Nalliah (Wentworth), J. Wood, R. Harper, T. Holliss and Miss Ruth Gordon (All Saints', Rotherham) were elected new members, and A. Coldwell and G. Sharpe, of Ecclesfield, were re-elected to the Association.

Two ventures being undertaken by the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies were also discussed—the one-day ringing course at Selby on March 19th and the festival on May 21st.

Further ringing was enjoyed at Ecclesfield.

A Minimus Farewell

A farewell presentation of a clock to the Rev. Colin R. Evans, Vicar of St. Mary-le-Wigford, Lincoln, was preceded by a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minimus on the bells of his church. He is going to a group of parishes south-west of Lincoln, which includes two six-bell towers—Bussingham and Norton Disney. There will certainly be better opportunities for his 11¼-year-old son, John, who started learning to handle a bell last November.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Tony Lewis, of Chislehurst, informs us that his peal total for 1965 was 35, and not as printed.

The ringer of the third in the peal of Kent Treble Bob at Aldermaston (page 130) was Miss Margaret A. Wilson.

The tenor bell of St. Andrew's Church, Scole, Norfolk, which dates back to 1665, is to be recast. The original inscriptions are being reproduced.

Many old ringing friends will congratulate the Rev. Ernest J. Orland on ringing his first peal as Rector in his own parish church at Gayton, Northants.

The first peal of Surprise Royal "in hand" for the Middlesex Association was rung on February 25th. It was a product of the Bushey stable conducted by Mr. John R. Mayne.

Congratulations to the veteran Yorkshire ringer, William Barton, who for the 50th anniversary of his first peal rang the same method in the same tower. The method was Superlative—an omen that has come true.

A regretted absentee from the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Portsea, on February 26th, was Miss E. Winifred Keys. The band wish her a speedy recovery from her illness.

Through "The Ringing World" Mr. and Mrs. W. Shepherd, of Addlestone, wish to say a big thank you to Mr. G. K. Dodd and his band, who rang a peal of Royal at St. Nicolas', Guildford, as a golden wedding compliment.

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FINDING COMPETITION JUDGES

The Editorial of "The Irish Bell News" deals with striking competitions which have been in operation for the Murphy Cup just over 30 years. "There has hardly been a year in which somebody has not complained about the judges' decisions. In the Districts there are some people who are competent to judge the striking contests who have refused point blank to act due to two reasons: (a) the complaints which have been made by the team or teams that were defeated, and (b) because, in their opinion, the associate judges were wrong in their decision.

The article suggests establishing a panel of judges and, before any member of the panel is permitted to judge, a mock competition be held, when all candidates be asked to judge the striking of one or more teams and set down the faults and remarks.

It is pointed out that those who profess to be the best change ringers or conductors are the most suitable persons to act as judges. Also, some of those "who know all the methods" and who can conduct, are very often not good strikers and have a poor sense of hearing and rhythm.

LADIES AT YORK MINSTER

Members of the Ladies' Guild will note the quarter of Plain Bob Major at York Minster on February 6th. It was the first time five ladies had been in a quarter on the Minster bells. Could this mean that we will see a quarter peal by an all-ladies' band at the Minster in the future, inquires the conductor, Mr. G. Pluckrose.

THREE FIRSTS AT FLOORE

Two girls—Ruth M. Thomason and Bridget Bates—who only began ringing after last Easter, rang their first peal at Floore, Northants, on February 19th. They are the first two of the new band at Harpole to reach peal ringing stage, although, states Mr. Barrie Hendry, "we have several more on the way." Ringing in the Floore peal was Paul Mattacola on the fourth. Only 11 years old, he made an excellent beginning and was a great credit to his teacher, Mr. W. Collins, of Lower Heyford.

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD TOWER CAPTAIN

One of the youngest tower captains in the country is David Hacker, who at the age of 18 has succeeded Mr. Bert White at St. Andrew's, Heddington, Wilts, a post he had held for a quarter of a century.

David comes from a bellringing family. His grandfather was captain of the ringers at Broad Hinton Church, and his father, Mr. W. Hacker, who started ringing at Broad Hinton in 1927, in these days rings at Calne and Heddington. He is the present chairman of Calne Branch of the Salisbury Guild, and was previously Branch secretary/treasurer for 16 years.

At the age of 10 David received his first lesson from Mr. Bert White. The Heddington band consists of his aunts, the Misses Bessie and Margaret Hacker, his brothers, Phillip (15) and Brian (12), Christopher Clifford (18), Malcolm Wheeler and Alan Haines (both 12) and Graham Haddrell (11). Practices on this light six (tenor 9¼ cwt.) are on Tuesdays. A Queen's Scout, he attended the World Jamboree in Greece two years ago.

MR. AND MRS. SPEED'S RETIREMENT

Since 1958 Mr. Richard F. B. Speed, with the assistance of his wife, Anne, has been hon. assistant librarian to the Central Council, and fulfilled the onerous duty of being responsible for the storage and despatch and sale of all periodicals. The time has now come with the demand on his leisure by employment and family to relinquish the post, and his duties are now being undertaken by Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, of Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick.

When it became necessary for Mr. Frederick Sharpe to relinquish the librarianship, Mr. E. H. Lewis at the 1957 Central Council meeting mentioned Mr. F. W Perrens, who was then in Uganda, as a successor. Upon his return to this country Mr. Perrens agreed to take over the librarianship providing help was forthcoming from someone living near him. Mr. Speed agreed to take over the sale of publications if Mr. Perrens was elected hon. librarian. This took place at the Central Council meeting in 1958, and Mr. Speed immediately took charge of sales, and with the aid of his wife has continued to do the ever-increasing work involved.

Mr. Perrens has kindly provided us with the following statistics indicating the growth of the sales department: The average number of publications sold per year during the six years 1952–1957 inclusive was 1,030, with an average income therefrom of £92, whereas the corresponding figures for the six years 1959–1964 were 4,425 and £275.

These figures indicate better than any words the debt of gratitude the Exercise owes to Mr. and Mrs. Speed for the tremendous amount of time they must have devoted to the job since mid-1958, especially when it is remembered that most of the publications have to be packed and despatched by post. In addition, the Exercise is grateful to them for storing the ever-increasing stock of publications during these years.

Concluding, Mr. Perrens writes: "Naturally we are sorry to lose the valuable help and co-operation of such willing workers on such an important branch of the Central Council's work, but Mr. and Mrs. Speed quite rightly feel that family commitments must take precedence."

Mr Speed, who is an electronics expert, is a Past Master of Cambridge University Guild (1946–1947) and was elected to the Central Council as a representative of the Middlesex Association in 1954. He was elected to honorary membership in 1958. Mr. Speed learned to ring at Radley in 1943 under the tuition of Miss Marie Cross. With the famous Willesden band he developed his ringing and today, as a ringer, conductor and composer, he is in the forefront of English ringing. His wife, née Miss Anne B. Stockdale, is also a noted ringer. They were married in 1952.

To Mr. Garner-Hayward the Exercise extends its best wishes for a happy tenure of office.

5,040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

By R F. B. SPEED

23456	M	W	H	
43256			2	(B, S)
56234	S	—		
24365	S	—	4	(B, B, S, B)

Repeated.

THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBER

Mr. A. D. Barker, who was not re-elected to the Central Council by the Oxford Diocesan Guild last July, has been elected a member as representing the London County Association. His membership of the Council goes back to 1924, and he is now the longest serving member.

STOWMARKET OVERHAUL

The bells of SS. Peter and Mary, Stowmarket, are to be completely overhauled and rehung with modern fittings. In addition, the second and fifth bells, which are of poor tonal quality, are to be recast. The remainder will be retuned. The oak frame, which was made by Bowell of Ipswich, who rehung the bells in 1894, is in sound condition and is to be retained. The work has been entrusted to the Loughborough foundry and is expected to be commenced soon after Easter.

MR. HARRY BAKER RESIGNS CAPTAINCY OF FRITTENDEN

The resignation of Mr. Harry Baker from the captaincy of the tower at Frittenden comes after 65 years of ringing in the parish. During this time he has served under nine Rectors, has taken part in 382 peals and has taught over 60 to ring. As captain of the belfry he has cared most efficiently for this lovely ring of eight bells—a favourite with the bands of ringers who come round to ring a peal or "just a touch" while on a summer outing in Kent.

Mr. Baker does not intend that his resignation should in any way mark the end of his ringing career and he is carrying on as hon. secretary of the Frittenden Ringers.

His wife, Mrs. Alice Baker, has been her husband's unfailing companion in all his ringing, and has herself taken part in the ringing of 234 peals.

PLAIN HUNT

It appears that the letter previously published on February 25th under the pseudonym of "Plain Hunt" has unwittingly incriminated a certain Bristol ringer. It is now realised that an "All Star" signature would have been: A. Barrel, Filton, Bristol.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Twe well-attended week-night meetings in January and February serve, we hope, as good omens for the rest of the year. There were about 25 present at the January meeting to enjoy the fine ring of eight at Bishop's Cleeve, where there were methods for all, from rounds to Yorkshire.

More surprisingly, perhaps, there were over 30 present at the February meeting at Swindon Village, ringers coming from as far away as Bishop's Cannings, near Devizes, and Ross-on-Wye. The "home band" were present in force—they are a band very keen to get on, but could do with more outside help on other Monday nights—other Branch members please note!

Next meeting: March 15th at Charlton Kings (8). The half-annual will be on July 2nd, based on Welford. J. B. T. H.

1965 PEAL

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHOLSEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

Susan M. Heyworth	Treble	P. Gerald McIlhone	5
Bruce Wakefield	2	Geoffrey K. Cook	6
Stephen J. Franklin	3	Roger M. Heyworth	7
G. Robert Mordaunt	4	F. John Nelson	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Irvin. Conducted by F. John Nelson.

1966 PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
HARWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Grove's Transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.

Denby P. Murduck	Treble	Robert B. Blond	5
Douglas Jordan	2	Philip Murduck	6
Clifford J Garlick	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Len Cox	4	William Corderoy	Tenor

Composed by J. Parker. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRIDGWATER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Peter Bridle	Treble	*Brian J. Wylde	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	Trevor A. Cross	6
*Diana M. Chapman	3	D. John Hunt	7
Alan Tubb	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by D. John Hunt
* First peal of London.

MARK, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Feb 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

James W. Belshaw	Treble	Alan Tubb	5
Diana M. Chapman	2	D. John Hunt	6
Richard W. Sweet	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
Andrew Howard	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by D. John Hunt

DUNKERTON, Bath, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

Stanley G. Davis	Treble	George J. Hawkins	4
*†Alan F. Lee	2	Julian E. Newman	5
Stanley D. Francis	3	*Albert F. Butt	Tenor

Conducted by George J. Hawkins.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal on the bells.
A 44th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Butt.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Feb 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

J. Richard Castledine	Treble	Donald F. Murfet	5
*J. Stuart Hutton	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Robin J. Trebilcock	3	Robert R. Churchill	7
*Alan M Barber	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by F Dench. Conducted by J. Richard Castledine.
* First peal in the method.

DRAYTON PARSLOW, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., Feb 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being one extent St. Clement's, one 1,440 and four extents Plain.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*Margaret R. Durrington	Treble	†John D. Clapp	4
Henry B. Witney	2	Alan W. Jeffs	5
Alan J. Frost	3	Kenneth E. Jackson	Tenor

Conducted by Alan J. Frost.
* First peal first attempt. † First peal "inside."

SOUTHILL, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs. Feb 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr 3 lb in F sharp.

Ralph Chapman	Treble	George W Massey	4
John Meredith	2	Philip Mehew	5
George E. Bonham	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
Rung as a farewell to John Meredith.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966 in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt

W. J. Ridgeman (Queens')	Treble	E N. Thomas (St. John's)	6
P. J. Shipton (Pembroke)	2	K. J. Triplow (Selwyn)	7
F. C. Hobson (St. John's)	3	J. A. Harrison (Sidney)	8
*R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	4	S. P. Darvill (Downing)	9
G. H. Jones (St. John's)	5	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's)	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* First peal on ten and first of Surprise.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St Andrew the Great.
On Sat., Feb 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 3 qr 11 lb.

R. Shipp (Peterhouse)	Treble	*Ruth Richardson (New Hall)	5
R H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	2	J. A. Harrison (Sidney)	6
*W. J. C. Bailey (Clare)	3	K J Triplow (Selwyn)	7
M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.)	4	S. P. Darvill (Downing)	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Stephen P. Darvill.
* First peal. First member of New Hall to ring in a Guild peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(And The Society of Painswick Youths.)
PAINSWICK, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Derek Yates	Treble	J Colin Ashworth	7
Alan A. Potts	2	Edward Jenkins	8
Harold C. Lonyon	3	Alan McFall	9
Basil Jones	4	Derek Butterworth	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Robert B. Smith	11
John Worth	6	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by F. Dereck. Conducted by John Worth.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26 cwt. 25 lb. in D.

John Worth	Treble	Harold C. Lonyon	7
John E. Bibby	2	John R Bibby	8
Robert J. Warrilow	3	Alan McFall	9
Derek Yates	4	Basil Jones	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Walter Allman	11
Robert B. Smith	6	Edward Jenkins	Tenor

Composed by F Dexter. Conducted by John Worth.
A memorial peal for the committal of the ashes and dedication of a memorial stone to the glory of God in memory of Thomas Clarke, Priest, Archdeacon of Macclesfield, by the Lord Bishop of Chester in the above church on February 20th.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Feb. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Harold Dowler	Treble	*Gerald Parsons	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Barry Corbishley	6
*Felicity Webber	3	Ivor R. Nichols	7
Raymond J. Ballard	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by C Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal in the method.

WAVERTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Single Oxford Bob and four extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

*Keith W. Eaton	Treble	†John R Scott	4
†Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	Gerald Parsons	5
A. Doreen Edwards	3	‡Frank R Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of Minor. † First in two Minor methods. ‡ 75th peal for the Guild.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. Stephen, Low Elswick.
On Sat., Feb 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Andrew G. Craddock	Treble	David J. Marshall	5
John E. Anderson	2	George S Deas	6
William Davidson	3	Eric N. Harrison	7
James Crowther	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD
EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp

*Graham S. E. Winter	Treble	Ann Jenner	5
Lucile M. Corby	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
Stanley Jenner	3	Doris E. Colgate	7
†David J. M. Cox	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise.
A wedding compliment to Brian E. Jeffrey, chairman of the Guild, and Betty Tester, who were married at this church after the peal.

WADHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
*Robert W. Hinde	2	†John W Smith	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
*Hilary F. Hinde	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Philip A. Corby
* 50th peal together. † First peal of Spliced Surprise Major
A wedding compliment to Graham Smith and Miss Jean Bassett, who were married at this church prior to the peal: and to Brian Jeffrey and Miss Betty Tester, who were married earlier in the day at Edenbridge.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Tues., Jan. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Brian Pratt	Treble	Geoffrey Pearson	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	John G. Gipson	6
C. Gay Williams	3	Frank E. Haynes	7
Brian D. Threlfall	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by S Ivin Conducted by George E. Thoday
Rung in memoriam John W. Ward.

GREAT STAUGHTON, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, London, York, Durham, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

William A. R. Chamberlain	Treble	George E. Bonham	4
John Meredith	2	*George E. Thoday	5
Peter Woollven	3	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 125th peal of Minor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
THORPE BAY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Philip A. Sadler	Treble	Hubert H. Furminger	5
Lawrence J. Beal	2	Bernard C. Sadler	6
*David Sloman	3	Gerald D. J. Sandwell	7
Peter Sloman	4	Alfred J. House	Tenor

Composed by G H. Beevor. Conducted by Alfred J. House.
* First peal of Major.

BROOMFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Ian R. Panton	Treble	Alan M. Barber	4
Peter G. Brown	2	James L. Towler	5
George E. Bonham	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 13 methods, viz.: (1) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Ockley, (2) Beverley and Surfleet, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich, (4) London, (5) York, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6¾ cwt. in A.

Josephine A. Quilter	Treble	James L. Towler	4
*Yvonne A. Murray	2	Alan M. Barber	5
George E. Thoday	3	*Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.
* Most methods "inside" to a peal

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.
On Wed., Feb. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Trevor Newlands	Treble	John C. Slater	5
*David Rennolds	2	†Andrew Howard	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	D. John Hunt	7
†Richard W. Sweet	4	Alan Tubb	Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal † First of Triples.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEDBURY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

Frank Reed	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	5
Frances Fairbank	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	6
Ralph C. Godsall	3	William F. Scudamore	7
Austin T. Wingate	4	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Composed by H Dains. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
100th peal as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Maryt
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb. in E.

*Paula Healing	Treble	Walter Ayre	5
†Susan E. Williams	2	Brian M. Barker	6
Augustin V. Good	3	†Keith D. Waples	7
Howard Collings	4	Antony R. Kench	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Antony R. Kench.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell to Canon and Mrs C. H. Plummer, good friends to ringers, are shortly leaving Hemel Hempstead for East Dereham, Norfolk.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Feb. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods comprising 1,088 Cambridge, 928 Rutland, 896 Superlative, 800 London, 672 Brighton, and 640 Bristol, with 139 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F

Cyril S. Jarrett	Treble	Ann Jenner	5
*Lucile M. Corby	2	Stanley Jenner	6
*Judith M. Corby	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Hilary F. Hinde	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* First peal of six-spliced. First peal of six-spliced as conductor.
A birthday peal for the ringers of 2 and 3.

ROLVENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

*Anthony J. Leeves	Treble	Rev. Peter T. Robbins	5
Lucile M. Corby	2	Tony Lewis	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
†Ian H. Oram	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* First peal at first attempt. † 250th peal of Major.

HOO, Kent.—At the Church of St. Werburgh.
On Fri., Feb. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Phyllis R. Chidwick	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	4
Janet S. Evenden	2	D. Paul Smith	5
Norman R. Mattingley	3	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

John Walden	Treble	John Freeman	5
Beryl N. Reed	2	*William Holmes	6
*James W. Haw	3	James A. D. Woolford	7
Walter Tomlinson	4	Geoffrey Paul	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal in the method.

EATON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Single Court, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

William H. Dale	Treble	Denis A. Frith	4
Vaughan P. Evans	2	H. Leslie Squires	5
Charles F. Baxter	3	J. Michael Simpson	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

DUNHOLME, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sun., Feb. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Single Oxford, and one Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Charles V. Cade	Treble	G. Angus Dixon	4
*Harold Radley	2	John M. Blaikie	5
Philip C. Pitchford	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Parker.
* First peal.
Rung prior to the Confirmation service at this church.

QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells, (2) Lightfoot, (3) Bourne, (4) Cambridge and Ipswich, (5) Primrose, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Janet E. Hubbard	Treble	*R. Arthur Goldsmith	4
Edwin T. Chapman	2	Cyril R. Burrell	5
George W. Massey	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
* First peal of Surprise.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Jan. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Edmund J. Morris	Treble	Stephen Fenwick	6
Penelope J. Welch	2	John F. I. Turney	7
Nicholas D. Evans	3	M. Jack Pryor	8
Thomas Yeomans	4	David J. Llewellyn	9
J. Arthur Hoare	5	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal of Little Bob Royal by all, on the bells and for the Association.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast Foster Lane.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's College Bob, (3) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (4) Fulbeck and Childwall College Bob, (5) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (6) Hereward and Oxford Bob, (7) Double and Plain Bob, with 21 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Richard O. Humphries	Treble	Michael W. Coleman	4
Edward D. Elderkin	2	Roger D. Bailey	5
Timothy G. Pett	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
A compliment to Nicholas J. Davies and Brenda M. Foster, on their recent engagement.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLYWELL, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*Martin R. Rickman	Treble	Donald F. Murfet	4
Donald E. R. Knights	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	5
*Mary E. Took	3	Harold S. Peacock	Tenor

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.
* First peal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 78 lb. in G.

Alan M. Barber	Treble	Brian B. Hullah	5
Martin Cubitt	2	Donald F. Murfet	6
Geoffrey H. Pullin	3	Peter Adcock	7
David E. House	4	Geoffrey A. Lucas	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

DICKLEBURGH, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*James C. Catchpole	Treble	Charles R. Catchpole	4
Albert G. Harrison	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Jack Mowle	3	C. Frank Phillippo	Tenor

Conducted C. Frank W. Phillippo.
* First peal.

BLO NORTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) Thelwall, (2) Childwall, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Double Court, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Double Oxford.

A. R. Foreman	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	4
Harry Tooke	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
William Clover	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Foreman, wife of the treble ringer. Tenor 8 cwt.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BOTTESFORD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22¼ cwt. in E flat.

Edmund Shuttleworth (Secretary, 1963–64)	Treble
Richard C. L. Brown (Master, 1963–64)	2
*John G. Hallett (Secretary, 1965–66)	3
David W. Friend (Master, 1961–62)	4
*David J. Orledge (Secretary, 1962–63)	5
David R. Ingram (Secretary, 1964–65)	6
*Ian V. J. Smith (Fresher Rep., 1965–66)	7
John W. Coleman (Master, 1964–66)	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David W. Friend.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Society.
Rung on the morning of the sixth annual dinner, and for the 21st birthday of David Ingram.

TROWELL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in G sharp.

Ian V. J. Smith	Treble	*David R. McLeen	4
Robert C. Woodward	2	John G. Hallett	5
David R. Ingram	3	Peter Woollven	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Woollven.
* First peal attempt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

*Ivor Newell	Treble	Geoffrey M. Harvey	5
*David C. Willis	2	Roger B. Pike	6
†Michael J. Smith	3	David L. Wilcox	7
*Norman Willis	4	†Alfred J. Burt	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by David L. Wilcox.
* First peal. † First of Triples. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
KIRTLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

Walter F. Judge	Treble	Frederick C. White	5
Edwin J. Smith	2	Francis A. White	6
Malcolm Journeaux	3	Brian R. White	7
Elizabeth Stevinson	4	*Philip A. Sampson	Tenor

Conducted by Brian R. White.
* First peal.

PANGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Less.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 15 methods: one extent St. Remigius Bob, two extents St. Osmond Bob, and three extents each of St. Simon's Bob, Eynsham Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Leonard's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, Plain Bob, April Day Bob, Kennington Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew's Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

Clifford Carter	Treble	Anthony D. Smith	4
Mrs. A. D. Smith	2	*David L. Wilcox	5
Roger B. Pike	3	Alfred J. Burt	Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.
* 25th peal. Most methods to a peal by all the band and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

GREAT LINFORD, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., Feb. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Ronald J. Snack	Treble	George E. Bonham	4
Barry R. Eglesfield	2	George E. Thoday	5
Anthony K. Fortin	3	George E. Green	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Green.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
GAYTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Jan. 31 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

*Edward C. Gautrey	Treble	W. Frank Eyden	4
Alan A. Paul	2	*John E. Goddard	5
Rev. Ernest G. Orland	3	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

FLOORE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden	Treble	*Paul Mattacola	4
*Ruth M. Thomason	2	Shirley E. Ruddlesden	5
*Bridget Bates	3	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* First peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
CANFORD MAGNA, Dorset.—At the Parish Church.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods/variations, viz.: six extents each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, Norfolk, Old, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

Janet A. Fawcett	Treble	Brian W. Pocock	4
Sandra M. Pitman	2	Herbert I. Pitman	5
Christopher L. Longridge	3	H. Simon A. Raperport	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert I. Pitman.
First peal for all except conductor. First as conductor and first of Doubles. First by Sunday service band and second peal on bells.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Elizabeth J. Foster	Treble	Richard A. J. Inglis	5
Simon Humphrey	2	Ian V. J. Smith	6
Peter Woollven	3	John R. Pratchett	7
John Shonfeld	4	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by George A. Dawson.
A 21st birthday compliment to C. Richard Daft, of Wollaton.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Feb. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*Margaret L. Ellwood	Treble	†Julia M. Sanders	4
†Anita E. Foden	2	Clive M. Smith	5
‡Angela Bagnall	3	Michael W. Fairey	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.
* First peal on six bells. † First peal at first attempt. ‡ First peal "inside." Rung on St. Matthias' Day.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat. Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

William Hibbert	Treble	John H. Napper	6
Jill R. Parsons	2	Roger F. Overington	7
John W. C. Hibbert	3	John Schofield	8
*Norman Summerhayes	4	Frank E. Darby	9
David E. Parsons	5	John Chilcott	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by David E. Parsons (No. 4).
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
A 60th birthday compliment to Frank Darby.

KINGSWOOD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., Feb 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

*Jennifer A. Clark	Treble	*David Hawkins	4
*Christopher R. Balcomb	2	A. Graham Clark	5
E. William Taylor	3	†Christopher W. Daws	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher W. Daws.
* First peal attempt. † First on six and as conductor. Believed to be the first peal by a local band since the bells were hung in 1852.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael and Christine Earp, two local ringers.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
FINDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John Baptist.
On Sat., Feb 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	†Roy M. Cox	4
Michael J. Wake	2	Henry C. Weaver	5
*Susan M. Main	3	Robert Wake	Tenor

Conducted by Robert Wake.
* First peal "inside" and of Minor † First of Minor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL
Rung with 8ths place bobs. Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

Albert Diserens	Treble	Noel J. Diserens	6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	2	Roger Baldwin	7
David J. Forder	3	Charles H. Kippin	8
Edgar R. Rapley	4	Ronald F. Diserens	9
John N. Diserens	5	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
First peal of Bristol Royal by all the band except the ringer of the eighth.

PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*Anne M. Smith	Treble	Henry C. Weaver	5
Jennifer M. Taylor	2	James R. Taylor	6
†Philip Stevens	3	C. Martin Press	7
Barry J. Davis	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise Major "inside."

RINGWOOD, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat. Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Pitstow's Tenor 18½ cwt.

Jeffrey R. Claughton	Treble	†William T. Perrins	5
John Hartless	2	Michael J. Thomas	6
*†David Wilson	3	†William E. Cheater	7
Alec W. Fry	4	Lewis F. Cobb	Tenor

Conducted by Lewis F. Cobb.
* First peal of Surprise Major "inside." † First peal in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BIRSTALL, W. Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Joyce Grainger	Treble	Kenneth R. Davenport	5
Dennis Latham	2	Neil D. Lomas	6
Geoffrey Gardner	3	John Robinson	7
Sidney Hough	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

SKIPTON, Yorkshire.—At Holy Trinity Church.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

M. Susan Jackson	Treble	Adrian C. Boorman	5
Edna M. Poulter	2	J. Henry Fielden	6
Alfred Smith	3	Barry Sullivan	7
C. Barrie Dove	4	Roger J. Lumley	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BATLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb 26. 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*John Dodgeson	Treble	G. Frederick Terry	5
Kenneth B. Sissons ..	2	John Potts	6
D. Margaret Hawley ..	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
Edward M. Bradley ..	4	Christopher M. Brown ..	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.
* First peal and first attempt.

PUDSEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Feb. 26. 1696, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb.

*Adrian Dempster ..	Treble	William Barton	5
Edna M. Poulter	2	Alexander E. Marsh ..	6
John W. Gibson	3	Barry Sullivan	7
Molly Marsh	4	Gordon Benfield	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by William Barton.
* First peal.
Rung in the same tower and in the same method on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

(Sheffield and District Society.)
RAWMARSH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Alan Howland	Treble	†John Smalley	5
Michael King	2	David Nichols	6
Geoffrey W. Pilkington	3	John J. L. Gilbert	7
*Andrew King	4	Cyril Rusby	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
* First peal of Major "inside." † First of Major.

BRAMHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 19 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) College, (6) Plain, (7) Kent T.B.
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

Edward M. Bradley ..	Treble	*John Potts	4
*Alan Sheppard	2	Ronald R. Warford ..	5
G. Frederick Terry ..	3	*Kenneth B. Sissons ..	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth B. Sissons.
* 75th peal together.

KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in A.

John Potts	Treble	Ronald H. Dove	3
Charles H. Maxfield ..	2	Robin Brown	4
C. Barrie Dove	Tenor		

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
Rung after meeting short for Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At "Bombay," 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	*John A. Booth	7–8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Alan McFall.
* First peal on handbells. First peal of Major on handbells as conductor.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At "Bombay," 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., Feb. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
Neil Bennett	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Composed by John W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY.—At 37, Morleston Street.
On Wed., Feb. 16, 1966, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Kevin Betesta	1–2	David Walklate (cond.) ..	3–4
Geoffrey Bridges	5–6		

Rung as a welcome to Julie Peach.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.
(The Society of Royal Grammar School Youths.)
On Wed., Jan. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven differently called extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

Roger H. E. Askew	1–2	Andrew G. Craddock (cond.)	3–4
*Stephen J. Pardoe	5–6		

* First peal away from 1–2. First peal by the Society.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Wed., Feb. 23, 1966, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1–2	*Valerie Willard	3–4
Hugh N. Evans (cond.) ..	5–6		

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First "in hand" as conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At Long Leys House.
On Wed., Feb. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

A Maxwell Lindsey	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
John Vernon	3–4	Michael Vernon	7–8

Composed by James Nicholl. Conducted by Michael Vernon.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 13th, 1,440 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Gaynor Wallace 1, Amanda Powell 2, R. Rayfield 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Carol Cousins 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 4 and 5. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of treble.

BAGBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Smith 1, C. Lock 2, E. Webber 3, J. Aldridge 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, A. Wilsher 6.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lesley Rundle 1, Penny Kift (cond.) 2, Julia Collinge 3, Mrs. B. van-Asselt 4, R. C. Kift 5, H. L. Williamson 6.

CHIPPING SODBURY, GLOS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Susan A. Moore (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, P. Ebsworth (first of six Doubles) 3, D. M. Smith 4, K. G. Weeks (first of six Doubles as cond.) 5, A. W. Gibbs 6.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. J. Bowering (first quarter) 1, P. J. Devrell 2, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 3, A. Swatton 4, S. C. Davis 5, A. F. Butt 6.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's, on Jan. 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor (tenor covering): Adrienne Gibson 1, Sal Parrott 3, M. Morris 4, R. Mills 5, J. D. Davidge 6, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 7, D. J. F. Oakshott 8. First of Surprise Minor 4, 5 and 6. Rung for the cause of Christian Unity.

EAST SUTTON, KENT.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Clifton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, F. Goodearle 3, L. Sweatman 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Feb. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, at the Cathedral: N. Mallett 1, Margaret Bould 2, Ann Fellows 3, C. Reeves 4, A. T. Truman 5, B. Coles 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, C. P. Yates 8, C. Bryant 9, W. J. Harvey and G. Skinner 10. A silver wedding compliment to the able and popular hon. sec. and Mrs. Charles P. Yates.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Pack 1, Miss W. Austin 2, Mrs. D. Nicholson 3, G. Kenward 4, J. Clarke 5, G. Naylor 6, B. Jemmett (cond.) 7, G. Nicholson 8. For Confirmation.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Ainger 1, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 2, Jane Foster 3, B. Howard 4, P. M. Wilkinson 5, C. K. Cooper 6, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 7, M. C. Hughes 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. Chapman 1, Sal Parrott 2, Hilda Oatway 3, Sally Hooper 4, P. J. Munday 5, M. Morris 6, R. Mills 7, W. Parrott 8, W. Oatway 9, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 4 and 6. For Evensong.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Old): Miss L. M. Baguley 1, Miss E. A. Hill 2, Miss M. Green 3, Miss T. E. Staples 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Also on same day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: conducted by G. Allcock. Both to welcome the new Rector, Rev. C. J. Young.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Houghton 1, E. Howes 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, J. Fox 5, C. Cousins 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, J. Coles 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Annie Marion Granville-Smith, organist for over 50 years, died January 27th, aged 94.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Janet Thornton 1, Penny Miller 2, J. W. O. Miller 3, A. Bailey 4, P. K. Else (cond.) 5, W. Ratcliffe 6. For Evensong, and best wishes to Penny Miller, leaving for Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, for training in physiotherapy.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Williamson (first of Stedman) 1, C. W. Powell 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, Angela Quick 4, D. Ellery 5, H. G. Keeley 6, F. G. Knight (cond.) 7, A. Walborne 8. For Evensong, and as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Dymond, married at this church on February 13th, 1906.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.—At St. Mary's College, on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. Halstead (first of Doubles) 1, R. A. Orme (first "inside") 2, K. Maundrell 3, B. R. M. Johnson (first as cond.) 4, R. L. Underwood 5, J. F. Butler (first quarter) 6.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss V. Martin 1, K. Underwood 2, J. Avenall 3, D. Lodge 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, C. Slyfield 6.

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COLLINGS.—On February 23rd, 1966, to Mary and Alan Collings, a daughter, Elizabeth Anne.—3, Rose Gardens, Wootton Hall, Wootton Wawen, Solihull, Warwickshire.

MOULD.—To Edward and Christine (née Collett) on March 3rd, 1966, the precious gift of a son, Roy Arthur Stedman. 8693

DEATH

HEIGHTON.—On March 1st, 1966, after a very short illness, Margaret Lucy, daughter of David and Bridget and darling sister of Fiona, Saxlingham Nethergate, Norwich. Aged 14 months.

PERSONAL

"Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath."—James i, 19.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held in the Oakley Hall, High Wycombe, on Saturday, March 19th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. J Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by March 16th.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8582

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Biggleswade District. — **Correction.** — Meeting at Campton (5) and Meppershall (5), Saturday, March 12th. Ringing, Campton, 3–4.30. Tea, Meppershall Hall, 4.45. Meeting and ringing 5.45. All welcome. 8579

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at North Wingfield, March 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea **without fail, please,** to Mr. J. Timons, 19, Williamthorpe Road, North Wingfield, Chesterfield. Special methods: Ealing Surprise and Gainsboro' Little Bob.—M. Phipps, Sec. 8612

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting Saturday, March 12th, Trumpington. Bells (8) 3 and after meeting Service 4.30. Tea 5 in the Church School (Farm School). Washington film after tea, followed by business meeting. All welcome.—B. D. Threlfall. 8592

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 12th. Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m. will be followed by tea and meeting in the Cathedral Refectory. Members requiring tea should notify Mrs C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey (Tel Ewell 4986) Bells available as follows: Holy Trinity and St. Mary's from 2.45 to 3.45 p.m.; Cathedral from 3 p.m. and after the meeting: St. Nicolas and Stoke after the meeting. 8553

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Northchurch (8), March 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch. 8608

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Little Munden, March 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing Great Munden (6). (Due to redecoration of church, Aspenden not yet available.) Names for tea to me, c/o Y.M.C.A., 15a, Railway Street, Hertford, by Friday, 11th, latest.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 8688

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Leeds on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss J. Whitlock, 2, Battel Hall Cottages, Leeds.—M. L. H., Dis. Sec. 8537

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, March 12th. Bells (6) from 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea following. Names for tea to Jack L. Millhouse, 3, Honington Crescent, Lincoln (Tel 23662). Would all members endeavour to be present at this meeting. —J. L. Millhouse, Ringing Master. 8561

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, March 12th, St. Mary, Neasden Lane, Willesden, 4 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea 140, Church Lane, Kingsbury, 5, Kingsbury St. Andrew 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to Miss V. E. Dupre, 63 Woodlawn Road, S.W.6. RENown 4423. 8611

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting Cottesbrooke 3 p.m., and Creaton 6 p.m., Saturday, March 12th. Service 4.15.—J. E. Goddard. 8691

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Evening meeting, Weekley, March 12th. Bells (6) 7–9 p.m. Special methods: Single Oxford and Wells Surprise. All welcome. —M. A. C. 8566

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Llanelli on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to S. Rees Marble House, 6, Brynallt Terrace, Llanelli, Carms.—R. Warburton. 8601

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Orston on March 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton. —R. Blackshaw. 8592

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Practice meeting at Euston (5) on Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. —A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 8583

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District. —The annual general meeting of the Branch will be held at Woodbridge, March 12th. Ringing, St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m., then service. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing 7–9 p.m. All bookings for tea to Mr. Stanley Woodard, The Flat, 42, Thorofare, Woodbridge, Suffolk.—Winifred Lockwood, Dis Sec 8546

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Storrington on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea at 5 o'clock. Please notify for tea Mr. J. Taylor, 27, Spierridge, Storrington, Sussex. 8597

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District. — Evening meeting at Cranford, Friday, March 18th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec 8469

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wrington (10), Saturday, March 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business. — D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8504

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Chard (8), Saturday, March 19th. Service 4.30. Names for tea essential to J. T. Locke, Hon. Secc., School Street, Drayton, Langport. 8686

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Practice meeting, West Pennard (6), March 19th. 7 p.m.—P Hall, Hon. Sec. 8684

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Audlem, March 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 16th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 8682

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Wallasey St. Hilary, March 19th Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous. — Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Birkenhead. 8683

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Archdeaconry of Coventry.—Meeting at Wolvey, Saturday, March 19th. at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. W. Thorpe, Wolds Lane, Wolvey, near Hinckley, Leics. 8677

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Whickham on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m, Names for tea to Mr. S. Thompson, Poplar Villa, 10, Whaggs Lane, Whickham, Newcastle, by **Friday, 18th, please.**

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Heath, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Refreshments 5 p.m. at Elm Tree Inn. Names for tea, **please**, to Mr. G. W. Yeomans, Hillman, Mansfield Road, Heath, Chesterfield.—T. H. Radford, Hon. Sec. 8683

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Great Gransden, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Little Gransden Hall—M. J. Dyer. Dis. Sec. 8690

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—Meeting, Wivenhoe, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 and in evening. Service 4.30. followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sparling, Winton, Rectory Road, Wivenhoe. 8570

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting at Stebbing on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Harrington, 8 Warehouse Villas, Stebbing, Dunmow. 8599

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. — Stroud Branch.—Practice, Painswick, Saturday, March 19th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud. 8692

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. —Meeting, Bodiam (6), Saturday, March 19th, 3 to 5 p.m. Ewhurst (5) 6 onwards. Please make your own arrangements for tea.—A. H. Kemp, Sec. 8674

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishops Stortford District.—Meeting at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3.45. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Rochester, 7, Riverfield Lane, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.—D. Kingston. 8689

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup (8), on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. — P A. Mason, Branch Sec. 8672

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Bowden, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen 8680

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, All Hallows', Tottenham, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by light refreshments in the Vicarage. Evening ringing. —E. H Kilby, Dis Sec. 8591

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Barton-under-Needwood, March 19th. Bells 3 to 4.15. Tea 4.45 at Newchurch. Bells available after tea. All welcome. 8621

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch—Meeting, March 19th, Savernake and Great Bedwyn, afternoon and evening respectively. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8678

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting, Winthorpe, March 19th. Bells 2.30 Tea 4.30 Evensong 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. C. W. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton, Newark, by previous Tuesday. 8671

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Meeting at St. Michael's, Rushall near Walsall, on Saturday, March 19th Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea Entries for eight-bell striking competition (April 30th next) to be in by this meeting, please, to hon. secretary Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Bainham, 35, Lyswavs Street, Walsall, Staffs, by March 16th.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8403

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting, Stonham Aspal (10), Saturday, March 19th. Bells 6.30 p.m.–9 p.m. — H. W. H. Leather, Dis Sec 8675

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Bletchingley, March 19th Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Service 6.45 p.m. Names for tea to A. Streeter, Highfields, Big Common Lane, Bletchingley, by March 15th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 8569

SURREY ASSOCIATION — Northern District. — Quarterly meeting March 19th West Wickham: bells 3–4.30 p.m. Addington: bells 4.30–5 p.m. Service at Addington 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. Evening ringing at Addington. Names for tea to Miss C. Cousins, 18 Upper Shirley Road, Shirley, Croydon, by previous Tuesday. 8602

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern and Southern Divisions.— — Joint meeting on Saturday, March 19th, at Horsham. Bells (8) 4 p.m. and after service. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mr. T. Fox, 106, Depot Road, Horsham. 8668

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ringing Symposium: Method Extension, F.C.E.'s, Surprise Composition (J. R. Mayne, R. Baldwin), St. Helen's Church Hall, Wheathampstead, near St. Albans, Saturday, March 26th, at 3 p.m. 5s. incl. tea. Names by March 21st to R. D. R Brown, 10, The Hill, Wheathampstead 8697

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Boughton, Saturday, March 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 8676

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Chiddingly (6), Saturday, March 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea till 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to me at 8, The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield, Sussex, by Wednesday, March 23rd Please note new address.—G. FitzHugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 8673

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — A.G.M., Callington, March 26th, 3 p.m. Bells (6) after the meeting. Names for tea essential by March 21st.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec., Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro. Tel. 2749 8679

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BEDFONT, MIDDX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Old Bob, Plain Bob): Marie Simnett 1, Anita Nickells 2, Elizabeth Sim 3, Elizabeth Brigden 4, Pamela Brown (first as cond.) 5 Helen Randle 6. First quarter 4 and 6 First in more than one method for all the band. First quarter for Twickenham County School Campanological Society.

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COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. P. Morris 1, Mrs. D. M. Stopps 2, C. E Stopps 3, A. J Stuart 4, P. Jones (cond.) 5, D. Robinson 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung muffled in memoriam R Moore, churchwarden, ringer and foreman at this tower.

FRIEZLAND, YORKS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,320 Oxford T.B Minor: J. Smith (cond.) 1, J. Burgess 2, B Buckley 3, C. Henshaw 4, A. Farrand 5, A. J. Bennett 6. Rung to commemorate the end of bachelorhood for the ringer of the 3rd, who was to be married March 5th, and to celebrate the 32nd wedding anniversary (February 24th, 1966) of the ringer of the tenor.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. N Toone 1, D. Toone 2, S. Toone 3, S. F. High (cond.) 4, A. C. Cooper 5, A. W. Bird 6. For Evensong.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W Ransom 1, Mrs. R B. Davey 2, D. Papworth 3, W Papworth 4 C. C. Goodger 5, A. J Davey (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, on Feb 20th, with L Cowley in place of W. Papworth.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Marks 1, J. T. Locke 2, E. White 3, R. C Beale 4, R. Beale (comp.) 5, R. Welch 6, J. Drew (cond.) 7 T. Hill 8. For Mr Jim Stenner's 74th birthday.

KIRK ELLA E. YORKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford and St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): C. Holmes 1, G. K. Smith 2, K. Kirk 3, A. B. Cooper 4, R. D Gibson 5, L. F Bailey (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the Beverley and District Society to the memory of Rev. George Storer, the Society's chaplain.

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, on Feb. 22nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: I. R. Marshall 1 S D. Etcell 2, J. Clarke (cond.) 3, A. W Froggatt 4. A farewell to the Vicar, Rev Colin R Evans.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): W. Moore 1 D Feek 2, P. H Langton 3, R Lee 4, A Palmer 5 T A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For Morning Prayer Also an engagement compliment to Mr. Hardham - ringer.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St Thomas, on Feb 20th, 1,272 Kent and Oxford T B Minor: M. A Welsh 1, S. K. Thompson 2, R Burbery 3, R. M. Heyworth 4, P. M. Bradford 5, A. P. Foster (cond.) 6.

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ROCHESTER, KENT.—At St. Margaret's, on Feb 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: N Davies 1, F. G. Huckstepp 2, P Richardson 3, L. Sweatman 4, R. Swift 5, H. Deacon 6, C. T Hillis 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8.

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A FIRST IMPRESSION OF BELLRINGING IN ENGLAND

By WALTER KNIGHT

EVERY overseas ringer has an ambition to visit, one day, the Ringing Isle. What, then, are the first impressions gained by one fortunate enough to realise this ambition?

Coming from Sydney, the largest ringing centre outside the British Isles, and the only place apart from Britain where it is possible to ring regularly every day of the week, I found the amount of ringing and the number of towers in relatively close proximity to one another quite amazing. To be able to ring at ten towers in one day seemed unbelievable, and to have the choice of several towers to visit on each weekday evening in the London area has been an unprecedented luxury for me. The preponderance of 8-12-bell towers is another contrast to the Sydney I have known, as it is only since I left there in July that the magnificent 10 at St. Andrew's Cathedral has been installed, and three of the four eight-bell towers had previously been unavailable for some time for eight-bell ringing.

Whenever I have visited English towers, I have enjoyed the marvellous hospitality for which the bellringing fraternity is famed world-wide. It seems almost universal that a favourable response to the question "Do you ring?" gains immediate acceptance by any band, however poor a ringer one may be.

I immediately noticed the much higher standard of ringing and striking in England, not only in peal ringing by select bands, but for service ringing. Even such mundane methods as Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles are expertly and beautifully rung, especially in the smaller country churches I have listened to. The higher standard is a result of the greater extent of ringing here, and with the resultant greater number of ringers who progress to the more advanced methods. Much greater opportunity exists here for an eager ringer to become a skilled conductor or composer than is possible in Australia.

The widespread ignorance of the significance of bellringing in Australian communities accentuates the difficulties of maintaining bands in the few places where change ringing towers exist. There is not the tradition of ringing changes—tunes chimed or amplified seem more acceptable—and the change ringer even finds his art considered a form of eccentricity. Even the clergy in charge of parishes with bells find the bellringer a baffling person—he rings for, and probably attends, services, but his horizon lies beyond his own parish (still not always regarded as a healthy sign) and he belongs to a non-sectarian bellringing association with no tangible links with the Church, but which is dependent on the Church of its very existence. Little wonder that the loss-rate of learners is so extraordinarily high; and when a competent ringer moves to a distant parish without bells, and this is by no means an uncommon occurrence, the loss is acutely felt.

Peal ringing, too, has not only been inhibited by high summer temperatures, but also by social pressures, although it seems that Great Adventure II has played a significant part in reducing the animosity of Australian communities to bellringing.

The organisation of ringing here is so much grander, and seemingly more efficient. Geographical factors contribute to much of this, with the diocese as the basis of determining the size of each guild or association. The active participation of so many of the clergy in the running of the bellringing organisation is a great encouragement to ringers. By way of contrast, A.N.Z.A.B. spans 5,000 miles, covering not only different dioceses with widely differing views, but two countries; Anglican, Roman Catholic and secular towers; and all with little direct participation in its direction or operation.

I have been privileged to attend a meeting and a dinner of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and several other branch meetings here, and the proficient organisation was most impressive. The relative lack of politics between towers and association branches is also refreshing. Politics are most damaging in any organisation, and I fear that distance in a large country tends to create an unhealthy breeding ground for regional dissension. The efforts of A.N.Z.A.B. have moderated the regional influence in Australian ringing in recent years, and a harmonious relationship exists despite the vast distances between branches.

In Australia we are unable to call upon the personal services of the bellfounders and hangers, although their written advice on such matters is always sent promptly and is exemplary. Bells requiring retuning or recasting have to be sent to England, and this is not only very expensive but the absence of the bells to practise on whilst they are away jeopardises the future of the band. The magnificent fund-raising efforts of the All Saints', Parramatta, band to get $A5,600 to ship their bells back for attention illustrates the enthusiasm which Australian ringers hold for their art. Extremes of climate play havoc with wheels, ropes and timber frames, and all maintenance has to be done locally at minimum cost, and mostly by calculated guesswork. Stay-making is a minor craft in its own right in Australia! So it is not surprising that the maintenance and "go" of bells here is generally better.

There is one affliction affecting ringing here which is fortunately almost unknown in Australia. It is a result of the high standard of ringing, and causes what I will call, for want of a better name, the "Professional Ringer." This person was taught the art by patient instructors in his local church, but having acquired and mastered the art to his satisfaction he deserts his own tower and rings only for his own pleasure. Service ringing, the primary reason for change ringing, is forsaken, usually because it occurs at the most inconvenient times, and the "Professional Ringer" tours the country instead, ringing peals, without much thought for the local bands in whose towers he enjoys himself, and finally from his exalted position criticises the very people and methods that were the basis for his own competence. I have even met one ringer who baulks at ringing anything less than Surprise Major, and certainly won't count peals of less than Major.

If it was in my power, I would subject the "Professional Ringer" to a sure cure—a lengthy term at an isolated Australian tower, and I am sure that at the end of that time the Exercise would have a more valuable and humbler member.

The welcome I have received from English ringers since that grey day, now so long ago, when my ship arrived at Southampton, has been overwhelming, and I do thank all those who have made my introduction to English ringing so enjoyable and memorable. My ringing standard has improved appreciably since my arrival here (I am even learning to handle a bell properly after 13 years' ringing), and when I finally return to my home tower at Turramurra I hope to be able to pass on to my fellow ringers the knowledge and added skill I have been able to acquire here in the home of ringing.

THE SPIRIT OF HENRY JOHNSON LIVES ON

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD HAVE STILL THE QUALITIES—INTEGRITY, INNOVATION AND A KINDLY SPIRIT

—John Chilcott.

BETWEEN the St. Martin's Guild and the Ancient Society of College Youths there is a close affinity, and to mark the retirement of Mr. John Chilcott from the secretaryship of the Ancient Society he accepted their invitation to take the chair at the 78th Henry Johnson annual commemoration dinner at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on March 5th. John, who was accompanied by his wife, performed his duties with dignity and charm. Three other past masters of the Ancient Society and the Master of the Cumberlands were present to honour the occasion.

Sitting beside the chairman were the Master of St. Martin's Guild (Mr. R. C Ingram) and Mrs. Ingram, and the secretary, (Mr. G. E. Fearn) and Mrs. Fearn. Nearby was the Ringing Master (Mr. J. A. Ainsworth). Clerical friends of the Guild present were Bishop G. Sinker (Provost) and Mrs. Sinker, the Archdeacon of Birmingham (the Ven. Guy Worman) and Mrs. Worman, and the new Vicar of Aston, the Rev. E. E. C. Smith, and Mrs. Smith. Others on the top table were Group Captain J. S. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. D. Beresford, Messrs. J. F Smallwood, F. W. Perrens, J. L. Garner-Hayward, R. G. Edwards and the Editor of "The Ringing World."

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. P. Border, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Critchley, Mr. and Mrs. S. O'C. Holloway, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Harding Mr. and Mrs. B. D. A. Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cole, Mr. and Mrs P. Handley.

Mesdames J. Beresford, G. I. Bloomfield, the Misses J. Beresford, I. Thompson, J. Flynn, Schofield, B. Millhouse, M. Reay, C. Stockdale, E. and V. Ellis.

Messrs. B. C. Ashford, A. B. Ashford, J. E. Anderson, R. B. Meadows, J. L. Millhouse, H. H. Fearn, E. N. Harrison, D. J. Marshall, F. W. Walker, J. A. Green, P. Beresford, M. D. and M. J. Fellows, R. W. Pipe, A. W. T. Cleaver, A. Crabtree, P. Fidler, T. Warner, N. J. Goodman, R. Aldington. R. Holt (secretary National Police Guild), W. Bolton and R. Palmer.

Submitting the toast of "The memory of the late Henry Johnson," the chairman said it was a privilege and honour to be entrusted with the toast which he appreciated very much and to see there so many of his friends of his earliest days of ringing, especially Mr. Smallwood.

It was impossible to find something original about Henry Johnson. Reading the report of the 1916 dinner, when that toast was proposed by Mr. Paddon Smith, he saw that on that occasion there were 21 present who knew Henry Johnson. When he was present in 1948-49 there were still one or two there who had a link with Henry Johnson, but now there was no direct link. Today it was impossible to speak of the man, they could only speak of the origin of Henry Johnson and the qualities he demonstrated throughout his life.

In the toast Mr. Paddon Smith proposed, he described him as a man of integrity, and in 1951, when he proposed the toast again, as an innovator, as he was the first to introduce the turning course in Stedman Cinques. The same theme as an innovator constantly occurred, and lastly there was his kindly nature.

These qualities were to be found in the St. Martin's Guild today and were responsible for its success. In the matter of integrity no other Guild could better St. Martin's in maintaining a high standard in its ringing, and it had resulted in the Guild being recognised as a leader in that sphere.

As far as innovations were concerned, the Thursday night band had introduced the single in Surprise Maximus and it had become the accepted thing. He understood the latest was in Cambridge Royal, with a single at four and a half, so the example of Henry Johnson was still being followed. He thought there was no greater tribute to his memory than in the many leaders of ringing today in Birmingham.



MR. J. CHILCOTT

The chairman said that at the 1916 dinner Harry Withers rendered a touch of Erin Caters on the dulcimer and, afterwards, the national anthems of all the Allies

The customary touch of Stedman Cinques was then rung "in hand" by Frank E. Perrens 1–2, Miss Joan Beresford 3–4, Dennis Beresford 5–6, John Chilcott 7–8, Peter Beresford 9–10, Peter Border 11–12. This was the 50th anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Cinques "in hand" in which Mr. F. W. Perrens and Mr. J. F. Smallwood took part.

ASSOCIATION WITH LICHFIELD

Mr. Dennis Beresford proposed the toast of "Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild." He said it had always been his ambition to attend a Henry Johnson dinner When he started ringing at Lichfield there was a photograph of Henry Johnson in the belfry and he called the first peal on the bells there. He found out later that Henry Johnson was born in Lichfield.

He was particularly glad to propose that toast. It was an excellent thought on their part to invite John Chilcott to occupy the chair in this year of his retirement from the secretaryship of the College Youths. He was from a different side, and whether he was the leader of the Opposition or the Prime Minister he would say how high was their regard for Mr. Chilcott's secretaryship of the College Youths, which had been in accord with the high traditions of its great secretaries.

St. Martin's Guild had always had a tradition of the highest order of ringers and it would be invidious to single out any, but they had great ringers like John Carter and Albert Walker, and fine secretaries like Paddon Smith, Thomas Reeve and lastly that invaluable servant, George Fearn. They endeavoured to impress on young ringers the importance of good striking. Henry Johnson once wrote to Hattersley: "If there were any indifferent ringing I should set my bell. We in Birmingham have set our faces against bad ringing."

Mr. Beresford said he would like to mention some of the performances of the past year. There had been a large number of peals of Maximus and the firsts of Londinium and Lambeth. They also rang the record length of Cambridge Maximus, which was a very fine performance by Peter Border following his peal on the tenor of Exeter Cathedral the previous week.

The Master, Mr. Richard C. Ingram, replied, and said the only way "continued prosperity" could be maintained was through recruits. It was fine to see their experienced ringers giving time to training, and Alan Ainsworth, their Ringing Master, had this in view. Particularly pleasing was the attendance at the Tuesday night practices at St. Martin's.

Mr. Ingram mentioned with pride the recent peal at Aston, where there were four ringing their first peal, one a first "inside" and a young conductor calling his first peal. The striking was not all that could be desired, but at the end he impressed upon them that the striking must improve with the next and succeeding peals.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the Archdeacon of Birmingham, the Ven. Guy Worman, who was formerly Vicar of Aston. Bishop George Sinker, Provost of Birmingham, replied and said he was always sorry when the last bell of a peal sounded and there was silence. He was in India for 32 years and they could imagine his pleasure in hearing bells. He had the pleasure of taking one of their ringers to the Holy Land and the Bishop said when his back was turned, he started ringing the bells of Bethlehem.

"RINGING WORLD" FINANCES

A touch of London Surprise Major was then rung by the three members of the Beresford family and Peter Border on the tenors.

When the toast of "The Ringing World" was submitted the chairman said for 50 years "The Ringing World" had been the only ringing paper. "The Bell News" finished in 1916, and Mr. Paddon Smith at the dinner that year urged ringers to support the journal and deprecated buying just one copy per tower.

Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, who proposed the toast to the journal, said in a recent issue there were 57 peals occupying four and a half pages and the amount of money from those peals acknowledged was £1 19s., which worked out at 8¼d. a peal. On the other side there were 64 quarter peals occupying one and a half pages and their contribution was £5 7s. 6d., or an average of 1s. 8d. per quaerter peal. He felt that those who rang peals should make a better contribution.

The Editor said one of the problems of the year had been the record number of peals rung. He hoped readers realised how much they were indebted to the two bellfounders who donated a page. The extra page often saved many a difficult situation. Nevertheless, accumulations of peals forced them to 24-page issues, and already they had had two this year. New printing prices were being introduced and a 24-page issue would cost an additional £53. He suggested that the wealthy associations should make themselves responsible for either the cost or half the additional cost of the extra pages for one issue. An excellent example had been set by the Oxford Diocesan Guild in approximately meeting the extra cost of one issue, and the Bath and Wells by half the cost.

The Editor said that despite his visit to Australia there was an increased profit on the year and although the actual figure was not yet announced, he could assure them that the journal should be in a position to carry the all-round increase of just over three per cent, without an increase in the selling price. This was, of course, based on the assump-

tion that the same generous support was forthcoming. He had often heard ringers described as mean people. His experience as Editor was to the contrary. They had a large number of most generous supporters to whom he desired to make a public acknowledgment of his gratitude.

Mr. John A. Anderson, proposing "The Chairman," said Mr. John Chilcott was one of the most popular personalities in the Exercise and a man who had done much to raise ringing standards since he first handled a bell at St. Leonard's, Heston, in 1944. At the age of 17 he was invited to ring in a peal at St. Paul's with some of the best ringers in the land. His potential did not go unnoticed by the elder statesmen of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and in particular Mr Horace Belcher and Mr. Herbert Langdon.

Mr. Anderson mentioned that Mr. Chilcott was now one of the country's authorities in composing Stedman Cinques; that in 1953 he conducted the Coronation peal at St. Paul's Cathedral and in 1958 was elected conductor of St. Paul's Sunday service band. In 1957 John was chosen to be the secretary of the Ancient Society, a job he had carried out with dedication and devotion until he was forced to retire at the end of last year when a change of address left him too far from the city to continue the work to his satisfaction. Last year he was chosen to lead the party to open the new ring of ten bells at Washington Cathedral. Concluding, Mr. Anderson said John had approached as close to perfection as anyone of his generation in all spheres of ringing.

Modestly thanking the company for the toast and the flowers to his wife, the chairman said in 1948 he rang his first peal outside London—Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and in 1950 his first composition of Cinques at St. Philip's Cathedral. He came to their area again in 1951 to ring his first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

There was the usual programme of ringing arranged and some of the visitors were included in the band that rang for a wedding at St. Martin's A peal attempt at St. Philip's Cathedral was lost through a mechanical defect after two hours' ringing.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

A well attended meeting of the Guild was held at St. Mary's Church, Longwood, on March 5th. Ringing began with a learners' touch of Bob Major, and an excellent tea was provided by Mr. Ian Roberts and the young ladies.

At the business meeting members stood in silence in respect of the late Mr. Edward Earnshaw, who will be sadly missed in Meltham and neighbourhood.

The Longwood ringers, a new, youthful team, were congratulated on the success they have achieved by their diligence and persistence, which could make them into a leading band in the near future. The whole band, along with Miss Gail Brown, of Southowram, were elected to membership.

Ringing including Double Norwich, Cambridge, Hull Surprise and Stedman ended with regret at 8 p.m. W. M.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: P. S. Bennett 1, Jill Riley 2, J. H. Upon 3, F. C. Lyne 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5, J. Stockley 6. A compliment to Mr. Stockley, on his retirement as tower captain, and also as a 30th wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stockley. Also on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. H. Tanner 1, Marion Panton 2, J. F. West 3, P. S. Bennett 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5, J. Stockley 6. To mark the engagement of Marion Panton and Peter Bennett.

ATTEMPT FOR STEDMAN CINQUES RECORD

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that by kind permission of the Provost and local ringers an attempt will be made to ring 15,171 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham Cathedral on Saturday, April 16th, 1966, commencing at 9 a.m. The band will stand as follows: Robert B. Smith 1, John C. Eisel 2, Norman J. Goodman 3, Neil Bennett 4, Martin D. Fellows 5, Basil Jones 6, Michael J. Fellows 7, John H. Fielden 8, Brian J. Woodruffe 9, Brian Harris 10, J. Alan Ainsworth 11, A. Peter Whitehead 12.

The composition is by Shirley Burton and is at present being checked by Giles B. Thompson.

15,171 STEDMAN CINQUES

By SHIRLEY BURTON

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3142E5	—	2	
4152E3	—	3	
4132E5	S	3	
3152E4	—	3	
5123E4	—	2	
2143E5	—	3	
21546378E90	(b)		
314265	A		
31426578E90	6	19	
31546287E90	(c)		
214365	A		
2154637809E	(d)		
314265	A		
3154628709E	(c)		
214365	A		

(a)=2, 6S, 7 14S, 16, 18S, 19.
(b)=3S, 13, 19.
(c)=2S, 13S, 15S, 19.
(d)=2, 13S, 15S, 19.

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

LINCOLN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

The large village of Saxilby, six and a half miles from Lincoln and bounded on the south by Nottinghamshire, was the venue for the first District meeting of the year on February 19th. The fine, light and well kept church of St. Botolph dates from the 15th century and has tracery of this period in the chancel screen. The tower was rebuilt early this century and the ring of bells was augmented to six (tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.) after the last war.

A number of Nottinghamshire ringers supported this meeting and helped Branch members ring practically everything from rounds to the special method for the meeting—London Surprise. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. J. Dight, the singing was led by the church choir, and Mr. J. Blackie was the organist. He and several of the choristers are also very keen ringers.

A first-rate tea was laid on by the local ladies. At the business meeting the company stood in silence as a token of respect to the late Mr. S. Chambers, the secretary of neighbouring Central Branch.

Next meeting: Belton-in-Isle of Axholme on May 21st. T. A. G.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Preliminary Notice

The first session of the 26th Council (69th Annual Meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 31st, 1966, in the Pump Rooms, Bath.

Committee Reports (Rule 12 (i)). Conveners of committees are reminded that reports must be made in writing to the secretary by March 31st, 1966.

Nominations for Office (Rule 10). Nominations for the offices of president, vice-president, honorary secretary and treasurer, and honorary librarian, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary by March 31st, 1966.

The following nominations have been made:

President: Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. N. Golden.

Honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. V. Bottomley, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, seconded by Mr. J. Freeman.

Notices of Motion (Rule 14). Notices, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary by April 19th, 1966.

Representative members (Rule 5 (iv)). Names **and addresses** of representative members must be sent to the secretary by May 3rd, 1966.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford,
Kent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The Langford-Beams-Cox memorial meeting was held at Bradpole on February 19th, when these three ringers were specially remembered for their work and instruction in change ringing. Seven towers were represented and the visitors were made welcome. The Guild service, with the choir leading the singing, was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Barrington-Woods. Thirty sat down to an excellent tea provided by the local ringers and lady helpers.

Next quarterly meeting: Netherbury, April 16th. Practice meetings: Symondsbury, April 13th; Beaminster, April 27th; Evershot, May 11th; Bradpole, May 25th. J. D.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Cottered Visited After Many Years

The fact that the bells of Cottered had not been open to the District for many years possibly accounted for the attendance of over 40 at the Northern District evening practice there on March 5th. Ringers were present from as far afield as Slough, Kettering, Amersham and Bedford.

In the absence of a ringing master, the District secretary (Michael Orme) took charge and methods ranging from rounds and Plain Bob to Stedman were rung until ringing finished at 8.30 p.m.

After such a successful gathering it is hoped that attendance will be just as high at the quarterly meeting at Baldock on April 30th. J. K. O.

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Letters to the Editor

MR. KINGSLEY MASON SUMS UP

Dear Sir,—It would appear that Mr. Staniforth's head was so high in the clouds that he obviously failed to understand my previous letter and **what** I was criticising. I did not question his ability as a ringer, conductor, etc., just the "quality" of the peal at Leicester Cathedral. He still does not make any comments about the peal. Perhaps he might be embarrassed if he was truthful about it!

Mr. Robert Smith seemed to be lacking in the right information and is very incorrect with some of his statements. Looking through my peal book, I did not see his name in my first peal—it was in the second one. Perhaps now he can sleep at night and not wake up screaming about the horrible nightmare of ringing in my first peal.

Mr. Smith also refers to an unpleasant incident concerning myself, which is supposed to have taken place in Leicester Cathedral belfry. Wrong again! When I used to attend practice evenings as this tower my behaviour was **always** that expected of any visiting ringer.

I am not aware that refusing to ring in a peal was an unpleasant incident—perhaps Mr. Smith has other ideas. Needless to say, I was banned from ringing at the Cathedral for daring to speak my mind and for calling a spade a spade. Even so, Mr. Smith is five years one month late reporting this amazing news. He also gives the impression that no one gets on with me in Leicester; hasn t he got my name mixed up with someone else?

To conclude, as you are so familiar, Mr. Smith, with the history and scandal in Leicester, tell me how many ringers at Leicester Cathedral learned to handle a bell there? How many people has the Ringing Master or Mr. Staniforth taught to handle a bell? I notice that you did not mention anything about the bitter rows that are always going on at practice night amongst the Cathedral ringers. You do not know half of the truth, do you?—Yours faithfully,

R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Knighton, near Leicester.

Note.—This correspondence is now closed, but those who know Leicester and have enjoyed its hospitality will refuse to believe about continual bitterness at practice meetings, or the aspersions cast against the character of Mr. Peter Staniforth.—Ed.

GRANTHAM ROYAL

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to see the name chosen by the band (or conductor) for the method rung at Hillingdon recently. Something to suit the name would need an essence of London Royal, a dash of Grandsire Royal, an intent of Superlative, a fragrance of the music of Double Norwich Caters, the grace of Stedman, the authority of Plain Bob . . .

I have always felt that discerning ringers were for æsthetic reasons leaving the name available until such a method had been evolved.

You are, of course, entitled to call your method by any name, or even names, but shame on you—must you have called it "Grantham Royal"? — Yours faithfully,

DENIS A FRITH.

Grantham.

ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S VIEW

Dear Sir,—Mr. Christopher Jones invites opinion on the question of whether Guild officers and committees should "dictate" as to the transfer of a tower to another branch if they so wish. My personal opinion, and not necessarily the view of the Association of which I am secretary, is as follows:—

Mr. Jones uses the term "voluntary organisation" and "democratic principles." I have come across his argument before—that because we are performing a voluntary service and belong to voluntary organisations we are therefore free to do as we please, this being a "democratic principle." With this I do not agree. People these days seem concerned more and more with their "rights" and ignore their obligations.

When people join an organisation, voluntary or otherwise, they agree (implicitly at any rate) (a) to support the objects of that body, and (b) to abide by its rules and decisions, and in accepting membership they have a duty to do so. If, subsequently, they find themselves in disagreement with objects or rules, then there are two courses open to them—either to seek to make changes in a truly democratic way through recognised procedure and accept the decision of the majority, or to resign their membership. What they should not do is to take the law into their own hands. Thus, if Mr. Jones and his band disagree with the rule affecting them, then they should seek to have it changed, but if it is not the general wish to make changes they should accept it.

Unless these principles are adhered to, the way is left open for complete disorganisation, with everyone pleasing himself in accordance with his "democratic rights."

In the matter of Branch boundaries there are three major factors to consider and these are the views of the tower concerned, the Branch to which it belongs, and the Branch to which it wishes to transfer.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID BEACHAM.

Worcester.

BRANCH TAKES PRECEDENCE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Jones tells us that his tower's application to be transferred from one branch to another was considered by his Guild annual meeting and by its committee and that no final decision was reached. This is regrettable. There is nothing more frustrating than procrastination in a governing body—but it may mean that the Guild's committee is aware that it must make the right decision for the right reasons, and perhaps it is not satisfied that the right reasons have been put forward in this case. Again, we must remember that whilst the individual is important, the benefit to the branch as a whole must take precedence.

The idea that a tower has the right to belong to any branch it chooses is a novel one and as a general assumption could surely could not be considered seriously. There have been cases of towers transferring from one branch to another within a Guild and these have been agreed to on geographical grounds—I would think that any other reasons would be difficult to sustain. It rather surprises one that the treasurer of the lucky branch to which Mr. Jones wishes to transfer should have taken his subscriptions without reference to the Guild.—Yours faithfully,

M. H.

SEVEN REASONS AGAINST

Dear Sir,—I disagree with every word of Christopher J. Jones' letter about a tower belonging to whichever branch it chooses. My reasons are as follows:

1. If this principle were accepted there would be no logical reason why a tower in Yorkshire should not join a branch of the Kent County Association, with consequent administrative chaos.

2. When a person joins an association of any kind, be it professional, trade or voluntary, he accepts the rules laid down by the association. Indeed, it is usual to fill in a form beginning "I agree with the aims and rules of the association . . ."

3. If the idea were accepted, ill feeling would develop against branches which were successful and spread too far. Active branches with many social functions would suck away towers until the small branches died. "The Ringing World" would be filled with eye-catching adverts from branches, urging go-ahead towers to transfer their membership to the "X" branch!

4. It would be discouraging for a branch if towers could break away and join another branch whenever they felt like it. The strength of an association does not lie in total membership alone, but in keen and efficient local administration also. I see in this proposal the germs of conflict.

5. Boundaries have been laid down in the past by fellow ringers with the best interests of the Exercise at heart. Admittedly revision may occasionally be necessary, but the proper place to do this is at an annual or special general meeting at which the views of all parties may be heard and assessed.

6. The "dictatorship" charge is typical of all in any association who do not get their way! It is, of course, quite illogical, since the committee and officials are all ringers who can be elected or deposed at meetings. The association is the members, and any "dictatorship" is merely the committee carrying out the express wish of the majority as laid down in rules made over the years to meet such situations as Knutsford find themselves in. Therefore the charge that because a tower may not join any branch it wants to falls down, since this decision was itself taken by democratic procedures. If members desire the privilege of joining an association, they must abide by the rules.

7. This squabble reflects a common failing among those who call themselves Christians—the elevation of the organisation above its purpose, which is service to Christ. When Jesus commissioned his disciples, he did not set up any committees or organisations. It may be true for us that organisations are necessary, but let us keep them in their place and remember our first duty is to extend Christ's kingdom and prepare for His coming again.—Yours sincerely,

B. W. ASHURST.

Otley, Yorks.

"SURPRISE" MINOR

Dear Sir,—I wonder if some of your correspondents would spare a thought for our band and thousands of similar ones? To us, "Surprise Minor" is what we experience if a plain course of Plain Bob is brought round without mishap.

By the way, we love Grandsire.—Yours faithfully,

ROY THREADGOLD.

Wethersfield, Essex.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

CLAPPER FAILURES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Hayns' letter regarding the shearing of clapper bolts will probably be commented on by more learned than I in the effects of stress. However, these thoughts from a practical angle may help.

Bearing in mind that the prime job of the staple bolt is to act as the anchor for the whole clapper assembly it seems that this bolt is amply proportioned for its function, provided that due to unequal tightening a proportion of the weight of the bell is not added. This could have the effect of stretching the metal until a failure occurred.

Another cause could be that due to neglect or undertightening the staple bolt is continually flexing during ringing and eventually this movement could lead to breakage from metal fatigue. Under normal tightness the heavy casting of the clapper hinge would absorb any stresses resulting from the movement of the clapper. With the use of washers and packing it seems that it may be difficult to avoid any movement, for the effect of weather and belfry conditions has to be taken into account. A possible solution might be to arrange the clapper bolt assembly in such a way as to remove all possibility of placing any part of the bell's weight on this bolt. There are probably many difficulties to this, and the writer feels that some criticism would be constructive.

Another cause of shearing, covering all parts of the clapper, may be due to faulty preparation of the forgings. This could result from the gradual centralisation of producers, and consequent dispersal of the older craftsmen at the smaller production centres. A case illustrating this was quoted by Holcroft in his autobiography, where he was forced to concede that the dispersal of the foundry men at Ashford Works had resulted in the loss to the Southern Railway of valuable "know how" in their techniques, largely based on instinct rather than formulæ.

Like Mr. Hayns, I have no knowledge of the happenings at Gateshead leading up to the damage to the bell: Ashtead, however, had been carefully maintained over a period of years, with the snag that a fair amount of water had seeped into the tower and was dropping in part on to the tenor. Perhaps we can have some more information about the state of things at the other tower.

MARTIN W. HARBOTT.

THE SANCTUS BELL

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. John C. Sawtell, seems rather confused about this matter. He writes (page 147) "that in these 'more enlightened' days it is to be hoped that the Anglican Church may soon be legally permitted to use a sanctus bell as an outward sign of worship."

Enlightenment for whom or for what? Does he not know that a sanctus bell has no place whatsoever in the worship of a Protestant church?

It signifies the sacrifice of the Mass, which is a Roman doctrine.—Yours faithfully,

CAMILLA WAY.

Twickenham.

This correspondence is now closed.—Ed.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 27



SHIRLEY E. RUDDLESDEN
The Peterborough Diocesan Guild

A senior member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild hit the nail on the head when he said "the modesty of many of our youngsters must make the search for material for this series very difficult." It certainly is most difficult, but very rewarding when one is put into touch with such a youngster as Shirley E. Ruddlesden.

Shirley, born at Badby, Northants, on May 1st, 1950, is the first young member to represent the Peterborough Guild in this series. She is now at the Notre Dame High School, Northampton. This year she is due to take the G.C.E., but has not yet made up her mind what to do. Her ringing career started at Kingsthorpe, Northampton, when she was 13, under the watchful eye of her father. Three months later she was taking part in a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor for Evensong. On this occasion she rang the second. Surely great credit is due to her and to her father for this early success.

On March 7th, 1964, and two months before her 14th birthday, Shirley scored her first peal. This was when she rang the treble to a peal of seven Minor methods at Cranford, Northants, and which was conducted by Graham Paul. On the eve of her 14th birthday she rang the treble at Turvey, Beds, to a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was conducted by George Roome, and thus proving once again that this great Triples method, and also Plain Bob, is considered by most tutors as a "must."

Shirley was a regular Sunday service ringer at Kingsthorpe until a short while ago, when she moved with her family to Culworth and so once again one tower's loss is another tower's gain. Attending practices at Daventry is a very great help to Shirley and will go a long way to help her fulfil her father's wish, which is to take part in a peal of Cambridge Maximus, an all-ladies' peal and, finally, to conduct a peal. Her own ambition at the moment is to ring as many peals in as many methods as she possibly can.

During the summer of 1964 Shirley's father resumed acquaintance with Barry Hendry, who is responsible for her introduction to Surprise ringing. Again this brilliant young lady progressed rapidly, gaining her first peal of Surprise on December 27th, 1964. This was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Olney, Bucks, conducted by the one and only Pat Cannon. The following day, for good measure, Shirley took part in a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Easton Neston. In January last her total of peals had reached 28, her most recent being Cambridge Royal, in which she rang the third. Her total includes peals of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Rutland and London, also eleven methods to a peal of Minor. For one so young and living in a country district where opportunity to "get on" is not so easily forthcoming this is indeed a brilliant performance.

At the age of 15, it is fairly safe to assume that Shirley is the youngest member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild to have rung in a peal of London—certainly the youngest female. Well done, Shirley, the Peterborough Guild should be mighty proud of you. May you quickly fulfil your father's wishes.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division

A possible monthly news sheet, combined practices and a Divisional social were subjects discussed at the annual general meeting of the Eastern District held at Bexhill-on-Sea on February 26th. It was preceded by a service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. M. D. Townroe, R.D.). The Master of the Association (Mr. R. V. Johnson) presided and thanked the Bexhill ringers and their Rector for their hospitality. Replying, the Rector said he was pleased to see campanology revived so enthusiastically.

In his first annual report Mr. Geoffrey FitzHough said the standard of ringing in the Division continued to maintain a reasonable level and there was a gradual increase in the number of methods rung. Seven peals and 37 quarter peals were rung.

The meeting agreed to recommend Eastbourne as the venue for the Sussex annual meeting in 1967. A sub-committee was formed to consider arrangements.

Officers re-elected were: Secretary, Mr. Fitzhough (Uckfield); Ringing Master, Mr. A. R. Baldock (Westham); auditor, Mr. J. Hill (Heathfield); committee members, Mrs. Percy (Willingdon) and Mr. T. Barlow (Eastbourne). Mr. A. W. R. Percy was appointed Central Council representative. Eleven new members (Willingdon 5, St. Mary's Eastbourne 4., Westham and Uckfield one each) were elected.

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ON TEACHING ROPESIGHT

By PHILIP G. K. DAVIES

ROPESIGHT is the key to all method-ringing —without it little progress can be made into the realms of the more difficult methods. However, ropesight is an acquired skill and few beginners find they can pick their way through the ropes without much practice. There are many methods of teaching this, and my purpose is to re-examine and revalue the effectiveness of these methods.

We may assume that a learner handles his bell without any serious faults which may develop into habits, and has practised rounds and call changes and can lead. The next step in some towers (if the above steps have in fact been taken) is for the learner to be put on the treble to try Grandsire or Plain Bob while someone tells him the number of the bells to strike over. This is sometimes called ringing by coursing order, but is in fact simply ringing by numbers. The learner may cotton on to this "coursing order," i.e. learn the numbers. The inevitable stage comes when a bob is called, or the method changed, and the learner is lost—thus proof that ropesight has not been achieved.

Why has he not achieved ropesight? Because he has never been taught ropesight. Telling a learner the numbers to follow is merely glorified rapid call changes, because the essential nature of call changes is that the changes are called, i.e. one is told the number of the bell to follow. Call changes are excellent practice, but the advantage of call changes is that the change is retained, and the learner can learn to strike after the different bells. Some conscientious pupils, driven to desperation by the number method, may even learn by heart courses other than the plain course, but still not acquire ropesight.

Some instructors feel that the learner must count his place, and explain this carefully, but throw all their good work away when the learner goes wrong, and what is he told? —the numbers! The tutor might as well not have explained about plain hunting. Some instructors feel that it is all right to learn numbers to start with and later go on to ropesight, but it is difficult for a learner to get first into the habit of ringing by numbers and then be asked to ring by position. Why not teach position right from the start? If a pupil is told the numbers to follow, he can be expected to achieve just that—the ability to follow a bell when told (and ropesight only if he is lucky). Ropesight is not acquired because the learner can only ring certain changes in certain methods. It may be eventually acquired this way with perseverance, and by eventually noticing the place—but the operative word is "eventually."

It is difficult to compare the speed of learning without two identical learners taught by different methods, and it is impossible of course to have two such identical learners, and to conduct such an experiment; but what can be noticed is the fantastic time taken by people of intelligence and willing to gain ropesignt when taught this way.

Also the intelligent learner who rings by numbers will find out sooner or later that this is not the right way, and that he is making no real headway into change ringing, because he hasn't that necessary key—ropesight. This is a sure means of discouraging him, which the instructor does not want to do. Numbers may perhaps keep the learner happy to start with, but the wise instructor looks a little further ahead.

Other methods of learning are based on following the bell that followed you on the way up, and various alternatives on the way down. Unlike the above-mentioned number method, this does in fact teach ropesight. But following the bell that followed you does not impress upon a learner the place he is in. He needs to be made conscious of this place. Furthermore there are difficulties to be encountered when hunting down. One can follow the same bells that one followed on the way up, but this does not work for all methods, and is back to number learning again. When hunting down, learners are sometimes told to "keep one bell between you and your course bell," or "follow the bell that followed your course bell." These involve:—

(a) Noting one's course bell, which on the treble will be different in each lead, making the learner liable to forget.

(b) Watching one's course bell and the bell that followed it, strike over this bell, and be instantaneously ready to do the same thing again.

In my view, this is too much for the learner to think about at once. Considering a learner has not yet learned to see where his own bell is, he can hardly be expected to find the position of his course bell. Or again, one is told to cut under the bell one followed. The sense of rhythm required to do this (i.e. ring your bell just before the place you expect that the bell you followed to ring), would be denied the average experienced ringer, let alone a learner, and in any case it is easier for the learner to find his position from the bells that have gone before him, and not from any that might be following him.

This method of hunting down (cutting under the bell which one followed last time) may be explained as allowing one bell to pass behind you, and striking over these in front —which is a better guide.

Alternatively one can follow the last of the bells that one has not struck over on the way into lead. This is satisfactory if the learner does not concentrate on remembering which bells he has struck over, and does remember his position.

All these guides may be useful when a learner is progressing, but when he is plain hunting for the first time I feel he should be asked to remember one thing and one thing only. Thus the rest of his energy can be used in picking out the ropes, and listening. But methods based on following the bell that followed you are usually too complicated and ask the learner to have too much in his mind at once.

I suggest a learner be told the place he is in; but I do not think it a good thing to tell him 3rd's place, 4th's place, 5th's place. This will involve him in a simple subtraction sum, because 4th's place means that he has to follow three bells, admittedly quite a simple sum, but the extra thought process involved will hinder him concentrating on learning his ropesight. Why not then tell him to follow "three bells, four bells, five bells," and so on? It may be objected that he cannot see these—of course not—that is the skill which he is being taught to acquire.

Ideally he can be started on handbells (see Mr. N. Chaddock's article, "Ringing World," May 23rd, 1958). This will give him the principle of hunting, and can be taught when the pupil is still in the early stages of handling a bell, then he can try it on three tied bells, going from there on to a larger number. Another preliminary exercise is to make the learner think in terms of the place he is in is "ropesight call changes." Instructions are given to follow three bells, for example, so that in call changes a learner can be thinking in terms of the number of bells he is ringing after, and not which actual bell he is following. This can be varied by telling him to follow a certain bell, and then asking him how many bells are striking before him in that row. (Having acquired ropesight, the pupil will have little difficulty in realising that following two bells means being in third's place.)

If a complete band is to be taught from scratch, they must start on three bells (or even two), emphasising that they must follow either one or two bells (it does not matter which one or two), and must avoid learning the numbers. Others can be occupied covering.

In a strong change ringing tower a good learner, well prepared, can start on five or six bells. If there is any danger of his learning the numbers, stop this by frequently changing the method (Double Court, St. Clement's), or by frequent use of calls. It is sometimes objected that you can try and teach learners by place, but they always learn the numbers anyway. In my experience this does not happen unless they are told or overhear remarks such as "It's 24653, you know"; then, of course, the damage is done. But if numbers are never mentioned, then they don't think of them.

A tower with eight or more bells may not want to ring six, but a learner taught this way will ring properly on eight sooner than by clattering around indefinitely on the higher numbers, not knowing what he is doing. He should progress on to eight reasonably quickly, and if he can't manage six, it will be no use trying on the larger number anyway.

I am prejudiced in thinking that the best way of avoiding the obstacle of being without a bell to lead off when starting on an even number of bells (assuming that the learner has been started with a covering bell), is not to have a covering bell in the first place, i.e. start on an even number. But this is not always possible.

When a learner has reasonable ropesight on six, by following a certain number of bells, then other guides can be given (such as mentioned above), so that perhaps a combination of methods is used, or that the pupil (no longer a raw beginner) can use the method which suits him most. But at the very beginning, one method only is best used, because a learner should be expected to carry one train of thought only, i.e. the number of bells he is to follow at the next stroke. A combination of methods gives the learner too much to think about at once.

Once a person has acquired ropesight, of course, it does not matter if he is told the number of the bell to dodge with or even follow if he is lost—but this is only when he has acquired ropesight. Before ropesight has been acquired it is dangerous to mention numbers at all, because you are distracting the pupil from his train of thought.

To sum up, what is emphasised here is that the learner should be introduced to ropesight by following a certain number of bells; that the instructor should speak to the learner in the way that the pupil is expected to think (i.e. not tell him the numbers and expect him to count his position); and that the instructor should appreciate the beginner's difficulties by reducing to a minimum the number of stages met at one time, and the number of thought processes he is expected to go through whilst actually attempting to plain hunt.

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COLLECTION OF DOUBLES

By G. K. DODD and R. H. JONES

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PART B

This part contains the name which it is hoped that ringers will use when a particular "composition" is used and the composition of the method.

	Name	Plain Course	Bob	Single
D	Bedlow	Plain Bob	Wallflower	Antelope
	Bladon	Plain Bob	Pink's	All Saints' Pl.
D	Cherwell	Plain Bob	Antelope	Antelope
	Genesis	Plain Bob	Old Hudibras	All Saints' Pl.
	Godshill	Plain Bob	Pink's	Grandsire
	Isaiah	Plain Bob	Ready Money	All Saints' Pl.
D	Kingswood	Plain Bob	Rev. Canterbury	Antelope
	Mayday	Plain Bob		Pink's
	Morden	Plain Bob	Plain Bob	London Ex.
	Nettlebed	Plain Bob	Pink's	Pink's
	Newnham	Plain Bob	Rev. Canterbury Pl.	Pink's
	Pennywell	Plain Bob	Pink's Single	Grandsire
	D St. Clement's	Plain Bob	Grandsire	Antelope
	St. Epworth	Plain Bob	Pink's	Antelope
	St. Saviour	Plain Bob	Rev. Canterbury	Pink's
	St. Thomas the Martyr	Plain Bob	Antelope	All Saints' Pl.
	Shenley	Plain Bob	Rev. Canterbury Pl.	All Saints' Pl.
	Trinity	Plain Bob	Wallflower	Pink's
	Weston	Plain Bob	Antelope	Pink's
	Worthington	Plain Bob	Antelope	Grandsire
D	Chiddington	Rev. Canterbury	Wallflower	Antelope
D	Chinnor	Rev. Canterbury	Antelope	All Saints' Pl.
	Daybrooke	Rev. Canterbury	All Saints' Pl.	Pink's
	Easter	Rev Canterbury	Grandsire Single	Pink's
D	Evenlode	Rev. Canterbury	Antelope	Antelope
	Exodus	Rev. Canterbury	Old Hudibras	All Saints' Pl.
	Farnsfield	Rev. Canterbury	Plain Bob Pl.	All Saints' Pl.
	Foxton	Rev. Canterbury	Pink's	Antelope
D	Maseley	Rev. Canterbury	Grandsire	Antelope
	Jeremiah	Rev. Canterbury	Ready Money	All Saints' Pl.
D	Marlow	Rev. Canterbury	Antelope	Grandsire
D	Nuxton	Rev. Canterbury	Grandsire Single	Antelope
	Oddington	Rev. Canterbury	Pink's	Pink's
	Pattishall	Rev. Canterbury	Plain Bob Pl.	Pink's
	Penn	Rev. Canterbury	Plain Bob	Pink's
	Quantox	Rev. Canterbury	Plain Bob	Antelope
	Royston	Rev. Canterbury		Pink's
	St. Adwena	Rev. Canterbury	Grandsire	Pink's
	St. Christopher	Rev. Canterbury	Antelope	Pink's
	St. Neots	Rev. Canterbury	Wallflower	Pink's
	St. Ragigund	Rev. Canterbury	Pink's	All Saints' Pl.
	Wexford	Rev. Canterbury		London Ex.
	Wilby	Rev. Canterbury	Pink's	Grandsire
	Carfax	Double Grandsire		Pink's
	Cromwell	Double Grandsire		Antelope
	Fairfax	Double Grandsire		All Saints'
	Bradwell	New Double Grandsire		Pink's
	Forest	New Double Grandsire		Antelope
	Queensland	New Double Grandsire		All Saints'
	Pink's Doubles	Grandsire	Pink's	Pink's
	St. Anne	Grandsire	Wallflower	Antelope
C	St. Frideswide	Grandsire	Antelope	Pink's
	St. Helen	Grandsire	Grandsire	Antelope
	St. Lucy	Grandsire	Antelope	All Saints' Pl.
	St. Quintin	Grandsire	Antelope	Grandsire
	Wansford	Grandsire	Pink's	London Ex.
	Zennor	Grandsire	Pink's	All Saints'
	Garsington	Grandsire Single	Pink's	Rev. Canterbury Pl.
	Kirby	Grandsire Single		Shipway's Pl.
	St. Paulin	Grandsire Single	Pink's	Plain Bob Pl.
	Abberley	Pink's Single		London Ex.
	Abbots Ann	Pink's Single	Rev. Canterbury Pl.	
	Bodicote	Pink's Single		Grandsire Ex.
	Brookfield	Pink's Single	Shipway's Pl.	
	Minster	Pink's Single	Plain Bob Pl.	
	St. Elwan	Pink's Single	Thurlby	
	Wolsey	Pink's Single		Old Doubles
	Burnham	All Saints'	Plain Bob Pl.	Pink's
	Cavendish	All Saints'	Rev. Canterbury Pl.	Pink's
	Clayton	All Saints'	Rev. Canterbury Pl.	Antelope
	St. Cuthbert	All Saints'	Rev. Canterbury Pl.	Grandsire
	Stirling	All Saints'	Plain Bob Pl.	Grandsire
	Sturdy Hill	All Saints'	Thurlby	
	Twyford	All Saints'	Plain Bob Pl.	Antelope
	New Grandsire	New Grandsire	Grandsire	Grandsire
	Churchdown	New Grandsire	Grandsire	Pink's
	Cowley	New Grandsire	Pink's	Grandsire
	Cropwell Bishop	New Grandsire	Antelope	All Saints Pl.
	Dell	New Grandsire	Antelope	Pink's
	Eastleigh	New Grandsire	Wallflower	Grandsire
	Ferncliffe	New Grandsire	Wallflower	All Saints'
	Fulmer	New Grandsire	Antelope	Grandsire
	Gonalston	New Grandsire	Grandsire	All Saints'
	Lambley	New Grandsire	Grandsire	Antelope
	Lawtonshill	New Grandsire	Pink's	London Ex.
	Mitre	New Grandsire	Wallflower	Antelope

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Rutland Surprise Major rung at Skipton on February 19th was Mr. C. B. Dove's 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

At the foot of our front page article, "The Bells of Cardiganshire" (issue March 4th), there was an inaccuracy as to the price. The book costs one guinea, plus 1s. 10d. postage.

Mr. William Lawrence has been a ringer at Stevenage for 66 years and captain for about 42 years. Mr. W. Brown has been his vice-captain for 40 years. A wonderful record of continuity of service.

Miss Gwen B. Bidgood desires us to make the following corrections in the peal at Whitchurch, Glam (page 155): Ringer of tenor, William Dare; date of the Rev. W. A. Winton's induction, February 15th.

Mr. York-Bramble has just added yet another type of audience to his lectures on "Campanology." This time an all-ladies' group—the "Fareham Modern Wives' Club." His interested listeners kept "Question Time" going long after the end of the talk.

Inadvertently the weight of the tenor at Rougham (page 152) was printed as 16 lb. and not 16 cwt., and the cost of the work is about £700. We are asked to assure Frank Mack that Rougham has no intention of competing with his "garage ring" at Bapton Lane, Exmouth.

A bout of flu prevented Mr. H. D. Harris from hearing the peal of London Surprise Major rung at Woburn on March 5th for his 91st birthday. This is his 70th year as a member of the Bedfordshire Association, and he has been ringing at Woburn for more than 60 years.

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IS BELLRINGING MUSIC?

This pertinent question is asked by Hervey Bagot, president of the Australia and New Zealand Association, in the current issue of "Ringing Towers."

"Let us ask ourselves as change ringers: What is it that is uppermost in our minds as we enter a belfry prior to ringing? Is it the hope that we shall make some new conquest in the complexity of our ringing, or that we shall surpass some record, personal or general, relating to length or, perhaps, speed?

"On the other hand is it the simple desire, regardless of considerations of method, we shall as a team be able to create something beautiful—something which, when completed, is followed by a feeling of satisfaction in both ringers and audience?

"In brief, do we go into a belfry to make music, or do we not? When we listen outside a tower to the efforts of others, do we expect to hear music or not? By true objective standards, all our efforts as change ringers are wasted (and the hopes of our benefactors futile) unless we have as our primary objective above all else the creation of good music. Complexity of method and other theoretical considerations have the status only of interesting footnotes when the results of our efforts are assessed. Could it be that sometimes we are guilty of intellectual snobbery—how often do we look down on a band that can only ring Grandsire Doubles? How often do we refer jokingly to some tower or other as a stoney tower?

"Honest self-evaluation by individuals or groups or by belfry bands is a need that runs parallel to the execution of practical functions: only by active self-criticism can standards be maintained. It is all too easy for the quality of ringing to suffer through conflict of interests in a team, but all the time art requires dedication and, in the case of bellringing (method or not), this involves the subjugation of self to the purpose of the whole band. Are we true artists—musicians? Let 'music' be our watchword and let music flow from every belfry in the land."

SHEBBEAR COLLEGE SOCIETY

The Shebbear College Society now numbers nearly 50 members, 35 of whom enjoyed a day's ringing outing in the Plymouth area on February 27th. A quarter peal was rung to get the day off to a good start. Ringing took place at Lydford, Milton Abbot, Shaugh Prior and St. Andrew's, Plymouth. Senior members were able to test their skill at Grandsire Caters at St. Andrew's, and other methods rung included Plain Bob Doubles and Minor and Stedman Doubles. Junior members also acquitted themselves well on unfamiliar bells.

HULL NOW ORGANISED

Student ringers at present attending colleges and University in Hull have formed the "Hull Colleges Ringing Guild." Membership is open to past and present members of these institutions. A programme of activities for the summer term has been arranged and the following officers elected: President, John R. Joyner; Ringing Master, Geoffrey W. Randall; secretary, Peter Church, Downs Hall, Park Lane, Cottingham, East Yorks. At present, members join St. Mary's, Beverley (10) on Wednesday evenings for practice.

PROPOSED AS NEW GENERAL SECRETARY OF CENTRAL COUNCIL

For the first time, we believe, a nomination has come from the Standing Committee of a Yorkshireman for the post of general secretary and treasurer of the Central Council. The choice is Mr. Vernon Bottomley, of 45, Westercott Lane, Northowram, Halifax, who not only has full professional qualifications for the post, but in his own county has been selected to succeed Archdeacon Ellison as president of the Yorkshire Association on April 30th next. This in itself is an indication of the respect with which he is held among Yorkshire ringers.

Vernon's professional background is: Qualified as a chartered secretary in 1939, and the following year he was in the Army, where he remained until 1946. In 1947 he qualified as a chartered accountant, and in 1951 he became a partner in the firm he had served since 1936. His association with the Central Council dates from 1960, when he was elected as a representative of the Yorkshire Association. He has spoken at the Central Council, chiefly on financial matters relating to investments.

His ringing career goes back to 1936, when he learned to handle a bell with the then "stoney" band at Haley Hill, Halifax. He subsequently progressed under the guidance of the late William Ambler, of Queensbury. From 1955 to 1961 he was Ringing Master of the Western District of the Yorkshire Association and elected Association treasurer in 1961, a position he will hold until he assumes the presidency.

His wife, Jeanne E., has accompanied Vernon to Central Council meeting and is well known to a wide circle of friends. Although it was as recently as 1960 that she was taught to handle a bell by Vernon, who had previously taught her to drive, she has made rapid progress. Each claims that her learning to ring is testimony to his/her patience!

They have rung over 100 peals together including 42 Spliced Surprise Royal and Pitman four, five and six spliced "silent." They ring at Dewsbury, where they have trained a band on bells which had been silent for many years. Jeanne contributed a feature article to "The Ringing World" on the methods they employ.

INVITATION TO EXETER

Come on Cannon, you poor old thing.
Let's see you earn the title "Tenor King."
Exeter bells have now been rehung,
And single handed Maximus has been rung.

A peal here is something really great,
And the tenor bell is one you can't underrate,
Only twice has one man ever rung this bell',
And only one is living who the tale can tell.

That you can do it we are all sure,
But the effort to attempt it is really much more,
Only a brave man would ever make a start.
An Cannon's the bravest with a very strong heart.

So silence your critics, go all out for the kill,
And we'll be beside you in strength and in will,
And should you fail, pray never fear,
The effort to try was at least good to the ear.

So all you Tenor Kings, wait for the shout.
Whatever Pat tries will be good without doubt,
No man as yet so many big ones has rung,
And ring it or lose it, his praises shall be sung.

A DECADE OF RINGING AT WEST BRIDGFORD

Ten years ago, on March 22nd, 1956, the present ring of eight bells at St. Giles', West Bridgford, was dedicated by Bishop J. R. Weller. Before then the tower contained three bells—two dating from 1500—but the frame and fittings had deteriorated rather badly and they had not been used much for 30 years. The old bells might have remained there still if the late Canon R. F. Wilkinson had not been appointed Rector in 1940. Being a keen ringer—he was later to become chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild—it was natural that he should make an effort to get the bells ringing and increased in number. War-time and other more pressing needs caused some delay but eventually he was able to start making plans. He was helped by being able to purchase five bells from Perlethorpe, where they could no longer be rung. Two of these form the third and fourth bells of the present ring. The others, together with two of the old West Bridgford bells (the other is preserved in the church), were melted down and used in the casting of six new bells by John Taylor and Co. to make up a light ring of eight with tenor 9¼ cwt.

In the ten years since their dedication the bells have rung out with their traditional message three times every Sunday, for numerous weddings and on many other occasions. Five peals have been rung and there has been quite a large number of quarter peals, usually for Sunday evening service. Visiting ringers from all parts seem to have been impressed by the easy "go" of the bells and their clear tone. They have also been impressed by the care devoted to the comfort of the ringers by Mr. Wilfred Ratcliffe, the towerkeeper. The tower must be one of the few in the country with fitted carpets in the ringing room and up the stairs.

The tower will be open for ringing on Tuesday, March 22nd, the tenth anniversary of the dedication, from 7 to 9 p.m., and all are welcome.

HANDBELL RINGERS' DIAMOND JUBILEE

Throughout North Lancashire and the surrounding counties the Silverdale Handbell Ringers are well known performers. The ringers held their diamond jubilee dinner at the Woodlands Hotel, Silverdale, on February 25th. The meal was followed by an old-fashioned party.

The president, the Rev. J. F. N. Coleman, presided and gave the toast to "The Queen and the Belles (ladies)." The toast of "The Bells" was given by the conductor, Mr. Tom Bolton, who told how the team came to be formed. "It was," he said, "on February 6th, 1906, that Dr. Colyer and the Rev. W Sleigh met in a local hotel to create the Society, which has progressed through the years. The team now consists of 14 ringers and has given concerts in over 40 villages and towns throughout the North." The event was organised by the secretary, Mr C. G. Dyson, Mr. S Letcher and Mr J. F. Bolton.

ANOTHER NURSE RECRUIT

Miss Valerie R. Humphreys, of The Nurses' Old Home, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester 13, asks if, as a student nurse, she is eligible for Mr. T. M. Fitzgerald's proposed peal attempt. She writes: "I have had some experience of peal ringing and would be happy to make another attempt in a simple method."

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CLEVEDON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

*Marion S. Panton	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
Ann E. Fellows	2	Maurice C. Hughes	6
Susan Rothera	3	Philip J. Rothera	7
Maryl Crossthwaite	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Philip J. Rothera.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Peter S. Bennett and Marion Panton, on their engagement.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

LAPWORTH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Feb. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and an extent. Tenor 10 cwt.

Andrew J. Jobson	Treble	Keith H. Mildred	4
Ruth E. Gay	2	Rupert A. Clarke	5
James R. White	3	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St Mark (the Lord Mayor's Chapel).
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Kent T.B., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Grandsire, (6, 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

Pauline Bligh-Cheesman	Treble	Patrick J. Bird	4
*Elizabeth Emmett	2	John T. Parsons	5
†Susan Jenkins	3	Nicholas W. H. Simon	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Minor † First "inside."

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5184 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Trad. Tenor 20 cwt.

*John R. Scott	Treble	†John E. Brough	6
George A. Packer	2	Ivor R. Nichols	7
†Wilfred Kerr	3	†Gerald Parsons	8
†William F. Gibbons	4	†Frank R. Morton	9
†A. Doreen Edwards	5	Brian Harris	Tenor

Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Little Bob Royal. Quickest peal of Royal on the bells.

ACTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods, being four extents each Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, three each Kennington, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, 10 Grandsire, and two 240's Grandsire. All the different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

Stanley Sutton	Treble	John E. Brough	4
*John J. Thomas	2	Frederick S. Sutton	5
†Herbert Sutton	3	Wilfrid Smith	Tenor

Conducted by John E. Brough.
* First peal of Doubles. † "Circled tower" three times.
Rung for the 74th birthday of J. J. Thomas (2nd ringer), also silver wedding of Mr and Mrs J. J. Thomas, and the 21st birthday of Janet M. Brough, daughter of conductor. Also for the Rev. E. C. W. Parry-Williams (Vicar of Acton), on his recent appointment as Rural Dean of Nantwich.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., March 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Fred C. Lyne	Treble	†Peter S. Bennett	4
*James F. West	2	John K. Foot	5
Alan J. Collings	3	Roger E. Tallis	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.
* First peal of Minor "inside." † 50th peal as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to Elizabeth Anne Collings, born February 23rd, 1966.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-Part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

Jane Blackler	Treble	Edward G. Mould	5
Judith M. Atkinson	2	Derek M. Sawyer	6
David J. Marshall	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
Alec Humphrey	4	Royston Blackler	Tenor

Conducted by David J Marshall.
Rung as a compliment to Edward and Christine Mould on the birth of a son.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

LAMERTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 11 cwt.

John C. Mitchelmore	Treble	Brian G. D. Vince	4
*Colin F. Mutton	2	Wilfred C. Boucher	5
George E. Mudge	3	Leslie R. Cundy	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfred C. Boucher.
* First peal at first attempt (age 14). The first peal on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ARDLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr 2 lb. in F sharp.

*Roy Stephenson	Treble	Neville F Whittell	5
*Heather M. McArthur	2	Felix H. Erith	6
Jennifer M. Andrews	3	Alan R Andrews	7
Adrian G. Semken	4	†David E Culham	Tenor

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.
* First peal. † 25th peal.
A wedding compliment to Janet M. Semken, ringer at this tower, and Paul R. Brooks, who were married at this church the previous Saturday.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Cyriac.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods being extents of Single Oxford, Kent T.B., Double Bob, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

B. Bisbey Hullah	Treble	Ali M. Barber	4
Keith J. Walpole	2	Martin Major	5
A. Trevor Hawkins	3	Roger D Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Ali M Barber.
The conductor has now "circled the tower."
Rung in honour of the dedication on February 20th by the Bishop of Ely of the restored tower of St Mary's, Swaffham Prior. Also as a farewell to the Rev. W. F. Hicks who is retiring after eight years as Vicar.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

COLN ST. ALDWYN, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of the Decollation of St. John.
On Wed., March 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

*Ernest H. Jefferies	Treble	Roland T Wakefield	5
William A. Godwin	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Herbert L. Cooke	3	Frank Reed	7
William F. Scudamore	4	Michael E. Stracey	Tenor

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by Michael E. Stracey.
* First peal of Major First peal of Major as conductor.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods comprising 640 each of Bristol, Eastcote, London and Rutland, and 320 each of Cambridge, Ealing, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt.

Richard J. Bowden	Treble	Michael J. Hobbs	5
Jennifer M. Taylor	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	3	James R. Taylor	7
Brian Bladon	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Feb. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

H. George Hart	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Vernon Green	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Christopher W. Woolley	3	Kenneth R. Dunstan	7
*David Burbidge	4	David Carpenter	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of four spliced.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., March 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative, and 704 Bristol, with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Robert E. Hardy	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Vernon Green	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Christopher W. Woolley	3	†Kenneth R. Dunstan	7
*David Burbidge	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of six spliced. † 50th peal on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CUDHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., Feb. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Tony Lewis	Treble	*Michael H. O'Callahan	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Richard G. Crosland	6
D. Paul Smith	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Arthur G. Mason	4	Ian H. Oram	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal of Major "inside."
Rung on the Feast of St. Casimir, Confessor.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Hilary Webb	Treble	Ian H. Oram	4
Michael H. O'Callahan	2	Peter M. Fleckney	5
Eric G. H. Godfrey	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
First peal in the method by all the band.
The band extend their congratulations to Margaret and Eric Godfrey, on the birth of a son (David Christopher), born on February 4th, 1966.

CANTERBURY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Alphege.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 30 extents of Grandsire and 12 extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B.

*John B. Keeler	Treble	*David W. Grimwood	4
*Dawn V. A. Petts	2	Eric T. Eades	5
Dennis A. Chapman	3	Cyril W. J. Beeching	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis A. Chapman.
* First peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Feb. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 93 lb.

*Hazel Schofield	Treble	Dennis Latham	5
Christine Andrew	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Geoffrey Gardner	3	Neil Lomas	7
William Birmingham, jun.	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
* First peal.

ORTON, Westmorland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 5, 1966 in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

James E. Burles	Treble	William Wall	5
Nicholas M. Newby	2	Lawrence D. Clements	6
David H. Garnett	3	Nicholas M. Newby, jun.	7
James Blackburn	4	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
First peal on the bells for 10 years. First in the method on the bells.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sun., Feb. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Brian Duckworth	Treble	Joseph Thornley	4
Dorothy Mason	2	Philip Mason	5
John P. Partington	3	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal and first attempt.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRANTHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version. Tenor 32¼ cwt. in C sharp.

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	*Alan E. Jacques	6
Denis A. Frith	2	Samuel J. Haines	7
*W. Ernest Rawson	3	*Roland H. Cook	8
Martin C. Faulkes	4	A. Maxwell Lindsey	9
William A. Lacey	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by William A. Lacey.
* First peal in the method.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Feb. 28 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

Richard F. Grant	Treble	Brian S. Chapman	6
Peter J. Staniforth	2	William J. Root	7
Derek M. Sawyer	3	E. Alan Jacques	8
Shirley Burton	4	Russell S. Morris	9
Jack P. Kesterton	5	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John M. Jelley.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to John A. Acres, who has had to leave Leicester for health reasons.

THURCASTON, Leicestershire.—At the Latimer Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
42 extents, four callings Tenor 10 cwt.

*Paul Smith	Treble	Frederick W. Faulkner	4
Christine J. Hart	2	Rupert A. Clarke	5
B. Stedman Payne	3	*Philip Chambers	Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* First peal 200th peal as conductor.
A 21st birthday compliment to J. Richard Perkins, of Barrow-on-Soar.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

Malcolm A. Phillips	Treble	Christopher K. Cooper	5
Hazel A. Arrowsmith	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
Geoffrey H. Pullin	3	Jeffrey J. Fox	7
David F. Moore	4	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
Rung on the occasion of the annual dinner.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Tues., Feb 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*Paul C. Coddington	Treble	E. Andrew Harrison	5
†John M. Hughes	2	John W. Gander	6
Clive R. Calton	3	Roger L. Coley	7
A. Stephen Taylor	4	David J. Baker	Tenor

Composed by W. Harrison. Conducted by Roger L. Coley.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major on tower bells.
Rung on Rag Day.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KESSINGLAND, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Diane Toone	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	4
Norman P. J. Cossey	2	J. Barry Pickup	5
Stephen F. High	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. George Colegate.
On Fri., Feb. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of of Kent T.B. and Double Court, two of St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 80 lb.

*Janet Dagley	Treble	David Cubitt	4
David E. House	2	H. William Barrett	5
Barbara Leigh	3	Martin Cubitt	Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal attempt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

J. Roger Mitty	Treble	Frederick C. Sharpe	6
Frederick C. White	2	Brian R. White	7
Patricia E. Hibbert	3	Dennis A. Leslie	8
George T. Cousins	4	Francis A. White	9
Norman H. Leslie	5	Edwin Drewitt	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Brian R. White.
Rung for the 148th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Tues., March 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Edward R. Venn	Treble	Peter J. Heritage	5
*Christopher I. Rowson ..	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Christopher C. Clarke ..	3	Charles Coles	7
Frederick W. Soden ..	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (B. 64). Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung for the Feast of St. David.

HURST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., March 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

*Rodger M. Heyworth ..	Treble	‡Graham J. N. Colborne	5
†Melvyn J. Hiller ..	2	Maurice G. Ingram ..	6
Margaret A. Wilson ..	3	Antony P. Foster	7
‡Robert M. Ashman ..	4	§David R. Baxter	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by David R. Baxter.
* 50th peal. † First of Major. ‡ First of Surprise Major "inside."
§ First of Yorkshire. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Arthur Newton	Treble	Robin J. Lee	5
Sydney M. Bailey	2	Percy Newton	6
*Joyce I. Barton	3	Roland Biggs	7
†Ronald J. Snack	4	David A. Cornwall	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* 50th peal. † First peal of Major. First in method as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Roland Biggs.

PENN, Buckinghamshire,—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Nigel J. Cox	Treble	*Brian O. Spragg	4
Joyce I. Barton	2	David A. Cornwall	5
Ronald J. Snack	3	Anthony K. Fortin	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony K. Fortin.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., March 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 STEPNEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

Stephen Ivin	Treble	Alan J. Frost	6
Diana M. Frost	2	Keith H. Fleming	7
Avril Ivin	3	Richard F. B. Speed ..	8
Patrick I. Chapman	4	Barrie Hendry	9
Malcolm J. V. Chown ..	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

James Linnell	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	5
Barrry E. Saunders	2	Charles E. Truman	6
Roger W. Smith	3	Graham C. Paul	7
Barry R. Eglesfield	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

CHACOMBE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being extents of Durham, York, London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt.

Shirley Ruddlesden	Treble	Barrie Hendry	4
Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	2	Graham C. Paul	5
Barry E. Saunders	3	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

Frederick G. Beddow ..	Treble	Philip J. Evans	7
Bessie A. Carter	2	Frederick Leech	8
Michael R. Wycherley ..	3	Reginald H. Newton ..	9
Edward W. Colley	4	John N. Lindon	10
Clifford A. Barron	5	Arthur Pritchard	11
Frederick A. H. Cattell ..	6	Ernest F. Willcox	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BINGHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Elizabeth J. Foster	Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker	5
Simon Humphrey	2	John Walden	6
Susanna Poppleston	3	*George Dawson	7
Harold F. Gibson	4	†Richard Inglis	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Richard Inglis.
* 100th peal. † First peal of Yorkshire "inside." First peal of Surprise as conductor. Believed to be the first of Surprise on the bells.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BREWOOD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Frank Beech, jun.	Treble	David R. Hawksworth ..	5
Frederic R. Wiggin	2	George E. Morrall	6
*Jennifer M. Beech	3	Roger L. Hawksworth ..	7
*Edward R. Fairbrother ..	4	Richard J. Warrilow ..	Tenor

Composed by D. J. Hunt. Conducted by Frank Beech.
* First peal of Major.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

SOUTHWOLD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

Richard S. Payne	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	5
J. Barry Pickup	2	Stephen F. High ..	6
Norman P. J. Cossey ..	3	*Cleeve F. Finch	7
J. Ian Margetts	4	John W. Blythe	Tenor

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal "inside."
Rung in memory of Mr. S. J. Smith, a ringer at Southwold for many years.

DERRINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours approx.,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Double Court St. Clement's, and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

Peter Kindred	Treble	Michael J. Howes	4
Thomas J. Brock	2	Stephen F. High	5
Norman P. J. Cossey ..	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. James Gilchrist, Rector of Derrington.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 1,728 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, and 1,600 Superlative, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*Julie S. Armstrong ..	Treble	†Alan R. Millidge	5
†Robert J. Cooles	2	Christopher F. Mew ..	6
†Noel R. Waite	3	†Brian J. Bull	7
†Alison M. Mann	4	Alan E. Bagworth	Tenor

Arranged by Norman Smith. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Spliced Surprise Major. First of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor.

The SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
EASTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Frank H. Hicks	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5
*David S. Osenton	2	*W. Arthur Riddington ..	6
*Alan R. Baldock	3	Martin L. Howe	7
*John A. Howard	4	Christopher T. Osenton ..	Tenor

Composed by E. F. P. Bryant. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells and for the Association.

THAKEHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Charles B. Skinner	Treble	Michael J. Wake	4
Charlotte A. Bennett ..	2	Barry J. Davis	5
Anne M. Smith	3	Michael W. Coleman ..	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
WINCHESTER, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul and St. Swithun.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

Patrick J. Bird	Treble	Philip M. J. Gray	7
Gillian M. Hussey	2	Philip N. Tubbs	8
Trevor A. Cross	3	D. John Hunt	9
Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	4	Frank E. Darby	10
William A. Theobald ..	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	11
*John T. Parsons	6	John C. Slater	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.
* First peal of Cinques.

WESTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Jennifer M. H. Smith ..	Treble	†Ernest Treagus	5
Charles E. Bassett	2	†Alan A. J. Buswell	6
*Paul S. Royds-Jones ..	3	‡K. Paul Gilliver	7
Michael J. Wake	4	*Gerald C. Pidgeon	Tenor

Composed by Benjamin Annable. Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples in the method. ‡ First of Triples.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

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

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Peter J. Brown	Treble	Robert Edwards	5
Michael J. Fellows	2	Peter D. Warren	6
John E. Anderson	3	Brian J. Luff	7
Iris Thomson	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Arranged by James W. Washbrook.
Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	8
Margaret E. Fort	3	*C. Barrie Dove	9
Edward Jenkins	4	Derek Butterworth	10
Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	5	John H. Fielden	11
Jeffrey Kershaw	6	Ronald H. Dove	Tenor

Composed by D. E. Parsons. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Stedman. Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

THORNER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Feb. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, consisting of 1,152 Superlative, 1,056 Cambridge, 1,056 Lincolnshire, 960 Pudsey, and 864 Yorkshire, with 128 changes of method and all the work of the five methods. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Jeanne E. Bottomley ..	Treble	Harold B. Schofield	5
*Stephen R. Munday ..	2	Frederick A. Munday ..	6
Roger J. Lumley	3	Vernon Bottomley	7
Michael Staniforth	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise in five methods.

SHELLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of Emmanuel.
On Fri., Feb. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in four methods: one extent St. Clement's, and two each Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Trevor Tarbatt	Treble	George Hancock	4
*Ann Johnson	2	Peter Carbutt	5
Irvin Slack	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHEADLE HULME, Cheshire.—At 18, Hill Top Avenue.
On Thurs., March 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Robert B. Smith	1—2	Gerald Moorhouse	5—6
Alan McFall	3—4	John A. Booth	7—8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At 33, Bridge End Road.
On Thurs., March 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

E. William Ford	1—2	Anthony R. Peake	5—6
Brian Bladon	3—4	W. Bertram Kynaston ..	7—8
Maurice A. New	9—10		

Composed by Geoffrey Dodds. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
50th peal on handbells as conductor. Tenor size 18 in A flat.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Wed., March 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Frances Fairbank	1—2	Valerie Willard	5—6
*Hugh N. Evans	3—4	Cyril A. Wratten	7—8

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal of Major "in hand." Tenor size 12 in F.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Wed., March 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 18 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Superlative, Rutland, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Aldenham, Lincolnshire, Painswick and Pudsey, with 139 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

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

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Feb. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth ..	1—2	John M. Jelley	5—6
Peter J. Staniforth	3—4	Alfred Ballard	7—8

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John M. Jelley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Fri., Feb. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	John R. Mayne	5–6
Christopher W. Woolley ..	3–4	Roger Baldwin	7–8
Gerald Penney	9–10		

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal of Surprise Royal on handbells for the Association.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 27th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Amanda Powell (first in method) 2, R. Rayfield 3, Carol Cousins 4, R. Bird 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong.

ASH, SURREY.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Sharpe (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. J. Smart 2, C. J. Harwood 3, M. E. Denyer 4, P. G. Smart 5, P. G. Sherwood (cond.) 6. Before Evening Eucharist. Also on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Mrs. A. J. Smart 1, Miss J. M. Vince 2, M. E. Denyer 3, J. A. Collier 4, P. G. Sherwood 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6. First in two methods 2 and 3. Before Evensong.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Harrison 1, Miss P. Gill 2, S. Bromfield 3, E. Broughton 4, G. Bromfield (cond.) 5, F. Green 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Taylor, churchwarden (St. Peter's), interred earlier this day.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Harris 1, Jean Allen 2, D. R. McLean 3, J. G. Hallett 4, I. V. J. Smith 5, S. Humphrey (cond.) 6. By N.U.S.C.R. for morning service.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 2nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. M. Brook 1, G. K. Smith 2, R. D. Gibson 3, A. B. Cooper 4, J. I. Booth 5, G. W. Randall 6, C. C. Brown 7, L. F. Bailey (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Christine Ham.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Janet Pyke 1, Penny Kift 2, Mrs. B. Stocker 3, R. C. Kift 4, Mrs. B. van-Asselt 5, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 4.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: I. Davey 1, C. Fynes 2, I. M. Robinson 3, D. D. Smith 4, H. F. Wood (first in method) 5, R. A. Banner 6, G. Francis 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 3 and 6. For morning service.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Wells 1, H. L. Bishop 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. E. Wells 5, J. H. Napper 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung half-muffled in his favourite method in memory of Alfred R. T. Greenough, ringer at this church for over 35 years, who passed away on Feb. 27th, aged 62, and whose funeral took place this day.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 24th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: C. Barker 1, Miss J. Quilter 2, R. Suckling 3, R. Lindsell 4, Mrs. A. Syder 5, A. Wiffen 6, J. Warner 7, A. Syder (cond.) 8. First quarter 2, 4 and 5.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. G. Freestone 1, P. S. Abbott 2, E. J. Whiting (cond.) 3, J. Jefferies 4, J. W. Allen 5, P. R. Godfrey 6. To mark the christening, the previous day, of Helen Margaret, daughter of the ringer of the tenor.

BRINKWORTH, WILTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Tuck 1, H. G. Blanchard 2, H. E. Blacker 3, J. E. Billings 4, L. K. Grey (cond.) 5, A. Ayres 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong, and to mark the baptism of Peter John, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Froome. Mrs. Froome was a ringer at this church before her marriage.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael-on-the-Mount, on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Milton (first quarter) 1, Maureen Simons 2, Christine Webb 3, Susan Jenkins 4, M. Gilbey 5, M. Zobel (cond.) 6. Rung by U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Cooper 1, E. Furbank 2, B. Hines 3, R. Harrison 4, L. J. Clark (cond.) 5, C. Cooper 6, P. Brown 7, P. Rothera 8. For Friends of the Cathedral Festival. Also on Feb. 20th, 1,259 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Edwards 1, Miss Y. Murray 2, J. Towler 3, P. J. Eves 4, P. Saltmarsh 5, R. Harrison 6, L. J. Clark (cond.) 7, P. Brown 8, I. Panton 9, J. Crawley 10. For Chelmsford Town Festival Week service.

CHETWYND, SALOP.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Doubles (three methods): R. B. Dorrington 1, Elizabeth Timmins 2, P. R. Johnson 3, I. Friend 4, C. Bainham 5, M. McEvoy 6. Conducted jointly by 2, 3, 4 and 5.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, J. Jeffery 3, S. Allen 4, G. Ford 5, S. Upton 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam K. Snelling, a member of the local band, whose funeral took place here this day.

EASTVILLE, BRISTOL.—On Feb. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Bailey 1, F. Sampson 2, L. Slade (first in method "inside") 3, M. Powell (first "inside") 4, D. Rennolds (cond.) 5, J. Shingler 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Coode 1, K. Small 2, Miss C. Lawrence 3, P. Clarke 4, R. Clarke (cond.) 5, G. Clarke 6, J. Sims 7, F. Hurrell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. William Arnold Rhodes, M.A., Vicar, who died on February 9th.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): C. Timms 1, C. I. J. Pearce (cond.) 2, J. Strawford 3, F. H. Whipp 4, C. R. Miles 5, J. Moore 6, F. C. Carter 7, J. Rooney 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Jim Belcher, a faithful and regular ringer at this church for 39 years, interred earlier in the day.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. F. Wood 1, R. Parkinson 2, C. Brownlow 3, D. R. Forsythe (first "inside") 4, A. Critchley (cond.) 5.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: G. Nicholson 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, Mrs. G. Nicholson 3, G. Kenward 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5, B. E. Jemmett 6, E. T. Eades 7, F. Pack 8. For Evensong.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. E. A. Morris 1, Mrs. J. M. Morris 2, E. J. Thoday 3, Mrs. R. B. Davey 4, A. J. Davey 5, C. J. Higgins 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, G. W. Henson 8. For Parish Communion. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: K. C. Morris 1, Mrs. J. M. Morris 2, E. J. Thoday 3, Mrs. R. B. Davey 4, Mrs. J. Wells 5, A. J. Davey 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, W. E. A. Morris 8. For the wedding of Marie Verna Dighton and Arthur John Carter. Both rung on the middle six.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.—On March 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. C. Sawtell 1, V. A. Hemming 2, S. Lewis 3, J. S. Walton 4, P. J. Hall (first of Doubles, and first in two methods, as cond.) 5.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Mulvey 1, Rosemary White 2, N. White 3, D. Large 4, J. Burton 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6. Every member of the band was ringing his or her heaviest bell for a quarter peal.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,280 Treble Bob (Worcester Variation): Mrs. M. Bibby 1, A. Grainger 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, J. W. Stephenson 4, C. Pain 5, J. Fowler 6, J. McDonald 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Barton 1, D. Cornwall 2, Miss J. Loten (first in method) 3, Miss M. Newton 4, P. Newton 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, K. Gould 8.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Wood 1, Miss M. Armfield (first quarter) 2, A. F. Scholfield 3, J. P. Walker 4, J. A. Booth 5, D. C. Walker (first as cond.) 6. For afternoon service.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, E. H. Langley 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, A. Locke 4, G. F. Dunstan 5, A. Beattie 6. A compliment to the ringer of the second on the birth of his second granddaughter.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,279 Doubles (7 methods/var.): Anthea Sparshott 1, C. J. Royal 2, P. S. Reading 3, S. F. Royal 4, A. J. Cox (cond.) 5, Shirley E. Jones 6. Most Doubles methods by all the band. For Evensong.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Feb. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. L. Green (first quarter) 1, Sandra C. Thexton (first in method "inside") 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 4, D. M. Wilkins 5. First of Bob Doubles 4 and 5.

KINGSTON, DORSET.—On Feb. 27th, 1,264 Bob Major: Frances J. N. Brown (first of Major) 1, Kathleen S. Fuller 2, R. J. Fuller 3, Judith A. Robertson 4, C. Dalton 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, R. G. W. Robertson 7, C. T. Brown (cond.) 8.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. J. Lightfoot 1, Barbara Sawden 2, Merryn Hutchings 3, R. Hutchings 4, G. M. Cox (first as cond.) 5, D. Haines (first quarter) 6. Also on March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. N. Kedge (first of Triples on treble) 1, G. M. Cox 2, Merryn Hutchings 3, Barbara Sawden 4, J. Lightfoot 5, J. Belshaw 6, A. J. Lightfoot (cond.) 7, D. Haines (first on eight bells) 8. For Confirmation service.

LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (two methods): Miss C. Thompson 1, I. Tonks 2, Miss A. Whaley 3, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 4, A. Walker 5, R. S. Jackson 6. First in two methods 2 and 3. For Evensong.

LEEDS, YORKS.—At St. Matthew's, Chapel Allerton, on March 5th, 1,392 Minor (three methods): G. Cooper 1, J. L. Riley 2, Miss J. S. Coles (first quarter) 3, M. G. Dodson 4, D. Astridge 5, G. I. Jones (cond.) 6. First in three Minor methods 2, 4, 6. A birthday compliment to Andrew Talbot-Ponsonby.

LINSLADE, BEDS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Miss V. Hall 1, W. Insley 2, H. B. Whitney 3, J. Vickers 4, A. W. Jeffs (cond.) 5, K. Jackson 6. For Ash Wednesday Evening Eucharist.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Jean Cunliffe 1, A. Humphrey (cond.) 2, Isabella Poplewska (first quarter) 3, C. Beswick (first "inside") 4, D. Marshall 5, R. Newsum 6. To mark the first birthday of the son of the Rev. Chappell.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On March 6th, 1,320 St. Simon's Bob Doubles: B. Butcher 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, A. Lamb 6. For Family Communion. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Butcher (first of Minor) 1, Myrtle Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. P. Brotherston 6. For Evensong.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Moore 1, D. Feek 2, P. H. Langton (cond.) 3, T. A. Bevis 4, A. Palmer 5, R. Lee 6. For Morning Prayer. Also a birthday compliment to Christopher Palmer, son of A. Palmer.

MEOPHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Hinde 1, Lucile M. Corby 2, P. A. Corby 3, Hilary F. Hinde 4, Judith M. Corby (cond.) 5, Doris E. Colegate 6, A. J. Corby 7, D. W. Woodcock 8. For Evensong.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: N. J. Chesson 1, P. D. J. Beal 2, Joan Hayward (cond.) 3, G. Wood 4, N. A. C. Crane 5, P. Jackson 6.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Honeywood (first quarter) 1, G. Waterman 2, N. K. Foakes 3, J. E. Honeywood 4, A. E. Honeywood (cond.) 5, P. Pitt 6. A 14th birthday compliment to Margaret Honeywood.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. Brocklehurst (first quarter) 1, C. Andrew 2, D. J. Marshall 3, N. Bennett (cond.) 4, D. Walker 5, J. A. Booth 6, R. M. S. A. Edwards 7, J. Brannan 8. For Evensong.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Pike 1, Miss A. Lawrenson 2, W. Hunt 3, H. Lawrenson 4, J. Constant 5, F. Turner 6, R. Pike (cond.) 7, B. Brooks 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. T. E. Curtis, for many years a ringer at Newbury.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At 7, Eshott Close, Gorforth, on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Walker (first quarter) 1—2, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 3—4, Helen Dracup (first quarter) 5—6.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. John's, on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Holden 1, Christine Telfer 2, J. G. White 3, Susan Elliott 4, S. J. Pardoe 5, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 6.

NORTH CRAWLEY, BUCKS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Taylor 1, D. Hammond 2, D. R. Manton 3, D. R. Manton 4, B. Egglesfield 5, R. Churchill (cond.) 6.

PEMBROKE.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Prunella James (first of Minor) 1, Simon Rogers (12) 2, E. Lingard 3, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 4, G. Norris 5, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 6, P. R. Hunthach covering. For Evensong.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: F. Lord (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. Finn 2, Miss F. Lacey 3, W. Bains 4, D. Micklethwaite 5, M. Lings 6, F. Lacey 7, H. Judd 8. First of Kent 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7. For Evensong, and in memoriam S. A. Chambers, of Lincoln.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,280 Plain and Little Bob Minor: Jane Blackler 1, R. Blackler 2, C. P. Starbuck (first of Minor "inside") 3, P. Church 4, P. J. Hawcock 5, S. Humphrey (cond.) 6. First in two methods on tower bells 3 and 4. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Sneyd, on the birth of a daughter (Claire Juliet).

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Nabb (first of Minor) 1, W. Stevens 2, F. Fackrell (first of Minor "inside") 3, C. Clarke (cond.) 4, R. Short 5, M. Stone 6.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Greasley 1, Joyce Chadwick 2, A. Humphrey 3, R. Tanner 4, D. Marshall 5, J. Chadwick (cond.) 6.

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ENGAGEMENT

GOLDTHORPE—ANDERSON. — The engagement is announced, on March 16th, between Christine S. Anderson, of Leeds, and Keith Goldthorpe, of Kirk Ella, E. Yorks.

DEATH

MELVILLE.—On March 10th, 1966, Emily Louisa Melville, aged 93, widow of William R. Melville and mother of Jessie Kippin. Funeral Kingsworthy Church, Thursday, March 17th, 2.30 p.m. No flowers. 8711

PERSONAL

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held in the Oakley Hall, High Wycombe, on Saturday, March 19th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, by March 16th.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8582
Branch Sec. 8698

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening ringing at Shottesbrooke (6 bells), near Maidenhead, on Saturday, March 26th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Miss Hague, Branch Sec. 8569

RICHMOND UPON THAMES MUSIC FESTIVAL.—Tower bell competition, Isleworth Parish Church, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Handbell competition 6 p.m. General ringing if time available. Names for tea to Harold Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth, Middlesex. 8702

ST. PETER'S, BRIGHTON. — Sorry, no practice March 18th, owing to Passion play in the church.—C. M. P. 8729

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. The new secretary is Mr. Andrew King, Wentworth Vicarage, Rotherham, Yorks. All correspondence and accounts should be sent to him. 8701

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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Saturday, June 11th

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STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

An evening course for both Ringing Instructors and Learners will be held at St. Mary's, Stafford, on Monday, March 21st next, and repeated on Thursday, March 24th, at All Saints', Alrewas, near Burton-on-Trent, both at 7.15 p.m. All interested are very welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8722

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.—Tenth anniversary of the dedication of St. Giles' bells (8), Tuesday, March 22nd. Ringing 7–9 p.m. All welcome. 8700

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Archdeaconry of Coventry.—Meeting at Wolvey, Saturday, March 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 and tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. W. Thorpe, Wolds Lane, Wolvey, near Hinckley, Leics. 8677

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Great Gransden Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Little Gransden Hall—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8690

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—Meeting, Wivenhoe, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 and in evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sparling, Winton, Rectory Road, Wivenhoe. 8570

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting at Stebbing on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Harrington, 8 Warehouse Villas, Stebbing, Dunmow. 8599

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. —Meeting, Bodiam (6), Saturday, March 19th, 3 to 5 p.m. Ewhurst (5) 6 onwards. Please make your own arrangements for tea.—A. H. Kemp, Sec. 8674

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Bishops Stortford District.—Meeting at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3.45. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Rochester, 7, Riverfield Lane, Sawbridgeworth Herts.—D. Kingston 8689

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup (8) on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. — P. A. Mason,

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— N. and E. District.—Meeting, All Hallows', Tottenham, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by light refreshments in the Vicarage Evening ringing. —E. H. Kilby, Dis Sec. 8591

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Barton-under-Needwood, March 19th Bells 3 to 4.15. Tea 4.45 at Newchurch Bells available after tea. All welcome. 8621

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting, Winthorpe, March 19th. Bells 2.30 Tea 4.30. Evensong 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. C. W. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton, Newark. 8671

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting, Stonham Aspal (10), Saturday, March 19th. Bells 6.30 p.m.–9 p.m. — H. W. H. Leather, Dis Sec 8675

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern and Southern Divisions.— — Joint meeting on Saturday, March 19th, at Horsham. Bells (8) 4 p.m. and after service. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mr. T. Fox, 106, Depot Road, Horsham. 8668

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Evening meeting at Mountsorrel on Thursday, March 24th. Ringing 7.30 p.m. —F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8696

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Ilkeston District.—Meeting, Denby, Friday, March 25th, 7.30 p.m. Special methods: Hull, St. Clement's.—D. J. Marshall. 8704

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Brent Knoll (6), Saturday, March 26th, 5 p.m. — M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 8716

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.— Luton District. — Evening meeting, Eaton Bray, Saturday, March 26th. Note change. Bells from 5 p.m. Woburn in April. 8709

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting to be held at Witcombe on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Clarkson, 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Glos, by Wednesday, March 23rd No names, no tea. Brockworth (6) available after business meeting. All welcome.—P. Clarkson, Branch Sec. 8726

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting at Witley on March 26th. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss D. Street, 3, Seymour Road, Godalming. 8728

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Ringing Symposium: Method Extension, F.C.E.'s, Surprise Composition (J. R. Mayne, R. Baldwin). St. Helen's Church Hall, Wheathampstead, near St. Albans, Saturday, March 26th, at 3 p.m 5s. incl. tea. Names by March 21st to R. D. R Brown, 10, The Hill, Wheathampstead 8697

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Campsall, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Rev. Lees, The Vicarage, Campsall, Doncaster. 8718

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8720

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Northleach (8), March 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by March 24th.—R. Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. Tel. Bibury 348. 8713

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Bolton, Saturday, March 26th. St. George's 3.30–5.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5.30. Holy Trinity 6.30 p.m.—M. E. Fort. 8730

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. John's Parish Church, Church Street, Blackpool, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m 8717

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Nomination meeting at Rothwell, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please provide own food; cups of tea only provided. 8719

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — Sonning Deanery Branch—A combined practice will be held at Warfield on March 26th at 6 pm. Special method: Double Norwich. 8715

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Boughton, Saturday, March 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 8676

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting at Benefield, Saturday, March 26th. Service at 4. Tea at 5. Names for tea to Arthur Pywell, Upper Benefield, Peterborough, by 22nd. 8707

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Winterbourne Earls, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (5) from 5.30 p.m.—G. A. Trimby, Hon. Sec. 8706

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 26th, Stourpaine. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, March 23rd—Richard Longridge, Okeford Fitzpaine Rectory. Tel. Childe Okeford 311. 8721

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Meeting, Edwinstowe (6), Saturday, March 26th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names to Mrs. M. Woodhead, 12, Church Street, Edwinstowe, by Wednesday previous, please **Please note:** The proposed District outing will be discussed at this meeting.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 8725

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Chiddingly (6), Saturday, March 26th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea till 7.30 p.m Names for tea to me at 8, The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield, Sussex, by Wednesday, March 23rd Please note new address.—G. FitzHugh, Hon Div. Sec. 8664

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — A.G.M., Callington, March 26th, 3 p.m. Bells (6) after the meeting. Names for tea essential by March 21st.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec., Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro. Tel 2749 8679

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting at Leckford together with Longstock on March 26th. Bells 6.45 to 9 p.m. 8712

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Brasted on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 for those who notify me by Tuesday, March 29th. Sundridge bells will be available after the meeting.—W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8705

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St. Margaret's (12) 7–8.
Names for lunch and tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W. 15, by **Saturday, March 26th.** 8723

LATE NOTICES

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Meeting, Higham, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. Gilliver, 19, Main Street, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 8732

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Stapleford, April 2nd, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. St. Peter's, Nottingham (12) 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams. 8733

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Easter Monday, April 11th, at Bexley. Service 12 noon, followed by luncheon and meeting.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8710

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 16th, at 2.15 p.m. in the Chapter House, Gloucester Cathedral. Tea at 4.30 (buffet tea) at Co-op Hall, Queen's Street: to be paid for in advance, 4s. 6d. with stamped addressed envelope for tickets, to D. Pobjoy, 71, Colin Road, Barnwood, Gloucester, not later than Tuesday, April 12th. Association service 6 p.m. at St. Mary de Crypt: address by the Rector, Canon W. R. Houghton. Films "Ringers Required" and "Washington Cathedral" will be screened in the church after the service. Towers open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arlingham, Barnwood, Brockworth, Churchdown, Elmore, Frampton-on-Severn, Longney, Norton, Quedgeley (7th not ringable), Upton-St. Leonard's, Whitminster, Witcombe, and 12.45 to 1.45 p.m. St. Mary de Crypt and Gloucester Cathedral Money for teas to D. Pobjoy, please.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec. 8724

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—Advance Notice.—Spring meeting at Oxford on Saturday, April 16th. Ringing will take place at the following towers, times to be notified later: Christ Church Cathedral, St. Ebbe's, All Saints', Magdalen College. Details and times for arrangements for tea to be announced later. 8735

OBITUARY

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BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. C. Hall (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Chatfield 2, Mrs. D. L. Hall 3, A. G. Hall 4, D. L. Hall (cond.) 5, D. S. Anderson 6.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Barnes 1, J. Pratt 2, C. Daws 3, J. McKinstrie (first quarter) 4, R. Cooles 5, J. Rea 6, M. Uphill (cond.) 7, A. Clayton 8. A.M.D.G.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX — At St. Mary's, on March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shirley Jessop 1, J. M. Swift 2, A. Baldock (cond.) 3, Christine Baldock 4, I. White 5, W. J. Hayes 6, H. Reynolds 7, P. Fox 8. Rung on St. David's Day.

HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Sawtell 1, J. S. Walton 2, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 3, H. R. Toogood 4, S. Lewis 5, P. J. Hall 6.

LONDON.—At St. Giles' Cripplegate, on Feb. 26th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Miss H. Maltman 1, Miss K. Baker 2, Miss V. E. Dupre 3, W. Cook 4, J. Lott 5, M. Wycherley 6, M. Uphill 7, R. Stevens 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, D. Randall 10.

OFFWELL, DEVON.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, W. Webb 2, W. Sparkes 3, T. Travers 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, F. Coombe 6.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Prisca Hornby 1, J. Huggins 2, Dorothy M. Huggins (first "inside") 3, D. Hughes 4, L. Tremeer (cond.) 5, Kay Tremeer 6. An 87th birthday compliment to C. Tremeer, father of the conductor.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Yates 1, R. Valentine (first "inside") 2, W. A. Yates 3, G. W. Holland 4, R. A. Vickers (cond.) 5, A. Thatcher 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: A. Weall (first in more than one method) 1, Miss A. Rowland 2, D. Heath 3, V. Williams 4, W. Poolman (cond.) 5, H. Perry 6. For Evensong, and the wedding anniversary of H. Perry.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Denton (first quarter) 1, P. Daniel 2, D. Ley 3, R. Gay (cond.) 4, J. Queen 5, W. Moore 6.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): D. T. Smith (first quarter) 1, Kathleen S. Fuller 2, R. J. Fuller (cond.) 3, D. R. Fuller 4, W. R. Damer 5, R. F. Damer 6.
W. R. Darner 5, R. F. Darner 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Merritt 1, R. Hulme (first 'inside") 2, Miss J. Davidge 3, P. Minchin 4, P. Tombs (first Triples) 5, M. Stanley 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, L. Picknell 8. For evening service.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 30th, 1,320 Surprise Minor (London and Cambridge): Elizabeth Zass 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, M. Bangham 3, J. Cooke 4, A. Bagworth (cond.) 5, S. C. Walters 6. Also on Feb. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Williams 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Elizabeth Zass 3, M. Bangham (cond.) 4, A. Bagworth 5, M. Burne (first quarter) 6.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lynne Croger (first quarter) 1, E. Leggett 2, D. Culham 3, Vivien Cross 4, B. Lord (first as cond.) 5, M. Warren 6.

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HANDSTROKE HOME

THE correspondence columns of our journal may usually be relied upon to supply some interesting material. Whether informative, reflective or contentious, the letters that appear week by week will almost invariably include something that will start a train of thought and turn us to reflect on some of the things we take for granted. Such a letter is that from Mr. Bruce Warne in the issue of March 11th. In discussing the calling round of the bells, Mr. Warne expresses a general dislike of the custom of bringing the bells home at handstroke, and bases his objection (we are bound to assume from his letter) on the inevitability of falseness when the bells are brought into rounds by this method.

An objection to the practice based on this cannot, of course, be maintained, for it is well known that innumerable touches and peals are brought into rounds at handstroke without any danger of falseness. It is true, nevertheless, that certain methods will not lend themselves to the process, and it should be noted that, given a normal start, Plain Bob cannot come home with truth at handstroke; nor can Grandsire, going off into changes in the usual way, come back to rounds at handstroke at a call without the falseness Mr. Bruce points out.

But now that the subject has been raised we may perhaps with interest look into the question of Handstroke Home, see how it began, and how it developed. Up to the middle of the 18th century Cater ringing (and this meant chiefly Grandsire Caters) followed the pattern popularised by the great Annable, and all peals and touches, having run a required number of courses in the Tittums, came home at backstroke with a variety of homing courses, many of them clumsy and unmusical. Then a certain Francis Roberts hit on the plan of getting the bells into rounds at handstroke by a much simpler and shorter plan. We learn from "Clavis" that the innovation was received with enthusiasm, and men began not only to use it for Cater ringing but to inquire into the possibility of its being adopted for Triples and Cinques. When the question of seven bells and eleven bells came to be considered it was quickly comprehended that nothing could be done unless the bells could be got "out of course"; this, they quite well knew, could be done only by the use of the Single, and the Single, at that time, was regarded as a rather disreputable ally. It was left for a later generation, emboldened by the genius and enterprise of Shipway, to introduce, without reserve, the Single and its manifold benefits.

"Clavis" printed among its touches a curious 350 Grandsire Caters, composed by a Mr. John Frazier, one of the Cumberland Youths, and brought it round "at hand." It is the oldest touch of its kind in existence, but it is a strange muddle of bell music, and, as the book says, "the bells are thrown into such cross positions that few practitioners choose to ring it." In this same volume is to be found a series of peals of Grandsire Caters by John Reeves. They are all on the long-course plan, which seems to have been the convention of the time, but they are fine pieces of work of their type and it is worthy of note that they come round "at hand" by means of our familiar "9 in and out at 2."

For a long time the Tittum position remained unchallenged as the quintessence of Cater ringing, and if it was not absolutely *de rigueur*, the influence of Annable and the fashion he set probably precluded any other experiment. The blocks of the peals were exclusively Tittum but the bells could be, and were, brought home at handstroke. It was left for Henry Cooper, the Birmingham composer, to dare to introduce a few courses of Handstroke music, four courses only, at the end of his fine 5,003 composed in 1816. The ice was now broken, and men began to find in the Handstroke Home, with its grand roll-ups at handstroke and its succeeding 7.9.86, a musical manifestation that delighted and bade well to rival the Tittum position. The use of Handstroke Home for large portions of peals is now, of course, commonplace, and what began very cautiously in Grandsire has taken hold in Stedman, Erin, Double Norwich and a host of odd-bell methods. The simple turning course used by Reeves for Grandsire has its parallel in the easy 2.9s of Stedman Caters and the facile 2.13s.15s of Stedman Cinques brought out by Hattersley and popularised by John Carter.

The bringing of the bells into rounds at handstroke normally involves a peal or touch of an odd number, but it is of interest to note that compositions can be obtained, by going into changes at backstroke, where the bells come round "at hand" in an even number of changes. We recollect a peal at Walsall some years ago where a level 5,000 came round in this way, and a few years ago Mr. Frank Lufkin conducted a 5,040 Grandsire Caters on this plan.

The Handstroke Home has provided all of us with a great deal of musical pleasure, and we may well agree with the welcome "Clavis" gave to it in these words 200 years ago: "This is so great an improvement in Cater-ringing, that too much cannot be said in commendation of it or its author."

E. C. S.

Cathedral Bells Main Business at Guildford Guild Annual

A MEMORABLE year was reviewed at the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held for the first time at Guildford Cathedral on March 12th. The annual report regarded the dedication of the ring of ten bells at the Cathedral as the most important event in 1965 and probably the most important in the history of the Guild. In 1933 the Guild took its first step towards providing a ring of bells for the Cathedral by establishing a fund to which the sum of one guinea was to be transferred annually from the General Fund. This was a very small beginning and, but for the generosity of Brig. and Mrs. Derek Schreiber and other people, there is no doubt that the aspirations of the members of 32 years ago would not have been realised for several years.

The meeting attracted an attendance of approximately 150. The Lady Chapel was too small for those wishing to attend the Guild service conducted by Canon A. C. G. Oldham, at which the retiring Master, Mr. D. A. R. May, read the lesson, and Mr. S. G. Ponting was the organist. Tea followed in the Refectory Hut, organised by Mrs. C. W. Munday, wife of the secretary, and her helpers.

At the meeting, presided over by the Master, a minute's silence was observed for those who had died during the year. These included Mrs. A. C. Hazelden, Mrs. Melville, Messrs. W. T. Beeson, L. C. W. Hunter, E. Etheridge, W. M. Stone and E. Hunt.

The Executive Committee's report stated that the president (the Bishop of Guildford) had said several times that he wanted all ringers in the Diocese to take part in ringing the Cathedral bells, and accordingly the officers invited all members of the Guild to join a Cathedral Society, which would be responsible for ringing the bells on Sundays. Some 80 members volunteered and since the dedication the bells had been rung every Sunday, although, at times, the standard was not as good as it might have been. They were grateful to Mr. Ponting for notifying members when it was their turn to ring. Last November the Cathedral Society decided to abandon the current scheme and asked each District to be responsible for ringing on one Sunday each month. Mr. David Tubbs was elected captain of the Society.

MORE PEALS

The Guild rang more peals in 1965 than for many years past. Peals totalled 42 and were rung by 128 members in 21 different methods or numbers of methods in 25 towers. There were 16 conductors, the Master being the leading conductor with 11 peals. Eleven members rang their first peal and 70 their first in a new method.

Supplementing the report, Major E. J. Bragg, the peal secretary, said the Master rang most peals (15), followed by T. Page (14), S. H. Ponting and D. Blows (13 each). Five peals were rung out of six attempts at the Cathedral. The total of peals rung for the Guild was 1,172, and peals in 41 different Surprise methods had been rung. No Delight methods peals had been rung. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. M. Harbott, seconded by Mrs. Beeson.

The accounts were presented by Mr. C. H. Kippin and showed a balance in the General Fund of £47 6s. 6d. (against £35 8s.) on the Cathedral Bells Fund £302 12s. 8d., and on the Benevolent Fund £155 19s. 7d.

The librarian, Mr. F. W. Housden, who resigned at the end of the year, was thanked for his services and Miss Y. Eloie was welcomed as his successor.

Officers nominated for 1966 were: Master, Mr. P. G. Smart (Ash); secretary, Mr. C. W. Munday (Ewell); treasurer, Mr. C. H. Kippin (Farnborough); auditor Mr. P. G. Sherwood (Ash).

BOTH TRAINED AT MERROW

The retiring Master, before installing Mr. Smart with the badge of office, spoke of his pleasure in succeeding Mr. C. W. Denyer, their third Master, the others being Major Hesse and Mr. Albert Harman. He was sure that Miss Pam Warren, of Merrow, now in Australia, would be very pleased to hear that the second of her pupils—Peter Smart—had been elected Master. He (Mr. May) was another of her pupils. A coincidence was that the previous Guild secretary had come from his tower and it was exactly the same at Ash.

There had been some disappointments during his term of office—one was a ringing dispute at the Cathedral, when two people walked off never to return. "I was more hurt about this than anything else," said Mr. May.

On the other hand, he continued, there had been many occasions of great happiness. One was when 90 of their members went to the All England Festival at Coventry Cathedral. The greatest excitement was the dedication of the Cathedral bells, when he had the doubtful privilege of choosing the band to ring at the service. The week-end course he was instrumental in introducing was another exciting thing. He concluded by expressing his thanks to the Bishop and Dean and the clergy.

Thanking the Guild for his election, Mr. Smart said he hoped he would be able to lead the Guild as ably as Mr. May had done in the past four years.

Mr. Roy Collins, secretary of the Chertsey District, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. May for their work. Mr. May raised the office of Master to a higher level than ever before, was his comment.

Mr. May thanked the Guild and said there were two out of the very many he would like specially to thank—Mr. Charles Denyer and Mr. Stanley G. Ponting.

A ballot took place for the election of four representatives to the Central Council. The four retiring members were elected—Messrs. D. A. R. May, J. F. M. Maybrey (Esher), S. G. Ponting (Guildford) and W. H. Viggers (Aldershot).

A constitution of Guildford Cathedral Society was submitted to the Guild and approved for submission to the Dean and Chapter.

The meeting also agreed that a part of the Cathedral Bell Fund be used to provide facilities for housing the Guild library in the Cathedral belfry and to provide other furnishings. Also that the disposal of the balance of the fund be considered at the next annual general meeting.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks in which the chairman made special mention of the services of Mr C. W. Munday, the general secretary, during the year.

TOWER VISITORS OF 1965

		During 1965	Total to 1965
1.	C. B. Dove, Leeds ..	412	2,097
2.	H. G. Andrews, Kingston on Thames ..	350	2,686
3.	R. Snack, Amersham ..	214	430
4.	R. A. Ward, Houghton Conquest ..	212	1,582
5.	R. Collis, Isleworth ..	202	212
6.	C. J. Royal, Kenilworth ..	200	520
7.	D. Pickett, Stanwell ..	189	371
8.	A. K. Fortin, Amersham	179	953
9.	R. H. Dove, Leeds	178	2,792
10.	A. J. Cox, Kenilworth ..	175	217
11.	M. J. Howse, Ipswich ..	172	247
12.	S. F. Royal, Kenilworth ..	162	389
13.	Miss J. R. Kipling, Brighton	151	190
14.	J. Pickett, Stanwell	150	203
15.	Miss D. Mullins, Warnham	149	312
16.	P. Rendall, Kenilworth ..	142	272
17.	N. V. Avis, Colchester ..	139	442
18.	Miss G. M. Brearley, Wheathampstead ..	134	325
19.	A. C. Boorman, Bradford	131	181
20.	M. J. Bew, Brighton ..	116	391
	Miss S. Jones, Kenilworth	116	136
22.	B. Vaughan, Colchester ..	113	280
23.	J. Avis, Colchester	111	418
	Mrs. A. D. Smith, Pangbourne	111	341
25.	P. R. Johnson, Codsall ..	109	257
	Miss C. M. Powell, Brighton	109	490
	A. D. Smith, Pangbourne	109	281
28.	M. E. Stracey, South Cerney	107	695
29.	W. D. N. Foote, Bracknell	102	408
	L. Ward, Colchester ..	102	180

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STEEP, HANTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joanna Gollins (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Hall (first of Minor) 2, Miss C. C. Roberts 3, R. A. Routh 4, R. B. Walton 5, D. W. Struckett (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Badley, founder of Bedales School, Steep, aged 101 on February 21st.

LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION MASTER MARRIED

The marriage took place on St. David's Day (March 1st) at Llandaff Cathedral of Mr. David J. Llewellyn, Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association and secretary of the Llandaff Branch, and Miss Penelope J. Welsh, deputy leader of the Cathedral band. Both the bride and bridegroom are very well known amongst the ringers in South Wales. The bridegroom rang in the record peal of 20,760 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Llanfeigan on July 11th, 1964.

The service was conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. E. S. Thomas). The bride was given away by her father and attended by Andrea West, a niece of the bridegroom. As it was Lent, the Dean gave special permission for the Cathedral bells to be rung before and after the service.

The reception was held at the Cedars Hotel, after which the happy couple left for their honeymoon, which is being spent on a cruise in the Mediterranean.

Their future address is: 1, Mathew Road, Rhoose, Barry, Glam. M. J. P.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Leatherhead District

The annual general meeting of the Leatherhead District at Leatherhead on February 5th attracted 36 members and eight visitors, including Mr. H. V. Young, of Wiveliscombe, a former District Master.

The District report for 1965 showed that membership increased by 14. Seven peals and 31 quarter peals were rung. The bells of Guildford Cathedral featured prominently in the report since the District agreed to accept on a trial basis responsibility for ringing at the Cathedral on the third Sunday of each month. Also, two members of the District were recently elected joint steeplekeepers at the Cathedral. The striking competition at Leatherhead was won by Ashtead.

District officers elected were: Master, David J. Herschell (Epsom Common); secretary, Martin Morris (Ewell); auditor, Ralph C. Spittle (Ewell); Guild Executive Committee, Roy Mills (Ashtead). The new secretary's address is: 28, Seymour Avenue, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey.

The Vicar of Leatherhead, the Rev. K. Ball, conducted the service. M. M.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

SATURDAY, February 26th, began with peal ringing in the district. While the cream of the band departed to Bottesford to ring Rutland, colleagues from Manchester with supporting cast split up between two towers to attempt peals of Minor. The day was one chapter of accidents, however. All had been planned to perfection but the unknown quantity, the stranger in Nottingham, had not been reckoned with. Two traverses of Nottingham to collect ringers were fraught with mishaps, but the worst was yet to come; attempting to reach the village of Stanton-by-Dale, the intrepid band, ably misguided by a local ringer, found that the building of a motorway since the drawing up of the local ordnance survey map had resulted in the closure of a road. Nevertheless, they reached their destination in the end and the remainder departed to Breaston for the other peal, arriving in time to prevent the other three ringers, who had been waiting the best part of an hour, from ringing down and departing in disgust. A successful peal was rung here, but our commiserations go to our Manchester colleagues, who, like our own band, were unable to overcome the jinx that has frequently afflicted peal attempts at Stanton. Some compensation was gained by the ringing of a quarter peal.

The afternoon's programme took the form of ringing at various towers; we began at Sawley with the bells half muffled. Long Eaton was the next stop, followed by Attenborough, where we were joined by the Bottesford contingent, fresh from a successful peal. Ringing was concluded on the fine new twelve at St. Peter's and the ten at St. Mary's, Nottingham.

The dinner itself, probably a better draw than the ringing earlier, took place in the University at Derby Hall. Our guest of honour, Mr. Paul Taylor, president of the Society, voiced the sentiments of all in thanking us for a very fine dinner. Next, we heard from our up-and-coming Fresher rep., Ian V. J. Smith, who made the first speech, welcoming the visitors from other Societies, getting the evening off to a good start by spicing his dissertation with a couple of extremely witty anecdotes.

He was followed by a well-known visitor from Durham, David J. "Grandsire" Marshall, whose speech in return developed into a diatribe declaring the perils of Grandsire ringing—those present will recall extravagant references to a police state where Grandsire ringing, accompanied by the threat of losing clappers through the tower louvres, is treated as a capital offence.

The toast of "The Nottingham Society" was proposed by Miss Kathleen Higgins, strangely styled as "Master" of the Sheffield Society, in a pleasant speech, in which a request for a speech that was "short, to the point and earthy," was evaded with ladylike dexterity. Finally, our Master, John Coleman, replied with a speech which proved to be modesty epitomised, for a very able speech followed to round off the evening very well.

All reassembled again for the last ring on Sunday morning before departing for home universities after an extremely good week-end, thanks to the efficient organisation of our committee. D. R. M.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 13th, 1,282 Cambridge S. Royal: D. L. Cawley 1, J. Pladdys 2, Yvonne Edwards 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, A. P. Foster 5, R. O. Humphries 6, M. T. Zobel 7, R. W. Powell 8, R. E. J. Dennis 9, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

NOMINATED FOR C.C. SECRETARY



MR. VERNON BOTTOMLEY MRS. JEANNE BOTTOMLEY

WINLATON BELLS RESTORED

On November 20th, 1965, Mr. D. A. Bayles, the general secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, opened the annual sale of work at Winlaton, County Durham. He was invited to do this as part of the proceeds were to be used to complete the fund for the restoration of the bells. The Western District arranged its meeting that day in the neighbouring parish of Blaydon, and several ringers attended the sale and had tea there before going down the hill to ring at Blaydon.

On Saturday, February 19th, many ringers, including the president (Mr. W. Tyson) went to Winlaton again and on that occasion they were able to stay there for their ringing.

In the interval between these visits Messrs. John Taylor and Co. had brought the bells back from Loughborough and completed the work of restoration. The bells have been tuned and equipped with new fittings. While the existing frame has been used, the roping has been altered to give a much better circle. The bells are now a very pleasant six and go extremely well. At the time of writing they are too noisy in the ringing chamber but it is hoped that attention to a dilapidated trap door will counteract this fault.

The service of rededication on February 19th was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. B. J. G. Fox, assisted by the curate, the Rev D. Hawkins. The Bishop of Jarrow, the Rt. Rev. A. K. Hamilton, performed the rededication and preached the sermon. The Bishop spoke of the pleasure given to many people by the sound of church bells and went on to remind the congregation of the purposes for which church bells were rung. He particularly emphasised the call to worship and stressed the importance of worship in the church.

After the service, tea was served in the school and short speeches were made by the Bishop, the Rector and the president. Thanks were expressed to the ladies for an excellent tea.

During the evening the bells were put to good use by the visitors. Some slides on the production of bells were shown and a brief demonstration of ringing was given to the newly-confirmed in an endeavour to stimulate recruiting of an adequate band to keep the restored bells ringing.

The weather was very wintry but this did not deter the visitors, the younger element appearing to delight in the snow. There was a note of sadness in the day's proceedings due to the absence of Mr. Tom Butlerwell in hospital, and best wishes were expressed for his recovery. D. A. B.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

At the annual meeting of the Sheffield and District Society held at Ranmoor (10), Sheffield, on March 5th, Mr. J. Seager resigned from the office of secretary, a post he had filled for ten years. He was warmly thanked for the efficient way he had carried out this work. His successor is Mr. Andrew King, of Wentworth Vicarage, Rotherham.

The Vicar (the Rev G. Needham) presided and the following officers were elected: President, Mr. H. Rooke; president-elect, Mr. M. King; secretary, treasurer and "Ringing World" correspondent, Mr. A. King; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Seager; peal secretary, Mr. D. Armstrong; Ringing Master, Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. J. Chaddock; auditors, Mr. C. Rusby and Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert; Central Council representative, Mr. N. Chaddock; Joint Council of Yorkshire Societies, Mr. M. King and Mr. J Chaddock. Another retirement was that of peal secretary. Mr. N. Chaddock, who had held this office reported that the peal book was now up to date.

New members elected were: Richard Fletcher, Dennis Haigh, Neil Leatherland, Irvin Smith, John Scholey (all of St. Mary's, Walkley), Andrew Deakin (Warsop), Andrew Jobson (Dore), Mrs. Wendy Taylor, Miss Pamela Allan and Miss Pamela Smith (Ranmoor)

It was decided not to make any changes to the cup contest rules until after this year's contest.

Ringing in the afternoon was at Ranmoor and on the newly restored six at Walkley, and after the meeting at Ranmoor until 9 p.m. An excellent tea was served by the Ranmoor company in the Church Hall.

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Letters to the Editor

THE GOSPORT PEAL

Dear Sir,—I should like to correct a few wrong impressions given by Mr. Cope in his letter of March 11th in his criticisms of my handling of the Gosport peal.

I understand that at the annual meeting of Portsmouth District on February 5th a member of that District made a statement that the ropes were removed at the Vicar's request because of complaints made to the Vicar about the peal. This is not true. Requests had been made two months previously for the return of the ropes; the peal was arranged with this purpose in mind that whether successful or otherwise the ropes would be returned to their rightful owners.

We therefore cannot blame Mr. Cope for this misstatement. I have written privately to the offender acquainting him with the true facts.

I had hoped the dispute between myself and the Portsmouth District had been happily solved last October, when I received the first official letter from them; unfortunately this is not the case.

My partner in crime was asked by two Portsmouth District members at the annual meeting at Christchurch in July if he had looked into the possibility of ringing the bells at Gosport; my help was sought, but because of the distance involved I was not very enthusiastic and left the preliminary survey to him.

Eventually a journey down to Gosport in early August and an inspection proved to our satisfaction that the bells could be rung. Before permission was given the Vicar was consulted and indeed the full Parish Council had already passed a resolution to try to get the bells ringing again. The architect was also consulted and passed the tower as fit for ringing and it was not until an article appeared in the Portsmouth "Evening News" on September 8th that the Portsmouth District took any interest in the proceedings.

This was largely on my recommendation after a phone call from the verger, who said because of the ringing on August Monday the police were called out and the squad cars had rushed to the scene thinking that somebody was locked in the tower.

It was then decided that the newspaper be informed of the next ringing, on September 12th, with an account of what we planned to do, and it was three points in this newspaper report that were objected to and that were the subject of some correspondence between myself and the District secretary. These were:

(1). The satisfaction of knowing that the bells can be rung for their true purpose, that of calling the residents to worship: we have every hope that at Gosport this will soon be the case and that a resident team of ringers can be formed to ring the bells.

(2). It is hoped to arrange an open day for ringers with a special Sunday service at the church.

(3). If the experiment is satisfactory the bells will be rung later for a more prolonged period further to test their capabilities.

This was the spark that set the Portsmouth District kindling. Their points were: No. 1 was a rash promise which I could not follow up; No. 2 that any open day would be up to the Portsmouth District to arrange; No. 3 that prolonged ringing would be inadvisable in a built-up area.

I sent back a letter of apology, explained that until we knew whether the bells could be rung properly, it did not seem necessary to inform the District, offered them the chance of running the open day, and assured them that no peal would be attempted without the backing of the church authorities.

Needless to say, they did not accept my offer of running the open day, but many turned up, including the chairman and secretary. The question of teaching a band did not arise but I rather gathered that at least the Portsmouth District members did not intend doing any teaching. Our friend the verger seemed fairly confident that some of their own church-people would be capable of teaching others. I had hoped that neighbouring towers might help, and with the College of Campanology just across the water what tower could wish for a better start?

Finally Mr. Cope, in his letter, would like to give the impression that we have closed the tower because of our peal. This certainly is not correct nor his statement that this was the only purpose why we spent the hours we did among the pigeon dung working on them. The Vicar was very cordial when I returned the tower key to him after the peal; he had some complaints but, in his own words, no more than could be expected. A set of ropes had been offered by Mr. Park, of Darlington, but the offer was not accepted by the Gosport authorities. Who can do more?

I regret that a private dispute had to be made public; I hope that it will now be forgotten by Mr. Cope and his friends as it has been done by me, and if any Portsmouth District ringers like to get up among the pigeon dung I am sure they will receive as much support at Gosport as I have done, or would they prefer to see these eight bells lie silent again for another 38 years!!—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Highclere.

WASHINGTON PEAL

Dear Sir, — Having listened to the Washington peal several times, I feel it is a magnificent L.P. record. No doubt the striking reached perfection, and the trip by the ringers was well worth while.

I should say the Washington peal coupled with the long peal at St. Philip's Cathedral on May 15th, 1965, were brilliant examples of second-to-none ringing. To reach such a standard calls for plenty of practice.

Wishing the band of ringers all the luck in future events, I have also something here which will interest St. Martin's band.

The first time St. Martin's broadcast, through the good offices of 5I.T., New Street, Birmingham, was on Sunday, May 25th, 1924. I was detailed to send a report to the Rector, who at that time was Canon Grose Hodge, which I managed very well. The band at that time comprised the following: T. Russam 1, A. Walker 2, J. H. Reeves 3, A. E. Norman 4, J. E. Groves 5, M. J. Morris 6, W. Kent 7, A. P. Smith 8, E. Mansell 9, G. F. Tendall 10, J. Neal 11, W. J. Froggatt 12. The touch consisted of two courses of Stedman Cinques, and it was a technical success for the staff of 5I.T.—Yours truly,

R. H. MANSELL.

Handsworth, Birmingham.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. R. Calton 1, Margaret Whitehead 2, A. S. Taylor 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. W. Gander 5, D. J. Baker (cond.) 6. By a Manchester University band.

LADIES AT YORK MINSTER

Dear Sir,—Your account of the quarter peal at York Minster in which five ladies took part ("Belfry Gossip," page 168) has reminded me of an incident there during a visit by the late Mrs. Edith Fletcher (then Miss Edith Parker) many years ago, which was related to me by Mr. Horace Morley, of Selby, in 1933.

I expect many ringers in Yorkshire remember Mr. John W Moorhouse, who was prominent in the first 30 years or so of this century as a composer and conductor. He had a daughter who was also a good ringer, and when Miss Parker was staying with them the two girls went to York Minster practice. During a touch in which they were both ringing, a verger came into the belfry and saw them. Next day he reported this to the Dean, who sent for the ringer in charge and asked him to explain. The ringer was told that in future no women were to be allowed in the tower under any circumstances whatever!—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford.

PEAL REPORTS

Dear Sir,—I am astounded to note that you are still publishing peals rung in 1965. On behalf of all who have to keep Association records I appeal to conductors to ensure that peal reports are submitted immediately after the peals are rung. Surely after travelling many miles and ringing for three hours it is not asking too much for the conductor to spend ten minutes and submit his peal to you for publication.

These delays cause quite unnecessary work to the peal recorders, and it must be maddening to produce an Association Report in February only to find a couple of peals for the past year published the following week. Fortunately this has not yet happened to me, but a delay of even a few weeks can play havoc with the sequence of peal books, etc.

I appeal to all conductors to co-operate in this matter.—Yours sincerely,

M. J. PRYOR,
Hon. Secretary,
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Assn.

CHIMING/ RINGING

Dear Sir,—The bubble is burst and my confidence shattered. For 46 years I have fondly imagined that I could distinguish chiming from ringing, but Mr. White has ruined the illusion. However, I am taking steps to prevent such tragic errors in future. I am arranging for a C.R.S.R. (Chiming-Ringing Selective Rectifier) to be incorporated in my deaf-aid.—Yours faithfully,

W. B. KYNASTON

Swindon.

LINCOLNSHIRE PEAL AND PITSTOW'S

Dear Sir,—If the composition W.3H:W.3H:B.2H:, which is the one usually understood as Pitstow's, was used at Ringwood, Hampshire, on February 26th, a false peal will have been rung. That composition is not true to Lincolnshire Surprise.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BARTON.

Pudsey, Yorkshire.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Yvonne Turrell 1, L. Penfold 2, Lynn Wilson 3, R. Padbury 4, D. Harding 5, G. Sweet (first as cond.) 6. First attempt Minor 1, 3, 5 and 6. For Matins, and a birthday compliment to Roxane Wilson, Susan Denny and T. Padbury, ringing members at Burstow.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Branch held its annual meeting at Loddon on February 12th, with an attendance of 30, including the oldest member, Mr. R. E. Browne, who is 94. Canon C. R. Ninham conducted the service and gave the address, Mr. J. Forder read the lesson and Mr. P. Kindred deputised on the piano.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Miss D. Lidbetter; secretary, Mr. N. P. J. Cossey; Ringing Master, Mr. J. B. Pickup; Standing Committee, Mr. A. Crowe and Mr. T. J. Brock; Branch Committee, Messrs. A. W. Bird, C. Bailey, J. Forder, J. B. Gorrod and P. Kindred.

Meeting dates for 1966 were approved as May 21st, October 3rd and December 3rd, with February 11th, 1967, for the Branch annual. The following new members were elected: Miss J. E. Groome, Mrs. A. H. Roberts and Mr. G. W. Townshend (probationers) and Mrs. A. Copling (honorary member), all of Loddon.

Members stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. J. W. G. Harwood, of Great Yarmouth, who died on February 1st, aged 88.

The five bells at St. Mary's, Haddiscoe, are to be rehung in a new frame; this, together with ncessary tower restoration, is to cost £1,500.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Canon Ninham, Mr. P. Kindred and the ladies for the tea arrangements.

Forthcoming meetings: Winterton, April 2nd (practice); Pakefield, May 21st. N. C.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Methods ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge were rung at the spring quarterly meeting at Trull on March 5th. About 35 members attended the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Evans), and tea was served by Trull ladies.

The programme ahead occupied the short business meeting. A Branch social is to be held at Wellington in November. Practice meetings: Milverton, April 23rd, 7 p.m.. Norton Fitzwarren, June 25th, 6.30 p.m. Quarterly meetings: North Curry, May 21st, and Combe Florey, September 10th.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Chertsey District meeting, held at Horsell on February 26th, attracted an exceptional number of young people. Of the 40 who sat down to tea, at least 26 were teenage and all those present, except one, came from the District. In the absence of the District Ringing Master, proceedings were directed by the Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. D. G. Blows.

With so many learners present, the humbler methods took up most of the ringing time on the pleasant six cast by Robert Catlin.

Five new members from Send were elected and one from Hersham.

The Guild received a warm welcome from the Rev. J. Cresswell, though his remark that those who rang and did not go to church were hypocrites met with some disapproval.

A very pleasant meeting was the general verdict. R. C.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

THE 21st annual dinner of the U.L.S.C.R was held at the Church House, Westminster, on February 12th. A full day's ringing preceded the dinner, towers open being St. Olave's, Hart Street, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Southwark Cathedral, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, St. Giles', Cripplegate, St. Clement Danes' and St. Margaret's, Westminster.

A record attendance of nearly 120 sat down to dinner, and a very good meal it was, too. The president (Mr. David Martin) was in the chair. After the loyal toast, Mr Philip Gray, vice-president, proposed the toast of "The Church." He first expressed the hope that on future occasions of this nature the ringing would be of a higher standard; less ambition and a greater concentration on striking were needed to produce a standard of ringing consistent with the City traditions. Mr. Gray took as his theme "The World as our Church," and from his many and varied experiences made a witty exposition of his subject.

In the regretted absence of the Rev. Tony Clayton, the Rev. Maurice Dean, Rector of Hart Street, replied. Narrowing down on Mr. Gray's theme, Mr. Dean spoke in particular of the Anglican Communion, and upon the subjects of the Ordained Ministry and Unity. He emphasised the shortage of candidates for the ministry, and expressed the hope that members of the Society would always encourage those with a vocation to the priesthood. Speaking about unity, Mr. Dean particularly called the company's attention to the aptness of Westminster Abbey's 900th anniversary theme—"One People."

The toast of "The Visitors" was submitted by Mr. Derek Elderkin, who, where others had succeeded in dispensing mirth with words, succeeded equally well with silence and a versatility of facial expression. He regretted the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Tony Clayton and of Canon Mortlock, but welcomed particularly the Rev. Maurice and Miss Dean, the Rev. A. Powell-Miller (former Rector of St. Olave's), the Masters of the College and Cumberland Youths, and Masters and representatives of the University Guilds of Bristol, Cambridge, Oxford, Southampton and Reading. Mr. John Rock, Master of the College Youths, replied, and in a very lively speech took up some remarks made by an erstwhile Master about the Society "helping out the locals at St. Paul's." Mr. Rock commented upon the happy relationship existing between the College Youths and the University Society, many of whose resident members were College Youths.

In proposing the toast of "The Society," Mr. Derek Williams, Master of the University of Bristol Society, waxed poetic, and quoted Shakespeare at length. He also expressed the hope that ringing in cities would be geared to meet the needs of newcomers, at the same time providing a consistently high standard of ringing. He felt that as the U.L.S. had an annual intake of at least 6,000 freshers they could similarly bank on an annual intake of at least five competent ringers from the same source, thereby obviating the necessity of training learners. Mr. Williams concluded with the thought that the rivalry of the two Societies of London and Bristol was essentially one of friendship, and that the former Society, in not letting success go to its head, had

". . . added feathers to the learned's wing,
And given grace a double majesty."

Mr. Roger Powell, Master of the U.L.S.C.R., in his reply, felt that the bells at the headquarters, St. Olave's, were odd-struck enough to make pure ropesight ringing impossible; in this way it was excellent ground for consolidating the striking of standard methods before going on to those more advanced. The sort of ringing the Society had provided could be gauged from the fact that in addition to the regular Sunday ringing and practices at Hart Street, there had been a monthly practice at Southwark Cathedral, 100 per cent. success with quarter peals at St. Clement Danes', with methods from Stedman and Grandsire to Yorkshire, and the Sunday morning band had scored twelve quarters at St. Vedast's from Doubles to six-spliced Minor. A variety of peals had been rung, the most noticeable being Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal, eight-spliced Major, and up to 31 Surprise Minor, all the Minor peals being conducted by Roger Bailey. Certainly the most notable personal achievement was Robert Dennis's first peal as conductor, Stedman Caters, at Prittlewell. The summer holiday in Devon and Cornwall had provided some 40 towers and three peals; and in visiting other Universities they were gaining new friends, many of whom they were glad to see there at the dinner. In concluding, the Master thanked Mr. Dean and Canon Mortlock for the continued use of their bells and expressed the hope that this record attendance was indicative of the strength of the Society. D. L. C.

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NORWICH.—At St. George's, Colegate, on Feb. 20th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: Barbara Leigh 1, D. Cubitt 2, Angela M Wright 3, D. P. Mortlock 4, M. Cubitt 5, D. E. House (cond.) 6.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Minutes of 1965 Meeting

MINUTES of the Third Session of the Twenty-fifth Council (68th annual meeting) held in the Town Hall, Northampton, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 8th, 1965.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Mayor, Councillor D. Wilson, the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. Cyril Eastaugh, and by the president, Canon G. F. Turner, and the Master, Mr. J. H. Bluff, of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

PRESENT

Life Members.—Canon A. G. G. Thurlow Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. W. Perrens, Mr. F. Sharpe.

Honorary Members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, A. J. Pitman, H. N. Pitstow, G. W. Pipe, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, F. A. White, T. W. White and J. Willis.

Ancient Society of College Youths.— Messrs. W. T. Cook, J. F. Smallwood and W. Williams.

Australia and New Zealand Association.— Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.— Messrs. J. H. Gilbert, A. H. Reed and H. J. Sanger.

Bedfordshire Association. — Messrs. J. H. Edwards and A. E. Rushton.

Cambridge University Guild.— Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild. — Mr. H. O. Baker, Mr. J. Worth and Miss A. D. Edwards.

Coventry Diocesan Guild. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. H. Windsor.

Derbyshire Association. — Messrs. G. A. Halls and M. P. Phipps.

Devon Association.—Mr. B. E. Bartlett.

Dudley and District Guild. — Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Durham and Newcastle Association. — Messrs. K. Arthur and D. A. Bayles.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. E. J. Ladd.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Messrs. J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin, D. F. Murfet and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—Messrs. P. J. Eves, F. B. Lufkin and J. E. G. Roast.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Messrs. A. L. Barry, W. B. Kynaston and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. D. A. R. May, J. F. M. Maybrey, S. G. Ponting and W. H. Viggers.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—Miss B. M. Boyle, Mr. N. Mallett and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Hereford Diocesan Guild. — Mr. G. T. Cousins and Mr. A. T. Wingate.

Hertford County Association.—Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and G. Dodds.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mrs. F. E. Dukes and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association. — Messrs. J. R. Cooper, P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss J. Beresford and Miss D. E. Colgate.

Lancashire Association. — Messrs. J. E. Burles, C. Crossthwaite, R. Leigh and J. P. Partington.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. S. Burton, J. M. Jelley and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.— Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock and J. R. Mayne.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

North Wales Association. — Dr. E. V. Woodcock.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Messrs. H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden and N. V. Harding.

Oxford Diocesan Guild. — Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Messrs. D. J. Smith and P. Walker.

Oxford Society.—Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society.—Messrs. S. J. Ivin and D. J. Roaf.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. B. Austin, E. Billings, P. I. Chapman and Miss S. R. Collins.

St. David's Diocesan Guild. — Mr. R. C. Warburton.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Messrs. G. E. Fearn and F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. T. Barrett and G. H. Harding.

Sheffield and District Society. — Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association. — Messrs. R. B. Morris and R. H. Newton.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. — Messrs. D. Beresford and W. H. Dobbie.

South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.—Mr. J. E. Collins.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. B. M. Buswell, J. D. Clarke and W. L. Exton.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society. — Messrs. G. W. Hughes and B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild.—Miss A. E. J. Lester and Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association. — Messrs. N. S. Bagworth, F. F. Collins and W. Parrott.

Sussex County Association. — Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. R. W. R. Percy, A. V. Sheppard and W. L. Weller.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild. — Messrs. W. C. Boucher, D. Burnett, A. J. Davidson and A. Locke.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society.—Dr. T. P. Edwards.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. —Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. A. V. Davis, J. Hartless and R. R. Savory.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.— Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association. — Messrs. V. Bottomley, W. E. Critchley and W. F. Moreton.

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The hon. secretary reported that 60 Societies were affiliated with 165 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members and there were seven life members, making a total possible membership of 196. There were five vacancies among honorary members and two among representative members. All subscriptions had been paid.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. E. C. Birkett, F. T. Blagrove, J. T. Dyke, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Messrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Dr. D. N. Layton, Messrs. G. S. Morris, T. G. Myers, W. A. Osborn, T. H. Radford, G. Salmon, J. Scott, Dr. D. E. Sibson, Miss H. G. Snowden, Mrs. P. I. Staniforth, Messrs. P. J. Staniforth, C. G. J. Watts, J. J. Webb and W. C. West.

The secretary was instructed to convey the congratulations of the members to Mrs. G. W. Fletcher on completing 50 years' membership of the Council, and their regret that illness prevented her from being present.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Messrs. D. F. Murfet (Ely), R. R. Savory (Winchester and Portsmouth), F. A. White (honorary member), J. Worth (Chester) and Dr. E. V. Woodcock (North Wales).

ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBER

Mr. J. F. Smallwood was elected, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The retiring members, Mrs. O. D. Barnett and Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman and H. L. Roper, were re-elected, together with Messrs. B. Austin and F. E. Collins, proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. J. Freeman. Mr. J. Betjeman was elected, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The president reported the death of the following members and past members of the Council, the assembly standing in silence:—

Messrs. E. M. Atkins (1921–23 and 1927–53), S. E. Bennett (1947), G. H. Cross (1929–59), Canon C. C. Cox (1924–29), T. Darch (1961–64), A. A. Hughes, 1915–64), F. C. W. Knight (1948–50), J. R. Newman (1909–14), F. W. Rogers (1933–64), C. Sharples (1951–53), E. C. Turner (1951–53), Rev. W. M. K. Warren (1937–45), L. J. Williams (1937–38) and 1951–53) and G. C. Woodley (1932–47).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes as published in "The Ringing World" of March 19th, 1965, were adopted, proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe.

Arising from the minutes, the hon secretary reported that the Southwell Diocesan Guild had asked the conductor of a peal of Bursley Delight Major to change its name.

REPORTS

These have been published in "The Ringing World" as shown:—

HONORARY SECRETARY AND TREASURER

(June 18th, 1965, page 408)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Canon K. W. H. Felstead.

HONORARY LIBRARIAN

(June 18th, 1965, page 408)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

BALANCE SHEET AND ACCOUNTS

(June 18th, 1965, page 408)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

(June 18th, 1965, page 408)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. D. Hughes, seconded by Mr. F. E. Haynes.

STANDING COMMITTEE

(June 18th, 1965, page 410)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

"THE RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE

(June 18th, 1965, pages 409–10)

After a discussion regarding the policy, finance and layout of the paper, the report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

(June 18th, 1965, page 411)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

(June 25th, 1965, page 431)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. R. Mayne, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

(June 25th, 1965, page 427)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. T. J. Lock, seconded by Mr. J. Willis.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

(June 18th, 1965, page 420)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. H. N. Pitstow. It was noted that Mr. H. N. Pitstow had replaced Mr. H. J. Sanger as convener.

OVERSEAS RINGING COMMITTEE

(June 25th, 1965, pages 420–21)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Pipe, seconded by Mr. A. V. Sheppard. Mr. P. M. J. Gray reported on a recent visit to the Australia and New Zealand Association. The president thanked the committee for a display of photographs of overseas towers.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE
(June 25th, 1965, page 426)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Canon K. W. H. Felstead. It was agreed that peals each of Zinga and Jarrom Surprise Minor and of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, not conforming to the Council's Decisions, should be excluded.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
(June 25th, 1965, page 428)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. F. B. Lufkin. It was agreed to purchase a copy of the film on Washington Cathedral at a cost of £40, and that a rent be charged for its loan.

METHODS COMMITTEE
(June 25th, 1965, page 428)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. J. R. Mayne.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE
(June 25th, 1965, page 426)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. H. J. Sanger. The Council noted with regret the retirement from the Committee of Messrs. W. A. Osborn and J. W. Clarke.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE
(June 18th, 1965, page 410)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. G. E. Feirn.

AMENDMENT OF DECISIONS

On the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett, item (iii) in Section D (2) of the Council's Decisions (Conditions Required for Peals—Peals of Doubles) was amended to read.

"Twelve-scores known as Morris's, Pitman's and Price's."

MOTIONS

(a) With the Council's permission, a motion standing in the names of the Rev. J. G. M. Scott and Mr. N. Mallett was withdrawn.

(b) Proposed by Mr. R. B. Morris, seconded by Mr B. D. Threlfall:

"That this Council recommends its affiliated territorial associations to discontinue the election of non-resident life members or their equivalent."

An amendment to substitute the word "review" for "discontinue" was lost, and the motion was subsequently withdrawn.

PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Invitations from the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association to visit Somerset in 1966 and from the Southwell Diocesan Guild to visit Nottingham in 1967 were accepted with gratitude on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre. The Council took note that in 1967 Whitsun would not be a public holiday but decided on the proposition of Mr. R. Leigh, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock, to leave the date of the 1967 meeting until next year. The hon. secretary stated the Standing Committee recommended that the Council should express a wish to visit London in 1968.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the motion of the president, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Mayor of Northampton, the Bishop of Peterborough, and the president and Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild for their welcome; to the Vicar of All Saints', Northampton, for the use of his church for the Holy Communion service; to the officers of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, in particular the secretary, Mr. E. Billings, for local arrangements; and to local incumbents and towerkeepers for the use of their bells.

After the meeting the members were the guests at tea of the Mayor and Corporation of Northampton.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

	Societies	Members Present	Absent
Wholly represented	34	80	—
Partly represented	21	53	25
Not represented	5	—	5
	60	133	30
Life members		4	3
Honorary members		17	2
		154	35

OBITUARY

MR. F. W. COOKE

Members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association were grieved by the death on March 14th of Mr. Frederick William Cooke, of Darlington.

Mr. Cooke, who was in business as a plumber, was a ringer at Holy Trinity for many years, and for the past six years had been vice-president of the Association's Southern District. He was an unassuming man, who made no claim to eminence as a ringer, but he was a most friendly man, who was happy in his ringing and liked others to be happy too. At District meetings he had a cheerful welcome for everyone and was careful to see that the beginners were not forgotten. Almost a routine at these meetings was a short touch of London Minor called by "Billy."

In business he earned a first-class reputation; in his leisure time he was an enthusiastic cyclist and, with his family, he toured much of the Continent, as well as this country, awheel; and he was active in the life of Holy Trinity, where he was for a time a churchwarden.

He will be remembered with affection and respect by those who knew him. E. P.

MR. E. EARNSHAW

The passing of Mr. Edward Earnshaw, of Meltham, has created a gap in the ringing of his own tower and in Yorkshire generally. About 200 people attended the funeral service for him at Meltham Parish Church on March 1st, the towers represented being Cawthorne, Friezland, Huddersfield, Kirkheaton, Longwood, Meltham, New Mill and Roughton.

The bells, fully muffled, were raised in peal by local ringers at 2 p.m. and the tenor tolled 68 times, once for each year of his life. Meltham ringers then retired into the church and a band comprising ringers from New Mill, Kirkheaton and Friezland rang until the funeral cortege arrived. The Vicar, in approving of the arrangements, authorised the church flag to be flown at half-mast, a signal honour only previously shown to members of the Royal Family and Sir Winston Churchill.

The Vicar (the Rev. P. Spivey) conducted the service and in a tribute said Mr. Earnshaw was known and respected throughout the township for his cheerfulness, his dedication to his church and the art of campanology. He was one of the most regular attenders at services of worship, and the Vicar felt deeply the loss to his congregation. He appealed to all present to endeavour to emulate the good example set by Edward in his work and worship.

Rounds were rung until the cortege left for the Crematorium, and afterwards touches in various standard methods.

MR. MARK LEE

The sudden death of Mr. Mark Lee, captain at Church-Oakley, Hants, for over 30 years, and a member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, came as a very great shock to the members of the Basingstoke District. He was only 50 and will be greatly missed.

Always very modest as to his status as a ringer he was a good teacher and kept the bells at Oakley ringing regularly for Sunday service. He was a pupil of Bill Hunt, one of the old stalwarts of the Basingstoke District and a former captain at Oakley. J. C.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Illidge 1, Elizabeth Timmins 2, A. G. Richards 3, J. D. R. Smith 4, A. D. Collins (cond.) 5, P. R. Johnson 6, C. Coltins 7, H. E. Green 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Len Evans, for many years a ringer at Codsall.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: W. A. Whetham 1, G. W. Rendell 2, R. P. Selway 3, R. W. White 4, S. W. White 5, T. Cross (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect for the late Mr. Eddy Collin Turner, sidesman at St. Mary's Church and father of William E. Turner, a member of the local band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The five bells at St. Mary's, Haddiscoe, Norfolk, are to be rehung in a new frame. This and the tower restoration will cost £1,500.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at Holywell, Hunts (page 171) was Martin R. Hickman, and not as published.

Another 18-year-old tower captain is Robert Sawyer, of Haresfield, Glos. He is teaching 18 people to ring, of whom only two or three are over 16. Albert is also recruiting for another tower.

Congratulations to Miss Judith M. Corby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip A. Corby, on conducting her first peal of Stedman. She will rank among the youngest to have called this method.

To save extra work and also postage, will those ordering Central Council publications from Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick, please send cash with order. This is a must.

To commemorate the first anniversary of the bells, a quarter peal was rung at Gaddesby, Leics, on March 6th. A new band has been taught from scratch and two of the ringers rang their first quarter (three methods). Others are progressing.

The Leicester handbell band send most sincere congratulations and best wishes to John Mayne and his band on ringing their first peal of Surprise Royal. No doubt the forerunner of many more fine achievements to be added to the long list already completed.

Mr. R. B. Smith, of Marple, would like to hear of any person who would be willing to umpire the attempt for the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham on April 16th, as people who have previously umpired their long peal attempts are unable to officiate on this occasion.

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CONTEMPORARY CHAPEL AT BUCKFAST ABBEY

Another milestone was reached at Buckfast Abbey, Devon, on March 9th, when a new chapel of contemporary design was consecrated by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Cyril Restieaux. The stained glass east window, with other stained glasswork, was designed and made by one of the monks in the Abbey workshops.

Earlier in the afternoon two of the community ringers joined in two well-struck extents of Plain Bob Minor: Rev. W. P. Dowling 1, D. R. Bould 2, T. G. Myers 3, Rev. D. P. Angold 4, K. E. Fursdon 5, R. A. Southwood (conductor) 6. A course of Kent Treble Bob Minor and a six-score of Stedman Doubles followed.

NOT MISSED ONE!

The recent peal at Willingdon, Sussex, realises a rather unusual and possibly unique achievement by Mrs. Betty Percy. Only six peals have ever been rung on the bells, and Betty has taken part in all of them. She has also (by careful attention to her records!) "circled the tower." The latest peal, a birthday compliment to Betty and to the mother of the ringer of the third, was arranged by a local Sunday Service band. When one of them was unable to ring, Mr. H. Reynolds, who also rang with Mrs. Percy in the first on the bells on May 10th, 1939, stood in.

A WELCOME QUARTER

The quarter peal at Ealing on March 13th was a welcome to England to Miss Jennifer Murphy, of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. Yet another link between Melbourne and Christ the Saviour's, Ealing. It was also the first attempt by Terry Walters, who has recently left the care of the Rev. J. G. M. Scott at Clawton, Devon, to live in London, and it was a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mark Stacey.

LEICESTER RINGER SCORES QUARTER AT 88

Leicester Guild members will congratulate Mr. T. F. Briggs, of Somerby, Melton Mowbray, on ringing a quarter peal at the age of 88 on March 9th. It was intended to attempt Triples, but through a misunderstanding the band was one short. A successful compromise was achieved by ringing a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor.

FAWSLEY FOUR TO BE REHUNG

Mr. P. Amos informs us that since the appearance of his letter (page 164) he has been told that Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have the rehanging of Fawsley bells in hand. New fittings are to be provided in the old frame. The mansion in the park was once the seat of Sir Charles Knightley, not Kingsley, as printed.

CONDUCTOR CLAIMS TRUE PEAL

Mr. Brian Harris, in reply to Mr. Rush's query (page 149), assures us that the peal of Plain Bob and Little Bob Major rung at Peterborough, on December 18th was true. It was C.C.C. Plain Bob Major No. 39 (a), composer unknown (see page 159), reduced by calling some courses of Little between consecutive bobs at Home and some courses of Plain, Little, Plain between consecutive bobs Home.

£300 MORE WANTED TO PROVIDE OCTAVE FOR EASTHAMPSTEAD

Reporting on the progress of the Easthampstead, Berks, appeal fund, Mr. S. G. Scott, tower captain, of Linden, Skimped Hill, Bracknell, Berks, writes that Easthampstead's 8¾ cwt. six, of uninspiring quality, nine months ago suffered a sheared gudgeon on the tenor, causing much damage and rendering the bells unringable. An appeal was launched in "The Ringing World" by Mr. Frank Price, which was followed by the sending of hundreds of letters to all parts of the country and abroad.

This appeal was the birth of our project; after negotiations and meetings with the Rector and P.C.C., it was agreed that, due to the present extremely heavy commitments of the church, the ringers should be responsible in raising the necessary funds to recast the six bells—outside the parish!! Estimates had been obtained and the faculty applied for. A committee was formed to raise money by whist drives, jumble sales, home knitting, raffles and anything and everything to make people aware of our task and to show their appreciation by dipping, however modestly, into their pockets. At the same time ringers and friends everywhere were sending in their donations following Frank's appeal and their names added to the list for entry into a bound book which it is hoped to display at the dedication.

Approaches were made to industry in nearby Bracknell, grants applied for from Branch and Guild, and the resulting sums were gratefully received, as were the two bobs, ten bobs and guineas. The truly combined efforts of the nine ringers, among them old age pensioners and young apprentices, have succeeded in raising so far £700 in eight months—not by any single fat cheque but by an accumulation of effort and small sums.

The time has come, however, when the "beat" has slowed and the really hard task of gathering energy and wits together to complete the job of raising another £300 at least, has reared itself to defy, or try to, the most optimistic of us. We are lucky, as a band, to have members with agility, strength, time to spare and the "know how" to carry out much of the work themselves, thus enabling the estimates to be at a minimum. With safety first and foremost, the bells have been lowered and despatched to the foundry. The next stage, adding two pits to the existing frame, has been started. I must add here a warning to bands placed in similar circumstances, not to attempt the lowering or handling of bells without the presence, at all times, of a person qualified or who has satisfied the foundry of his experience of controlling such a project. Insurance, too, must not be ignored.

Since the fund was opened it became more and more apparent that it would be almost foolish to go so far in casting six bells from the old metal and not complete the octave. The progression of ideas has now led us, with the Church's permission, to have eight cast and hung. The bells are to be cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and dedicated by the Bishop of Oxford on June 11th.

Hopes are still with us that many readers who have received letters and momentarily mislaid them may still respond in the manner of those who in the early days showed their sympathy and understanding of the unselfish service my members are doing for the Church and Exercise.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF C. C. FOUNDER

To mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir A. Percival Heywood, Bart., the founder of the Central Council, his composition of 6,048 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at the Bell Foundry Campanile on February 28th.

The conductor, Mr. Derek Jones, writes that this might be the first time the composition has been rung in full without shortening (C.C.C. D. Norwich, 1908, No. 45). He thought it fitting to do something out of the ordinary and also to spring a "surprise" on the band by not announcing the length till after it had been rung. At first the band were incredulous as the peal had not taken much longer than the usual 5,040 (2 hours and 35 minutes) on the Bell Foundry bells and assumed that it was a 5,376 or thereabouts. They were agreeably surprised to find they had unknowingly achieved, in the case of six of the band, their longest length; a notable "first in method" for Ron Hughes.

A DELAYED TRIBUTE

The peal of Little Bob Major at Sutton-on-Trent was rung as a compliment to Canon R. T. Keal, who has now completed 25 years as Vicar of this parish. It was originally arranged for last November, but unfortunately was delayed by a series of accidents. Miss Grace Burchnall had an accident and broke several bones in her hand; then Miss Katharine Burchnall had to enter hospital for an eye operation. It was a great pleasure to welcome them back to peal ringing. With this peal Bill Midwinter completed the "circle," and it was also a birthday compliment to Harry Poyner.

POST OFFICE QUARTER

An interesting quarter was rung at Great Horwood, Bucks, of Grandsire Doubles on February 24th, in which all taking part were connected with the G.P.O. On the treble was Miss V. Hall from the Sub Post Office, Linslade. Ringing the fourth was the postmaster of Winslow, Mr. E. Wood, and the remainder were from Post Office Engineers Dept., Bletchley, viz.: F. Daniels 2, J. Vickers 3, F. G. Edmans (conductor) 5, T. Clare 6. The captain of the team (Mr. F. G. Edmans) wonders if this is the first P.O. party to ring together as a band.

ALPHABET IN ROYAL AND MAJOR

Mr. Joseph W. Cotton, secretary of the Midland Counties Guild, completed, with a peal of Uttoxeter Surprise Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, a rare distinction. Although he had rung over 1,000 peals, which included the alphabet in Surprise Royal methods, and almost the same in Surprise Major, the "U" was missing. The peal of Uttoxeter completed the second alphabet.

ALSO WITH THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON

Mr. H. S. Humphrey, of 29, The Churchlands, New Romney, Kent, who will be 85 on April 19th, informs us that he rang in the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 990th peal, one of Stedman Triples, at Woolwich on June 6th, 1905.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

COPLE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs, Feb. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge, Plain Bob and Single Oxford
Tenor 8¾ cwt. in G sharp.

Linda Ellison	Treble	Robert L. Piron	4
Audrey R. Alexander ..	2	Keith H. Fleming	5
Anthony H. Smith	3	Martin Major	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

CHEDDINGTON, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's Bob, and five extents of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Edward W. Houghton ..	Treble	Alan J. Frost	4
Diana M. Frost	2	*Raymond S. Gaylor ..	5
*Valerie Hall	3	Kenneth E. Jackson ..	Tenor

Conducted by Alan J. Frost.
* First peal.
Rung to mark the baptism the previous Sunday of Kevin Raymond Gaylor, son and heir of the ringer of the fifth.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Harry W. Howard ..	Treble	Michael Thompson	5
*Thomas Hobson	2	Harold Worrall	6
Brian Schofield	3	Christopher Jones	7
John Scott	4	Sydney Osborne	Tenor

Composed by J. R Pritchard. Conducted by Harold Worrall.
* First peal "inside."
Rung after meeting one short for Royal and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

MOBBERLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

Olwen Evans	Treble	Geoffrey Green	4
Harold Worrall	2	Christopher J. Jones ..	5
Ashley C. P. Pugh ..	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W Howard.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods, being two extents of Clifford's Pleasure and five each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Kennington, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and Grandsire
Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*R. John Burrell	Treble	Terence E. Trickett ..	4
Frank R. Morton	2	Frederick S. Sutton ..	5
Herbert Sutton	3	*Gordon K Green ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal. The ringers of 4 and 5 have now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WEST HARTLEPOOL, Co. Durham.—At the Church of All Saints, Stranton.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*James Burton	Treble	Peter Wishart	5
†Ann Lawson	2	Michael Maughan	6
Thomas M. Cox	3	James Crowther	7
†Enid Lawson	4	Kenneth Lawson	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.
* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON DASSETT, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., March 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Killamarsh T.B., (3) Kent T.B, (4) Beverley Surprise, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) St. Clement's College Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*James J. Spraggett	Treble	†Richard J. Danby	4
*John F. Thorne	2	Stephen F. Royal	5
Anthony J. Cox	3	*Robert W. Sherriff	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.
* Most methods to a peal. † Most Minor methods to a peal. Most methods to a peal as conductor.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., March 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent T B. and Plain Bob and one each of Double Court, Double Oxford and Oxford T.B. Tenor 11 cwt.

Arthur Sheppard	Treble	Ivan Barlow	4
*Colin Shaw	2	Jack Chadwick	5
Nora Carlisle	3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
* First peal.
A 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Sheppard, of Sandiacre.

BREADSALL, Derbyshire.— At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., March 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11¼ cwt

*Jonathan D. Roe	Treble	A Colin Banton	4
*Bernard Greasley	2	David J. Marshall	5
Alec Humphrey	3	Gordon A. Halls	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS Mary and Michael.
On Tues., March 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Geoffrey Pearson	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	Geoffrey M. Brewin	6
Frank E. Haynes	3	Brian Pratt	7
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Stuart Brown	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Christopher H. Rogers ..	5
Susan Rothera	2	Frederick R. Scott	6
Philip J. Rothera	3	George E. Thoday ..	7
Anthony D. Sansom ..	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CIRENCESTER, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Watermoo.r
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 OVERSEALE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

Terence J Hester	Treble	Peter G. Holden	5
James F. List	2	*Brian W Hall	6
Frank Reed	3	*D. Kay Adkins	7
Frederick W Soden ..	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by W. E Critchley Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band.

CASTLE EATON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven different extents in the following four methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Plain Bob; (3) St. Clement's; (4) Plain Bob and St. Clement's; (5) Plain Bob; (6) Kent T.B.; (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Anthony R. Peake ..	Treble	Michael E. Stracey	4
*Peter Tombs	2	Derek J Carr	5
Derek Dancey	3	E. William Ford	Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Carr.
* First peal "inside."

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BINFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

*Michael J. Church	Treble	A. David Leach	4
*Donald N. Jennings ..	2	Peter G. Sherwood	5
*Raymond A. Clist	3	Peter G. Smart	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Smart.
* First peal in three methods. First in three methods as conductor
Rung on the eve of the ordination of the Rev. Mr. Ninn, curate of Sandhurst. Also a birthday compliment to A. David Leach.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

APSLEY END, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., March 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being three extents Single Oxford Bob and four Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Walter Ayre	Treble	Peter W. Harper	4
*Augustine V. Good ..	2	‡Keith Sheppard	5
†Francis M. Byrne.. ..	3	Reg E. J. Sheppard ..	Tenor

* 100th peal on the bells. † First peal and first attempt. ‡ First peal "inside."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHATHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 VERULAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

Peter S. Muchlinski ..	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	Martin L. Howe	6
Olive D. Tester	3	Colin A. Tester	7
Tony Lewis	4	Christopher T. Osenton ..	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

HOLBORN, W.C.—At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields.
On Fri., March 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Transposed. Tenor 14 cwt.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Philip A. Corby	5
Lucile M. Corby	2	†Peter M. Fleckney	6
D. Paul Smith	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
*Tony Lewis	4	‡Ian H. Oram	Tenor

Conducted by Judith M. Corby.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ 400th peal for the Association. First peal as conductor.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each Pudsey and Superlative, and 416 Lincoln, with 117 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Edward J. Jenner	Treble	Doris E. Colgate	5
Olive D. Tester	2	Colin A. Tester	6
*Hilary F. Hinde	3	Robert W. Hinde	7
*Ann Jenner	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of eight-spliced. First of eight-spliced as conductor.

GODSTONE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CLERKENWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Philip A. Corby	Treble	*Judith M. Corby	5
Lucile M. Corby	2	Robert W. Hinde	6
Hilary F. Hinde	3	*Andrew J. Corby	7
Ann Jenner	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
* 50th peal together.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

NEWINGTON-NEXT HYTHE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being an extent each of Cunecastre, Bedford, London, Keston, Rossendale, York and Annable's London. Tenor 9 cwt. 19 lb. in A flat.

Arthur S. Richards ..	Treble	Tony Lewis	4
*Ann Jenner	2	†Ian H. Oram	5
Ralph Bird	3	*Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. † 100th peal of Surprise Minor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RAINFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*Thomas D. Roughley ..	Treble	Michael Thompson ..	5
Rev. Christopher Herbert	2	†David J. Bennett	6
†Jennifer A. Ellison ..	3	Harold Worrall	7
John Ryder	4	Kenneth Edwards	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Harold Worrall.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of St. Peter, Woolton.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	5
Thomas W. Hesketh ..	2	Peter S. Bennett	6
Susan Rothera	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
V. David Jenner	4	Maurice C. Hughes ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Marian Hesketh, daughter of the ringer of the second and sister of the conductor, to Mr. John D. Morphet.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues, March 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards ..	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Gordon H. Lane	6
Edwin Deakin	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Dan S. Pont	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method by all except ringers of 6 and 7. A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Cotton.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary
On Thurs., March 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Inverted Tittums and Handstroke Home.
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

A. Robin Heppenstall ..	Treble	H. Leslie Pask	7
Joyce M. Sharp	2	Walter Tomlinson	8
Geoffrey R. Parker	3	George H. Randles ..	9
Harold F. Gibson	4	James W. Raithby	10
Jack L. Millhouse	5	John Freeman	11
Peter A. Sharp	6	John Walden	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Sydney A. Chambers, loyal and esteemed member of the Cathedral company.

COLSTON BASSETT, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

Denis A. Frith	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Peter A. Sharp	2	Richard Inglis	6
John Walden	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	7
Michael Simpson	4	Geoffrey Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.

PINCHBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., March 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Edwin T. Chapman ..	Treble	Alan G. Payne	5
*Janet E. Hubbard	2	Denis Woods	6
Arthur F. Lewry	3	George W. Massey	7
Harrry Parkes	4	Cyril R. Burrell	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of Surprise Major on an inside bell.

SUTTERTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Keith R. Davey	Treble	Philip H. Reynolds	5
*Joan Gilbert	2	Harold Barsley	6
Janet E. Hubbard	3	Frank Taylor	7
*R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	4	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Composed by W. Thornley. Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
* First peal of Major.

FREISTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Frank Taylor	Treble	*R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	4
*Joan Gilbert	2	Keith R. Davey	5
*†Janet E. Hubbard	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
* First peal of Cambridge. † 25th peal. 50th peal together treble and tenor.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.
BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

Richard W. Owen	Treble	David J. Hughes	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	Donald G. Clarke	6
*David Pike	3	James L. Fitzgerald	7
Reuben S. Clench	4	David J. King	Tenor

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by David J. King.
* 25th peal for the Association.
Rung for the 21st birthday of Julia M. Clench, and also as a farewell to Mr. F. A. D. Woods and family, emigrating this day to Australia.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Mon., Feb. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 UTTOXETER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	B. Stedman Payne	6
Edwin Deakin	3	*Joseph W. Cotton	7
John A. Underwood	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones
* Completes the alphabet to peals, both Surprise Major and Royal.
First peal in the method for the Guild and by all except conductor. A birthday compliment to William H. Curson.

COLE-ORTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans'. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Gordon H. Lane	Treble	John K. Smith	5
Arthur E. Rowley	2	Joseph W. Cotton	6
*Edwin Deakin	3	Derek P. Jones	7
B. Stedman Payne	4	William F. Woodward	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First touch of Stedman Triples.
Mr. W. F. Woodward has now "circled the tower" to peals.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Mon., Feb. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 6048 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Edwin Deakin	Treble	*B. Stedman Payne	5
*Richard J. Clifton	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
*†Ron Hughes	3	*G. Ronald Edwards	7
*Joseph W. Cotton	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. Percival Heywood, Bart.
Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* Greatest length. † First peal in the method. Greatest length as conductor. Greatest length of Double Norwich by all and for the Guild.
Rung for the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir A. Percival Heywood, Bart., founder of the Central Council.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BUNWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., March 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Norwich Surprise, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Leslie F. Bailey	Treble	Henry Tooke	4
Thomas E. Spight	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
William Clover	3	Peter Adcock	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURFORD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Frank Reed	5
Frederick W. Soden	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Peter J. Heritage	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Cyril A. Wratten	4	Christopher C. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung to mark the birth of a granddaughter to the ringer of the second.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
EAST HAGBOURNE, Berks.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Bruce Wakefield	Treble	G. Robert Mordaunt	5
Vanessa C. A. Rodriguez	2	Richard Wharton	6
Hilary F. Pardoe	3	Anthony P. Foster	7
Paul A. Brand	4	Roger M. Heyworth	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Anthony P. Foster.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the treble. First peal as conductor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
HIGHAM FERRERS, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

William J. Chester	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
Roger W. Smith	2	Alan A. Paul	6
Graham C. Paul	3	James Linnell	7
Richard J. Parker	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, K. and M.
On March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 3 qr. 25 lb.

Ronald Russell	Treble	Alan A. Paul	5
Margaret A. Wilson	2	Richard J. Parker	6
Eric Billings	3	Charles E. Truman	7
Roger W. Smith	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

LOIS WEEDON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Peter.
On Fri., Feb. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In six methods, viz.: (1) Hexham, (2) Berwick, (3) Primrose, (4) Surfleet, (5) Beverley, (6) Cambridge, (7) Surfleet. Cambridge, Hexham, Beverley, Primrose and Berwick. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

Alan A. Paul	Treble	James Linnell	4
*David Sturge	2	Charles E. Truman	5
William J. Chester	3	Barry E. Saunders	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.
* First peal of Surprise.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
BREASTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Ian N. Goldthorpe	Treble	David R. McLean	4
Robert D. Bellamy	2	Paul Coddington	5
George E. Bonham	3	Peter Woollven	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Woollven.
Rung on the morning of the sixth annual dinner of Nottingham University Society.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
STOCKTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 11 240's and 20 120's. Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

*Grahame S. Keay	Treble	Barnabas G. Key	4
E. Marion Key	2	‡Richard E. Morris	5
†Graham Hall	3	*Thomas A. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles. ‡ First "inside."

WROCKWARDINE, Salop.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*Mabel E. Lovett	Treble	*Peter Williamson	4
†Freda Cleaver	2	Roger A. Brewin	5
*Pauline Kent	3	Frank Beech, jun.	Tenor

Conducted by Frank Beech, jun.
* First peal. † First of Minor.
Rung to welcome the birth of a daughter to Mrs. R. A. Brewin, and for the forthcoming wedding of the ringers of 3 and 4.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Feb. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Grace Burchnall	Treble	*Colin W. Reed	5
Katharine Burchnall ..	2	*A. Harry Hawcroft ..	6
James W. Raithby	3	*F. William Midwinter ..	7
*Harry Poyner	4	*†William L. Exton ..	Tenor

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal in the method. † 125th peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon R. T. Keal on completing 25 years as Vicar of this parish.

WILFORD, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Wed., March 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents containing 42 variations of Grandsire, St. Margaret, Wollaton, Newark, Newborough, Oxford, Clashmore, Southwell, St. Helen, St. Valentine, Longparish, Freeland, Allexton, Beaufield, Nazeing, Oxton, Daffodil, Bluebell, St. Anne, Middleton Stoney, Allestree, St. Quintin, Plain, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Litchurch, May Day, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, St. Columba, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. David, Royston, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune. Tenor 7 cwt. 18 lb. in A

Neil Handley	Treble	*Ruth Blackshaw	3
Maurice W. Harrison ..	2	*David Oliver	4
George A. Dawson	Tenor		

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* Largest number of methods to a peal "inside."

EAST BRIDGFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	David H. Oliver	4
Elizabeth J. Foster	2	Peter Woollven	5
Maurice W. Harrison ..	3	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
A compliment to Alan Hopwood and Pamela Monk, married earlier this day at St. Leonard's, Wollaton.

GOTHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In six methods/variations, All Saints', Reverse Canterbury, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington and Seighford. Tenor 7 cwt. 10 qr.

A. Newell	Treble	S. Adams	3
*N. Handley	2	*G. Fisher	4
†D. Oliver	Tenor		

Conducted by D. Oliver.
* Most methods "inside." † 25th peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., March 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 55 methods, viz.: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Capel, Pontefract, Donottar, Aldbourne, Wath, Carisbrooke and Oxford Treble Bob. (14 methods by C. K. Lewis.) (2) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford, Newdigate, St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, Marple, Taxal, Braintree, Humber, Clarence, Elston and Morning Star. (15 methods by A. G. Driver.) (3) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise. (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise. (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, College, Wavertree, Rodbourne, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, London, Lytham and Westlecott Bob. (6) Kent Treble Bob. (7) Plain Bob.
With 119 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Robert E. Lester	Treble	Robin H. Rogers	4
Janet I. Rogers	2	Colin F. Loke	5
Alice E. J. Lester ..	3	Howard W. Egglestone ..	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
Most methods yet rung to a peal on the bells for the Guild and by all the band except the conductor.
Rung in memoriam Stedman Symonds, of Lavenham.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5,000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

David T. Darby	Treble	R. James Cook	6
Joyce A. Parsons	2	Richard C. Stevens	7
Kathleen E. Chilcott ..	3	Raymond E. Finch	8
Christine C. Macnair ..	4	David E. Parsons	9
Andrew N. Stubbs	5	Frank E. Darby	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Frank E. Darby.
In memoriam Alfred J. Clayton, a respected member of St. Mary's (Beddington) Society, who died on March 8th, 1966, aged 89 years, and who served in this church as chorister and ringer for 70 years. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

COLLEGE BOB MINOR x 16 x 123 x 3. 2nds. 142635.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WILLINGDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

Robert W. R. Percy ..	Treble	*Clive Brettell	4
Harold G. F. Reynolds ..	2	Janet M. Percy	5
Janet E. Biscoe	3	Betty Percy	Tenor

Conducted by Janet M. Percy.
* First peal.
Rung to mark the consecration of the Churchill silver chalice and paten on Sunday, March 6th. These were given by the parishioners of Willingdon as a permanent memorial to the late Sir Winston Churchill.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONDON, E.—At the Church of St. George in the East.
On Sun., March 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt.

Reginald F. Crook	Treble	Robert M. Ashman	5
Denby P. Murduck	2	Reginald W. Rex	6
Bradley Murduck	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Michael S. Holbrook ..	4	Philip Murduck	Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
The first peal of Major on the new bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWELL, Notts.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in D.

Jeanne E. Bottomley ..	Treble	Neil Donovan	7
Patricia Rogers	2	J. Henry Fielden	8
W. Eric Critchley	3	Michael W. Crowder ..	9
*Kathleen M. Higgins ..	4	John N. D. Chaddock ..	10
Peter J. Staniforth	5	Stuart Armeson	11
Vernon Bottomley	6	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* 100th peal. The conductor's 50th peal on 12 bells and 250th tower for a peal.

(Sheffield and District Society.)
ROTHERHAM, Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., March 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being four 240's (Morris's and Pitman's) and 34 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

Elsie Chaddock	Treble	*John N. D. Chaddock ..	4
*Herbert O. Chaddock ..	2	†Norman Chaddock ..	5
*Neil Donovan	3	David Nichols	Tenor

Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* Complete Grandsire (Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques).
† Has now conducted the same.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Feb. 23, 1966, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 16 in C.

Keith H. Mildred	1-2	Richard J. Parker	3-4
Rupert A. Clarke (cond.)	5-6		

BIRMINGHAM.—At 1, Augustus Road, Edgbaston.
On Wed., March 2, 1966 in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MINOR
Being seven extents of Plain Bob and Double Bob. Tenor size 16 in C.

Graham C. Paul	1-2	Rupert A. Clarke	3-4
Richard J. Parker (cond.)	5-6		

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Ruth E. Gay.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At 36, Long Street.
On Tues., Feb. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

A. Maxwell Lindsey	1-2	Alfred Ballard	5-6
John Vernon	3-4	Michael Vernon	7-8

Composed by James Nicholl. Conducted by Michael Vernon.
25th peal as conductor.
LEICESTER.—At "The Wayside," 150, Narborough Road South.
On Sun., March 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth ..	1-2	John M. Jelley	5-6
Peter J. Staniforth	3-4	Alfred Ballard	7-8
Robert B. Smith	9-10		

Composed by D. A. Bayles. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
First peal in the method to be rung on handbells.

DATE TOUCHES

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On March 5th, 1,966 Stedman Triples (composed by M. J. Marriot): E. J. Chivers 1, R. J. Baker 2, V. Savage 3, A. P. Beck 4, D. Robertson 5, R. E. Beck 6, R. G. Beck (cond.) 7, D. Targett 8.

RIPON, YORKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,966 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Payne 1, J. A. Brown 2, A. Bashforth 3, D. Town 4, E. Metcalfe 5, E. Hudson (cond.) 6. As a welcome to Canon Ashworth, installed this day as Residentiary Canon of Ripon Cathedral.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Gaynor Wallace (first "inside") 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Amanda Powell 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On March 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Simmonds 1, Mary Russell 2, Valerie Stephens 3, K. Fursdon 4, P. A. Lock 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, L. J. Burton 8. First of Stedman Triples 3, 4 and 8.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On March 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. Elkington (first quarter) 1, Janet Maltby (first "inside") 2, D. H. Pritchett 3, C. W. Reed (cond.) 4, C. H. Pritchett 5, P. Wakefield 6.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Stella Soper (first quarter) 1, F. Smith 2, S. Brook 3, Mrs. W. Brook 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, D. Newman 6. For the wedding of Miss Kiley and Mr. Johnson.

BARTON STACEY, HANTS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hoar 1, Prisca Hornby (first "inside") 2, K. Sansom 3, Kay Tremeer 4, D. Hughes 5, L. A. Tremeer (cond.) 6.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's, on March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. J. Smith (first quarter) 1, J. J. Hill 2, H. E. Balaam 3, Mrs. M. G. Taylor 4, Mrs. E. J. Weaver 5, A. Taylor 6, J. Weaver (first as cond.) 7, P. H. Lawrence (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Thorn (first quarter) 1, D. Winchester 2, B. Forster 3, G. Masters 4, V. Mepham (cond.) 5, I. Holland 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Very Rev. A. T. A. Naylor, who died on March 1st.

BICKENHILL, WARWICKS.—On March 12th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: G. M. Cox 1, T. N. Kedge 2, Merryn Hutchings 3, J. Belshaw 4. Unconducted. First quarter peal in method by all. First on bells.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On March 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss C. Swan 1, Miss W. Matthews (first "inside") 2, H. F. Wood 3, W. L. Weller (cond.) 4, I. M. Robinson 5, R. A. Banner 6. For morning service.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Pamela Bond 1, S. Christian 2, A. R. Walters 3, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: J. Collard (first quarter) 1, F. J. Sampson 2, T. Newlands (first "inside") 3, Miss G. M. Hussey 4, D. J. Hunt 5, B. Martin (first quarter) 6. Conducted by 4 and 5. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's, on March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Treby (first on eight) 1, D. Rennolds 2, Mrs. M. L. Taylor 3, R. W. Sweet 4, Miss G. M. Hussey (cond.) 5, J. C. Slater 6, D. J. Hunt 7, T. Hemmings (first quarter) 8.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Saddleton (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. Norris 2, C. Cook 3, Mrs. M. Glover 4, Miss M. Carruthers 5, Miss P. Norris (first of Triples "inside") 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, B. Glover (first quarter) 8. Birthday compliment to Pat, ringer of the 6th.

CAMPTON, BEDS.—On March 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. W. Firmin 1, A. L. Lawrence (first quarter) 2, Miss M. Simons 3, S. H. Ashton (cond.) 4, P. G. Rogers 5. A farewell to the Rev. D. J. Lawrence, B.A., R.D., Rector.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on March 6th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss C. Snelling 1, E. J. Razzell 2, G. H. Humphries 3, G. Fisher 4, R. Davies 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, I. M. Parry 7, K. Taber 8, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 9, A. Brown 10.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's, on Feb. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Madeley (first quarter) 1, K. Watkins (first "inside") 2, Pamela Osborne 3, D. Bailey (cond.) 4, B. Osborne 5, P. Barrett 6. For Evensong.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Thorley 1, Marguerite Battram 2, E. Dalingwater 3, H. Wagstaff 4, F. A. Staveley 5, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 6, G. Jackson 7, F. J. Jackson 8.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,270 Grandsire Doubles: W. Willans 1, R. Fitzgeorge (first as cond.) 2, Suzanne Withers 3, V. James 4, M. Gregory 5, R. Haskins 6.

ELSTREE, HERTS.—On March 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Ellen F. Norris 1, T. H. Norris 2, C. W. Simpson 3, D. E. Rothera 4, L. J. North 5, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Ann Robinson, a local ringer, and John Dain, married at Elstree this day.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Randall 1, M. V. White 2, Mrs. D. M. C. Hill (first of Triples) 3, D. M. C. Hill 4, J. R. Dunford 5, A. White 6, H. J. Sanger (cond.) 7, I. Whitehead 8. First quarter 1 and 5. For Matins, and as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sanger, whose marriage took place at St. Andrew's, Churchdown, Glos, the previous day.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On March 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Butler (first quarter) 1, Susan Gregson (first "inside") 2, R. Moore (first quarter) 3, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 4, D. H. Garnett 5.

GADDESBY, LEICS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): Mrs. E. A. Woodcock 1, Mrs. M. Stimson 2, B. Rhodes 3, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 4, A. E. Hinman 5, M. Halls 6. First quarter 3 and 6. Rung for Evensong to commemorate the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

GUSSAGE, DORSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,320 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: C. J. N. Dalton 1, G. W. Elmes 2, J. L. Claughton 3, J. N. Longridge 4, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 5.

HAMPTON, MIDDX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): P. A. Lawrence 1, Barbara Walpole 2, C. F. Low 3, C. Reader 4, W. S. Deason (cond.) 5, R. G. Leale 6. For Evensong.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: H. Hawkins 1, R. Hawkins 2, Sandra Weaver 3, R. Weaver 4, Jennifer Durston (cond.) 5, Rev. A. G. Durston 6. First in method by all the band. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Thomas Cradock.

IWERNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On March 5th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford Bob and Double Oxford Bob): H. Hobbins 1, J. Claughton 2, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 3, R. Haines 4, J. N. Longridge 5, R. N. Marlow 6.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Childs 1, C. Bennett 2, J. R. Chaundy 3, W. F. Judge (cond.) 4, J. Cleaver 5, E. J. Smith 6, P. Franklin 7, P. Sampson 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Toms 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, K. Waples 3, P. Harper 4, G. Spratt (first as cond.) 5, J. Goodman 6.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, A. F. Turner 2, W. Jarvis 3, R. Chambers 4, R. W. Clouston 5, A. Knight 6, L. Pryke 7, D. A. Symonds 8. Also 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, A. F. Turner 2, A. J. Haynes 3, C. Poulson 4, A. Knight 5, F. Boreham 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Pryke 8. Rung half-muffled for Matins and Evensong in memory of Stedman H. Symonds, late Ringing Master.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Margaret R. Durrington (first on eight) 1, Diana M. Frost 2, J. D. Clapp 3, A. W. Jeffs 4, H. B. Whitney 5, K. E. Jackson 6, R. S. Gaylor 7, A. J. Frost (cond.) 8. A farewell to Miss D. W. Pullin, on the eve of her leaving the district after many years' service to All Saints' Church.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Ash Wednesday, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, June Legg 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Venn 5, G. Lambard 6. For evening service. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Jones 1, Marjorie Legg 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs (cond.) 5, R. Venn 6. For Evensong.

MAIDEN NEWTON, DORSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Brenda Binden 1, K. Beale 2, J. Cornelius 3, R. Parker 4, L. Arscott 5, R. Arscott (cond.) 6.

MARTINSTOWN, DORSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): F. Arscott 1, K. Beale 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, L. Arscott 4, R. Arscott 5, C. Gratton 6. A birthday compliment to K. Beale.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Briggs 1, F. Hubbard 2, A. Stimson 3, M. Stimson 4, R. Hill 5, J. Bluff (cond.) 6. Det. Sergt. Hoy 7. To mark the 88th birthday of J. Briggs, and also the birthday of Sergt. Hoy.

OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford and Plain Bob): D. J. Derrick 1, R. E. Lester 2, E. J. Lockwood 3, A. J. Munnings 4, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to N. F. Whittell.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Fynes 1, C. Fynes 2, M. Etherington 3, I. M. Robinson 4, H. F. Wood 5, H. Franklin 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, R. Heaseman 8. For Evensong.

PITNEY, SOMERSET.—On March 5th, 1,260 (four methods): C. Gratton 1, K. Beale 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, R. Parker 4, R. F. Arscott 5. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Jean Arscott.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Patterson 1, Janet Hudson (first "inside") 2, A. R. Millidge 3, L. W. Allen 4, B. J. Bull 5, D. C. Brookes (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Bull 1, Susan B. Baker (first of Triples "inside") 2, L. W. Allen 3, A. R. Millidge (cond.) 4, B. H. Coatsworth 5, M. J. Uphill 6, D. C. Brookes 7, Christine M. Cobb 8. For Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—On Feb. 6th, at St. Laurence's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. J. N. Colborne 1, Miss M. A. Wilson 2, Miss M. E. Marshall 3, P. Norman 4, R. Lloyd (first of P.B. Minor) 5, M. G. Ingram (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. E. Stillwell (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. Wilson 2, R. C. Ingram 3, Miss M. E. Marshall 4, M. G. Ingram 5, D. Burbidge 6, G. J. N. Colborne (first of Triples as cond.) 7, V. T. Cherrill 8. For Evensong. Also on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. J. N. Colborne (cond.) 1, R. E. Stillwell (first quarter "inside") 2, Miss M. A. Wilson 3, M. J. Hiller 4, Miss M. E. Marshall 5, M. G. Ingram 6, C. L. Rowson 7, V. T. Cherrill 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. Carlson, from America, for a six month stay in Reading. All rung for Reading University Society.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: J. O. Coleman 1, J. L. Claughton 2, A. W. Fry 3, W. T. Perrins 4, D. Wilson 5, L. F. Cobb 6, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 7, L. T. Perrins 8. First in the method for all. By local band for Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On March 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Harper (first quarter) 1, Miss T. Hollis 2, A. Howland 3, D. Nichols 4, S. Armeson 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, N. Donovan 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. For Morning Eucharist.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On March 6th, at St. Peter's, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: G. W. Debenham 1, C. Forster 2, Miss F. Dodds (first in method "inside") 3, Mrs. J. Dodds 4, Mrs. J. S. King 5, B. C. Johnson 6, G. Dodds 7, R. W. Darvill 8, D. J. King (cond.) 9, C. E. Slade 10. For Evensong, and to commemorate the baptism earlier this day of Graham Edward, son of the tenor ringer.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 20th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: M. T. Sprackling 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, L. C. Way 3, K. Rider 4, R. M. Damerell 5, D. Hewitt 6, C. M. Meyer 7, J. W. Smith (cond.) 8, H. W. Rogers 9, D. P. Smith 10. For Nave Evensong.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On March 6th, 1,250 Spliced Rutland, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and Lincolnshire: J. Thorley 1, Marguerite Battram 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3, H. Scott 4, H. Wagstaff 5, E. Dalingwater 6, G. Jackson 7, R. E. Price 8.

STEDHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (Litchurch and Kennington): Rev. I. H. Greene 1, D. O. Haslam 2, R. D. Smith 3, D. A. Kirk (cond.) 4, R. Osborne 5, G. C. Walder (first quarter) 6.

STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine T. Wilkins (first of Minor) 1, A. K. Fortin 2, N. J. Cox 3, A. C. Boorman 4, R. J. Snack 5, C. B. Dove (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 3.

SWINESHEAD, LINCS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Oliver (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Reynolds 2, J. P. Morriss 3, R. Howard 4, N. B. Fovargue 5, W. B. Dawson 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, C. Stubley 8. With best wishes to Richard D. Holland and Mary J. Morriss, on the occasion of their marriage at this church. Both members of the local band.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss C. Etherton (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, N. Carter 3, D. D. Smith 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, T. Latham 6. Rung for Evensong.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on March 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: G. L. Bowen 1, R. W. Repton (first quarter) 2, D. Beacham 3, L. J. Haines (first as cond.) 4, J. J. Stanier 5, D. G. Franklin 6. On the back six, for Matins.

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ENGAGEMENT

ROSS—BAILEY. — The engagement is announced between the Rev. Frederick Ross, senior curate of Hessle Parish Church, and Rosemary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bailey, of Park Avenue, Hessle, East Yorkshire. 8770

GOLDEN WEDDING

AVEY.—The golden wedding took place on Sunday, March 27th, 1966, of Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Avey, of 36, Langdon Road, Rayleigh, Essex. Kind regards to all our ringing friends. 8776

DEATHS

KEYS.—Suddenly, on February 25th, 1966, at Greystones, Salthill Road, Fishbourne, near Chichester, Sussex, Mrs. Evelyn May, aged 74 years, the beloved mother of Winifred. 8739

McGUINESS.—On March 16th, 1966, at the White House Hospital, Boston, Charles McGuiness, the much-loved husband of Hilda, of 9, Linden Way, Boston, passed peacefully away. 8766

PERSONAL

"Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice."—Ephesians iv, 31.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BUTTERWORTH.—From April 2nd, Mr. Derek Butterworth's address will be 307, Milnrow Road, Rochdale, Lancs. 8757

CHAPMAN.—Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Chapman now live at 22, Bowgate, Gosberton, Spalding, Lincs. Tel. Gosberton 386. 8746

COOK.—As from March 25th, 1966, the address of Colin H. Cook, formerly of Merstham, will be 103, Brighton Road, Hooley, Coulsdon, Surrey. Telephone No.: Home, Downland 55422; business, Brixton BRI 9717. 8758

HUNT.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hunt is now 61, Beaufort Avenue, Fareham, Hants. 8740

MARCHANT.—The address of Geoff Marchant is now 120, Cornwall Avenue, Southall, Middlesex. All ringing friends welcome. Tel. SOU 2334 ext. 17 (8.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.). 8765

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MISCELLANEOUS

BARKING SUFFOLK. — Ringing practices every Monday evening at 7 p.m. commencing on March 28th. All welcome. 8708

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening ringing at Shottesbrooke (6 bells), near Maidenhead, on Saturday, March 26th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Miss Hague, Branch Sec. 8569

NORTON, HERTS. — Practice meetings first Thursday of every month, 7.30 p.m. Please help keep these bells going.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 8755

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS
20th ANNIVERSARY DINNER
Saturday, June 11th
at the Robin Hood Hotel, Newark. Tickets 22s. (limited number only). Tickets available from Miss M. E. Chilton, 80, London Road, Newark-on-Trent, Notts, or your own District secretary. 8618

TAMWORTH, STAFFS — No practice on Thursday, March 31st, and Wednesday practices resume after Easter. All welcome. 8745

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MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Ilkeston District.—Meeting, Denby, Friday, March 25th, 7.30 p.m. Special methods: Hull, St. Clement's.—D. J. Marshall. 8704

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at All Saints', Gosforth, on March 26th. Bells (10) at 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss G. Douglas, 5, Ross Way, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne 3. 8774

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8720

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Rural Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Alveston, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to Mr. G. Collings, The Down, Alveston, Bristol, before 22nd.—A. W. Gibbs, Branch Sec. 8744

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting at Witley on March 26th. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss D. Street, 3, Seymour Road, Godalming. 8728

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Whittlebury on March 26th. Service 4.30 p.m. Usual arrangements.—W. A. Yates. 8744

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Meeting, Edwinstowe (6), Saturday, March 26th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names to Mrs. M. Woodhead, 12, Church Street, Edwinstowe, please. **Please note:** The proposed District outing will be discussed at this meeting. — D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 8725

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on March 29th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: March 29th, St. Paul's Cathedral; April 5th, no practice; April 12th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; April 19th, St. Paul's Cathedral. Reminder: Meeting at Gloucester on May 7th, ringing at Painswick, Gloucester Cathedral and Cheltenham.—J. G. A. Prior. 8748

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Matthew's, Widcombe (6), on April 2nd. Usual arrangements. St. Mark's, Lyncombe, available after tea. Names for tea to Mr. H. Newman, 205, Wellsway, Bath, by March 31st, please.—Alan F. Lee, Sec. 8767

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Huntspill (6), Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to J. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford, Bridgwater, by previous Wednesday. (Holford 345.) 8749

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Quarterly meeting, Felmersham, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to C. Payne, 4, Council Houses, Felmersham, by Thursday. Phone Bedford 68379. 8772

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Ladbrooke on April 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bishops Itchington after tea. Election of District officials at this meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Edden, Deppers Bridge, Bishops Itchington, Leamington Spa. 8743

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, Hannington (5), April 2nd, 3–5 p.m. Tea and evening ringing Blunsden (6). Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon. 8762

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Meeting at Puttenham on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Ringing after tea at Seale (6). Names for tea, please, to Mrs. T. Gibbons, Berthorpe Lodge, Puttenham, Guildford, Surrey, by previous Wednesday.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 8741

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton, Saturday, April 2nd Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30. Special methods: Double Bob and Annable's London. 8788

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Datchworth (6), Saturday, April 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Cosy Cafe by booking. Further ringing at Watton-at-Stone (6) from 6 p.m. Essential numbers for tea to P. M. Searles, c/o Y.M.C.A., 15a, Railway Street, Hertford, by Friday, April 1st. 8783

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Frittenden, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8, 15 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. H. Baker, 1, Bourner Cottages, Frittenden, near Cranbrook, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Brasted on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 for those who notify me by Tuesday, March 29th. Sundridge bells will be available after the meeting.—W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8705

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Morecambe on Saturday, April 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. T. Gerrard, 150, Thornton Road, Morecambe. 8760

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's Aughton (6), Saturday, April 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to K. F Wilson, 18, Highfield Road, Southport (88806). 8768

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn and Rossendale Branches.—Joint ringing competition and meeting on Saturday, April 2nd, at Rishton. Bells 2.30 p.m. competition 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by results, business meeting and general ringing. —B. A. Tomlinson, P. A. Mason, Branch Secs.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual striking competition will be held at Whetstone (6) on April 2nd at 3 p.m. Service and tea will follow. Meeting after tea, when results will be announced. General ringing after meeting. All visitors most welcome. Will visitors, i.e. non-competitors, please send names for tea to H. Needham, 13, Victoria Road, Whetstone, Leicester, by Wednesday, March 30th.—Ron Hughes. Dis. Sec. 8699

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—Meeting at Thurnby, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Village Hall. Names for tea to Mr. H. L. Wykes, 81, Main Street, Bushby, Leicester, by Wednesday, March 30th.—F. W Faulkner. Hon. Dis. Sec. 8747

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Winterton-on-Sea, April 2nd. Bells (6) from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 8750

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Meeting at Islip on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea.—F. E. Coales, Twywell. 8763

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Aston, April 2nd. Bells (12) 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify by March 31st.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025. 8780

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bramham (6), April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. 8379

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Monthly meeting at Wath-on-Dearne (8), Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided—please bring own food. — Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 8731

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Evening meeting only at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on April 2nd.—S. Adams. 8775

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Stapleford, April 2nd. 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. St. Peter's, Nottingham (12) 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams. 8733

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
COUNTRY MEETING
On Saturday, April 2nd, at LEICESTER

All Saints' (8) 11.30–12.45.
Lunch at Co-operative Restaurant at 1 p.m. (price 8s.).
St. John-the-Divine (10) 2.30–3.45
Cathedral (12) 3.45–5.
Tea and meeting 5–7.
St. Margaret's (12) 7–8.
Names for lunch and tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W. 15, by **Saturday, March 26th.** 8723

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Ringing meeting at St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 at the Scotch Tea Rooms, The Avenue. Meeting follows. Names for tea, **please**, to A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottages, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds, by Tuesday, March 29th. 8754

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Danehill (6), April 2nd. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Butcher, The Cottage, Christopher Fields, Danehill, not later than Wednesday, March 30th.—E. L. Hairs, Div. Sec. 8756

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Elland (8), Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m and after the tea and business meeting, which will be at 5 p.m. The committee will meet at 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Paul Birkett, 43, Longdale Street, Elland, by March 30th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Andover District. — Quarterly meeting at Amport (6) on Saturday, April 2nd. Ringing after 2.30 p.m. Service 4 30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. C. Samways, Waterloo Farm, East Cholderton, Weyhill, Andover, Hants, by March 29th. Ringing after, Abbots Ann 8779

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District) joint with SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Quarterly meeting, Howden, Saturday, April 2nd Bells (8) 2.30. Tea 4.15. Tea (moderate charge) Green Room 5. Names for tea to Mr. E A. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, Goole, before March 31st. Nominations, retiring officers, amendments, for June A G.M., please.—R. Ducker, L. M. Woodhead. 8563

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Old Warden (6), Saturday, April 9th, 3 p.m. onwards. Definitely **no name, no tea** after 6th.—Fleming, 106, Dunstable Street, Ampthill. Tel. 3131. 8761

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M. at Wells, Easter Monday, April 11th. Service, Cathedral, 12 noon. Meeting, Y.M.C.A., Chamberlain Street, 2.15 p.m. Names for lunch (8s. 6d.) and tea (3s. 6d.) essential, with stamped addressed envelope, to G. Salmon, Gen. Sec., 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 8782

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Bees on Easter Monday, April 11th. Bells available 1 p.m. Egremont bells available 11 a.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Annual general meeting 5.15 p.m. It is imperative that those requiring tea must inform Mr. H Wilson, 128, Main Street, St. Bees, Cumberland, on or before April 6th, as there may be no other means of obtaining refreshment. — J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 8777

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Bexley, Easter Monday, April 11th, 1966. Service noon. Luncheon tickets and full programme of events 10s. 6d. each, including a drink; children of resident members under 14 3s. each; obtainable for first 180 applicants on application with stamped addressed envelope to Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent, not later than first post Tuesday, April 5th. Nomination for Central Council members, 1966–68, signed by proposer and seconder, to reach me not later than first post Thursday, April 7th.—P. A. Corby, Secretary, 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent 8738

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Newport on Easter Monday, April 11th. Service in St. Woolos' Cathedral at 4 p.m. Bells: All Saints' (8) 1.30–3.30 p.m.; St. Woolos' (12) 2–4 p.m. and after the meeting. Please send names for tea to the undersigned by Monday, April 4th.—M. J. Pryor, 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 8714

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 16th, at 2.15 p.m. in the Chapter House, Gloucester Cathedral. Tea at 4.30 (buffet tea) at Co-op Hall, Queen's Street: to be paid for in advance, 4s. 6d. with stamped addressed envelope for tickets, to D. Pobjoy, 71, Colin Road, Barnwood, Gloucester, not later than Tuesday, April 12th. Association service 6 p.m. at St. Mary de Crypt; address by the Rector, Canon W. R. Houghton. Films "Ringers Required" and "Washington Cathedral" will be screened in the church after the service. Towers open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arlingham, Barnwood, Brockworth, Churchdown, Elmore, Frampton-on-Severn, Longney, Norton, Quedgeley (7th not ringable), Upton-St. Leonard's, Whitminster, Witcombe, and 12.45 to 1.45 p.m. St. Mary de Crypt and Gloucester Cathedral Money for teas to D. Pobjoy, please.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD
Annual General Meeting at LAVENHAM
Saturday, April 16th, 1966

Full details of 15 towers open and meeting arrangements next week. A warm welcome is extended to all members and visitors.—A. T. B. 8781

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting and festival will be held at Fordington, Dorchester, May 14th. —W. C. West. Hon. Gen. Sec. 8751

JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES
Preliminary Notice

A RINGING FESTIVAL will be held at Beverley on Saturday, May 21st. Service in the Minster 3 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Various towers for ringing. Details later.

Arthur Farrand, Hon. Sec.

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr T. F. Metcalfe, 49, Station Road, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands. — T. F. Metcalfe. Sec 8788

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Swynnerton on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Watkin, Early Lane, Swynnerton, Staffs, by previous Wednesday.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 8784

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday. Service at All Saints' 11 a.m Bells 10 a.m. Business meeting in Chapter House 11.45 a.m. prompt. Ringing programme: St. John's (8) 2–3.30 p.m.; Hallow (8) 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Grimley (6) 3–4 p.m.; Ombersley (6) 3.30–4.30 p.m. Claines (10) 3.30–5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 6–7.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10) 7–8.30 p.m. Arrangements for tea later.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 8787

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD — The Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, May 14th, at Oxton, Birkenhead. Details later.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 8786

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON ABBOTS, BUCKS.—On March 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Janet King (first quarter) 1, Margaret R. Durrington (first "inside") 2, Diana M. Frost 3 H. B Whitney 4, J. D. Clapp 5, A. J. Frost (cond.) 6. A farewell to John Clapp, leaving Leighton Buzzard for Oxford.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss R. Cotton 1, F. A. Benn 2, Miss J. Henderson 3, E. E. Dodds 4, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 5, Miss S. Thexton 6. For Evensong.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: H. W. Knight (cond.) 1, H. Bird 2, P. J. England 3, M. Hebden 4, R. W. Rice 5, G. Hebden 6, W. S. Rice 7, S. G. Smith 8.

EALING, MIDDX.—At Christ the Saviour's, on March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Walters (first quarter) 1, A. Fulwell 2, Miss S. Davis 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 5, F. Ranson 6, J. Porter 7, W. G. Wilson 8. For Evensong.

NETHERTON, Dudley, WORCS.—On March 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. C. Eisel 1, B. J. Luff 2, J. Warr 3, G. Westwood 4, M. I. Fellows (cond.) 5, M. D. Fellows 6, R. Edwards 7, J. Macefield (first quarter) 8. Rung in memoriam Abraham Greenfield, a ringer at this church for many years.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On March 7th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. G. D. Northway 1, T. Chapman 2, L. D. Smith 3, B. Allinson (first of Cambridge) 4, J. Hartless 5, D. C. Jackson (first as cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Forder.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marjorie Yarnold (first quarter first attempt) 1, T. Wylie 2, F. Adams 3, J. Arkwell 4, M. Phipps 5, E. Mould (cond.) 6. In thanksgiving for the birth on March 3rd of Roy Arthur Stedman Mould, son of the conductor and Christine Mould

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On March 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's): F. J. Bailey 1, L. J. Malings 2, C. F. Cook 3, R. S. Price 4, M. H. Williams (cond.) 5, B. A. Williams 6. A compliment to David J. Llewellyn and Penelope J. Welch, married in Llandaff Cathedral on March 1st.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Chambers 1, C. Curtis 2, F. Hunt 3, D. Alderton 4, D. Howe 5, H. Hollocks (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam S. H. Symonds, of Lavenham, who was associated with this company.

SHEBBEAR DEVON.—On March 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Denton 1, D. Ley 2, P. Daniel 3, R. Gay 4, J. Queen (cond.) 5, W. Taylor 6. First in three methods 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Confirmation.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. A. Tandy 1, Susan J. Webber 2, T. Felicity Webber 3, P. W. Gay 4, A. P. White (first in more than one method as cond.) 5, W. Watkin 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A Elliston 1, Sally Holland 2, G. Avent 3, S. Laud 4, R. G. Smith 5, R. D. Bell 6, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 7, W. G. Paul 8.

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WHO SAYS CHURCH BELLS A NUISANCE?

By Canon Gilbert Thurlow,
President of the Central Council

CHURCH bells are sometimes a nuisance. The reasons alleged for this are often contemptible. Said one old verger to me years ago: "If we start ringing here, people will want to know why we have not rung before."

A new resident in a Norfolk village complained that the five small church bells "frightened his children." Their "image" of the faith must have been primitive indeed! But the village children, proud of their 1,000-year-old tower, thought differently.

Last year, some tycoon, having settled down to enjoy for the first time the "peace" of the countryside in a Midland village, sought to silence the bells of the ancient church. Again, village pride through the centuries showed him that money does not always talk.

But such absurdities apart, it is true that church bells are sometimes a nuisance. Usually this is because they are hung in the tower in such a way as to sound too loudly in the immediate vicinity, either by being hung on the level of the belfry windows or because the windows are too large, or for both reasons.

Confronted by this simple fact, the clergy often show an odd lack of imagination. "Shall we ring or shall we not ring?" "Shall we disregard complaints, or shall we forbid the bells to ring, disperse the ringers, and lose a valuable band of church workers?"

But there need be no such dilemma. In every case the obvious thing to do is to continue to ring, but to quieten the sound of the bells. This is quite easy. It need not cost much. It need not disfigure the tower windows. All that is necessary is to brick up the belfry windows inside, to a point where the sound of the bells becomes reasonable, and which can be determined by experiment. A similar result can be obtained by a different method, if it becomes necessary to rehang the bells. It is usually advantageous to replace the bell frame some 20 ft. below the window sills.

This lessens the strain on the tower and its consequent movement when ringing, and at the same time it mellows the sound pleasantly. An important constructional improvement, when doing this, is to bond into the walls a strong reinforced concrete girder all round the inside of the tower, holding it firmly together. This is particularly important in counties like Norfolk where the flint of which towers are built bonds together so badly, and cracks apart from time to time. Had this been done years ago at North Walsham, Oxborough, Tivetshall St. Mary, Wighton and elsewhere, these towers might have been standing today.

So, if you think your church bells are too loud, or if you are plagued by others who think so, worry no more! Say no more — "What a nuisance are my bells" — and think no evil thoughts about your fellow church workers the ringers! Instead, invite those who complain to help you make the bells more pleasant.

This is an important pastoral matter. The challenge of the Gospel is meant to sound with power and persistence, but its sound should bring peace, not unnecessary exasperation, and it should comfort rather than madden. Frequenters of a famous market place will know the old tale, "Don't the bells sound lovely?" "I can't hear a word you say, for the noise of them . . . bells." This need happen no longer.

[From The Norwich Churchman.

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UTRECHT DOMTOREN, HOLLAND

By W. E. BOX.



THE LARGE SWINGING BELL "THE SAVIOUR"

Apropos the remark by R. M. Clouston on the bells of Utrecht Domtoren, Holland, these were cast in 1506–7 by Gerard Van Wou, possibly in Utrecht. The largest is reputed to weigh 8¼ tons, probably an exaggeration, but she is certainly hefty. They are swung on national holidays, festivals, etc.

The tower, of gigantic proportions, soars to 338 feet and, since the nave of the church was wrecked in a storm in 1674, has stood alone. It was erected between 1321 and 1382 The "tolling bells," as they are called, hang in the second storey.

In the uppermost section is the beautiful carillon of 44 bells (bourdon, 90 cwt.), cast in Amsterdam in 1663–64 by Francis Hemony (1609–1677) and his brother, Pieter Hemony (1699–c 1677), probably the most able bell-founders the world has known, who gave us what is loosely and wrongly called "Simpson" tuning of bells. The tonal clarity of this carillon and its audibility is remarkable considering it is hung so high in the tower, a fine memorial to the master founders of three centuries ago—the amazing Hemony brothers It is tempting to go on writing about their personalities and achievements, but space is limited.

The Van Wou family founded at Kampen on the east side of the former Zuider Zee. their work being mainly chimes of ten and eleven bells in pre-carillon days. The last, Gaert Van Wou, died in 1527.



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READING UNIVERSITY WINTER TERM OUTING

Meeting beneath the forbidding twin towers of Wantage Hall on February 16th, 14 inwardly excited but outwardly calm members of the Reading University Society clambered into a decrepit minibus, which moved away with ominous difficulty.

The first two towers of the afternoon were the sixes at Arborfield and Finchampstead. Diverse Minor methods were rung and the climax of the afternoon was the eight at All Saints', Wokingham, where the elastically sprung ropes proved to be a new and startling experience for some of the band. Yet the standard of ringing improved surprisingly, finishing with a good course of Cambridge Major.

On the way to Binfield, the first tower after tea, what little confidence we had in the minibus was finally annihilated when the electrics departed for other worlds. Undaunted, we walked the remaining mile to Binfield, while the driver made desperate efforts to resuscitate the senile and doomed minibus. Two good eights, at Hurst and Twyford, where we joined the local practice and rang London with the help of two local ringers, concluded the day. Margaret Wilson is thanked for her efficient organisation.

R. E. S., M. G. I.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Two five-bell towers—Campton and Meppershall—were the venues for the monthly meeting on February 12th. Although members at tea were not many, numbers picked up at the meeting held in Meppershall Church and again during the evening. Mr. P. Rogers, diary in hand, called the changes as Ringing Master, incorporating everyone's tastes and abilities.

Next meeting: Old Warden, April 9th.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chesterfield District

On a bright but breezy day some 30 members and friends from 11 towers were present when the monthly meeting of the Chesterfield District was held at North Wingfield on March 12th. Under the supervision of the District Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Hughes, ringing to suit a wide variety of tastes took place on the 18 cwt. octave.

After tea, excellently prepared by the ladies, a short business meeting was held with the Rector, the Rev. N. Joyce, a ringer, in the chair. Following a warm welcome to North Wingfield from the chairman, details of the proposed outing to Derby on April 16th for the Association A.G.M. were discussed. Two new members—Philip Robinson (Chesterfield) and Anthony Grant (Killamarsh)—were elected.

Advance information was also given of the ringing festival the week following the A.G.M., which is being held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., the founder president of the Central Council. In addition to ringing at over 12 towers, a special memorial service is to be held at Duffield, at which the preacher will be the Rev. D. St John Smith, president of the Clerical Guild.

Mr. F. Adams (Staveley) sincerely thanked all those who had contributed towards the recent presentation which marked his retirement after 17 years as District chairman.

The secretary (Mr. M. Phipps), on behalf of the District, wished Mr. A. Sallis every success in his new post as tower captain at North Wingfield.

Next meeting: Striking competition, Old Brampton. M. P. P.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. Hemm (first quarter) 1, S. Davis 2, E. Hearnshaw 3, K. Hemm 4, T. Wylie (cond.) 5.

LADIES' GUILD

Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District took place at Portishead on March 12th. On a pleasant spring afternoon a good number of members and friends gathered to enjoy ringing here before the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. O. Fry. In his sermon the Rector spoke of the ways in which the Ladies' Guild could help ringers and ringing at the present time.

After a sumptuous tea in the Church Hall, prepared by some of the ladies of the parish, a vote of thanks was proposed by the secretary to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting—the Rector, the organist and choirboys, the tower master, Mr. R. Gale, and those who had prepared and served tea.

At the business meeting, members were particularly pleased to welcome Mrs. Briggs, who had taken part in the first Ladies' Guild peal at Cubitt Town, and who now lives at Portishead. They were also pleased to receive a message of greeting from another long-standing member of the Guild, Miss N. Williams, of Bath, now unable to travel to meetings.

The officers were re-elected: Vice-president, Mrs. Parfrey; secretary, Mrs. de Jong; committee, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Eyles, Miss Johnson and Mrs. Smith; representatives for the Guild annual meeting, Mrs. Bennett and Miss Battin. It was decided to try to hold quarterly meetings (subject to permission) at St. James', Bristol, and either Kelston or Marksbury, and to hold evening practices at Pilton, Swainswick, Colerne, Hemington, St. Philip and St. Jacob's, Bristol, and Frampton Cotterell. Two new members were elected Mrs. Carey (Chippenham) and Mrs. Parsons (Wraxall). M. de J.

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LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S ANNUAL DINNER

THE fifth annual dinner of the Liverpool University Society was held on February 26th. As usual, the week-end's festivities really began on Friday evening with the arrival of many life members and friends in time to join the practice at St. Nicholas', where a Society touch of Stedman Caters was rung at Mr. Birkett's suggestion.

Only two of the five peal attempts arranged for Sunday morning were successful. Due to a change of both conductor and county, the Society managed to score its first Dinner Day peal—Yorkshire Surprise Major at Newton-le-Willows. This great event received due publicity from the local Press, who interviewed and photographed the band. In the afternoon, general ringing took place at Walton, West Derby, Everton and St. Francis Xavier's

Dinner was served in the Bradford Hotel, Liverpool, with a company of 75 members and friends. The Master (Mr. J. J. Fox), having proposed the loyal toast, welcomed the visitors, without whom the dinner would not be possible. In reply to Mr. Fox's toast to "The Church," the Rev. G. G. Bradshaw, Anglican chaplain in the University, remarked that he had first discovered the meaning of "the invisible church" when he became incumbent at a church with a ring of bells. He referred both to those who slipped silently into the back pews and those who slipped equally silently out to slake the most righteously acquired thirst it is ever possible to acquire. Ringers, he said, were privileged, as he was, to officiate at the greatest occasions of human life, marriage and death.

VISITORS FROM EIGHT UNIVERSITIES

Mr. D. G. Wilford, proposing "The Visitors," said they could be divided in several ways. There were university and non-university visitors, and there were the old faces and the new faces. One "old face" which was missing this year was that of Tommy Rogers, Wirral Branch Ringing Master, who had died recently. Amongst the others who had faithfully supported every dinner they were glad to see Mr. Lester Gray, two honorary members, Alex Martin and Tudor Edwards, and friends from Wirral and Lancashire. The contingents from the Midlands and Essex seemed to have grown even larger. Among the new faces, perhaps lured by the prospect of ringing at the Cathedral, were those from the Universities of Bristol, Cambridge, Hull, Leeds, London and Oxford, and those from East Anglia and Wales.

Mr. A. J. Martin, secretary of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Guild, replied and thanked the Society on behalf of himself and Tudor Edwards for electing them honorary members. Referring to his misquoted remarks when he spoke at the Society's first dinner, Mr. Martin said that, with the guidance of Tudor Edwards, and the arrival of some very good ringers at the University, the Society had avoided the trap of pushing learners on too fast. He was, however, of the opinion that peal attempts on Dinner Day were not a good idea. Those who were staying with him had gone off reluctantly to ring, saying "See you in an hour" to the girl-friends who were not ringing. Either the peals or the late evening in the Pig should be cut out. But perhaps the Society's success in the morning showed that this view was unfounded.

"The Society" was proposed by Mr. D. B. Williams, Master of Bristol University Society. His statement that the northern universities were stringing along behind the southern ones was not well received by the many members of northern universities present.

Replying, Mr. V. D. Jenner refuted the idea that Liverpool in particular was copying any southern university. As is customary, his speech took the form of a report on the year's activities. The morning's peal success, he said, was due to a change of conductor. During the past year five peals had been rung, including the first of Caters and the first in seven methods by the Society, and a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal had been lost a few weeks ago. There had been a good intake of freshers this year, and Cupid (we don't call him anything else; Liverpool believes in calling a spade a spade) had had a successful year. Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Cooper were congratulated on their marriage (an excuse for a Society reunion) and Messrs. P. Bennett, J. Fielden and M. Phillips on their engagements to the Misses Marion Panton, Maryl Crossthwaite and Muriel Hastings respectively.

The Master was accompanied on the top table by the Rev. G. G. Bradshaw, Messrs. A. J. Martin and D. B. Williams; Mr and Mrs. C. K. Cooper, the Misses M. Crossthwaite, A. Freeman, M. Hastings, M. Panton and M. Williams, Messrs. P. Bennett, J. Fielden, D. Jenner, M. Pilgrim, M. Phillips, R. Shea and D. Wilford.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. C. Crossthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. I. Maycock and Mr. and Mrs. P. Rothera, the Misses H. Arrowsmith, A. Bates, C. Bland, E. Dixon, B. Fox, M. Fort, M. Pryor, J. Lethbridge, E. Tann and M. Webster, Messrs. P. Adcock, D. Andress, G. Austin, P. Brown, G. Cooper, P. Crossthwaite, R. Dennis, M. Dodd, M. Dodson, C. Eden, T. Edwards, J. Foster, L. Gray, K. Hesketh, M. Hughes, R. Humphries, G. Jones, D. Keast, A. Kench, J. Kershaw, F. Mack, D. Moore, G. R. Mordaunt, D. Peers, T. Pett, C. Pocock, G. Pullin, G. Randall, D. Rothera and guest, M. Rowbottam, M. Simpson, A. Smith, G. Sparling, G. Thoday, J. Towler, C. Walters, J. White and B. Veitch.

The following morning there was a surprisingly large turn-out for service ringing at St. Nicholas', St. Francis Xavier's and Everton. The week-end was brought to a climax when, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter and the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Ridyard, we were allowed to ring for Evensong at the Cathedral. Two of the country's leading lady peal ringers rang the tenor to a touch.

P. A. F.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

Southern District

Further hazards forecast for church bellringing, if Christian Unity becomes the main feature in our churches, were mentioned by the Rector of Neath, the Rev. F. T. Williams, in his address at St. Thomas', Neath, on March 5th.

It was the first meeting of the year for the Southern District, and the attendance was a fair representation of the church towers in the area. Tea was served in a very pleasant room in the Church Hall, and the appreciation for the excellent meal, served by the ladies of the parish, was expressed in full by the hon. District secretary.

Ringing throughout the day ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise, also handbell ringing by request.

The statement of accounts for 1965 was presented and concern was expressed over the considerable drop in paid-up members since 1962. It was hoped that every effort will be made to enrol new members.

It was agreed to visit Newton Nottage for the September meeting. Three new members were elected.

In reply to a vote of thanks by the Master, the Rector expressed his willingness to welcome the Guild when they again decide to visit St. Thomas', Neath.

J. A. H.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Sixteen towers were represented when the Barnsley District Society met at Ossett on March 12th. The Rev. A. Smithers, curate, presided at the business meeting, at which a silent tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. Edward Earnshaw, of Meltham, a member for over 30 years. Mr. C. Moxon reported on the recent meeting of the Yorkshire Council, Allen Newbould, of Rothwell, was elected a member, and Mr. Harold Chant proposed the vote of thanks, mentioning the excellent tea. The curate's reply was most appreciative.—"Come again."

Next meeting: Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, April 9th.

The Oxford University Society Dinner

ONCE again the first Saturday of February marked the holding in Jesus College of the annual dinner of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers.

While the young and imprudent were exhausting both themselves and every available ring of bells in Oxford, good and bad alike, the connoisseurs and elderly ambled gently through the city, pausing now and then to pay a gracious call at the superior establishments of Merton, Magdalen and the Cathedral. The day's ringing was finely rounded off by the ponderous six at the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

The Society's newly found penchant for matrimony deprived this year's Dinner Committee of much of the fun of their own special treat—the devising of the seating plan. With so much fidelity about, their natural malevolence had little scope for expression; one disgruntled organiser gave up altogether and retired to the neutrality of High Table.

After the meal the Society's president, Canon C. E. Wigg, proposed the loyal toast, which was followed by toasts to "The Church," "The Visitors" and "The Society." Father Hooper, the kindly guardian of the Society's home tower, is a speaker greatly admired for his intrepidity in still daring to brave a roomful of ringers after what must have been a grim ordeal of many O.U.S. dinners in the past. The guest of honour was Mr. Wilfrid Wilson, who spoke all too appositely about the folly of devoting too much of one's time as an undergraduate to ringing. One prospective examinee certainly felt the truth of the caution. The third guest-speaker, Mr. K. Darvill, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, was, of course, hampered in his task of wishing the Society prosperity by the fact that such a sentiment would be a direct travesty of his very raison d'être—to be as rude as possible to the Oxford ringers short of actual libel. Mr. Darvill not only kept on this side of the law but also approached so near to being nice to us that there emerged among the Oxford ranks a dangerously radical element urging the view that our Cambridge counterparts are not such bad fellows after all.

But ultimately the first prize must go to the home team. It took Oxford minds to realise that intelligibility has no part in after-dinner speeches. With this in mind one could only congratulate the three Oxford speakers for going on so long. It may be a long time before we hear again a speech of such calibre as that with which the popular Master, Mr. Roger Heyworth, so brilliantly broke up the happy gathering

The rest of the evening was spent in the college bar. One of the most pleasurable experiences of Dinner Day is to sit, with one's pint stoutly before one, watching the world wag by. And, above all, with what fascination of horror does the observer realise on renewing some old acquaintance the awful ambiguity of the indispensable, terrible cliché, "He hasn't changed at all"!

H. F. P.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): S. Gale (first quarter) 1, R. J. Gale 2, A. J. Gould 3, V. H. James 4, F. G. Sandy (cond.) 5, D. Gale 6.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCS. — On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Forsythe (first of Plain Bob) 1, T. Hobson 2, R. Parkinson 3, J. F. Wood 4, C. Brownlow 5, A. Critchley (first as cond.) 6. To welcome Stephen M. France, grandson of the ringer of the 4th.

Letters to the Editor

ON TEACHING ROPESIGHT

Dear Sir,—For many years I have been teaching youngsters method ringing and the method I use is the reverse of that used by Mr. Davies.

The first thing I teach them (Plain Bob) is the coursing order 24653 and tell them twice round and lead again starting with the bell you finish with and stick to this until it can be well struck; when this can be done you then start him counting his places, 2nds, 3rds, 4ths, 5ths, 6ths, 6ths, 5ths, 4ths, 3rds, 2nds lead.

Now able to strike and hunt, the next stage is a bob at the end of each course, having explained to him the coursing order 43652, 32654. When he has mastered this he is ready to learn method ringing.

This stage can be mastered in a very short time. All you have to do is to stand behind him and explain to him that, going up, he follows the bell that follows him, the last bell being his course bell going down, to follow the bell that follows his course bell; on six bells, take away himself leaves five bells, his course bell leaves four bells, the one before his course bell leaves three bells, so with only three bells to watch you will find that very soon he will be doing this without any help at all.

My latest recruit rang his first rounds on Christmas Day. At present he knows nothing about method ringing, only coursing order and counting his places. At the moment he is ringing three courses of Bob Minor and three courses of Bob Major easily, also plain courses of Little Bob Minor and Major.

My recent successes include Michael Bryan, who rang his first peal a year ago at the age of 13, ringing a peal of Minor "inside" to Cambridge, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and the same week "inside" to a peal of Bob Major. He can now ring Cambridge Major, Bob Royal, Stedman Caters and Grandsire Caters. He has also rung a quarter of Double Norwich, all "inside."

Last November at the age of 11 David Gagen rang the treble to a peal of Minor and can now ring St. Clement's and Little Bob "inside" without any help, and has almost mastered Cambridge Minor. He can ring Little Bob Major, Plain Bob Major and Bob Royal "inside" and the treble to Grandsire Caters.

My first success as an instructor was in 1932, when at Downham Market with a band of beginners, all service ringers, we rang a peal of Bob Doubles, first of Doubles by all and my first as conductor: later in the same year with the same band a peal of Bob Minor, their first of Minor, my first of Minor as conductor.—Yours faithfully,

E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market, Norfolk.

A CANADIAN VISITOR

Dear Sir,—A young lady from Canada is making her first visit to this country in May and is very anxious to join a "tower outing" while she is here.

The most suitable dates and areas to fit in with her itinerary are as follows: Saturday, May 14th, any tower in Oxon, Wilts, Somerset, Hants or Dorset; Saturday, May 21st, Eastern Counties.

Should any tower in these areas have an outing arranged for those dates, and has room for an extra "passenger," perhaps the organiser would kindly get in touch with me. —Yours faithfully,

JOHN CAMP, Sen.

114a, Wessex Way,
Maidenhead, Berks.

THE BRISTOL AFFAIR

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Christopher J. Jones' letter in your issue of March 4th, while this and the "Bristol Affair" are purely matters for the bodies concerned, various facets of the question present themselves.

The argument, if carried to its logical conclusion, would result in illogical confusion. If one tower in a Branch felt it would like to change to another Branch, then as many more as felt like it would be perfectly entitled to do so, and that would go for all the other towers in the other Branches and the Branch secretary would have to be constantly revising his records of who had gone where, and who had come in from whence.

No thought appears to have been given to the Branch officers, and particularly the secretaries, who have to carry on the administration and who probably do far more "voluntary" work in a "voluntary" capacity, in a "voluntary" organisation than any individual member.

If Mr. Jones, and any who support him, do not like the faces of their Branch officers, they have the power to sling them out and elect others to replace them. If there are other reasons, then it should not be beyond the capacity of the Branch and/or Association officers, with a little goodwill and sweet reasonableness on both sides, to sort matters out.

In addition to being voluntary organisations, our Guilds and so forth are democratic organisations, and democracy (to which so much lip-service is paid in so many walks of life) is very easily bedevilled by muddled thinking and the "non-return valve" or "one way (my way) street" type of mentality. So much emphasis is laid upon rights and upon privileges which, through the modern grasping attitude, have come to be considered as rights, that our obligations are apt to receive scant, if any, attention.

It was Dryden who wrote "Numerous, the herd of such who think too little and say too much."—Yours faithfully,

BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

Pedmore, Worcs.

NURSES PROVIDED BELL

Dear Sir,—I have in the past taught quite a few student nurses to handle a bell, and at one period we could have raised a service band here composed entirely of nurses. However, either through marriage or the search for pastures new in the field of nursing, most of these have drifted away and at the present time there is just one other male nurse besides myself who rings here.

I was wondering whether Mr. Fitzgerald would think it worthwhile to put an article in "The Nursing Mirror"; it is possible that he would contact some ringers in this way who have stopped taking "The Ringing World" or some who have stopped ringing altogether: it could be a means of rekindling their interest.

Another point of interest to nurses who ring is that the second bell of our ring at Charminster was donated in 1962 by nurses and staff of Herrison Hospital.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST H. AMEY.
R.M.P.A., R.M.N.

Charminster, Dorset.

NURSES—WHY NOT THE MEDICAL GUILD?

Dear Sir,—Have Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Willes never heard of the Guild of Medical Ringers? This has been in existence over ten years, and nurses are eligible as associate members. I have rung in at least two peals for the Guild with several of them, and I am sure the hon. secretary (address in the "Ringers' Diary") would give a list of nurse members to any organiser of a peal attempt.

The Guild would welcome applications, from any member of the nursing profession who is a ringer, for membership. At least two meetings are held annually.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. NEAL SMITH,
Master,
The Guild of Medical Ringers

Twickenham, Middlesex.

CALLING ROUND IN MINOR

Dear Sir,—I was glad to see that my article on calling round has provoked some interest. Mr. Warne's letter raises one or two points which deserve to be pursued further; in particular the use of other calls on the "loose bell" besides 4ths.

I cannot agree with the strictures on handstroke rounds—a touch which has to be called round is probably false anyway—and I personally have no objection to 65's at backstroke. This is obviously a matter of opinion, but Mr. Warne's next point is one of considerable interest. To produce the plain course, or its reverse, the loose bell can be called:

	(a) 4ths	
+	(b) W, H	+ (d) 0, 1
	(c) H. W	(e) 1, 0

The callings marked "+" turn a handstroke position into a backstroke one (or, of course, vice-versa). Depending on the method, one or other of the four alternative callings can often be used to bring a touch round more quickly than is otherwise possible. In Bob Minor it is often quicker to call a coursing-pair twice before (i.e. the loose bell H, W) than to wait until the loose bell is in a position to make the bob. For instance, take lead 42356, c/o 65–2–4–3. This comes round in six leads if the loose bell is called to make the bob; in only three where the coursing pair 4, 2 are called twice before.

Different methods have different characteristics and to call up rounds in the fewest changes requires a study of the lead-order of each method in order to choose the best call or calls for the occasion.

Finally, may I say how pleased I was to see that this ancient branch of our art is again receiving some attention after long neglect. It is especially satisfying that the interest comes from one of the universities—a good omen, I feel, for the next generation of conductors.—Yours faithfully,

Walsall. M. S. BRUCE.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT OUTING

Instead of a March meeting, the afternoon of March 19th saw members of the St. Albans District and friends leaving for London. The Science Museum was the first stop and, joined by a few more ringers, we wandered around, the hour and a half going very quickly. Then, after tea, the coach moved to the first tower, Fulham. Having been locked out of the grounds, we eventually got up for a ring. Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Royal were enjoyed. It was a quick walk to Putney, and a long wait before ringing on the lovely eight. Methods from rounds to London and Spliced Surprise were rung, and then once more back to the coach and home. Sincere thanks were passed from the District to Mr. Roger Brown, the secretary, for a very enjoyable day. J. A. F.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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CLAPPER FAILURE

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letters of Mr. J. L. Hayns ("Ringing World," January 28th) and Mr. J. S. Boothman (February 25th), while I have had no first-hand experience of such a failure, it is nevertheless an engineering problem and the following would be my approach as a professional engineer.

I have not had a chance to make any measurements on a particular bell but have done a few "back-of-an-envelope" calculations on estimated dimensions, which I believe to be typical, with the following results.

Firstly, centrifugal force: The Central Council publication "Preservation and Repair of Bells" gives the maximum centrifugal force (plus, presumably, the dead weight of the bell) as equal to four times the weight of the bell. My own rough calculation gives three times, but the figure of four may be more accurate. The clapper travels only slightly faster than the bell so the maximum force can be taken roughly as five times its weight. Obviously this force would be far too small to cause failure in direct tension by a single application; for a 6½ cwt. bell I have estimated the total clapper weight to be 33 lb., 18 of which is in the ball (this checks with the ratio of 1/40th of the weight of the bell). Thus the maximum direct force is of the order of 165 lb. Assuming the clapper bolt to be ⅜in. diameter and to be made of mild steel of 28 tons per square inch ultimate strength, a load of 12 tons would be required to cause breakage and a load of some six tons would be required to cause yielding.

Secondly, consider the impulsive force of the clapper striking the bell. On my estimated dimensions, the centre of gravity of the clapper would be about three-quarters of the length from the point of suspension to the centre of the ball, but a slight reduction in the estimated shank diameter would place the centre of gravity almost within the ball itself, which I feel may well be the case. The centre of percussion will therefore almost coincide with the centre of the ball. If so, one can use the analogy of a hammer, the action being similar. The calculation of impulsive forces is always difficult, since the instantaneous deflection of the contacting surfaces must just be determined or estimated. With a hammer, however, which is swung in roughly a circular arc (as also is the clapper), the force transmitted to the hand is quite small although the impact may be very large. The same principle applies to the clapper. Thus it is not likely that this is the cause of failure, since whatever the force of the impact at the ball, due to the majority of the energy being concentrated at this point, and almost none at the hinge, the force at the hinge will be quite low.

Thirdly, it is a common fallacy that the initial tension in a bolt aggravates the loading (to use Mr. Boothman's term). The theory of bolt tension due to externally applied loads can be found in "The Design of Machine Elements" by Spotts (published by Prentice-Hall). Briefly, if k_b is the stiffness of the bolt and k_p is the stiffness of the part or parts through which it passes (expressed as lbs. load required to produce one inch deflection) the increase in bolt load due to an externally applied force of F lb. is given by

$$F_{incr.} = \frac{F \times k_b}{k_b + k_p}$$

Since in most cases k_p is large compared with k_b, the increase in bolt load is small. This assumes that the initial tension is greater than the external load.

This, then, I believe, points to the most probable cause of failure, namely that the bolt has failed because it has not been tightened properly in the first case. It is considered good practice to tighten a bolt to 80 per cent. of its yield strength, say, in the case of mild steel, to a stress of ten tons per square inch, or as tight as it will go using a normal length spanner (without any extension in the form of tubes slipped over the end). If a torque spanner is available, bolt manufacturers will provide information as to the recommended torque for a given bolt size and material.

Vibration is always liable to cause threads to slacken off and the vibrations of the bell may well do this. A constant check should be made, particularly on new bolts, to see that this does not occur. If the bolt is allowed to become slack, movement will take place, giving rise to fretting and an ultimate fatigue failure. In this respect the musical vibrations of the bell may well give rise to high frequency reversals of stress, which may be far more important than any of the forces discussed above.

(It is my belief that failure of the clapper shank itself may be due to resonant vibration set up while it is in contact with the bell. Has anyone investigated the natural frequency of vibration of a clapper supported at the hinge and the ball I wonder? My guess is that in some cases it could be very close to the frequency of the bell.)

If it can be proved in a given case that the clapper bolt is not strong enough, the best solution, rather than boring out the hole larger, would be to make a new bolt to the old dimensions but in a stronger material, say an alloy steel such as BS970; EN16R. In doing so, care should be taken to avoid sharp corners at the junction of any larger section and the bolt diameter. The radius here should be as large as possible to avoid stress concentrations.—Yours faithfully,

Lincoln. A. W. FROGGATT. (C.Eng. A.M.I.Mech.E.)

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

Over 50 ringers and friends went to the Rochester District by-meeting on March 5th in the pretty village of Hartlip, with its well-kept church. Good use was made of the six bells. The Vicar, the Rev. J. Green, is a ringer, and he conducted the service. The singing was led by Mr G. R. Bone, the 85-year-old organist, who was formerly headmaster of Rainham School. An excellent tea was provided by local ladies, and Mr. T. Barton proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks. A welcome visitor to his native village was Mr. T. E. Sone, who was accompanied by Mrs. Sone.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Preliminary Notice

The first session of the 26th Council (69th Annual Meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 31st, 1966, in the Pump Rooms, Bath.

Committee Reports (Rule 12 (i)). Conveners of committees are reminded that reports must be made in writing to the secretary by March 31st, 1966.

Nominations for Office (Rule 10). Nominations for the offices of president, vice-president, honorary secretary and treasurer, and honorary librarian, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary by March 31st, 1966.

The following nominations have been made:

President: Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. N. Golden.

Honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. V. Bottomley, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, seconded by Mr. J. Freeman.

Notices of Motion (Rule 14). Notices, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary by April 19th, 1966.

Representative members (Rule 5 (iv)). Names **and addresses** of representative members must be sent to the secretary by May 3rd, 1966.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford,
Kent.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY TOUR

On March 12th twelve members of the Liverpool University Society went on tour in the Cheshire district. The first tower was Neston (8), where the bells were found to be odd-struck, and at Bunbury, the next tower, the bells appeared to be very similar. Over the county border into Shropshire to visit Whitchurch, where there is a slightly heavier eight (19 cwt.) and then back to Cheshire for the quite pleasant sounding six at Audlem.

The long journey to Crewe proved to be very rewarding, for here the Society enjoyed what was probably the best ringing of the day on the ten (20 cwt.) at Christ Church. This was also the best attended of the towers, for here the original party was joined by numerous other members. Middlewich (8) was visited on the return journey.

The Society would like to thank the tower-master and incumbent at each of the above mentioned churches for use of the bells Due to their kindness, and the fine weather which prevailed, a thoroughly good time was had by all participants. J. W.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Audrey Purnell (first quarter) 1, Susan Chew 2, Susan Webber 3, M. Androlia 4, P. Gay (cond.) 5, D. Purnell 6. For Evensong.

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OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES McGUINESS

Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild has suffered its second loss within a short time. Charles McGuiness died in hospital on March 16th at the age of 66 after a long and difficult illness. Charles was an active ringer for more than 40 years, widely known in the Exercise and widely experienced in tower and handbell ringing.

He began to ring at St. Peter-at-Arches', Lincoln, and his first peal was Grandsire Triples, rung there in 1922. This was a first peal for several members of the St. Peter's company. When the Lincoln Cathedral bells were augmented to 12 Charles McGuiness joined the Cathedral company, after preparing himself during the period of waiting for the restoration of these bells, by going to Sheffield to practise on the nearest 12. He took part in the first peal on the Cathedral 12; this was Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

In the early 30's he and his wife, Hilda, were received into the Church of Rome, but Charles remained an honorary member of the Lincoln Cathedral company until his death. Charles and Hilda loved the social side of ringing, too, entertaining many ringers and travelling throughout the country to dinners, meetings, and joining the Universities Association ringing tours and attending Central Council meetings.

Among the peals Charlie was proud to have taken part in were Edward Jenkins' first peal of Cambridge Royal at Beverley Minster, Cambridge Surprise Maximus for the Cumberlands at St. Martins-in-the-Fields, Stedman Cinques at Buckfast Abbey, the first peal of London Surprise Major for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the record length of 14,144 changes in this method, peals of Spliced Minor to 125 methods, and Spliced Surprise Major to 22 methods. He also rang many of the "firsts in hand" for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. In 1951 Charles and Hilda moved to Newcastle and were as popular with the ringers there as they had been in Lincoln, joining in all their ringing activities.

After returning to Lincolnshire to live in Boston in 1959, Charles' health deteriorated and although he attended meetings and took part in practices locally and at Surfleet, he was unable to take part fully as he would have liked.

Al their friends will be sorry to know that after years of devoted nursing, Hilda was herself taken ill and had to go into Wyberton West Hospital, Boston, where she is still a patient. All our sympathy goes to her.

Requiem Mass and funeral service were held at St Mary's, Boston, on March 19th. Many ringers were present, including the Master and secretary of the Guild, members from the Central, Eastern, Elloe Deaneries, the West and North Lindsey Branches of the Guild, and Charles' lifelong friends, Mr. and Mrs. H Marcon Many friends from church and from his employers, Messrs. Fisons, attended. May light perpetual shine upon him.

After the interment a peal of London Surprise Major was rung at the nearby Church of St. Margaret, Sibsey. The composition was the same as that of Charles' first peal of London Surprise Major.

J. L. M.

MRS. E. L. MELVILLE

The passing of Mrs. Melville at the age of 93 recalls my many visits to Guildford for handbell peals. I first met her in July, 1921, when she saw her husband take part in a peal of Grandsire Triples. After the peal she spoke of her ambition to ring a peal "in hand" and within two months she rang 7-8 to her first handbell peal. This was nearly 45 years ago and she was highly pleased seeing her age at the time would be 48 It was a good peal of Triples, still a popular method throughout the land. W. S.

MR. G. L. HEWITT

We regret to record the death of Mr. G. Leonard (Len) Hewitt at the home of his niece at Stoney Stanton, Leics, after a short illness, on March 18th. Most of Len's ringing was done with Hereford, Shropshire and Leicester Guilds previous to his coming to Gloucester, where he joined the Cathedral and St. Mary de Crypt's ringers, and was a regular and punctual attender. From 1945 to 1956 he represented Shropshire Association on the Central Council.

He enjoyed a peal, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being his favourites. His peal total was about 100, and although he was always willing to leave the conducting to others, he had called a few peals.

The last time the Gloucester ringers rang with him was last October at Stoney Stanton, where he had made arrangements for us to have tea and spend a couple of hours with him and his brother and niece, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. L. B.

MR. E. E. HUDDLESTONE

A regular service ringer and chorister at St. Peter's Church, Wymondham, Leics, for over 40 years, Mr. Ernest E. Huddlestone died in St. Mary's Hospital, Melton Mowbray, on March 10th. He was a member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and also the Framland Society. The funeral service was on March 14th, and in the evening the bells were rung half-muffled in his memory.

5,019 STEDMAN CINQUES

By LOUIS HEAD

2314567890x

31265478x90	1	(6)	7	19
312456 (6)	19			
316254	19			
314652	19			
413256	6	19		
416352	19			
412653	19			
214356	6	19		
216453	19			
613452	6			

Repeat 3 times calling first course in each part.
2 5 (13) (15) 19.
B instead of S at 6 in the 2nd and 4th parts.
Omit the last two courses.
Singles marked by parentheses.
Rung at Canterbury on February 12th, 1966, conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

5,376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE

23456	W	M	H
43625	S	—	
24635	—	2S	
32645	—	2S	
42635	S	2S	
34625	—	2S	
23645	—	2S	
65324	S	S	—
36452	—	—	
46253	2S	—	
36254	2S	S	
26453	2S	—	
46352	2S	—	
26354	2S	S	
32465	—	—	

Repeated.
5-6 course for 44 out of 48 courses, therefore suitable for handbells.
Ring on handbells, Swansea, Glamorgan, on April 23rd, 1965.

Mr. James R. Lawson, carillonneur at Riverside Church, New York, is broadcasting on Easter Sunday a programme entitled "The Bells of Easter." Radio Station WRVR.

MARCH 4th, APPLETON

THIS year's Appleton Reunion was held on Saturday, March 5th, and, once more, was a very happy occasion with ringing friends from far and near: Pat Chapman, from Peterborough, George Cousins, from Hereford, a host of friends from London, Brighton, the Bristol contingent with Derek Jewell, lots of ex-Varsity ringers and, of course, the twins from Hinton Waldrist.

The traditional peal of Grandsire Caters was rung, whilst the second eleven went over to East Ilsley and also rang a peal, much to the delight of Fred Wilkins and the writer, who both think this is one of the ringing days when everything should go well.

At 6.30 p.m. about 120 sat down to a sumptuous feast and, after Grace, the Rector of Appleton opened the proceedings by proposing the loyal toast, which was acclaimed with enthusiasm.

The speeches at Appleton are always looked forward to, as they are short, sharp, sometimes witty but always to the point. This year, although several old stalwarts had been relieved of "toast duty" the newcomers were well received, everyone of course eagerly awaiting the reply of Frank White to the toast of "The Appleton Society," ably proposed by Canon Elliot Wigg.

Bill Coles (who already thinks he's one on 'em) proposed "The Church," responded to by the Vicar of Sutton Courtney, Ted Drewitt, always a cheerful chap (hope he gets away with his "dangerous driving" charge) proposed 'The Visitors" in a delightful manner, and George Cousins suitably replied.

Then Fred Sharpe came into his own, opening the "Grand Concert" with the old Appleton song written by the village schoolmaster over 100 years ago, and thenceforward acted as chairman of the entertainments.

Songs from Fred Sharpe, Sir Basil Blackwell, Harry White and the C.O.S. from Basingstoke helped the evening along, but the titbit was a **lapped** touch of Stedman Caters by the White family, also some tunes by them and some Worcester lads, who were, too, most entertaining.

For some unknown reason at 11 p.m. the concert ceases, a choir is formed, and beautifully sung in harmony are hymns, psalms and lovely old country ballads, and when it is really time to call it a day the "Nunc Dimittis" is sung with great charm and dignity, and so ends another 4th of March.

The peal band would like to take this opportunity of thanking Frank White's sister, Phyllis, for a lovely lunch after the peal.

Once more we thank Frank White for organising such a delightful day and to see the family so united and able to ring the handbells as well as they do. We wish Frank many more years as the "boss man" on March 4th, a very wonderful day in the ringing calendar.

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COLLECTION OF DOUBLES

By G. K. DODD and R. H. JONES

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PART B

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	New Doubles	New Grandsire	Pink's	Pink's
	Oxbridge	New Grandsire	Wallflower	Pink's
	Ryilsun	New Grandsire	Antelope	Antelope
	Thorpe	New Grandsire	Grandsire	London Ex.
	Wensley	New Grandsire	Pink's	Antelope
	Westminster	New Grandsire	Pink's	London Ex.
	Westwell	New Grandsire	Pink's	All Saints'
	Wistleton	New Grandsire	Antelope	London Ex.
	Allestree	Grandsire	Antelope	Antelope
	Keysoe	Grandsire	Pink's	Antelope
	Ladbroke	Grandsire	Pink's	Grandsire
	Longparish	Grandsire	Grandsire	Pink's
	Middleton Stoney	Grandsire	Wallflower	Pink's
	Bray	St. Simon		London Ex.
	Danefield	St. Simon	Rev. Canterbury	Grandsire Ex.
D	Millicent	St. Simon	Antelope S.	Half-leads Original
	St. Ignatius	St. Simon		Pink's
D	St. Winifred	St. Simon	Plain Bob	Grandsire Ex.
	Yorkley	St. Simon	All Saints' Pl	Half-leads Original
	Churchill	St. Martin		Pink's
D	Cliff Hill	St. Martin	Plain Bob	Grandsire Ex.
D	Dove	St. Martin	Rev. Canterbury	Old Doubles S.
	Hinksea	St. Martin	Old Hudibras	London Ex.
D	Olympic	St. Martin	Plain Bob	Old Doubles S.
D	St. Aldhelm	St. Martin	Antelope S.	Half-leads Original
D	St. Magnus	St. Martin	Rev. Canterbury	All Saints' Pl.
	Waterford	St. Martin		London Ex.
	Yatch	St. Martin	Rev. Canterbury	Grandsire Ex.
D	Barlow	St. Nicholas	Antelope S.	Half-leads Original
	Barchester	St. Nicholas	Plain Bob	All Saints' Pl.
	Heyford	St. Nicholas		Pink's
	Holywood	St. Nicolas		London Ex.
	Horrington	St. Nicholas	Plain Bob	Grandsire
	Kestleigh	St. Nicholas	Rev. Canterbury	Grandsire Ex.
D	Boar Hill	Winchendon	Plain Bob	Old Doubles S.
	Chilton	Winchendon		Pink's
	Forden	Winchendon		London Ex.
D	Nest Hill	Winchendon	Plain Bob	Grandsire Ex.
D	Wesley	Winchendon	Antelope S.	Half-leads Original
	Wessex	Winchendon	Rev. Canterbury	All Saints' Pl.
	Eling	St. Vedast	Plain Bob Pl.	
	Lenton	St. Vedast	Rev. Canterbury Pl.	
	Sedgefield	St. Vedast		Old Doubles S.
	Carlton	Huntspill	Rev. Canterbury Pl.	
	Fairfield	Huntspill	Plain Bob Pl.	
	St. Modwen	New Bob	Plain Bob Pl.	
	Winshill	New Bob	Rev. Canterbury Pl.	
	Springfield	Union		Antelope Pl.
	Torwood	Union (H Floyd-St. Margaret)		Grandsire Pl.
	Amersham	St. Osmund		Pink's
	St. Felix	St. Osmund		All Saints
	St. Florence	St. Osmund		London Ex.
	Holt	St. Remigius		London Ex.
	Sarratt	St. Remigius		Pink's
	St. Cleer	St. Remigius		All Saints' Pl.
	St. Dominica	St. Remigius	Old Doubles S.	Half-leads Original
	Wendover	Shipway's Place		Pink's
D	Beckley	Antelope	Wallflower	All Saints'
D	Freeland	Antelope	Grandsire	Pink's
	Gresford	Antelope	Pink's	Grandsire
	Harbury	Antelope	Pink's	Pink's
D	Isis	Antelope	Wallflower	Grandsire
	Jacobstow	Antelope	Pink's	Antelope
	Northleigh	Antelope	Antelope	All Saints' Pl.
	Oxford	Antelope	Grandsire	All Saints' Pl.
D	Ray	Antelope	Wallflower	Antelope
D	Stanton	Antelope	Wallflower	Pink's
	St. Cross	Antelope	Antelope	Pink's
D	St. Margaret	Antelope	Grandsire	Grandsire
	St. Swithin	Antelope	Antelope	Grandsire
	St. Tydfil	Antelope	Pink's	All Saints' Pl.
	St. Valentine	Antelope	Grandsire	Antelope
	New Antelope	New Antelope	Antelope	Antelope
	Ardley	New Antelope	Pink's	All Saints' Pl.
	Bucknell	New Antelope	Pink's	Pink's
	Berkeley	New Antelope	Pink's	Grandsire
	Bulcote	New Antelope	Wallflower	Grandsire
	Caythorpe	New Antelope	Antelope	All Saints' Pl.
	Carswell	New Antelope	Grandsire	All Saints' Pl.
	Gunthorpe	New Antelope	Antelope	Grandsire
	Netherfield	New Antelope	Wallflower	All Saints' Pl.
	Porchester	New Antelope	Wallflower	Antelope
	Stowe	New Antelope	Pink's	Antelope
	Uppingham	New Antelope	Grandsire	Pink's
	Upton	New Antelope	Antelope	Pink's
	Wheatley	New Antelope	Grandsire	Grandsire

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In the peal at Compton Bishop (page 153) Geoffrey Hebden was ringing his first peal and not his first as conductor.

A bell removed from the R.C. Church of the Sacred Heart, St. Helens, because it was unsafe, has been stolen from the presbytery yard.

The Suffolk Guild peal of six Minor methods (page 187) was rung at Dennington, and not Derrington. The possible excuse is imperfect handwriting.

The ringer of the second in the quarter peal of Spliced and Mixed Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor at St. Thomas', Oxford, on February 20th (page 176) was J. P. Coad, not S. K. Thompson, as submitted.

The secretary of the Eastern District of the Sussex Association is Mr. Godfrey M. Fitz-Hugh, and not as printed in issue of March 25th. Error regretted.

Cedric Royle, who rang his first peal at St. Peter's, Derby, on March 5th, was the 50th person for whom Mr. D. K. Walklate, of Derby, had called their first peal. A fine record!

Congratulations to Mr. Keith Young and Miss Maureen Howard upon their marriage at Rainham on March 5th. Keith has been a ringer at St. Margaret's, Rainham, for seven years.

Messrs. Harry Parks and Arthur F. Lewry, who had carried out the rehanging of the bells at Burgh-in-Marsh, Lincs, in a new frame, took part in the first peal on the bells after the rededication service.

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SALISBURY, RHODESIA

Faces continue to change here. Jennifer Emms, of Prittlewell, has visited the tower whilst on holiday in Rhodesia. Robert Harris has dropped in from Grahamstown. Bob was formerly at Cheshunt, and was ordained deacon on December 19th in Kimberley Cathedral. He is now at St. John's, Mafeking. Another welcome visitor was John Butler, formerly of Romford, now at Johannesburg. John recently brought out to Africa a silver tea service, presented to his father, Ernest Butler, by the South-West Branch of the Essex Association in the 1930's. Also passing through was John Thorp, of Hertingfordbury; John is at present teaching at Mathapha, Swaziland.

After four years at U.C.R.N., Salisbury, Colin Stevenson has returned to the U.K. He was presented with a suitable drinking vessel before he left, in appreciation of all his hard work in helping at the Cathedral. Russ Read and David Brown have finished their one-year course at U.C.R.N. and have returned to Zambia, where they will be teaching.

May we appeal for any spare copies of "Ropesight" to be sent to K. S. Cross, P.O Box 766, Salisbury. They will be greatly appreciated here and at Que Que and Peterhouse.

F. T. B.

A BELOVED RECTOR

This week we record the in memoriam quarter rung by Leckhampton, Glos, ringers to their beloved Rector, the Rev. Edgar John White. Also in the band was a former curate, the Rev. John Homfray. The late Rector was a ringer, although in recent years he had not been able to participate. Leckhampton's Sunday service band is some 17 strong and this position in many ways is the result of the patient training by Mr. Homfray and the strong encouragement of the late Rector. All would have liked to have taken part in the memorial quarter, but those in the band represented all the different generations of ringers of the church.

LOUIS A. WILSON'S 90th BIRTHDAY

The quarter peal rung at Wootton Bassett, Wilts, on March 19th, was the first since the bells were rehung on ball bearings a few weeks ago, and was a compliment to Louis A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, who celebrated his 90th birthday on March 17th.

Although Louis left Ottery St. Mary, Devon, during the late 1890's he still regards Ottery St. Mary as his home tower, and the Ottery and East Devon ringers were delighted to make the journey of 200 miles there and back to ring this quarter in his honour.

Until eight or nine years ago, Louis always came to Ottery St. Mary for his annual holiday, but since he has been unable to make the trip each year a party of ringers under the leadership of Charles J. Turner have made the journey to Wootton Bassett to meet an old friend, and the one ringer who can remember Louis in his "younger" days, John Arbury (77), has made the trip each year, and took part in the quarter this year and also in the peal rung for his birthday three years ago.

According to Mr. Wilson's doctor, we shall be making this "pilgrimage" for at least another ten years or so, and judging by the way Louis put the fourth through a course of Grandsire Triples prior to the quarter peal we have every reason to believe this will be so, writes our correspondent.

NEW MASTER OF GUILDFORD GUILD



MR. PETER G. SMART

Born at Guildford, 1941, learned to ring at Merrow, 1956, under Pam Warren; also did a great deal of early ringing at Clandon under George Grover. Married at Bramshott, Hants, 1962, and moved to Ash: elected tower captain at Ash, 1964. Rung 29 peals. Occupation, electronics engineer at Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, studying for H.N.C. (Higher National Certificate) this year.

MELTON MOWBRAY DINNER

The annual dinner of the Melton District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held at the Ann of Cleves Café in Melton Mowbray on March 19th, when 56 ringers, wives and friends sat down to an excellent spread. The Vicar of Melton Mowbray (the Rev. G. H Codrington) and Mrs. Codrington were guests. Also present was the Rev. A. G. L. Lancaster, the Rev and Mrs. L. Loader, Mr. B. G. Warwick. Mr. T. C. Belton and Miss Belton The Vicar proposed the toast "The Leicester Diocesan Guild." After dinner a social evening was enjoyed, organised by Mrs. D. Day and Mrs. E. A. Woodcock.

The arrangements for the dinner were in the capable hands of Mrs. M. Stimson (District secretary). Mr. J. H. Cook (District chairman) acted as M.C.

DEWSBURY IN THE NEWS

Dewsbury is again in the news with the first quarter by the new band of Vernon and Jeanne Bottomley. Five first quarters—and Bob Major, too— is a good start and the band hope to "bombard" us regularly with quarters and even a peal or two.

Statistics of the new band are: Increase of membership to the Yorkshire Association. eight: increased subscription to "The Ringing World." three: sales of "the Book." two. One of the band takes W. G. W.'s book regularly to work (and possibly to bed) and "a more grubby, much-read, beloved book you never saw. I am only surprised he has not read the print off it," concludes our correspondent.

"THE COMPLETE STRANGER" WRITES

From Brisbane, Queensland, the Editor has received one of those pleasurable letters from Mr. T. Roache, of 27, Hall Avenue, Norman Park, who writes that though he never had the pleasure of being a ringer, his purpose in writing "is to let you know how much I enjoy the paper which comes each week like a faithful friend.

"I must congratulate you on the excellent editorials which always appear on the front page, and the January 7th issue had such a wonderful article by the Rev. W. B. Williams, as well as one by Mr. Norman Chaddock, that I have read them both twice and they are surely masterpieces. 'The Ringing World' always has something good for me, and ringers in Britain are most fortunate in having such a fine paper.

"I am a Londoner, so I do know what bell-ringing is like, for I heard much before I came to Australia more than 50 years ago. Incidentally, I have made several pen friends at home, who all write lovely letters to me. We have only one tower in all Queensland, at Maryborough, 167 miles north of Brisbane. Our Cathedral of St. John here has a light eight, but are not turned by wheel. Four ringers have two ropes each, and the bells are fixed. Nevertheless, they produce some fine ringing. Other churches have a mechanical set, played by a small keyboard, and it produces the effect of a glockenspiel, a poor substitute for pealing.

"From time to time I have read correspondence in 'The Ringing World' which does not always sound pleasant. I refer to letters in which somebody has complaints either about ringing or the organisations and even personal matters, some not very inspiring and rather unchristianlike. . . . If some of those dissatisfied ringers would come to Queensland to live, where there is no ringing, how would they feel, I wonder? I sincerely hope that all who are working for the Church, God's work, will see to it that no malice or evil surmising will enter their minds, but remember that even if they cannot ring 'They also serve, who only stand and wait.'"

BROUGHT LIFE TO CRANBROOK

Cranbrook's was a "dead" tower when Michael Legg married and went to live there some six or seven years ago. He set to work on the bells, which would certainly qualify as "men's bells," and with great enthusiasm started to teach a band of young ringers. This was the more commendable as Michael was not himself at that time very experienced as a change ringer.

For some years the Cranbrook ringers have attended meetings and outings almost every Saturday and have made every effort as a band to improve themselves. Michael is not very keen about ringing peals himself but is very gratified that two members of his band have now rung peals and are probably the first Cranbrook ringers ever to have done so. Anthony Leeves rang the treble to a peal of Surprise at Rolvenden on February 26th, and Richard Weeks did likewise at Frittenden on March 19th. Both rang very well and this step forward in their ringing should be a great encouragement to them.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHARD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Peter Bridle	5
Diana M. Chapman	2	Philip M. J. Gray	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	John C. Slater	7
Alan Tubb	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by D. John Hunt
First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells and by all the band.

WINSHAM, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Diana M. Chapman	Treble	*Derek S. Beaufoy	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	John C. Slater	6
Richard W. Sweet	3	D. John Hunt	7
Alan Tubb	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by D. John Hunt
* First peal of Yorkshire

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., March 19 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

Gillian M Hussey	Treble	D. John Hunt	5
Richard W. Sweet	2	John C. Slater	6
Alan Tubb	3	Frank D. Mack	7
*Andrew Howard	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by D. John Hunt
* First peal of Yorkshire.

TAUNTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George, Wilton.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 COTSWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb in A flat.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Alan Tubb	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	Trevor A Cross	6
Arthur H. Reed	3	John C. Slater	7
Andrew Howard	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells and by all the band.

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt

*Roger Fitzgeorge	Treble	Andrew Howard	4
Michael H. Gregory	2	Alan Tubb	5
Diana M. Chapman	3	John Brain	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Tubb
* First peal. First of Minor as conductor. First in the method by all.
Rung for St. David's Day.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TOTTERNHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Reginald Rowley	Treble	*Ian Knox	5
*June Sinfield	2	Robert L. Piron	6
John W. Sinfield	3	Roger Baldwin	7
Robert R. Churchill	4	Dennis Knox	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Stripp on the birth of a daughter, Rosemary Ann.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed. March 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) Horsmonden, (2) Hereward, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Buxton College, (5) St Clement's, Childwall, Pinehurst, (6) Double, Fulbeck, (7) Plain.
Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Ruth E. Gay	Treble	Rupert A Clarke	4
Andrew J. Jobson	2	Richard J Parker	5
James R. White	3	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Fri., March 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Michael H. Gregory	Treble	John C. Slater	5
Gillian M. Brearley	2	Nicholas W. H Simon	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	D. John Hunt	7
Diana M. Chapman	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

TRUMPINGTON.—At the Church of SS Mary and Michael.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5126 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb

G. H Jones (St. John's)	Treble	R. W H. Hayes (Caius)	5
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)	2	A. R Heppenstall (Selwyn)	6
E. N Thomas (St. John's)	3	K. I. Triplow (Selwyn)	7
M. C. E. Hodge (Fitzwm.)	4	J. A. Harrison (Sidney)	Tenor

Composed by E. W Tipler. Conducted by A Robin Heppenstall.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

HARBURY, Warks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Feb. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 11 methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Thelwall and Childwall, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb in G.

Jill Riley	Treble	*Stephen F Royal	4
*Antony J Cox	2	*F. Mark Robottom	5
*Peter C Randall	3	Ian C Maycock	Tenor

Conducted by Ian C Maycock.
* First peal in 11 methods.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY.—At the Church of St Peter.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Kevin Betesta	Treble	Geoffrey Bridges	5
Michael Willis	2	David Walklate	6
*Cedric Royle	3	Jack Bailey	7
John Whiting	4	Reg Wallis	Tenor

Composed by George Freebrey Conducted by David Walklate.
* First peal.

BELPER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Richard Fox	Treble	†Peter Taylor	5
Jack Dark	2	Peter Davies	6
Anthony Nicholson	3	William Arnold Morley	7
*John Morley	4	†Paul Melbourne	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard Conducted by William Arnold Morley.
* First peal "inside." † First peal. First peal on the bells by an all-local band. The conductor has now "circled the tower."

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5076 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt 3 qr 16 lb in D flat.

*C. Duncan Davis	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	6
†Iris Thomson	2	†James Crowther	7
Kenneth Lawson	3	Kenneth Arthur	8
‡John E. Anderson	4	George S. Deas	9
†William G. Wilson	5	†Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by J Carter Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.
* First peal on ten bells † First of Caters. ‡ First of Grandsire Caters. First of Caters as conductor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FORDHAM, Cambs.—At the Church of St. Peter and St Mary Magdalene.
On Sat. March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Westminster, Netherseale, London, York, Bourne, Ipswich and Cambridge
Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F

Robin H. Rogers	Treble	Donald F. Murfet	4
Janet I Rogers	2	Roger J Palmer	5
Ali M Barber	3	Geoffrey A. Lucas	Tenor

Conducted by Ali M. Barber.
First peal of seven Surprise on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Mar 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Neil V. Avis	Treble	M. Baz Smedley	5
Stephen D. Humphrey ..	2	Peter G. Pitt	6
Adrian G. Semken	3	*Frank B. Lufkin	7
Miss Leslie Ward	4	Bernard W. Fairhead ..	Tenor

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 650th peal. First peal in the method by all.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 29 methods, comprising 576 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire and Rutland, and 448 Bristol with 136 changes of method. Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*Yvonne A. Murray ..	Treble	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Philip J. Rothera	2	George E. Thoday ..	6
Ian R. Panton	3	James L. Towler	7
Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	4	†Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 25th peal. † First of 9/spliced.
Rung for the birth of a son (Robert John) to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Eves. Also a birthday compliment to Clare Harrison.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.
On Tues., March 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 20 methods, being seven 720's, viz.: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B. (2) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (5) Oxford, Double and Plain Bob, (6) Double Court Bob, (7) Kent T.B.
Tenor 4¼ cwt.

Miss Leslie Ward	Treble	Neil V. Avis	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Stephen D. Humphrey ..	3	Brian J. Vaughan	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
Most methods to a peal by all except the conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 48 methods, comprising 192 changes each of Derwent, Lindum, London, Rutland and Wembley, and 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnsbury, Bristol, Cambridge, Campsall, Cherwell, Chester, Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Dublin, Eastcote, Elford, Falmouth, Framley, Hanbury, Hitchin, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Maulden, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Otley, Painswick, Pudsey, Pyrford, Radlett, Ramsey, Scawthorpe, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Tring, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford and Yorkshire, with 158 changes of method.
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*W. Bertram Kynaston ..	Treble	†Anthony R. Peake	5
Edward R. Venn	2	James R. Taylor	6
†Michael J. Hobbs ..	3	Victor Griffin	7
Brian Bladon	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* Has now completed the circle at this tower. † 25th peal together. The greatest number of Major methods to a peal by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

REDBOURN, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 18 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Kent T.B. and two extents each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Walter Ayre	Treble	Augustin V. Good	4
*George A. Reading ..	2	Gerald Penney	5
*Gillian S. Martin	3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal in four methods.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Paul Rixon and Mary R. Simpson, a ringer at this church, who were married later in the day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., March 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Tony Lewis	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley ..	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	David S. Osenton	6
John W. Smith	3	Frederick J. Cullum ..	7
D. Paul Smith	4	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
Rung as a birthday compliment to A. G. Mason and F. J. Cullum.

FRITTENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PYRFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

*Richard Weeks	Treble	Richard Hayes	5
†Lucile M. Corby	2	‡Andrew J. Corby	6
Hilary F. Hinde	3	Robert W. Hinde	7
Judith M. Corby	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley. Conducted by Judith M Corby.
* First peal at first attempt † 150th peal. ‡ 100th peal for the Association. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

ROCHESTER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G.

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

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.

ST. MARY CRAY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., March 10., 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb in G.

Ian H Oram	Treble	†Peter S. Muchlinski ..	4
*Richard G. Crosland ..	2	†Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
†D. Paul Smith	3	†Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Richard D. Crosland.
* First peal of Kent Minor. First peal of Kent. First peal as conductor.
Rung on the Feast of the Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HOGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT AND OXFORD I.B. MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 13 cwt.

Jane Reynolds	Treble	Christopher L. Watson ..	5
Cyril Crossthwaite	2	Dennis H. McCormick ..	6
Betty Faunch	3	Roger Barnes	7
Margaret Crossthwaite ..	4	John Ascroft	Tenor

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
First peal in this variation for all except the conductor

WALKDEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Christine Andrew	Treble	Kenneth Davenport	5
*Michael Platt..	2	Dennis Latham	6
Sidney Hough	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Brian Schofield	4	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.
* First peal. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

COPPULL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., two extents of Cambridge Surprise and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt.

Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	Treble	*J. M. Donald Bateman ..	4
Margaret E. Fort	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
John P. Partington	3	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.
* First peal of Minor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

EARL SHILTON, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude.
On Sat., March 12, 1966 in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Alfred Ballard	Treble	W. Ernest Rawson ..	5
*Christopher M. Sturgess	2	*Gordon H. Lane	6
J. Edward Cawser	3	Brian S. Chapman	7
J. Martin Thorley ..	4	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method
A birthday compliment to Katharine and Penelope Thorley.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., March 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

Martin Green	Treble	Roland H. Cook	4
W. Ernest Rawson	2	A. Maxwell Lindsey ..	5
Malcolm E. Wade	3	R. Kingsley Mason ..	Tenor

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
Rung as an 88th birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Briggs, Somerby, and an 18th birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIBSEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in E flat.

John Walden	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Edward W. Colley	2	Harry Parks	6
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	7
Richard Inglis	4	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Jack L Millhouse.
Rung as a tribute of affection and respect to Charles McGuiness, whose funeral preceded this peal.

BURGH-LE-MARSH, Lincs.— At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., March 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Arthur F. Lewry	5
Geoffrey R. Parker	2	James A. D. Woolford ..	6
Edward W. Colley	3	John Freeman	7
Peter A. Sharp	4	Harry Parks	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
First peal on the bells since restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., March 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb in F sharp.

Vaughan P. Evans	Treble	Walter Tomlinson	4
Philip C. Pitchford	2	John F. Pearson	5
Amos Ingall	3	Louis Willders	Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.
Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration and rededication of this church after the fire of Christmas Day, 1962.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.

CAPENHURST, Cheshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., March 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Malcolm A. Phillips ..	Treble	V. David Jenner	4
*P. Ann Freeman	2	David G. Wilford	5
David F. Moore	3	Jeffrey J. Fox	Tenor

Conducted by David G. Wilford.
* First peal of Surprise. The conductor has now completed the family.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, being 1,760 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,600 Lincolnshire, with 84 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Edward D. Elderkin ..	Treble	†John Pladdys	5
*Timothy G. Pett	2	Michael W. Coleman ..	6
*Roger D. Bailey	3	Richard O. Humphries ..	7
Yvonne Edwards	4	Roger W. Powell	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K Davies. Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Surprise Major.

CHIGWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Less.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods:: (1) Double Oxford Bob, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

Roger D. Bailey	Treble	David L. Cawley	4
Gerald W. Reynolds ..	2	Timothy G. Pett	5
John Pladdys	3	Michael W. Coleman ..	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
In memoriam G. J. Cæsar.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.— At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., March 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BREWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. Edward Lankester ..	Treble	Dennis Knox	5
Joan Beresford	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Susan E. Smith	3	John Hill	7
Alick Cutler	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by A. G. Driver. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method (Corrigan No. 350 renamed).

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST ILSLEY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 8½ cwt.

William Hibbert	Treble	Mary Wells	5
Cyril J. Hibbert	2	Reginald G. Hooper ..	6
Frederick A. H. Wilkins	3	Brynley A. Shackleton ..	7
Derek Jewell	4	William H. Coles	Tenor

Conducted by Brynley A. Shackleton.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Graham J. N. Colborne	Treble	H. Jillian Pike	5
Kay Winterbourne	2	Michael S. Holbrooke ..	6
Freda N. Wilcox	3	Roger B. Pike	7
Michael J. Smith	4	David L. Wilcox	Tenor

Composed by W. Shipway. Conducted by David L. Wilcox.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLD HIGHAM, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents: Double Court, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

James Linnell	Treble	Barry E Saunders	4
Ronald Russell	2	Charles E. Truman	5
Roger W. Smith	3	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E Truman.
A wedding compliment to Alan Paul and Cheryl Whittington, married this day at Rothersthorpe.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John C. Eisel	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Edgar C. Shepherd ..	2	Edward W. Colley	8
Norman J. Goodman ..	3	Peter J. Stretton	9
*James Insley	4	Martin D. Fellows	10
Michael J. Fellows ..	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
George E. Fearn	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.
* 50th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., March 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman ..	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Roderick W. Pipe	2	John C. Eisel	8
*Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	3	†Peter J. Stretton	9
John R. Insley	4	Martin D. Fellows ..	10
Michael J. Fellows ..	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
George E Fearn	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First peal of Superlative Maximus.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., March 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	Clifford A. Barron	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	2	Michael J. Fellows	8
Norman J. Goodman ..	3	Martin D. Fellows	9
James Insley	4	David J. Purnell	10
John R. Insley	5	John A. Anderson	11
George E. Fearn	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Feb. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	John C. Eisel	6
Martin D. Fellows	2	Clifford A. Barron	7
John A. Anderson	3	Michael J. Fellows ..	8
George E. Fearn	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
David J. Purnell	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.

SOLIHULL, Warwicks.—At the Church of St. Alphege.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Muriel Reay	Treble	Norman J. Goodman ..	5
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	George E. Fearn	6
Anthony W. T. Cleaver ..	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Peter S. Bennett	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.) in E flat.

*Anne Parry	Treble	George A. Dawson ..	6
†Linda Wilkinson	2	Mary C. Poyner	7
Doreen Metcalfe	3	R. Brian Mills	8
Harry Poyner	4	William L. Exton	9
John A. Coates	5	*David R. Chambers ..	Tenor

Composed by B. Jealous. Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal on 10. † First of Grandsire Caters "inside."
Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Towler on his retirement after many years as churchwarden of this parish.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Christopher F. Mew ..	Treble	Brian J. Bull	5
Robert J. Cooles	2	Alan R. Millidge	6
Michael J. Uphill	3	Christopher H. Rogers ..	7
Julie S. Armstrong	4	*Frederick A. Benn	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal. First peal in the method for all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
BRIERLEY HILL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

Gillian A. Richards	Treble	John C. Eisel	5
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	Brian J. Luff	6
Peter J. Brown	3	Robert Edwards	7
Michael J. Fellows	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by George Hughes. Conducted by Robert Edwards
First peal as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 123 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Neil Donovan	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	5
Jeanne E. Bottomley ..	2	Frederick A. Munday ..	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Wilfrid F. Moreton	4	Vernon Bottomley	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.
Rung strictly silent and non-conducted.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
CAMBRIDGE.—At 18, Downing College.
On Wed., March 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

*J. N. de Villiers (Trinity)	1–2	†F. H. King (Mag.) (cond.)	3–4
S. P. Darvill (Downing) ..	5–6		

* First peal at first attempt. † First "in hand" and as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., March 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*J. David Atkinson	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Robert B. Smith	7–8
John Worth	9–10		

Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal on ten handbells.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
COVENTRY.—At 68, Warwick Avenue.
On Mon., March 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.

Ernest Sibley	1–2	Clarke Walters	7–8
Frank W. Perrens	3–4	Geoffrey Pratt	9–10
Herbert E. Ashley	5–6	Hubert G. Summers ..	11–12

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.

BEARLEY, Warks.—At College Farm.
On Fri., March 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*F. Mark Robottom	1–2	Peter S. Bennett	3–4
Ian C. Maycock (cond.) ..	5–6		

* First peal "in hand."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At Wayside Cottage.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1966, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Childwall, (2) Fulbeck Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob and Plain Bob, (3) College Bob, (4) Canterbury Pleasure, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Reverse Bob, (7) Double Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

Gerald Penney (cond.) ..	1–2	*Julia A. Fellows	3–4
*Roger D. R. Brown ..	5–6		

* First peal in eight methods
Rung as a compliment to Miss Barbara M. Goodspeed and Graham Sillis on their recent engagement.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Fri., March 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 23 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Ealing, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, and 160 each of Aldenham, Ashtead, Berkshire, Cambrdge, Eastcote, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.
Tenor size 16 in E.

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

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HALLING, Kent.—At Formby Farm.
On Tues., March 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	*Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5–6
Edward J. Beer	3–4	*Christopher T. Osenton ..	7–8
*Stuart Sandford	9–10		

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd.
Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal of Caters "in hand."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At 1, Glebe Close.
On Friday, Feb. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Gwen I. Bloomfield	1–2	Jack Bray	5–6
John Hall	3–4	Frank G Bloomfield ..	7–8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Jack Bray.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At 1, Glebe Close.
On Wed., March 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5220 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Gwen I. Bloomfield	1–2	Jack Bray	5–6
John Hall	3–4	Michael W. Crowder ..	7–8
Frank G. Bloomfield ..	9–10		

Composed by R. B. Smith. Conducted by Jack Bray.
First of Royal "in hand" by all except conductor.

HALF PEALS

SALTER STREET, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 11th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: Angela J. Upton 1, R. H. Hicken 2, Beryl E. Jessop 3, H. F. Bissell 4, J. H. Upton (cond.) 5.

WATLINGTON, OXON.—On March 16th, 2,512 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. A. Carruthers 1, Miss M. A. Wilson 2, R. M. Ashman 3, M. J. Hiller 4, C. M. E. Hodge 5, G. J. N. Colborne 6, M. G. Ingram (cond.) 7, D. R. Baxter 8.

AMBROSDEN, OXON.—On March 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. A. H. Wilkins 1, J. R. Chaundy 2, B. R. White 3, N. Leslie 4, D. Leslie 5, E. J. Smith 6, F. A. White 7, W. F. Judge (cond.) 8. A 50th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On March 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Jones 1, Miss E. John 2, Miss B. Foster 3, R. Swift 4, B. Johnson 5, E. F. P. Bryant 6, N. J. Davies (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, F. G. Huckstepp 8. First Stedman 1, 2, 3, 5. For Evensong.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Cheesman 1, A. Schofield 2, Andrea Tilley 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, G. Huxley 5, M. Kingsley (first in method) 6, N. Hobden 7, R. Harbour 8. M. Kingsley is moving to Newport, Mon.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On March 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Wright (first in method) 1, D. Cobb 2, A. J. Boyack 3, C. A. Hughes 4, D. Hewitt 5, C. Wright 6, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 7, R. Nash 8. Rung for Festival Evensong, on the eve of the 34th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS. — At Christ Church, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Nibbs 1, A. Tubb 2, C. P. Quartley 3, P. Gaisford 4, D. J. Orledge 5, A. Howard (50th quarter) 6, B. A. Shackleton (cond.) 7, D. Nibbs 8.

BRAY, BERKS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (treble leading): Juliet Hall 1, Wenda R. Harris 3, R. A. Blewitt 4, D. Fowles 5, A. J. Glass 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. To welcome the Rev. D. Strickland, ordained deacon this day.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCS.—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Pouncey (first quarter) 1, J. Attwood, sen. 2, J. Attwood, jun. (cond.) 3, D. Trenfield 4, K. Pratt 5, R. Draper (first quarter) 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On March 17th, at St. Nicholas', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Head (first quarter) 1, P. Martin (first "inside") 2, R. Minton 3, V. Sheppard 4, A. W. Bond (cond.) 5, J. Garner 6. On Harry Stalham's birthday.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Lloyd 1, Shelagh Guthrie 2, Susan Devey 3, G. Bradbury 4, R. D. Baker 5, K. Price (cond.) 6. First quarter in method 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Rung in memoriam Mr. H. Butler, sen., a ringer for over 50 years at Shareshill.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Tuffin (first quarter) 1, T. Collins (first quarter) 2, Mrs. W. Coombes 3, Maxine Lush 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, G. Goringe 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. W. B. Hine, a ringer at this church for many years, and Mrs. Hine.

CHELSEA, LONDON.—At St. Luke's Church, on March 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Julie Spurgeon 1, Kathleen M. Baker 2, Veronica E. Dupre 3, Helen Maltman 4, J. H. Lott 5, A. F. Udall 6, J. Phillips 7, M. R. Wycherley (first quarter as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On March 5th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. R. Johnson 1, F. H. Bennett 2, Elizabeth Timmins 3, A. Pritchard 4, R. M. Hodister 5, W. A. Brotherton (first touch of Yorkshire) 6, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 7, G. H. Lane 8.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Hall 1, H. J. White (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. H. White 3, Miss M. Turner 4, H. J. Shuck 5, L. R. Hall 6, R. Dunn 7, P. Edwards (first quarter) 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Mrach 17th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,263 Stedman Caters: R. C. Stevens (cond.) 1, E. J. Razzell 2, Mrs. F. E. Collins 3, G. H. Humphries 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, I. M. Parry 6, N. G. T. Steere 7, K. Taber 8, F. E. Collins 9, A. Brown 10. For the institution of the Rev. R. O. Bowlby as Vicar by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On March 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Yvonne Murray 1, Christine Murray (first "inside") 2, E. W. Roast 3, A. Spurgeon 4, J. E. G. Roast 5, I. Saunders (cond.) 6. An 18th birthday compliment to Christine Murray.

QUARTER PEALS

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. John's Church, on March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Watts 1, Mrs. P. Osbourne 2, W. Mortimer 3, J. S. Weeks 4, S. G. Grant (cond.) 5, W. Beavan 6, D. Bailey 7, J. Potter 8. For the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—On March 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. E. Bottomley 1, D. Archer 2, D. Barraclough 3, H. Marsden 4, J. Henderson 5, J. Wightman 6, G. Richardson 7, V. Bottomley (cond.) 8. First quarter 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, G. W. Bishop 2, C. J. Garlick 3, A. H. Webb (cond.) 4, L. F. Cox 5, J. H. Napper 6, M. Bishop 7, B. Wheeler 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William Fergusson, for many years treasurer to Hagbourne Church Council, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

EASTVILLE, BRISTOL.—On March 3rd, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: L. J. Bailey 1, M. Powell 2, D. Rennolds (first of Grandsire Doubles, cond.) 3, R. W. Sweet 4, L. J. Slade 5, J. M. Shingler 6. A farewell to Mr. G. Marchant, on his departure from Bristol.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Feb. 27th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. P. Yates 1, Joan Balchin 2, A. T. Truman 3, Ann Fellows 4, C. D. Yates 5, C. Bryant 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, P. Colton 8. For Evensong, and a welcome to Lesley Anne Foss, 5th grandchild of the conductor, born this day.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCS. — On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Thornley 1, R. K. Lister (first quarter) 2, C. Brownlow 3, R. Parkinson 4, A. Critchley (cond.) 5, J. F. Wood 6.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS. — On March 10th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. Mussell 1, J. N. Longridge (first in method) 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, W. T. Perrins 4, J. L. Claughton 5, T. Collins 6, R. T. Jones 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8. A compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. R. M. Verity, on completing 30 years in the ministry.

GORING, SUSSEX.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Wendy Everest (first of Minor) 1, G. Hills (first "inside" Minor) 2, D. Smith 3, L. Stilwell 4, R. Pelham 5, R. Cox (cond.) 6. A grateful compliment to Leonard Stilwell, on reaching 800 peals from his "beginners."

GRANTHAM, LINCS. — On March 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. M. Simpson 1, P. A. Slight 2, A. Colborne 3, H. Ketteringham 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, D. A. Frith (cond.) 6, J. W. Watson 7, K. Ketteringham 8, H. R. Woods 9, J. R. Holmes 10.

HALLINGBURY, ESSEX.—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1, H. Watts 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, A. Richardson 4, T. Camp 5.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. P. Brain 1, J. Hollins (first quarter) 2, S. J. Hammond 3, L. J. Parry 4, R. C. Groom 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On March 13th, 1,344 Plain Bob Minor: I. Armstrong 1, Mary I. Hildred 2, T. W. Brighton 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, A. C. Banton (50th quarter, cond.) 6. Rung with best wishes to the Vicar (Rev. Geoffrey Lawn) and Mrs. Lawn, on the birth of a son (Stephen David), and also a birthday compliment to Mary Hildred (March 11th).

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. S. Toon (first quarter) 1, Mrs. S. E. Newby 2, Mrs. W. Toon (first "inside") 3, Rev. E. C. Whitaker 4, O. Geere 5, N. M. Newby (cond.) 6. Also on March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. M. Newby (cond.) 1, D. M. L. Nicholls 2, Mrs. M. Whalley 3, K. Price 4, J. Whalley 5, N. M. Newby, jun. 6. First quarter on tower bells for 2, 3, 4 and 5. Both rung to mark the end of a session of evening classes.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On March 20th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (552 Oxford, 720 Kent): C. Holmes (first of T.B.) 1, K. Kirk 2, G. K. Smith 3, A. B. Cooper 4, I. G. Campbell 5, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and in honour of the engagement of Christine S. Anderson to Keith Gokithorpe.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Newman 1, B. Read 2, A. C. Newman 3, H. Read 4, T. N. Stephens 5, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 6, A. Pendlebury (cond.) 7, H. Foll 8. Rung in memoriam Edgar John White, priest, Rector of Leckhampton, who died March 10th, and was buried this day.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On March 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sheila Y. Hallett (cond.) 1, J. Sheppard 2, C. R. Jenkins 3, Brenda H. Boyce 4, R. C. Taylor 5. For Evensong.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Rolph 1, A. Burbidge 2, Mrs. E. Duguid 3, L. Duguid 4, T. R. Taylor 5, W. Tate 6, G. Gammon (cond.) 7, C. Harris 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Rev. P. and Mrs. E. Gant, on the birth of a daughter (Rachael).

PRESTON CAPES, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and St. Martin's): T. G. Hill 1, S. F. Royal (cond.) 2, R. W. Sherriff 3, M. R. Bennett 4, B. Hendry 5. A peal attempt called round due to the indisposition of one of the band.

RADLETT, HERTS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. M. Clouston 1, Miss A. Hunter 2, Miss J. Denmark 3, G. Dodds (cond.) 4, B. Denmark 5, J. Southey 6. First "inside" 2 and 3.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. D. Hibbert 1, Valerie E. Ware 2, D. M. Hibbert 3, H. A. Bradbury 4, D. C. Bartholomew (cond.) 5, J. R. Lloyd 6. First quarter 1 and 2. Engagement compliments to Miss P. R. Brereton and D. M. Hibbert; Miss J. A. Brereton and the Rev. K. Francis. Also a silver wedding anniversary to J. R. Lloyd.

ROUGHTON, LANCS.—On March 13th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Rigby 1, M. Holt 2, B. D. Holt 3, W. H. Nield 4, M. Rigby (cond.) 5, G. Nield 6. Rung for evening service, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. "Joe" Burgess.

RUISHTON, Taunton, SOMERSET.—On March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia M. Arscott (aged 9) 1, Marion Beale 2, Adrian F. Arscott (aged 12) 3, Brenda M. Bindon 4, K. Beale 5, R. L. Arscott (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3, who are daughter and son of the conductor. Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to George Coles, of Taunton.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): Rev. Russen W. Thomas 1, K. Salisbury 2, A. Johns 3, M. E. Lewis 4, R. Underwood (cond.) 5.

SALTER STREET, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Willett 1, Beryl E. Jessop 2, Jane L. Barton (first "inside") 3, M. F. Bissell (first as cond.) 4, J. H. Upton 5.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. Goodman 1, Miss D. J. G. Wilson 2, Mrs. J. N. E. Rees 3, G. A. Rees 4, C. G. Alban 5. Conducted jointly by all the band. In memory of Mrs. Blanche Clutterbuck, who donated two of the bells, and also for Family Communion.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Westwood 1, S. Brooks 2, A. Richardson 3, R. Hayden 4, R. Walker 5, E. Rochester 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, S. Levey 8. For Confirmation service.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. A. Hancock (first on eight) 1, Sheila Y. Hallett 2, Brenda H. Boyce (first Triples) 3, J. Sheppard (first Triples "inside") 4, C. R. Jenkins 5, J. G. Rose 6, R. C. Taylor (first of Triples as cond.) 7, R. F. Bowditch (first on eight) 8.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On March 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. H. Nicholson (first of Major) 1, Joan Hayward 2, Mrs. G. H. Nicholson 3, G. Kenward 4, J. Clark 5, S. B. Dobbie 6, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 7, B. E. Jemmett 8.

SONNING, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. J. Atkins (first away from tenor) 1, I. Newell (first "inside") 2, L. E. Norcutt 3, A. W. Burton 4, C. T. Williams 5, D. C. Willis 6, A. H. Willis (cond.) 7, R. Newell (first quarter) 8. A compliment to Stephen J. Atkins, on his 21st birthday.

STOKE-ON-TERN, SALOP.—On March 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. M. Key 1, B. G. Key (cond.) 2, D. Hawksworth 3, G. Hall 4, R. E. Morris 5, R. L. Hawksworth 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. R. D. M. Hughes, inducted at this church two days previously.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET. — On March 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Venn 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, E. Venn 3, H. Warr 4, H. Pester 5, R. Cuff 6. For the engagement of Edward Venn and Hilary Greenham, also a 21st birthday birthday compliment to Hilary Greenham and Ian Bowron.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Gregory (first quarter) 1, Doreen Stock 2, G. Stock 3, D. French 4, R. Spray (cond.) 5, R. Sutor 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. F. Hill.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 1, June Sinfield 2, Christine Smith 3, R. J. Scott 4, R. Rowley 5, W. Sear 6. For Evensong.

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DEATH

HEWITT.—On March 18th, 1966, after a short illness, G. Leonard, at Ancote Road, Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire. 8792

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NORTON, HERTS. — Practice meetings first Thursday of every month, 7.30 p.m. Please help keep these bells going.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 8755

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD. —The A.G.M. of the Southampton University Guild of Change Ringers was held on March 23rd, when the following officers were elected: Master, R. A. Partridge: Vice-Master, A. J. Luxford: secretary/treasurer, Miss H. Walters, Chamberlain Hall, Bassett, Southampton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Practice meeting will be held in the evening at All Saints', Sproughton (6) on Saturday, April 2nd. 7–9 p.m.—Winifred Lockwood. S.E. Dis. Sec. 8799

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — **Urgent.** — Please note that the next meeting at Gosforth is Saturday, April 2nd, and not as printed in last week's "Ringing World." Bells (10) 3.15. Tea 5. Also, there are still seats on the bus for the Rothbury trip on May 7th. Please send names for both the above functions to the secretary, Miss G. Douglas, 5, Ross Way, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne 3. 8809

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30. Special methods: Double Bob and Annable's London. 8788

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Meeting at Puttenham on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Ringing after tea at Seale (6). Names for tea, please, to Mrs. T. Gibbons, Berthorpe Lodge, Puttenham, Guildford, Surrey.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 8741

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Datchworth (6), Saturday, April 2nd. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Cosy Cafe by booking. Further ringing at Watton-at-Stone (6) from 6 p.m. Essential numbers for tea to P. M. Searles. c/o Y.M.C.A., 15a, Railway Street, Hertford. 8783

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Brasted on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 for those who notify me. Sundridge bells will be available after the meeting.—W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 8705

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. Michael's Aughton (6). Saturday, April 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, to K. F Wilson, 18, Highfield Road, Southport (88806). 8768

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Eastern Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Winterton-on-Sea, April 2nd. Bells (6) from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 8750

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting, Hanslope, April 2nd. Bells (8) from 6 p.m. 8808

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Aston, April 2nd. Bells (12) 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025. 8780

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Monthly meeting at Wath-on-Dearne (8), Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided—please bring own food. — Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 8731

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Evening meeting only at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on April 2nd.—S. Adams. 8775

SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

COUNTRY MEETING

On Saturday, April 2nd, at LEICESTER

All Saints' (8) 11.30–12.45.
Lunch at Co-operative Restaurant at 1 p.m. (price 8s.).
St. John-the-Divine (10) 2.30–3.45.
Cathedral (12) 3.45–5.
Tea and meeting 5–7.
St. Margaret's (12) 7–8.
Names for lunch and tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 8723

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Ringing meeting at St. Mary's (6), Newmarket, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 at the Scotch Tea Rooms, The Avenue. Meeting follows. Names for tea, **please**, to A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottages, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. 8754

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Danehill (6), April 2nd. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Butcher, The Cottage, Christopher Fields, Danehill.—E. L. Hairs, Div. Sec. 8756

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Elland (8). Saturday, April 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m and after the tea and business meeting, which will be at 5 p.m. The committee will meet at 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Paul Birkett, 43, Longdale Street, Elland.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd, 1966

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Ashbourne	(8)	10.00–11.00 a.m.
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Brassington	(6)	11.15–12.15 p.m.
Wirksworth	(8)	12.00– 1.00 p.m.
Matlock	(8)	1.00– 2.00 p.m.
Belper	(8)	2.00– 3.00 p.m.
Duffield	(10)	2.30– 3.30 p.m

South Circuit:

Melbourn	(8)	10.00–11.00 a.m.
Aston-on-Trent	(6)	10.30–11.30 a.m.
Shardlow	(6)	11.00–12.00 noon
Sawley	(8)	11.30–12.30 p.m.
Long Eaton	(8)	12.00 –1.00 p.m
Sandiacre	(6)	1.00– 2.00 p.m.
West Hallam	(8)	1.30– 2.30 p.m.
Horsley	(6)	2.00– 3.00 p.m.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Special twelve-bell practice, for Holy Week, at Manchester Town Hall on **Wednesday**, April 6th. Ringing from 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—J. Brannan. 8793

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Old Warden (6), Saturday, April 9th, 3 p.m. onwards. Definitely **no name, no tea** after 6th.—Fleming, 106, Dunstable Street, Ampthill. Tel. 3131 8761

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M. at Wells, Easter Monday, April 11th. Service in Cathedral 12 noon. Lunch and meeting at Y.M.C.A., Chamberlain Street, Meeting 2.15 p.m. Names for lunch (8/6) and tea (3/6) with stamped addressed envelope to undersigned. Ringing arrangements: Before service, Westbury-sub-Mendip (6), Street (8) 10–11 a.m., North Wootton (3), Wookey (6), Glastonbury St. John's (8), Dinder (6) 10.30–11.30 a.m., Wells St. Cuthbert's (8) 10.30–11.45 a.m., Cathedral 11–12 noon. After meeting: Wells St. Cuthbert's, Dinder, Croscombe (6), Wookey, Glastonbury St. Benedict's (6) from 5.30 p.m., North Wootton, Pilton (6), Pylle (6), West Pennard (6), Westbury-sub-Mendip, Wells Cathedral from 6 p.m., Street, Walton (5), Meare (6), Baltonsborough (6) and Butleigh (6) from 6.30 p.m.—G. Salmon, 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 8803

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Bees on Easter Monday, April 11th. Bells available 1 p.m. Egremont bells available 11 a.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Annual general meeting 5.15 p.m. It is imperative that those requiring tea must inform Mr. H. Wilson, 128, Main Street, St. Bees, Cumberland, on or before April 6th, as there may be no other means of obtaining refreshment. — J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 8777

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Morton on Easter Monday. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Parish Room. Names for tea to Mr. W Swain, 5, Sitwell Villas, Morton, Derbys. by Thursday previous.—T. H. Radford, Hon. Sec 8800

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Newport on Easter Monday, April 11th. Service in St. Woolos' Cathedral at 4 p.m. Bells: All Saints' (8) 1.30–3.30 p.m.; St. Woolos' (12) 2–4 p.m. and after the meeting. **Please** send names for tea to the undersigned by Monday, April 4th.—M. J. Pryor, 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 8714

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. SATURDAY, APRIL 16th, 1966, LAVENHAM.
Evensong 5 p.m. (address by Rev. A. A. Muxlow, of Stowmarket).
Tea 5.45 p.m. in Church Rooms, followed by annual general meeting.
Names for tea (home made, 3s. 6d. per head) to the undersigned by Wednesday, April 13th, **please.**
A warm welcome is extended to all members and visitors.
RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Route 1.	p.m.	**Route 3.**	p.m.
Kedington (6)	2.15–2.45	Stratford, St. Mary (6)	1.30–2.00
Haverhill (6)	2.30–3.00	Higham (6)	2.15–2.45
Stoke-by-Clare (6)	3.00–3.30	Stoke-by-Nayland (8)	3.00–3.45
Clare (8)	3.00–4.00	Polstead (6)	3.45–4.15
Route 2.	p.m.	**Route 4.**	p.m.
Bures (8)	1.30–2.15	Buxhall (6)	1.30–2.15
Assington (6)	2.30–3.00	Rattlesden (6)	2.15–2.45
Sudbury, All Saints (8)	3.15–4.00	Felsham (6)	3.00–3.30
Acton (5)	4.00–4.30	Preston (6)	3.45–4.15

Lavenham (8) 2 30–5 and 7.30–9 p.m.
From 7.30–9 p.m.: Cavendish (6), Long Melford (8) and Monks Eleigh (6).
8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich. Tel. 75647.
ANDREW T. BECKWITH. 8812

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Bexley, Easter Mondey, April 11th, 1966. Service noon. Luncheon tickets and full programme of events 10s. 6d. each, including a drink; children of resident members under 14 3s. each; obtainable for first 180 applicants on application with stamped addressed envelope to Mr. B. W. May, Keithston, Keycot Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent, not later than first post Tuesday, April 5th. Nomination for Central Council members, 1966–68, signed by proposer and seconder, to reach me not later than first post Thursday, April 7th.—P. A. Corby, Secretary, 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks Kent. 8737

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday. Service at All Saints' 11 a.m Bells 10 a.m. Business meeting in Chapter House 11.45 a.m. prompt. Ringing programme: St. John's (8) 2–3.30 p.m.; Hallow (8) 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Grimley (6) 3–4 p.m.; Ombersley (6) 3.30–4.30 p.m. Claines (10) 3.30–5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 6–7.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10) 7–8.30 p.m. No formal arrangements for tea possible but some local restaurants will be open.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 8787

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Easter Monday, April 11th, Whixley (6). Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Osborne, Whixley, York.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 8806

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting at Leamington Spa, April 16th. Bells of St. Nicholas', Warwick, available from 2.15 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; All Saints', Leamington, from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Leamington bells available after meeting. Numbers for tea to H. C. Burt, Bowood, Rugby Road, Cubbington, Leamington Spa, please.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Gen. Sec. 8802

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Limpsfield Chart, April 16th, from 2.30–4.30 p.m. Service at Limpsfield 4.45 p.m. Please bring own tea; cups of tea will be provided. Evening ringing at Limpsfield 6 30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by April 14th, please. 8795

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 16th, at Watford. Service 4.30. Tea (3/-) and meeting in St. Mary's Hall 5.15. Resolutions regarding affiliated towers, election of N.R.L. members and election of C.C. representatives. Ringing arrangements: Abbot's Langley (6) 9–10.30; King's Langley (8) 10.30–12; Harrow Weald (8) 9–10.30; Bushey Heath (8) 10.30–12; Elstree (6) and Rickmansworth (10) 11.30–1; Bushey (8) 2–3.30; Aldenham (8) 3–4; Watford (10) 3.15–4.30; Watford and Langleybury (6) after meeting. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford (Tel. 27936) by Wednesday, April 13th.—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 8801

JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES
Preliminary Notice
A RINGING FESTIVAL will be held at Beverley on Saturday, May 21st. Service in the Minster 3 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Various towers for ringing. Details later.
Arthur Farrand, Hon. Sec.

LATE NOTICES

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — General Committee meeting, Church House, Leicester, Wednesday, April 6th, 7.45 p.m.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8810

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 11th. Ringing arrangemenths.—Route 1: Northwold (8), Hilgay (8), 10 a.m.–11 a.m., Crimplesham (5), Denver (6), 10.30–11.30, Watlington (6), Downham Market (8), 11–12 noon, Magdalen (6) 11.30–12.30, Clenchwarton (5), Terrington St. Clement's (8) 1–2.30, Walpole St. Andrew's (6). Walpole St. Peter's (6), 2–3.30, Wisbech St. Peter's (10), 3.15–4.15. Route 2: March (6), 10–11, Wisbech St. Mary's (6) 10.30–11.30, Leverington (6), 11–12.30, Tydd St. Giles' (6), Tydd St. Mary's (6), 12—1. Then over to Terrington St. Clement's (Route 1). Service 4.30 p.m. at Wisbech St. Peter's. Tea 5 o'clock Church Hall. General business meeting after tea. Tickets for tea (3/6 per head) are now available from general secretary. Please send money and stamped addressed envelope. Evening ringing arrangements: Wisbech St. Peter's 7–8.30, Elm (6), Emneth (5), Upwell (6), Leverington (6) 7–9.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 8815

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Leicester, April 16th. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 2.30–4; Cathedral (12) 3–4.10: St. John-the-Divine (10) after meeting. Service in Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Alderman Newton's Boys' School Dining Centre (21, St. Martin's), followed by meeting, which will include voting for new general secretary. Names for tea to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South (Tel. Leicester 823140), by Wednesday, April 13th. **No name, no tea.**—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8811

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QUARTER PEALS

LYMPNE, KENT.—On March 20th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): B. Butcher 1, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 2, R. Birch 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Matins. Also 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. C. Sinden 1, B. Butcher (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth Todd 3 H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Evensong.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At All Saints', on March 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. J. S. Evenden 1, G. E. Evenden (cond.) 2, B. Baker 3, P. Smith 4, L. Mannering 5, F. Hogan 6, T. Cullingworth 7, H. Smith 8. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Childs 1, J. J. Yeates 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, J. Evered 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6 Rung for the 100th birthday of Mrs. Emily Winsor, a native of the village, and for the first birthday of a grandson of the tenor ringer.

NORWICH.—At St. George's Colegate, on March 13th, 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor: Miss J. Dagley 1, D. E. House (cond.) 2, M. Cubitt 3, G. H. Pullin 4 P. Adcock 5, D. Cubitt 6.

NOTTINGHAM. — At the Church of St. Mary, on March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Blackler 1, Mrs. R. Blackler 2, Miss S. Pippleston 3, Mrs. J. Stockley 4, S. Humphrey 5, G. A. Dawson 6, J. R. Pratchett (cond.) 7, W. R. Nicholls 8 For Evensong.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grandside Doubles: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, F. J. Cheal 2, T. Wraight 3, B. Sayers 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, N. Humphries 6. A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. Stockbridge, of Rainham.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Rose 1, D. Tamerling 2, L. Nice 3, C. Hancock 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, E. Nice 6. Last quarter before the bells are being taken away.

SALISBURY, RHODESIA.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miles Hanscombe (first quarter) 1, C. Stevenson (cond.) 2, Monica Blagrove 3, Frances Pallett 4, R. Read 5, Stanford J. Hanscombe (first quarter) 6. Rung as a welcome to Ian Stanley and Gordon Blagrove, and a farewell to Colin Stevenson. Ringers of 1 and 6 are father and son.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christina L. Salengre (first quarter) 1, Susan J. Webber (first in method) 2, J. A. Tandy 3, M. J. Robinson (first of Triples as cond.) 4, T. Felicity Webber 5, P. W. Gay 6, A. P. White 7, P. C. Kimber (first of Triples) 8. First of Triples for the University of Keele Society. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Norma Farish.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mary Carveth 1, Virginia Drake (first on ten) 2, Frances M. Rickard 3, V. Mary Matthews 4, G. F. Dunstan (first on ten) 5, A. Carveth (cond.) 6, A. F. Burley 7, A. Locke 8, A. J. Davidson 9, D. A. Trethewey 10. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frederick Boreham, former Archdeacon of Cornwall.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,296 Killamarsh Treble Bob Minor: M. Boskett 1, P. Robertson 2, Anna Sadowska 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, D. Price 5, J. Clements 6. First in the method by all the band.

UPPER BODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. Steel 1, M. L. Baughan 2, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 3, F. Hutt 4, J. J. Spraggett 5, Rung in memoriam Rev. W. T. Gibbins, Rector of this parish, 1918-1948.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On March 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Matthews (first quarter) 1, C. Pearson 2, A. Botterell 3, D. J. Wilkes 4, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5, J. S. Eastwood 6. For Evensong.

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"EASTER"

By the Rev. P. M. FREEMAN

THE other day I came across a sentence in a sermon upon "The Resurrection of the Body." It read as follows: "Then we find a firm and abiding answer in Christ crucified, risen and ascended, in whom God has brought and will bring his whole creation to a perfect consummation. The Christian hope of the fullness of eternal life has its foundation and its only foundation in the redeeming act of God in Christ." I went back and read those words again because I found a certain unreality in them—unreality in the sense that they did not mean anything to me personally. I could not understand what "a perfect consummation" meant—or, for that matter, "the fullness of eternal life."

Does this seem a terrible admission from one who has to minister to those who are bereaved? The truth is that sometimes it is very easy to say words to individuals which have no truth and meaning for ourselves and certainly none for those who listen. How easy it is to use a phrase like "the fullness of eternal life," knowing that no one will dare to ask what it really means for fear of admitting their ignorance. What is the use in speaking in such a way? If I am to minister to the bereaved then I must try to help them to understand what Easter Day and the Resurrection are about. The place to start, therefore, is at my own understanding of what they mean to me.

What are the facts of the case? What happened during those few days in Jerusalem? Jesus was killed; and then on Easter Sunday and the days following the disciples met and talked with Him. What tells most with me is the transformation in the disciples themselves; frightened, bewildered, doubtful men and women at one moment, they became sure, courageous, dedicated to serving God in the face of all kinds of adversity. The first thing then is that Jesus died and lived again physically. He did not "pass on" nor did He return as a "spirit." His death was as real as any human death; His new life is attested by the lives and witness of His followers. The question is—is this the kind of experience that lies in front of us—to die and to rise to a new kind of life as Jesus did? Certainly this is what Jesus promises—that life after death is not just a living on of the spirit, but that the whole person—body, mind and spirit—is raised to this new life.

If we think about the world of nature for a moment, we can see how much of it is a process of "dying" and "living." As I look out of my study window the whole of nature is bursting into life: the daffodils, the budding trees, the lawn needing the mower, the ploughed field over the hedge. What has for months been "dead" is coming to life again. The natural world speaks to us of "dying" and "rising" to new life.

Think also about our experience of living. We can best sum this up by one of the sayings of Jesus: "Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it: and whoever loses it will save it and live." We all know that this is true. We grow older and our ideas of life change. If we were to cling on to our youthful ideas we should perhaps stagnate and die: but, because we can let old opinions die, new ones are born to take their place. Take another example—the world of technological change. Such change means death to old industrial methods, but new life to industry itself. If the change is resisted, then industry cripples itself and dies. Over and over again we are faced with this experience of "dying" and "living."

Sometimes perhaps, when we are in the midst of this process of "dying," we want to protest to God. Perhaps it is the death of someone we love very much or an experience which destroys our confidence in ourselves; perhaps it is a change of job which takes us away from well-loved and familiar surroundings or the coming of retirement after long years with the firm; whatever the situation, there are times when we ask ourselves—and God—"Why me?" What I think we forget at those moments of protest is that the experience is not only that of "dying"—painful as that can be—but also that in the "dying" the living begins. "As dying, and behold we live"—the one fades imperceptibly into the other.

What I have to do at those moments is to remember the love of God; to remember that Jesus, as He dies on the Cross, shares all the moments of pain and agony that I have ever known. He does so because of God's love for men and women. What I have to remember is that Christ dies in order to help me cope with my own sinfulness—and He lives again to give me the assurance that this is possible. He does this because God loves us—and all the people who have ever lived.

The crucial test as far as I am concerned is God's love for the world as I see it in Jesus and in the lives of loving men and women. This is much more important to me than whether there is any discrepancy between the Gospel stories or conjecture about who moved the stone. It is

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LEEDS TOWER AMID CHIMNEYS

All Saints', Barwick-in-Elmet



By FRED L. FLEETWOOD

THE Church of All Saints, Barwick-in-Elmet, was probably built about 1100 A.D. and replaced an earlier structure. Originally of Norman architecture, considerable modifications were made in the 15th century, when north and south aisles were added; now only the chancel remains in its original state. The first known rector held the living in A.D. 1190, and a fairly complete list of rectors exists from this date.

The tower, which probably replaced an earlier one, was built during the incumbency of Richard Burnham, B.D. (1432–1457) and was partly constructed of stone from the Huddlestone (Tadcaster) quarries. The remainder of the tower was completed with local stone. The Huddlestone quarries, of course, provided the stone for both York Minster and the York City walls.

The tenor bell was cast in 1604 and remains in its original state. The rector at this time was Timothy Bright, M.D., who achieved fame as the author of several books on both medical and church matters. He is also believed to have invented shorthand. The bell, which is reputed to weigh 15 cwt., but is now known to be 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp, bears the shoulder inscription "In Jucunditate soni sonabo Tibi one et in Dulceoine Vocis Cantabo tuo ane 1604" in beautiful characters. Over the date is the founder's mark, a bell with a cipher "W.O." in a shield. The mark is that of William Oldfield, who had a foundry at Nottingham with branches at York and Doncaster.

The present No. 5 originally weighed 11 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb., and prior to recasting bore the inscription "Venite Exultemus Domino 1668." It was recast in 1844 by Mears of London, when the weight became 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. The rector in 1668 was Thomas Dalton, D.D., who was also a prebend of Durham Cathedral. The present weight of the bell is 11 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

The present No. 4, the old treble, originally weighed 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. and is believed to have been installed in 1668. It was also recast in 1844 by Mears, and prior to the recasting bore the inscription "Fac Tibi Baptista Sit ut Acceptabillis ista" (with a head, probably that of John the Baptist). The weight now became 8 cwt. 0 qr. 6 lb. There is, or was, a similar bell to this one, with the same inscription, at Church Fenton, near York. The present weight is 7 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

The rector in 1844 was William Hiley Bathhurst, M.A., who built the old Church of St. James (now demolished) and village at Manston. A generous benefactor, he gave away several thousands of pounds, including £500 towards a new road from Scholes to Seacroft. He also wrote two hymns, namely: 272 (A. and M.), "O Saviour, may we never rest," and 278 (A. and M.), "O for a faith that will not shrink."

Up to about 1900 it was customary for the pancake bell to be rung on Shrove Tuesday. Also about this time there was a complicated method of tolling the bells to announce a death. This was as follows:—

	Treble Strokes	No. 2 Strokes	Tenor Strokes
Girl ..	6	7	8
Boy ..	7	8	9
Woman ..	8	9	10
Man ..	9	10	11

A simpler system is now used.

When the present Rector, the Rev. Norman Butcher, arrived in 1959, the bells were practically unringable. Thanks to his initiative, the Parochial Church Council agreed to the installation of a steel frame to accommodate six bells, the overhaul and rehanging of the three existing bells.

The opportunity to add a further three bells was too good to miss and a subscription list was opened to raise the necessary funds. Most of the money was promised by means of covenanted subscriptions, the last instalment being due in March, 1966.

The old bells were removed from the tower in November, 1960, and the new frame was installed along with the six bells, which were dedicated at Evensong on Palm Sunday, 1961, by the Archdeacon of Leeds, the Ven. C. O. Ellison. The whole work was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough.

The weights of the three new bells are as follows:—

Treble	4 cwt. 0 qr. 15 lb.
No. 2	4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
No. 3	6 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lb.

All three bear the inscription "Norman Butcher—Rector."

There has been one peal on the bells, on Whit Monday, 1961, but due to the close proximity of dwelling houses to the church peal ringing cannot receive favourable consideration. Visitors wishing to ring for shorter periods will always be welcome.

Practice takes place on Thursday evenings, and at present there is an enthusiastic band of 12 local ringers. Progress in method ringing was slow, mainly due to the absence of experienced ringers in the locality. Recently two ringers with experience have joined the band and some progress is now being made.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

The monthly meeting of the Marlborough Branch at St. Katherine's (Savernake Forest) and Great Bedwyn on March 26th was well attended, there being 25 members present and visitors from Swindon and Southampton.

Under the direction of the Ringing Master (the Rev. Roger Keeley), ringing in the standard methods, with rounds and call changes, was enjoyed until 4.30 p.m., when the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Curry). A splendid tea was laid out in the schoolroom by Mrs. Tilley and helpers, and in appreciation a collection was taken, half of which was given to the school funds and half to the Great Bedwyn rope fund.

At the business meeting, with Mr. G. Newman in the chair, a silent tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. J. Vockins, an Aldbourne ringer who had died earlier in the week.

Mr. A. Palmer (hon. secretary) presented the balance sheet, which showed an increased balance in hand over the previous year of £6 7s. 2d. Membership stood at 84. The accounts were unanimously adopted with thanks to Mr. Palmer.

Subject to permission, the next three monthly meetings are to be held at Chilton Foliat, Pewsey and Chisledon. Arrangements ar to be made for a party to attend the Guild Festival at Fordington, Dorchester, on May 14th. Ten new members from Pewsey were enrolled.

In his report, the Ringing Master mentioned that rehanging with ball bearings was taking place at Burbage, and a request for instruction had been received from Ogbourne St. Andrew's. Proceedings concluded with the chairman's thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting such a good one. W. A. E.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—At St. Leonard's, on March 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Rea 1, C. G. Barnes 2, A. R. Millidge 3, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 4, G. W. Shanks 5, C. Starbuck (first on eight bells) 6, R. C. Stevens 7, N. Smith (first quarter) 8. For Confirmation.

WEARE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Hooper 1, Miss M. Legg 2, J. Loxton 3, C. Clark 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, J. Phillips 6. First of Stedman 3 and 4.

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"Coursing Order" in Stedman Triples

By D. BUTTERWORTH

MANY ringers believe that Stedman Triples is one of the easiest standard methods to ring but one of the most difficult to conduct. Unfortunately, Stedman Triples has the peculiarity that even so-called experts tend to be easily displaced in the method when a trip occurs, particularly in the slow work. This has meant that many peals have been lost because the conductor has been unable to correct mistakes when they have occurred. Thus only those conductors who have exceptional memories, or exceptional bands, have been able to cope with this method.

The following description of a "coursing order" technique should open the field of conducting Stedman Triples to many conductors who would normally avoid this method because of its lack of coursing order.

DERIVATION AND USE OF THE "COURSING ORDER"

The principle of Stedman is the combined effect of ringing alternate quick and slow three-bell sixes with the remaining bells dodging above 3rd's place. This results in the breaking up of the natural coursing order within each course. Nevertheless, a cyclic order exists in which the bells follow each other into the quick or the slow work. This order, which I have called "the coursing order for Stedman Triples," is 7165234, using the 7th as the starting point in the cycle in the plain course.

Examples:

(a) If 6 goes in quick, 5 is the next quick bell.

(b) If 4 goes in slow, 7 is the next slow bell.

If a fixed bell is now chosen (I have chosen the 7th as this is usually the fixed bell in compositions of the method) and the "coursing order" written without it, then the following may be derived from the plain course and extended to apply to any course.

The "coursing order" with the 7th as fixed bell is 165234.

Let these six numbers be divided into three pairs and name them "First" pair, "Quick" pair and "Last" pair respectively, viz:

16	52	34
First	Quick	Last

Now in any course of Stedman Triples, without calls, the following facts apply. (In each case given below, the bells which refer to the plain course are given in parentheses I suggest that a copy of the plain course is used to help comprehension.)

1. **Order of Dodging.**
   The 7th dodges with the other bells in the order:
   "First" "Quick" after quick work (1652),
   "Quick" "Last" after slow work (5234).

2. **Order of "Passing" Bells.**
   The 7th passes the other bells (i.e. 3–4 up, 5–6 up, 5–6 down, 3–4 down) in the order:
   "Last," "First" (3416).

3. **Quick Work.**
   When the 7th goes in quick the two bells in the slow work are the "Quick" pair (52).

4. **Slow Work.**
   When the 7th goes in slow, the slow bells on the front are the "Last" pair (34). The quick bells which enter during the 7th's slow work are the "Quick" pair (52), and the slow bells which enter are the "First" pair (16).

From the above it will be realised that a ringer who knows the coursing order of any particular course of Stedman Triples which is being rung is potentially capable of checking the ringing and correcting, if necessary, any trips that may occur. This is of course assuming the ringer is capable of applying the information given.

It now remains to describe how transposition of the "coursing order" may be carried out when bobs or singles are used.

TRANSPOSITION OF "COURSING ORDER"

The greatest difficulties associated with the transposition of "coursing orders" in Stedman are that the factors are complicated and two different types are required (one for quick and one for slow sixes). If one limits the compositions used to those which work on a twin bob plan, then each pair of bobs may be transposed together, resulting in easy transposition factors.

A table of factors for twin bob peals is given below. It will be noticed that once the four bells which are affected at a twin bob have been isolated the transposition function is always the same. (1234 becomes 2143.)

Bobs	at 3.4 (S)	transpose by	214356
"	" 5.6 (H)	"	132546
"	" 7.8 (L)	"	124365
"	" 12.13 (Q)	"	213465
Singles	" 9 or 14 (V)	"	612345
"	" 2 or 11 (VI)	"	234561

Using this table, the coursing order of any twin bob peal of Stedman Triples may be followed throughout.

The amount of mental effort required in transposition may be reduced by limiting the type of composition used to one which is based on a three-course block plan. By the use of these compositions only five numbers need be transposed and the number of transpositions may be reduced by transposing adjacent twin bob pairs together.

As an illustration of the above, a Thurstans' block is given showing firstly how only five bells need be transposed, and secondly how twin bob pairs are transposed together.

TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' BLOCK

Let the coursing order of a course, before calling Thurstans' block, be 162345; then transposition of this block is as follows:

	162345
3.4	613245
7.8	612354
3.4	163254
5 6	136524
12.3	316542
5.6	361452

Note the path of the 6th through the coursing orders. If this is committed to memory then the following transposition factors may be used.

Bobs	at 3.4 (S)	transpose by	13245
"	" 5.6 (H)	" "	12435
"	" 7.8 (L)	" "	13254
"	" 12.13 (Q)	" "	21354
Singles	" 2 or 11	" "	23451
"	" 9 or 14	" "	51234

Note the effect of a single on the position of the 6th as given in the full peal composition given later.

If adjacent twin bobs are transposed together, then

3.4 and 5.6 transpose by 13425
3.4 and 7.8 " " 12354

If these are used care must be taken between calling positions not to apply the wrong coursing order. For compositions such as "Thurstans' reversed" or Brooks' variations, then the five-figure transposition factors will have to be determined for these compositions. The factors given are suitable for the following compositions: Thurstans', Dexter's No. 1 and No. 2 variations of Thurstans' and Washbrook's variation. (This is not the usual composition associated with Washbrook.)

An example of how the coursing orders are transposed throughout a peal is given below. If 5-number transpositions are used, then ignore the 6th, and if adjacent twin bob pairs are transposed together, ignore the coursing orders which are in black type figures.

Once the basis of this coursing order technique has been mastered, extensions of its usefulness may be developed. As in standard Major methods the coursing order may be utilised to predict those bells which will be affected at the calls and to facilitate the actual calling of the bobs and singles, so, too, the coursing order in Stedman may likewise be used. These will, however, become evident to those who require them by the use of pencil and paper and clarification is not necessary therefore.

The great advantage of using the coursing technique outlined is that the progress of the ringing may be checked constantly throughout with about the same amount of mental effort required to conduct a peal of Surprise.

DEXTER'S No. 1 VARIATION OF THURSTANS' 4-PART

COURSING ORDERS

2	3.4	5.6	7.8	12.13	14		Course end 231456	2	3.4	5.6	7.8	12.13	14	Coursing order at Course end 165234
	x		x				246351		**612534**		615243			
	x	x			x		432561		**162543**	126453		216435		
		x				S	(135462)			261345			526134	
		x				A	315426			562314				
			2A				523416							361524
	x		x				546213		**635124**		631542			
	x	x			x		425163		**365142**	356412		536421		
		x				B	245136			563241				
			3B				351246							164352
	x		x				326541		**613452**		614325			
	x	x			x		253461		**163425**	136245		316254		
S						C	541326	162543						
			3B, C, 3B, C, 4B				231456							165234

Letters to the Editor

LEICESTER REVISITED

Dear Sir,—Some 20 years ago when opportunity in this area for advanced peal ringing was less favourable than now, I travelled from Rotherham to Leicester to ring my first peals of Bristol and London Surprise Major, Yorkshire Royal, Cambridge Maximus, Stedman Cinques and my one and only handbell peal, Bob Royal, mainly with the Cathedral ringers, who sometimes promoted week-end hospitality in their homes. I shall always be grateful for those early opportunities.

In recalling those happy occasions, it was a great pleasure to visit Leicester Cathedral a few days ago and ring my first peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor, especially as the peal was rung in memory of Mrs. Phyllis Poole, who died eight years ago.

Many of the familiar friendly faces were there to greet me on arrival outside the Cathedral. I enjoyed the good striking and almost complete absence of mistakes throughout the peal on these lovely bells.

Thank you, Leicester, for your continued hospitality, enjoyed so often on previous occasions.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

CORRECTIONS FROM SALISBURY

Dear Sir,—The two Minor compositions on pages 604 and 620, "Ringing World," 1965, are not new. The composition on page 620 is by the late A. G. Driver and is the same as his well-known composition of six Surprise methods. Nos. 36 to 41. Mr. Driver called these compositions Composite Courses, and anyone analysing his compositions of this type can easily reproduce all such extents, including that on page 604.

The method published as Groton Caters has been going round on paper for the last 15 years under the name of Prittlewell. In the Triples stage it is a double method, viz.:

Triples: 3, 5, 147, 3, 5, 3, 5, 3, 147, 5, 3, 5.
Caters: 3, 5, 149, 3, 5, 3, 5, 3, 149, 5, 3, 5.
Cinques: 3, 5, 14e, 3, 5, 3, 5, 3, 14e, 5, 3, 5.

In view of my first paragraph, I feel I must ask for any prior claims to the following one-part extent of Ipswich, Cambridge and York Surprise Minor. It can be rearranged to include Norfolk and Primrose Surprise.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Salisbury, Rhodesia.

SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR (3 methods), CAMBRIDGE, IPSWICH and YORK

	23456	Y
—	23564	I
—	45236	C C
—	62453	I I C
—	46253	C I
—	46532	Y I
—	54632	I Y
—	65432	I
—	24653	C C C
—	24536	I I C
—	52436	C I
—	52364	Y I
—	35264	I
—	42356	I Y
—	34256	I C I
—	23456	

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NORWICH BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Montgomery's questions on the bells of St. Andrew's and St. John-in-Maddermarket's, Norwich, seem to have gone unanswered in your columns (page 76), so perhaps I can be of assistance in answering them.

St. John's bells are a complete Lester and Pack six and were opened in 1766. I have not been up to them myself but am informed that the fittings are fairly sound; but to judge from the appearance of the tower, attempts to ring the six in peal might not be advisable. I ventured as far as the former ringers' gallery and found four ropes of considerable antiquity attached to the bells for swing-chiming, and I understand that some two or three years ago these four bells were raised and rung singly; but when the last ringing was done I do not know, but the organ, which has been there for some time, obstructs the fall of the two ropeless bells.

St. Andrew's are a mixed ring of ten and are totally unringable. They are a mixed lot: treble and second by Thomas Mears, 1825; third by Henry Pleasant, 1705; fourth and ninth by Thomas Newman, 1713; fifth by John Draper, 1634; seventh by Michael Darbie, 1661; whilst the Norwich foundry is represented by the sixth, eighth and tenor (18 cwt. in E), dated 1623, 1617 and 1621 respectively, and which were cast by the Brend family, whose mark—AB/W—they bear on their crowns.

The frame is hexagonal below and above this is an unbelievable concoction which contains the remaining bells, all of which must have swayed violently during ringing: a drawing is given in Canon Thurlow's excellent book on Norwich bells. The fittings are badly weathered and decayed, and all the wheels have been removed. The bells are sounded by an Ellacombe apparatus and also by the clock. When they were last rung I do not know: it must have been a difficult job considering that the ropes fall 1-3-2-7-0-5-4-6-9-8, but it was on these bells that the first peal of London Major was rung, on November 17th, 1835, conducted by Samuel Thurston, and recorded on a tablet in St. Giles-on-the-Hill. I believe that Canon Thurlow, when Vicar, attempted without success to have the bells rehung.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID CAWLEY.

Whitstable, Kent.

5,088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

5	M	W	4	H	23456
				—	42356
		—		3	54326
	—	—		3	23645
		—		3	42635
		—		3	34625
—			—	—	25634
	—			—	46532
—	—		—	—	34256
		—		3	53246
		—		3	45236
		—		—	23456

Rung at Barnes on November 21st, 1965.

THE DOUBLES COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—I have been checking some of the Doubles methods which have appeared in "The Ringing World" over the last four weeks, and would like to make the following points.

"Jack of Both Sides" (page 135), when called as given, is false. Repetition occurs no less than six times at the handstroke leads, and I strongly suspect that there can be no true extent.

Chevasse, Maltby and Callender (page 135) are not true when rung with the second as the observation bell. Rounds are struck on the handstroke of the second bob, as in Wainfleet. However, there seems to be no reason why this should not be possible, provided that the understood bob is completed in the first lead.

Also, there appears to be a misprint in the first lead of Huntley (page 125) in the first lead. According to my figures the row of treble's first blow in fifths place should read 23541.

I should like to congratulate Geoffrey Dodd and Roy Jones on forming what promises to be a very fine and long overdue collection. I should also be interested to hear from any Doubles enthusiasts who may possibly be going as freshers to Durham University next October, or who may be passing through East Yorkshire during the summer.—Yours faithfully,

C. J. EASTON.

76, Stepney Road,
Scarborough, Yorks.

N.B.—I must add that I have not yet examined all the Doubles methods so far published.—C. J. E.

OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I am writing to inquire whether any ringer can send me or have printed in "The Ringing World" a peal of Oxford Bob Triples which contains Grandsire Triples singles and not Holt's Bob singles. I have a peal in this method but with Holt's Bob singles in it, and the ringers in the band who are ringing are not familiar with such calls.—Yours faithfully,

I. WICKENS.

Lyndhurst, Rectory Lane,
Charlwood, Surrey.

EASTER—Continued from front page.

because I am certain of God's love that I can think hopefully of what will happen to me when I die. Such certainty is best expressed by the story of the country doctor, who habitually went on his rounds accompanied by his faithful and aged spaniel. At each stop the dog was permitted to roam and sniff. On one occasion the doctor was visiting a dying man at a small country cottage, and the patient was asking the doctor about "life after death." "How do you know what it's like?" he asked. This nonplussed the doctor until he heard his dog whining at the door and scratching to get in. "Can you hear my dog trying to get into this room?" the doctor asked. "He's never been in here before. But he knows it will be all right because his master's here. In a way that's how I think about "life after death.' I know it will be all right, because the Master's there."

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

OBITUARY

TWO FRIENDS DIE AT BATH

RICHARD J. COUSINS—EDMUND KING

We in Bath have lost two of our oldest members by the deaths of Richard Cousins (aged 85) on March 8th, and Edmund King (aged 82) on March 17th. These two spent uncountable hours together ringing and cycling.

Richard came to Bath from the Taunton area in about 1905 and rang many peals in and around Bath, his last peal being in 1956 at the age of 75 on the octave at Upper Weston. "Dick," as we called him, took his ringing very seriously, but outside the tower he was a cheery man, with his red cheeks and warm smile, and he loved to smoke his pipe. His eyesight began to fail and he had been confined to home for the last two years. He passed away in St. Martin's Hospital as he was being prepared for an operation.

The funeral service was conducted by the Archdeacon Emeritus of Bath (the Ven. E. A. Cook) on March 14th at Upper Weston. In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal was rung on these bells, conducted by Alan F. Lee.

Edmund learned to ring in 1901 at Sherborne Abbey and came to Bath shortly afterwards. He toured the area on his bicycle for Sunday service ringing until he was 77, when the doctor advised him to give up his cycle. He then joined Twerton and he would walk over a mile from his home to tower for early Communion ringing, stay for service, ring for Matins and walk home. He also walked in every Tuesday for practice. He worked by the clock and would time himself walking, and one remembers him saying "Did it in 25 minutes tonight." He was over 80 before he would accept a lift in a car. His last quarter peal was at Twerton on his 80th birthday. He then suffered a stroke that almost finished his ringing activities, but he did ring again during the summer of last year.

The funeral service was held at the Church of the Ascension, South Twerton, on March 24th, and as there are no bells, handbells were rung as the coffin left the church by Mrs. Jean Lee 1-2, Leslie R. Taylor 3-4 and Percival R. Young 5-6. He was interred at his native home, Sherborne. It was his wish that he should have the Ringers' Hymn at his service and that the bells at Twerton should be rung open, so a peal was rung to both of these grand old ringers on March 19th.

It is estimated that Dick and Edmund cycled thousands of miles together in search of ringing and did such things as scoring their first peals of Bob Major together at Twerton on 3, 4, in 1908, and joining the Salisbury Guild together before a peal at Colerne in 1914, when they rang side by side on 5, 6. It was side by side that they were called to their rest. A. F. L.

UPPER WESTON, BATH.—On March 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): N. V. Wiltshire 1, Mrs. E. Pothecary 2, K. C. Brain 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, T. W. Harris 5, S. Dolan 6, G. Pothecary 7, M. G. Messer 8. First quarter 6, 7 and 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Richard J. Cousins.

MR KENNETH SNELLING

We record with deep regret the death of Mr. Kenneth Snelling at the age of 58.

A pupil of the late Oliver Sippetts, Ken was a member of the fine Crawley band that rang in the 1930's. With them he rang in the first peal of Spliced Surprise by a local team. After the war he married Gladys Apps, daughter of the late George Apps, of Cuckfield, and became a member of the Cuckfield band, with whom he rang until ill-health prevented him.

Ken was a very fine ringer in every way—safe, reliable, a splendid striker and method ringer, always modest and a friend of all who knew him. He rang a total of 500 peals in a great variety of methods. His many friends will remember him with great respect and affection. R. V. P.

5,103 STEDMAN CINQUES

By M. V. CHILCOTT

		5	6	7	18	19	
2314567890E							
24135678E90	(a)						
132456			—		—	—	A
312456				S			A
134256	2A						A
421356			—		—	—	A
235641		—		—	S		A
123456E9780	(b)						
14326578E90	(c)						
412365			—	—		2	B
214365			—			S	B
123465			—	—		2	B
213564			—	—		—	B
314625		—				—	B
531246E9780	(b)						
3215648709E	(d)						
241563				—			
423165				S		—	
314265			—		—	—	C
122465				S	—		C
341265			—		—	—	C
34126578E90	(e)						
134625	B						
513246E9780	(b)						
1235648709E	(d)						
214563			—	—			
132465				—		—	
214365	C						

(a)=S1, 2, S15, S18
(b)=2, 3, 4, 6, S10
(c)=3, S8, 9, 10, S12, 21
(d)=1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, S12, 21
(e)=2, S13, S15

First rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on October 9th, 1965.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

Thirty-four ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch at Stourpaine on March 26th, including visitors from Northumberland, Yorkshire, Hampshire and Somerset. There was some good ringing on the recently rehung and augmented six up to London Surprise, under the direction of Mr. W. C. Shute. The Guild Office was conducted by the Branch chairman, the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore, and vice-chairman, the Rev. R. A. Wells, and a ringing member, Mr. G. Spencer, accompanying on the organ.

An excellent tea was given by the parish, organised by Mrs. Martin while Mr. Martin, captain of the Stourpaine ringers, made all arrangements for the meeting. Four new members were elected—Miss B. White, Messrs. M. Angell, R. Angell and R. Ricketts. Guild proficiency certificates were awarded to N. Lewis, of Okeford Fitzpaine, and to Miss A. Dibben, of Shroton. Ringing continued later both at Stourpaine and at Durweston.

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5,024 ALFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

M	W	B	H	23456
			—	42356
2	2			25463
3	—	x		(62453)
			—	62534
		x		(62534)
—	—			46532
3	2			63542
2	2		3	34625
2	2		2	23456

Rung at Willesden on June 24th, 1965.

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ST. ALBANS DISTRICT RINGING COURSE

An advanced level ringing course was held on March 26th in Wheathampstead, the first of its nature to be run by the District. Eighteen ringers from four counties sat down to hear the lectures.

John Mayne gave the first, on Method Extension. He explained clearly the different processes of extending methods and outlined various aspects of the Central Council handbook of method extension. After a few questions and thoughts, he continued with the next lecture, which was proof of a method This was approached from two aspects, John Mayne dealing with it by comparing rows of changes directly, and Roger Baldwin continuing by deriving a formula for producing false course-heads by transposing changes and then lead ends.

Then there was a break, and the tea certainly was very welcome!

Roger Baldwin, in the evening spoke on Composition of Surprise Methods. He had only a comparatively short time to tackle a wide subject. He transposed course-ends and used M, W and H callings only, showing how a peal can be built up without falseness. Then both he and John answered final questions. Geoff Dodds thanked both John and Roger for an extremely helpful and worthwhile afternoon. Our thanks also went to Mrs. Amy Coburn and those who made the tea. A touch of spliced on handbells followed, and then the tower was open for general ringing from 7.30 to 8.30. J. A. F.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Church of All Hallows, Tottenham, a church which has a medley of styles and materials with walls of flint, brick and stone and tiled roofs, was visited by the North and East District on March 19th. The pre-service ringing was augmented by a number of friends from the Guildford area, who were enjoying a day's ringing together.

Following the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. A. E. Horsfield) and assisted by the Rev. F. C. Humphries, members were entertained to tea at The Priory, a venerable old house dating back to 1620, by the Vicar and Mrs. Horsfield.

With one of the shortest agendas for some time, the business meeting was soon over, the highlight of which was the attempt of the Vicar's dachshund, following the chairman's vote of thanks, to outdo single-handed (or perhaps single-voiced would be more appropriate) the efforts of the company showing their appreciation in the usual manner.

Ringing continued in a variety of methods after tea, when a welcome visitor was the Vicar of St. Ann's, Lambeth. E. H. K.

SURREY ASSOCIATION
Southern District

The ground-floor eight at Bletchingley tower were selected for the District meeting on March 19th. The rather gusty day may have been partly the reason for the disappointing attendance, but despite the lack of ringers the ringing was exceptional. A 360 of Cambridge Surprise Minor was attempted, and two courses of Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, followed by three courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. As tea-time approached, some ringers departed, leaving eight, who sat down to a very enjoyable tea.

After this, Mr. A. Streeter, the Master, thanked the ladies for tea, and Mr. Pat Cannon gave a piano recital. I. W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The Northern District meeting at Stebbing on March 19th attracted an attendance of some 40 people. The Rev. F. Boykett conducted the service; there was an excellent tea. At the conclusion of the business meeting a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells before returning to the tower, when ringing continued until 9 p.m. J. M. S.

QUARTER PEALS

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On March 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Kemp 1, A. Spurgeon 2, E. W. Roast 3, R. Housden 4, M. Rowling 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation service, and also as a farewell to M. Rowling, who is taking up an appointment in Canada.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's, on March 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Warwick 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Mrs. T. Cooke 3, Miss J. Cooke 4, S. Hardy 5, E. Pannell 6, F. Hodgson 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. Rung in memoriam F. W. Cooke, vice-president of the Durham and Newcastle Association for the past six years.

DENTON, LANCS.—On March 20th, 1,320 York Surprise Minor: N. Bennett 1, M. Platt 2, D. Walker 3, C. Andrew 4, D. Yates 5, J. Brannan (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Jennie Eades, wife of the tower master.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 13th, 1,280 St. Clement's Bob Major: C. Royle 1, J. Whiting 2, M. Willis 3, G. Bridges 4, K. Betesta 5, J. Bailey 6, R. Wallis 7, D. Walklate (cond.) 8. First in the method 1, 2, 3, 4.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. L. Horder (first of Triples) 1, C. Savage 2, Valerie Mellish 3, F. Williams 4, J. Portman 5, G. West 6, D. A. Wills (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, R. T. Perry 8. Rung following a quarterly meeting of the Aylesbeare, Devon, Branch.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, DERBYS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Richardson 1, A. McNee (first quarter) 2, T. Wylie 3, J. Arkell 4, R. Evans (first quarter) 5, A. Richardson (cond.) 6.

FILTON, GLOS.—On March 25th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): Miss M. N. Haslum 1, D. C. Haslum 2, H. Taysom 3, D. J. Hunt 4, Miss G. M. Hussey 5, A. Howard (cond.) 6. Rung for the fifth anniversary of the reconsecration of the church.

FRAMPTON COTTERELL, near BRISTOL.—On March 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Sheila A. Drew (first quarter) 1, M. S. Smith 2, J. L. Clapp 3, N. A. Curtis 4, H. Taysom (cond.) 5, R. H. Driver 6. First in the method on the bells and by all except the conductor. Rung for the anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. D. S. Bennett).

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On March 10th, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. Smith 1, D. A. Frith (cond.) 2, H. L. Squires 3, P. A. Slight 4, V. P. Evans 5, C. F. Baxter 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. Smith, mother of ringer of 1.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—On March 19th, 720 Norwich, 600 Cambridge: R. Turnill 1, G. Markwell 2, B. Hullah 3, A. Barber (cond.) 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow 6. Birthday compliments to R. Turnill and A. Barber.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On March 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Robinson 1, Edna Everest (first of Cambridge) 2, Christine Baldock 3, A. Bond 4, R. Peckham (first of Cambridge) 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6. A 20th and 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 5 respectively.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On March 6th, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Barker 1, B. M. Barker 2, G. Spratt 3, R. J. Picton 4, P. W. Harper 5, K. D. Waples (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KIRKBY-in-FURNESS, LANCS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. S. Toon 1, Mrs. S. E. Newby 2, Mrs. W. Toon 3, C. Newby (first "inside") 4, W. Kenyon (first quarter) 5, N. M. Newby (cond.) 6.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On March 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Read 1, A. Pendlebury 2, A. C. Newman 3, W. H. Woodyatt 4, T. N. Stephens 5, B. Read 6, W. A. Farmer 7, A. J. Newman 8. A farewell to Brian Read, who is leaving Cheltenham to take up an appointment in London.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on March 13th, 1,248 London S. Minor: T. G. Pett 1, J. Pladdys 2, R. J. Parker 3, R. O. Humphries 4, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. W. Powell 6. For morning service by U.A.

MEOPHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 26th, 1,408 Lincoln Surprise Major: E. J. Jenner 1, Ann Jenner 2, Olive D. Tester 3, Hilary P. Hinde 4, Doris E. Colgate 5, R. W. Hinde 6, C. A. Tester 7, S. Jenner (cond.) 8.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Central High School, on March 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Walker 1—2, P. Glaser (first quarter) 3—4, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 5—6.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Schwarz 1, F. Slatford (cond.) 2, J. Hunt 3, J. Case 4, A. Knight 5, J. Lucas 6, G. Harding 7, G. Schwarz 8. For Confirmation service.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): Miss N. Kempsell 1, Mrs. M. Dallison 2, A. J. Bull 3, W. Dunn 4, A. Streeter (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6. For Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—On March 6th, at St. Laurence's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Hiller 1, Miss H. A. Alford 2, M. G. Ingram 3, P. Norman 4, R. Lloyd (first of Triples) 5, G. J. N. Colborne (cond.) 6, D. R. Baxter 7, R. E. Stillwell 8. Also on March 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. E. Stillwell (first of Major) 1, Miss H. A. Alford 2, Miss M. A. Wilson 3, P. Norman 4, G. J. N. Colborne 5, D. R. Baxter 6, M. J. Hiller 7, M. G. Ingram (cond.) 8. Both rung for Evensong.

SALTER STREET, WARWICKS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Willett 1, Beryl Jessop 2, Jane Barton 3, M. Bissell (cond.) 4, J. Upton 5.

TICHMARSH, NORTHANTS.—On March 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. A. Lacey 1, R. K. Mason (cond.) 2, R. J. Starbuck 3, M. Green 4, S. J. Haines 5, M. E. Wade 6, R. H. Cook 7, A. M. Lindsey 8.

TRING, HERTS.—On March 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: Jacky Barnes 1, A. R. Kench 2, H. Collings (cond.) 3, J. J. Grace 4, P. W. Harper 5.

TURVEY, BEDS.—On March 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Hilson 1, R. Chapman 2, Miss K. A. Rivett 3, E. P. Inskip 4, M. J. Marriott 5, D. A. Hammond 6, R. L. Piron (cond.) 7, C. E. Jeffries 8. A wedding compliment following the marriage at this church of Mr. J. R. Bird and Miss M. R. Field (a member of the local band).

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On March 20th, 1,296 Bob Caters: J. Knight 1, Miss A. Johnson 2, P. Woodward 3, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 4, Mrs. L. Banks 5, A. Dun-Birch 6, D. Banks 7, G. Townend 8, T. Tarbatt 9, D. Barker 10. For the wedding of Bob Cater and Gail Blackburn, both of the local band.

WARE, HERTS.—On March 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. W. Foley 1, V. R. Tubby 2, J. M. Kemp 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, D. Digby 5, P. Owen 6 P. M. P. Searles (cover) 8. Conducting shared by 5 and 6. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Sandra Ivey (12) 1, Maureen White 2, Mary White 3, Christine Mason 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, B. E. Pink 6. A farewell to Basil Pink. Also on March 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Sally Palmer (12) 1, Mary White 2, Christine Mason 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. 50th quarter together 2 and 4. First attempt for both treble ringers.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On March 13th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Phyllis Matthew 1, G. A. Dawson 2, S. Humphrey (50th quarter) 3, P. R. Humphrey 4, Elizabeth J. Foster 5, C. R. Daft 6. Rung non-conducted and strictly silent. First quarter non-conducted 1, 2, 6. A birthday compliment to Jane Sewell, and to Timothy Humphrey.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.—On March 19th, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: K. T. Clarke 1, R. C. Woodley 2, C. J. Turner 3, J. Arbury 4, R. J. Quick 5, G. E. Retter 6, C. C. Turner (cond.) 7, E. J. Summers 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Louis A. Wilson, ringer of Wootton Bassett and Ottery St. Mary. Rung by Ottery St. Mary and East Devon ringers.

YATE, GLOS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): Elizabeth Webb 1, M. Brain 2, E. Ovens 3, D. Smith 4, K. G. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. Shingler 6.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. C. Porter 1, Miss S. Walker (first "inside") 2, W. S. Rice 3, G. Hebden 4, R. W. Rice 5, S. G. Smith 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, L. Lawrence 8. Rung in memory of Mr. V. Naish, a chorister for 30 years. Also on March 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. G. Smith (has now "circled the tower") 1, H. W. Knight 2, R. W. Rice 3, M. T. Hebden 4, P. J. England 5, G. Hebden 6, W. S. Rice (first of Stedman Triples as cond.) 7, J. P. Baker 8. For Mothering Sunday. Also on March 25th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Mrs. C. Porter 1, M. Dobson 2, Miss M. Legg 3, M. T. Hebden 4, G. Prescott 5, L. Derrick 6, S. G. Smith 7, P. J. England (first of Major as cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 4 and 7. The conductor has now "circled the tower" to quarter peals. Rung for the Feast of the Annunciation.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On March 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Antony Feist (first quarter) 1, R. Bath 2, D. Leach 3, M. Harbord 4, G. K. Williamson 5, M. J. Church (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

COLLECTION OF DOUBLES

By G. K. DODD and R. H. JONES

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PART B (continued)

This part contains the name which it is hoped that ringers will use when a particular "composition" is used and the composition of the method.

Name	Plain Course	Bob	Single
Woodborough	New Antelope	Grandsire	Antelope
Zouch	New Antelope	Wallflower	Pink's
Anemone	Nowell Doubles		Grandsire
Columbine	Nowell Doubles		Antelope
Evening Primrose	Nowell Doubles		Old Doubles
Forget-me-not	Nowell Doubles		Grandsire Ex.
Narcissus	Nowell Doubles		Pink's
Ranuncula	Nowell Doubles	Rev. Canterbury	
Snowdrop	Nowell Doubles		All Saints Pl.
Ash	Melvin Doubles		Grandsire
Elm	Melvin Doubles		Old Doubles
Lilac	Melvin Doubles		Grandsire Ex.
Maple	Melvin Doubles		All Saints Pl.
Oak	Melvin Doubles		Pink's
Rowan	Melvin Doubles		Antelope
Yew	Melvin Doubles	Rev. Canterbury	
St. Hugh	St. Hugh	Thurlby	Old Doubles
Aspley	Wavendon		Pink's
Simpson	Wavendon		Antelope
Wroughton	Wavendon		All Saints'
Allexton	Wollaton	Grandsire	Antelope
Beauxfield	Wollaton	Grandsire	Pink's
Clashmore	Wollaton	Grandsire	All Saints'
Coxmoor	Wollaton	Wallflower	Grandsire
Duxford	Wollaton	Wallflower	Antelope
Euxton	Wollaton	Wallflower	Pink's
Foxhill	Wollaton	Antelope	Grandsire
Goxhill	Wollaton	Antelope	All Saints' Pl.
Hexgreave	Wollaton	Antelope	Antelope
Ixworth	Wollaton	Antelope	Pink's
Jevington	Wollaton	Pink's	Grandsire
Kexby	Wollaton	Pink's	All Saints'
Laxton	Wollaton	Pink's	Antelope
Moxley	Wollaton	Pink's	Pink's
Pancrasweek	Wollaton	Wallflower	All Saints' Pl.
Wollaton	Wollaton	Grandsire	Grandsire
Nazeing	Newark	Grandsire	Antelope
Newark	Newark	Grandsire	Grandsire
Oxton	Newark	Grandsire	Pink's
Pinxton	Newark	Wallflower	Grandsire
Quantoxhead	Newark	Wallflower	All Saints' Pl.
Roxholme	Newark	Wallflower	Pink's
St. Endellion	Newark	Wallflower	Antelope
Saxondale	Newark	Antelope	Grandsire
Southwell	Newark	Grandsire	All Saints' Pl.
Tuxford	Newark	Antelope	All Saints' Pl.
Uttoxeter	Newark	Antelope	Antelope
Vauxhall	Newark	Antelope	Pink's
Waxham	Newark	Pink's	Grandsire
Xanxene	Newark	Pink's	All Saints'
Yaxley	Newark	Pink's	Antelope
Zeal Monachorum	Newark	Pink's	Pink's
St. Firmin	St. Britius		Pink's
St. Kenelm	St. Britius		Antelope
St. Laud	St. Britius		All Saints'
St. Eadburga	Henry Place		Pink's
Spindleberry	Henry Place		Antelope
Susanmead	Henry Place		All Saints'
Darwin	Dragon		Pink's
Rousham	Dragon		Antelope
Sulgrave	Dragon		All Saints'

PART C

(1) These methods do not have a known call or calls to produce 120 changes.

(2) These methods may be those in (1) but with different calls.

(1) SPONDON	(1) BREASTON	(1) BREADSALL	(2) ALFRETON	
12345	12345	12345	12345	Bamford.
21354	21354	21435	21435	Bonsall.
23154	23145	24153	24153	Clay Cross.
32514	32415	42513	24513	Denby.
35241	34251	24531	42531	Edensor.
53421	34521	42351	42351	Hathersage.
35412	43512	43215	43215	Swanwick.
53142	43152	34125	34125	Wingerworth.
51324	41325	31425	31452	
15234	14235	13452	13425	
12534	12453	14352	14352	
21543	21435	41532	41532	
25143	24153	45123	45123	
52413	42513	54213	45213	
54231	45231	45231	54231	
45321	45321	54321	54321	
54312	54312	53412	53412	
45132	54132	35142	35142	
41523	51423	31542	31524	
14253	15243	13524	13542	
12453	12534	15324	15324	(To be continued)

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Wakefield Cathedral band has now four married couples. Any fives or sixes?

We have received a request for the compositions of the recently published date touches.

A late entrant for the tower visitors' list of 1965 was D. E. Rothera, of Hendon, whose 231 new towers last year (total 349) would have placed him third in the published table.

The two Worcester schoolboys, D. G. Franklin and L. J. Haines, who rang in the quarter of Surprise at Rock on March 19th, had never struck a blow in Yorkshire Surprise before.

The latest news from Norwich is that Mr. F. N. Golden, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, is out of hospital, and Mr. B. Gogle has had his second eye operation. Both are progressing.

Mr. David Floyd, who has documented all peals rung by the Witney and Woodstock Branch since it was formed in 1902, is resigning the office of Branch Ringing Master. Mr. Ted Patching, the hon. secretary, is not seeking re-election.

In the peal of Minor rung at Findon, Sussex (page 172), it was the first of Minor for Susan M. Main and the first "inside" and of Minor for Roy M. Cox. Our correspondent's apologies.

In a cheery letter from Accra, Bunny Godfrey writes: "It gives my husband (Chris) and me great pleasure to read of news of our friends back in cold Great Britain via 'The Ringing World.' May they continue to contribute the latest gossip!

The quarter peal rung at Old Brampton, Derbyshire, on March 9th to honour the birth of Roy Arthur Stedman Mould was heard by his mother, Christine Mould, from the local maternity home This was achieved by leaning from an upstairs window, to the considerable amusement of the night sister on duty at the time!

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WHISKED ALOFT DURING FIRST LESSON

While learning how to control the six cwt. second bell in Stowmarket Church tower on March 24th, 15-year-old John Haylock was whisked high in the ringing chamber. He found himself clutching the rope until he neared the floor again, states the "East Anglian Daily Times."

John let go of the rope and in landing on his feet fell forward and fractured his left wrist. He received treatment at the Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital.

Mr. Oliver Barnard, captain of the Stowmarket ringers, was giving John and another boy a first lesson. The treble's clapper had been lashed to stop it sounding. Suddenly the lashing snapped and the loose end wrapped itself around the slider bar. There was then nothing to stop the bell turning over.

Mr. Barnard said that in 43 years as a ringer he had never before known an incident like this. "One moment John was standing by my side and the next moment he was gone," he said. "If he had not then hung on so tightly he might have been more badly hurt."

John, whose home is at 17, St. Mary's Road, Stowmarket, is a chorister at the Parish Church. The accident will not stop him playing the lead part, Ralph Rackstraw, in a performance of "H.M.S. Pinafore" at Stowmarket Modern School next week.

All eight bells in the tower will shortly be taken away for recasting and retuning and will not be rehung till next year. The church still needs money to pay for the work.

CHRISTMAS CARD BELLS!

Mr. Ted Patching, of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of O.D.G., addressed an adults leaders' week-end course held at Thamesfield, Henley, run by the Oxford County Youth Service. Great interest was shown in his lecture on ringing, in which David Smith's model of a church bell in its frame was shown. Believe it or not, some truly thought that church bells were like those shown on Christmas cards! Let's hope that some of the good seed sown will germinate.

"THE SENTINEL"

Through the initiative of Mr. Trevor A. Bevis, the Ely Diocesan Association has now its newsletter, "The Sentinel," which it is proposed to publish three times a year, price 1s. 3d. The Bishop of Ely sends his good wishes for the venture, and adds:

"Bellringing is still one of the loveliest sounds of the countryside, and all those who hear the bells cannot fail to be reminded of the purpose of the Church from whose towers the joyful ringing of the bells sounds forth."

The first issue is brightly written and full of interest, with an attractive illustration on the cover of the Early English bell tower at West Walton. Here is one little gem:

"Next to Godliness? At a certain village in South Cambridgeshire a week's course of concentrated ringing instruction had just taken place. The mother of one of the younger ringers spoke to the Vicar on Sunday: 'I'm sure it's good for him. He's washed his neck before going out every evening this week, without being reminded.'"

RINGING SOOTHES RHEUMATISM!



When Mr. William Riddle, aged 54, took up bellringing just over nine years ago he discovered it helped his rheumatism.

"I used to be troubled with rheumatism quite a bit in my arm and since I started bellringing it has certainly brought me a good deal of relief," he told the Salford and South Lancs News Service.

Now Mr. Riddle, who lives in Overdale Crescent, Flixton, near Manchester, has been made chairman of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association, he having joined the Association in 1957. His own tower is St. Michael's, Flixton.

His job as an electrical engineer takes him all over the country and gives him plenty of opportunity to visit different churches. In fact his list of towers visited exceeds 250 and includes St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

"In most places a 'campanologist' is always welcome in a local belfry so long as he is proficient. If he isn't, he is soon found out," he said.

Mr. Riddle is also a member of other Associations throughout the country, including Cheshire and Devon.

EGHAM'S TWIN TOWNS

Egham Sunday service band are grateful to Christopher Hill, of the R.A.F., for standing in at the last moment in the peal to mark the twinning of Egham with the towns of Joinville-le-Pont, France, and Bensberg, Western Germany. He took the place of Stephen Elliott, who was taking part in the actual ceremonies during the week-end.

"KENT AGAIN"

Mr. Richard G. Crosland, of West Wickham, Kent conducted his first peal at St. Mary Cray, Kent, on March 10th, the method being Kent T.B. Minor. Not only was it his first peal of Minor in the method, but he also got four young Kent ringers through their first peal of Kent. Well done, Mr. Crosland, and thanks

T. L.

HEAVITREE BELLS

The bells of Heavitree Parish Church, Exeter, have now been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and will be officially reopened and rung for morning service on Easter Sunday. The Vicar, churchwardens and ringers are grateful to all who have kindly subscribed towards the cost of the work. It is still hoped that in the not too distant future the ring will be augmented to ten, but this would be entirely dependent on generous donations.

With the absence of Heavitree bells, the ringers have been actively engaged in visiting other towers, including Sunday service ringing at St. Thomas' and St. Mark's Churches. Members joined with the Woodbury ringers on one occasion for ringing, a skittles match and refreshment, and also visited Cheriton Bishop and Tedburn St. Mary one evening before joining Mr. and Mrs. Fuller at the King's Arms Hotel, Tedburn, for handbell ringing and refreshment. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have recently moved to Devon from Kent, where they were active ringers.

Work has recently been completed on the large bell which hangs in the tower of the Sacred Heart R.C. Church at Heavitree. John Taylor, when working on Heavitree Parish Church bells, also carried out these repairs, the bell having been silent for nearly two years.

PEAL CELEBRATES RUGBY VICTORY

The peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major at Pontypridd, rung after the Wales and France Rugby International to celebrate Wales winning the championship for the third year in succession, was in fact arranged in anticipation of a Welsh victory

"Last year a similar peal provoked some very pompous replies," writes Mr. N. W. H. Simon. "However, I see no harm in ringing a peal for a secular occasion—though, as someone wrote, 'for a Welshman, rugby and religion are one and the same.' Anyway, what's the difference between ringing a peal for someone's birthday or for a Rugby International? Both are secular events."

TOWER MISTRESS

A correspondent writes adding to the list of tower captains of 18 years or under. This time it is a tower "mistress." Anna Sadowska in charge at Bishop's Cleeve, who is 17½ and has held the office since last September. She is teaching six learners and is also studying for her advanced G.C.E. Anna has been ringing nearly four years and calls quarter peals regularly. Her name also appears in the peal columns.

CIDER AND RINGING

"The Western Gazette" in its "News from the Past—200 Years Ago," states: "On Tuesday the bells in churches in the Western counties, some incessantly the whole day, were rung in celebration of the proposed alterations in the duties imposed by the Cider Act. Men will again become free men, which is the highest and noblest blessing of human nature, for those who were liable to have every corner and the most inward secrets of their dwellings violated and searched at any hour by the will of another, or who pay an annual composition to secure themselves from such violation, cannot be called otherwise than slaves."

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Eight methods/var.: (1–5) Dodworth, (6–10) Plain Bob, (11–14) Grandsire, (15–18) Kennington, (19–22) Old, (23–26) April Day, (27–30) Grandsire, (31–34) Fortune, (35–38) Rev. St. Bartholomew, (39–42) Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp

*John H. Thompson (14)	Treble	*Robin L. Coles (15)	4
†Alan F. Lee	2	*Ian P. Cox (15)	5
*Shirley A. Cox (15)	3	*Michael J. Hawkins (15)	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* Most methods to a peal. † 25th peal on the bells.
Rung by the local band with the bells open as a thanksgiving for the lives of Edmund King (died March 17th, aged 82) and Richard J. Cousins (died March 8th, aged 85).

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Thurs., March 24, 1966 in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt

Leonard Derrick	Treble	John Brain	4
*Peter J. England	2	Michael J. Horseman	5
Eric T. Lee	3	John H. Gilbert	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
* First peal in seven methods.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLIFTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 6 lb. in G

Martin Major	Treble	Brian B. Hullah	5
Alan M. Barber	2	Anthony H. Smith	6
Ronald J Sharp	3	Donald F. Murfet	7
Martyn J Marriott	4	Geoffrey A. Lucas	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Alan M. Barber

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F

Angela Newing	Treble	John T. Parsons	5
Christine M. Webb	2	Gillian M Brearley	6
*Pauline Bligh-Cheesman	3	*Brian E. Mosley	7
Diana M. Chapman	4	Patrick J. Bird	Tenor

Arranged by R. Beale. Conducted by Patrick J. Bird
* First peal on eight and "inside."

BRISTOL.—At the Church of S. Michael.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 15 methods: (1) Cambridge and Primrose S, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Single Oxford, Double Bob and Plain Bob, (5) College and Reverse Bob, (6) Wavertree College, (7) Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt

Pauline Bligh-Cheesman	Treble	*Michael A. Gilbey	4
Nicholas W. H. Simon	2	Michael G. R. Zobel	5
John T. Parsons	3	Derek B. Williams	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W H. Simon.
* First peal. The greatest number of Minor methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Society.
Rung by a resident band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD—At Christ Church.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E

David Atkinson	Treble	John Worth	6
Frank Osbaldiston	2	Robert B Smith	7
Alan A. Potts	3	Alan McFall	8
*Alexander J. Martin	4	*Ivor Nicholls	9
Robert J. Warrilow	5	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by John Worth
* First peal in the method.

DARESBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Harry W. Howard	Treble	Harold Worrall	5
*John Ryder	2	Geoffrey Graham	6
†Michael Thomson	3	John R. Bibby	7
John E. Bibby	4	Walter Allman	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Walter Allman
* First peal in the method. † First Surprise peal.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Plain Bob and four extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Norman Sherratt	Treble	Paul J. Atkins	4
Raymond J. Ballard	2	Harold Dowler	5
*Ian Birks	3	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Conducted by Roy Worrall.
* First peal at first attempt.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NAPTON-ON-THE-HILL, Warks.—At the Church of St Lawrence.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Raymond D. Hart	Treble	*Andrew K Putnam	4
Peter C. Randall	2	Mark F. Rowbottom	5
*James Draycott	3	Peter S Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett
* First in method

FLORE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., March 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Killamarsh T.B. (2) Kent T.B., (3) Beverley Surprise, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Childwall Bob (6 and 7) Plain Bob Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*Judith A. Ashby	Treble	Richard J. Danby	4
Anthony J. Cox	2	Stephen F Royal	5
Robert W. Sherriff	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal
* Most methods to a peal.

CHURCH LAWFORD Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Cambridge, (3) Oxford T.B., (4 and 5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr 5 lb.

Richard T. Liggins	Treble	Arthur R. Wright	4
Raymond D. Hart	2	James Draycott	5
Andrew K. Putnam	3	Geoffrey Pratt	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., March 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being seven extents in 145 methods, as follows: (1) Barham Oswald, Berkeley, Kentish, Pembroke and Edinburgh Delight, Berwyn and Waterford T.B., Morland, Bodenham, Pencombe, Eardisley, Kirkthorpe, Kippax, Felkirk and Crofton Special Alliance and Bastow Little Court. (17 methods by H Chant.) (2) Butterwick, Freiston, Frampton, Benington, Saltwood, Burmarsh, Tattershall, Candlesby, Alford, Langton, Sutton, Denton, Chelford, Poynton and Witcombe Special Alliance, Minchinhampton and Finchley Alliance, Darrington, Thrybergh and Adwick New Alliance, Cornhill and Cripplegate Special Little, College, Double Oxford Wavertree, London Bob and Double Court and Bastow Little Court (28 methods by H Chant, arranged by C. A. Wratten.) (3) Stonehouse, Bramfield, Harmondsworth, Lamberhurst, Wordsley, Blaxhall Ringstead, Iver, Hayes, Ellacombe, Mitcham, Beckford, Winchcombe, Sharnbrook, Stanhoe, Stratton and Buxton Alliance, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court. (19 methods by A. G. Driver, arranged by C. A. Wratten.) (4) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Pontefract, Donottar, Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight, Childwall, Horsmonden, Thelwall, St. Clement's, College, Wavertree, Killarney, Lytham, London Bob, Reverse, Fulbeck, Frodsham, Plain, Canterbury, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Double, Windermere and Ullswater and Belvedere Little Bob. (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake.) (5) Dronfield, Retford, Minehead, Spalding, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn and Brampton Surprise, Peveril, Melandra, Leasowe, Beeston, Tollesbury and Middlesex Delight. (16 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh.) (6) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone and York Minster T.B., Beighton, Appleby and Redcar Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatherop, Skipton, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Stisted, Bogedone, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake.) (7) Newdigate, Marple Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star T.B. (15 methods by A. G. Driver.) With 235 changes of method and a plain lead of every method included.
Tenor 7 cwt.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	4
Andrew S. Hudson	2	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Claire Dillamore	3	Patrick W Saltmarsh	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast
The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

OATLANDS PARK, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., March 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Roy Collins	Treble	Christopher D. J. Webb	5
Jill M. May	2	Bruce B. Rogers	6
Genebeth C. Webb	3	John F. M. Maybrey	7
Peter J. Privett	4	Douglas A. R. May	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
A compliment to Mr. V. Smith on his retirement as captain at St. Mary's

EGHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Joyce A. Parsons	Treble	James W. Priest	5
*Alan Flood	2	Walter A. Peck	6
†Susan Aveyard	3	Norman Summerhayes	7
Christopher K. Hill	4	David E. Parsons	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Kippin. Conducted by David E. Parsons.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
Rung as a farewell compliment to Rev. S. C. Strong, Vicar of Egham for 8½ years, and to celebrate the completion of the twinning of Egham with the towns of Joinville-le-Pont in France and Bensberg in Western Germany.

MERROW, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
On Sun., March 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 51 lb. in F.

*Michael A. Cattell	Treble	*R. A. Keith Glue	4
*Hazel J. Giddins	2	David J. Tubbs	5
†Stuart M. Cobbe	3	Douglas A. R. May	Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal. † First of Minor.
A 21st birthday compliment to Michael A. Cattell.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SANDRIDGE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Fri., March 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B.

Michael J. Sherrick	Treble	A. Trevor Hawkins	4
Dennis Digby	2	A. Malcolm Pettitt	5
Frederick W. Ellis	3	Keith J. Walpole	Tenor

Conducted by Keith J. Walpole
Rung as a farewell to Mick Sherrick, who is leaving the area to join the Royal Corps of Transport, also in appreciation of his faithful Sunday service attendance.

HOLYWELL, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 12 methods, viz.: (1) Double Court and Single Court, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Thelwall and Childwall, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Single Oxford, Plain Bob and Double Bob Tenor 9 cwt. 109 lb. in G.

A. Trevor Hawkins	Treble	Brian B. Hullah	4
*Keith J. Walpole	2	Alan M. Barber	5
Anthony H. Smith	3	Martin Major	Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.
* 25th peal for the Association.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DONERAILE, Co. Cork.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., March 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
In seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb

*Noel Newman	Treble	Jean Jeffery	4
Maud Austin	2	John Lindsay	5
†John Palmer	3	John T. Dunwoody	Tenor

Conducted by John Lindsay.
* First peal, first attempt. † First of Minor on tower bells.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

LIMERICK, Co. Limerick.—At the Church of Mount St. Alphonsus
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. 15 lb.

*Patrick J. Hanley	Treble	‡John Lindsay	5
†G. Harry Ellis	2	‡John Palmer	6
Jean Jeffery	3	John T. Dunwoody	7
‡Maud Austin	4	*Liam Benson	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.
* First peal, first attempt. † First of Triples. ‡ First of Plain Bob Triples. First peal in the method on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Robert W. Hinde	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
Hilary F. Hinde	2	†Ian H. Oram	6
*Hazel A. Arrowsmith	3	†John S. Barnes	7
Tony Lewis	4	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First in the method on the bells.
Rung in the octave of the Feast of the Annunciation.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., March 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (2) London Surprise, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Peter S. Muchlinski	Treble	*Michael H. O'Callaghan	4
Richard G. Crosland	2	*D. Paul Smith	5
Ian H. Oram	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* Most methods to a peal "inside." Most methods as conductor.
Rung on the Feast of St. Patrick, Bishop and Confessor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Composition: Ten-course Block. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

Derek F. Yates	Treble	John A. Booth	7
Frank Osbaldiston	2	Edward Jenkins	8
Harold C. Lonyon	3	Alan McFall	9
Neil Bennett	4	Basil Jones	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Derek Butterworth	11
J. Colin Ashworth	6	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	§Martin Snape	6
*Margaret E. Fort	2	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Philip J. Crossthwaite	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	8
†David S. Moore	4	Jeffrey Kershaw	9
‡E. Andrew Harrison	5	Neil Bennett	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* 100th peal for Association. † First of Surprise Royal. ‡ First of Royal. § First on ten bells.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.

Jeffrey Brannan	Treble	Frederick J. Jackson	5
Sidney Hough	2	Dennis Latham	6
Kenneth Davenport	3	Denis Mottershead	7
Christine Andrew	4	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by Edgar Wightman. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

LANCASTER.—At the R.C. Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

David H. Garnett	Treble	Stanley Anderton	5
Wilfred Bolton	2	Richard Holt	6
Joseph Thornley	3	Nicholas M. Newby, jun.	7
Nicholas M. Newby	4	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Patrick.

WHITWORTH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Sidney Hough	Treble	Peter J. Wycherley	5
Christine Andrew	2	Denis Mottershead	6
Neil D. Lomas	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Kenneth Davenport	4	Dennis Latham	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Dennis Mottershead.

HALSALL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (15 callings). Tenor 10 cwt 19 lb. in A flat.

*Margaret E. Fort	Treble	V. David Jenner	3
*Philip J. Crossthwaite	2	*David F. Moore	4

Tudor P. Edwards Tenor
Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., March 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

Peter J. Staniforth	Treble	Brian S. Chapman	7
John M. Jelley	2	Shirley Burton	8
E. Alan Jacques	3	Norman Chaddock	9
Martin Thorley	4	John N. D. Chaddock ..	10
William J. Root	5	Russell S. Morris	11
Derek Sawyer	6	Herrick B. Bowley	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor, which now completes the family from Doubles to Cinques.
Rung in memoriam Phyllis Poole (March 20th, 1958).

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

*Maurice R. A. Kirk ..	Treble	Malcolm E. Wade	5
Rupert A. Clarke	2	Howard C. Palmer	6
*Julian M. Morley	3	Richard J. Parker	7
B. Stedman Payne	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.
A wedding compliment to Peter Williamson and Pauline Kent, married this day at Humberstone.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Julian M. Morley	Treble	†Malcolm E. Wade	5
Graham C. Paul	2	Dan S. Pont	6
*Howard C. Palmer	3	Richard J. Parker	7
B. Stedman Payne	4	Rupert A. Clarke	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
* 25th peal. † 75th peal. The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower."

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents Cambridge Surprise, one spliced St. Clement's, Pinehurst, Childwall and four Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	Howard C. Palmer	4
Malcolm E. Wade	2	Rupert A. Clarke	5
Julian M. Morley	3	Richard J. Parker	Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PONTYPRIDD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Penelope J. Llewellyn ..	Treble	Christopher Ricketts ..	5
Ruth E. Havard	2	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland ..	6
Richard W. Sweet	3	David J. Llewellyn	7
John T. Parsons	4	Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.
First peal in the method for all, except the conductor, and on the bells.
Rung after the Wales and France Rugby International to celebrate Wales winning the championship for the third year in succession.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHWARK, London.—At the Cathedral of St. Saviour.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt. 9 lb. in B flat.

*Michael J. Uphill	Treble	Michael Hatchett	7
J. Hadley Hunter	2	Kenneth J. Darvill	8
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers ..	3	†C. Montagu Meyer ..	9
Richard Hayes	4	Richard C. Stevens ..	10
Christopher H. Rogers ..	5	Harold W. Rogers	11
A. St. John Boyack ..	6	*D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Christopher H. Rogers.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.
Rung by request of the Cathedral authorities to commemorate the diamond jubilee of the Diocese of Southwark.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Rosamund M. Rawlings	Treble	Dennis A. Hewitt	5
Douglas M. Boniface ..	2	Christopher H. Rogers ..	6
*Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	3	John W. Smith	7
Michael Hatchett	4	Harold W. Rogers	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal of Surprise.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
In seven various extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Janice M. Green	Treble	Samuel H. Waterfield ..	4
Edward Howes	2	George T. Bunning	5
†Patricia Sneezby	3	Sidney Marshall	Tenor

Conducted by Sidney Marshall.
* First attempt. † First "inside."

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 30 cwt.

Walter F. Judge	Treble	‡Peter J. Heritage	7
*Gillian M. Hussey	2	†George E. Green	8
F. John Nelson	3	D. John Hunt	9
Cyril A. Wratten	4	Victor Griffin	10
*Edward R. Venn	5	Charles H. Kippin	11
†Roger M. Heyworth ..	6	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Conducted by Victor Griffin.
* First of Maximus in the method. † First of Maximus. ‡ First 12-bell peal. First 12-bell peal as conductor.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 12, in 2 Hours and 45 Miuntes,
A PEAL OF 5026 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Anthony D. Sansom ..	Treble	Frederick R. Scott	5
John W. T. Hibbert ..	2	Maurice G. Ingram	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Robert M. Ashman	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by T. Chapman. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

MAPLEDURHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6, 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Harold W. Dunsden ..	Treble	Roy H. Jones	4
*†Elizabeth M. Barber ..	2	Roger M. Heyworth ..	5
Harry E. Wells	3	Robert B. Blond	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal of Minor in five methods. † First peal of Minor on tower bells.

HINTON WALDRIST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Wed., March 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

John Baldwin	Treble	*Melvyn J. Hiller	4
*Heather A. Alford	2	*Christopher I. Rowson ..	5
Michael C. E. Hodge ..	3	Roger M. Heyworth ..	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEEDON BEC, Northants.—At the Royal Foundation Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., March 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Roger W. Smith	Treble	*Richard J. Danby	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	2	Malcolm J. V. Chown ..	6
Bernard E. Frost	3	John K. Foot	7
Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	4	†Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 100th peal for the Guild.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Alan A. Paul and Cheryl Whittington, who were married on March 12th at Rothersthorpe, Northants.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
COLD HIGHAM, Northants.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Mon., March 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Cambridge Surprise and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*Stanley M. Ruddlesden Treble	*†Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 4
Bridget Bates 2	Richard J. Danby 5
Ruth H. Thomason .. 3	††Barrie Hendry .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together. ‡ 250th peal. First peal in two methods by all except the conductor.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., March 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Roderick W. Pipe .. .. Treble	Gordon H. Lane 5
*Rupert A. Clarke 2	*Peter J. Stretton 6
*J. M. Elaine Dixon .. 3	†George E. Fearn 7
James Insley 4	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal in the method. †2,100th peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
THORNFORD, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*Trevor E. Marks .. .. Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy 4
*Raymond P. Selway .. 2	*William E. Turner 5
Gilbert W. Rendell 3	Trevor A. Cross .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWINDERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., March 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being seven methods/var.: Six extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*William L. Exton .. .. Treble	†Ruth Blackshaw 3
Robert D. Marsh 2	*†Margaret E. Chilton .. 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor
Conducted by William L. Exton.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal together.
Rung to welcome the Rev. John Marshall, inducted the previous evening.

WILFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In ten methods/var., being six extents Plain Bob, and four each All Saints', Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, Little Aston, April Day and Seighford. Tenor 7 cwt. 18 lb. in A.

*W. Gordon Marsh .. Treble	Ruth Blackshaw 3
Maurice W. Harrison .. 2	John Eborall 4
David Oliver .. .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
* First peal away from Home.
A birthday compliment to W. Gordon Marsh.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Ernest G. Pearce .. .. Treble	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 6
*Cecil W. Pipe 2	*†Sylvia R. E. Pipe 7
Norman J. Goodman .. 3	Roderick W. Pipe 8
Howard W. Egglestone .. 4	Joe E. G. Roast 9
Lawrence R. Pizzey .. 5	George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Sylvia R. E. Pipe.
* 150th peal together. † 300th peal.
Arranged to mark the birthdays of Sylvia Pipe and Hilda G. Snowden.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., March 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Steven J. Hammond .. Treble	Cecil W. Pipe 5
Robert E. Lester 2	Lawrence R. Pizzey 6
Janet I. Rogers 3	Robin H. Rogers 7
George W. Pipe 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by George W. Pipe
First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band except the tenor ringer.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., March 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 40 methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's, College, Childwall, Wavertree, Buxton, Rodbourne, Double Oxford, London, Thelwall, Lytham, Pinehurst and Westlecott Bob. (2) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise. (3) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise. (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Oakley. (5) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston Sandal and Capel. (6) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate. (7) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Robert E. Lester .. .. Treble	Robin H. Rogers 4
Janet I. Rogers 2	*George W. Pipe 5
Alice E. J. Lester 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Harold W. Egglestone.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
EAST HOATHLY, Sussex.—At the Parish Church.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

*Shirley A. Jessop .. .. Treble	Paul Fox 4
Christine M. Baldock .. 2	†Ian P. White 5
Frederick J. Lambert .. 3	Alan R. Baldock .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal † First peal of Minor and of Plain Bob.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Godfrey FitzHugh (Eastern Division secretary) and June Ward.

HELLINGLY, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In six methods, viz.: Two extents Stedman and eight extents each Plain Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt 2 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

J. Michael Swift .. .. Treble	Christine M. Baldock .. 3
*Kathleen A. Rivett .. 2	Alan R. Baldock 4

Ian V. J. Smith .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal in six methods by all the band. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
HIGHCLERE, Hampshire. — At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Thurs., March 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BURGHCLERE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb

Robert M. Ashman .. .. Treble	Frederick R. Scott 5
Eunice A. Lewis 2	Frank W. Lewis 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	J. Keith Ward 7
Peter J. Shipton 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
The first peal in the method.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., March 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*Mrs. A. D. Smith .. .. Treble	*David L. Wilcox 5
*Roger B. Pike 2	Reginald F. Crook 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	*Philip Murduck 7
*Robert M. Ashman .. 4	*Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Cox. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
UPTON-ON-SEVERN, Worcs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt

Walter H. Raxter .. .. Treble	Martin Powell 5
Ian Lloyd 2	Robert W. Cole 6
*Peter Robertson 3	John Clements 7
Martin J. Boskett 4	Arthur C. Berry .. .. Tenor

Composed by D. J. Hunt. Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.
* First peal on eight bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., March 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Howard Scott .. .. .. Treble	Gibson Jackson 5
*Elizabeth Peace 2	Trevor Tarbatt 6
*Marguerite Battram .. 3	David S. Johnson 7
W. Eric Critchley 4	Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor

Composed and conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal of Surprise.

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HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., March 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Gerald Moorhouse .. .. 1–2 | Robert B. Smith 5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis .. .. 3–4 | *Barry Corbishley 7–8

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal on handbells.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GOSFORTH, Northumberland.—At 3, Salters Road.
On Wed., March 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

John Anderson .. .. .. 1–2 | *John O. Freeman 5–6
*Andrew G. Craddock .. 3–4 | *David J. Marshall 7–8
Eric N. Harrison 9–10

Arranged and Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock.
* First peal on 10 handbells. First peal on 10 as conductor.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Fri., March 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

Maud Austin .. .. .. 1–2 | John T. Dunwoody 5–6
*John Palmer .. .. .. 3–4 | John Lindsay 7–8

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by J. T. Dunwoody.
* First peal of Major "in hand"
Rung in memoriam John Dunwoody, former ringer at this church.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Fri., March 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve Part. Tenor size 14 in D.

Maud Austin .. .. .. 1–2 | John T. Dunwoody 5–6
John Palmer .. .. 3–4 | John Lindsay (cond.) .. 7–8

First peal of Triples "in hand" for the conductor. 500th peal rung for the Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., March 18, 1966, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley .. .. .. 1–2 | Mary Whalley 3–4
*Kevin Price (cond.) .. 5–6

* First peal of Minor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South,
On Wed., March 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth .. .. 1–2 | John M. Jelley 5–6
Peter J. Staniforth .. .. 3–4 | Alfred Ballard 7–8

Composed by G. Baker. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild on handbells.

BIRSTALL, Leicestershire.—At 44, Greengate Lane.
On Sun., March 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

Graham C. Paul .. .. .. 1–2 | Dan S. Pont 5–6
Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 3–4 | *Richard J. Parker 7–8

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
* 150th peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At 1, Glebe Close.
On Fri., Feb. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Gwen I. Bloomfield .. .. 1—2 | Jack Bray .. .. 5—6
John Hall .. .. 3—4 | Frank G. Bloomfield .. 7—8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Jack Bray.

LINCOLN.—At 3, Honington Crescent.
On Fri., March 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 18 in G.

Jack L. Millhouse .. .. 1–2 | A. Robin Heppenstall .. 5–6
George E. Feirn .. .. .. 3–4 | Jack Bray 7–8
*Peter A. Sharp 9–10

Composed by J. Rogers. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First of Caters "in hand."

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 20th, 1,320 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Jackie Roberts 1, E. G. H. Godfrey 2, Amanda Powell 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Stephen Brook (first in method) 1, Anne E. Sharpe 2, Wendy Morris (first "inside" in method) 3, Pamela R. Gough 4, Katharine T. Garvin 5, David A. Hibbitt 6. For Mothering Sunday.

APPLEBY, LINCS.—On March 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Audrey Bains 1, W. Bains 2, M. Lings 3, J. Hall 4, M. A. Rose (first as cond.) 5, H. Judd 6. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells for 35 years.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.—On March 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Farnish (first quarter) 1, R. C. Groom 2, C. S. Bloomfield 3, A. Farnish 4, H. W. Eggleston (cond.) 5. For Mothering Sunday.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Caroline Gibbs 1, Margaret Arnold 2, Felicity Hamilton (first of Triples) 3, Geraldine Piper 4, T. Skilton 5, R. Mills 6, J. Hayns (cond.) 7, D. Barnes 8.

ASHWICK, SOMERSET.—On March 19th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: V. G. Roberts (cond.) 1, R. Taylor 2, J. Rose 3, C. Jenkins 4, J. Sheppard 5, Miss S. Hallet 6. First of Stedman Doubles 2, 3, 4, 5.

BADGEWORTH, GLOS.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Oakey 1, H. Read (cond.) 2, A. C. Newman 3, W. Woodyatt 4, B. J. Read 5, A. J. Newman 6. In memoriam C. Staite and E. Savage, ringers at Badgeworth.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Ash Wednesday, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Pettet 1, P. Salisbury 2, J. I. Dear 3, E. Fearn 4, R. Trebilcock 5, M. Orme 6, J. S. Dear 7, S. Hutton 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Dawson-Taylor 1, F. E. Darby 2, N. Thomson 3, Juliet Stoy 4, L. Bance 5, F. Jennings 6, R. J. Cook (cond.) 7, L. Reece 8. For Evensong.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On March 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. R. Chandler (first of Minor) 1, R. J. Brown (first of Minor as cond.) 2, Miss H. Copperthwaite (first of Minor) 3, Miss S. Bird (first "inside" and first of Minor) 4, Miss B. Fisher (first of Minor "inside") 5, F. Southwood (first of Minor) 6. For Matins, on Mothering Sunday. First quarter on the bells since augmentation to six.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on March 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Martin (first off tenor) 1, J. Collard (first "inside") 2, T. Newlands 3, F. J. Sampson 4, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 5. Miss G. M. Hussey 6. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's, on March 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Pauline Bligh-Cheesman 1, N. W. H. Simon 2, Susan Jenkins 3, Elizabeth Emmett 4, M. A. Gilbey 5, M. G. R. Zobel (cond.) 6. By U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BUCKINGHAM.—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Valentine 1, G. Edmans 2, F. Vickers 3, M. Jamieson 4, R. A. Vickers 5, A. H. Wood 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On March 17th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Miss C. Osborne (first quarter) 1, D. Floyd (cond.) 2, N. I. Bridges 3, Miss H. Osborne 4, J. F. List 5, V. D. H. Turner 6. Rung on the 17th birthday of the treble ringer.

CLAVERTON, SOMERSET.—On March 20th, 1,272 Minimus (Plain, Reverse, Double Bob, Reverse Canterbury): A. Swatton 1, K. Harrison 2, R. Stubbs 3, J. David 4. First of Minimus for all. For morning service, and to mark the start of the building of the University of Bath, situated in this parish.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—On March 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Reynolds 1, C. W. Rawlings 2, Mrs. M. L. Taylor 3, R. Huddleston 4, M. Gregory 5, A. Tubb (cond.) 6, J. C. Slater 7, A. Howard 8.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Radford 1, T. Feltham 2, J. Loxton 3, H. Hooper (cond.) 4, J. Phillips 5, N. Lee 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First "inside" 2 and 5. Also on March 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. Hooper 1, J. Loxton 2, A. J. Peters 3, H. Hooper (cond.) 4, J. Phillips 5, T. Feltham 6. First in three methods 2 and 5. For Mothering Sunday.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Price 1, T. Collins 2, Miss M. Lush 3, T. Bleathman 4, B. Pocock 5, J. Longridge (cond.) 6.

DUMBLETON, GLOS.—On March 4th, 1,260 Dumbleton Doubles: G. Maggs 1, J. Brown 2, Anna Sadowska 3, M. Maggs 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, H. Lyes 6. First in the variation by all the band.

HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND.—On March 9th, at St. Peter's Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. F. Harrison (first quarter) 1, A. C. A. Caldwell 2, Pamela F. J. McAdam (first "inside") 3, K. C. Chandler 4, A. D. McAdam 5, R. K. Russ (cond.) 6.

HERTFORD, HERTS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (two bells covering): Miss G. M. James (first as cond.) 1, J. M. Kemp 2, C. Springham 3, Mrs. L. E. James 4, P. M. F. Searles 5, D. Digby 6, B. J. W. Foley 8. Rung for Confirmation, and also as a farewell to Canon C. Perowne, Vicar 5½ years, and Mr. W. J. Comley, retiring after 50 years as organist.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Payne 1, D. A. Cornwall (cond.) 2, K. Bould 3, E. H. Langley 4, Joyce Barton 5, A. Newton 6, R. Biggs 7, J. Carter 8.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.—On March 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Armfield 1, A. F. Scholfield 2, A. Sholes (first quarter) 3, Miss A. C. Hardman 4, J. R. Wood 5, J. P. Walker 6, J. A. Booth 7, D. C. Walker (cond.) 8.

KEYWORTH, NOTTS.—At 5, Meadow Drive, on March 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Christine L. J. Mills 1—2, B. M. Buswell 3—4, W. L. Exton (first of Major "in hand") 5—6, R. B. Mills (cond.) 7—8. First "in hand" 1—2, 7—8.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Game 1, I. Goacher 2, A. J. Bull 3, K. Dallison 4, G. Charlton 5, G. A. West 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. First "inside" of Triples 2 and 4. For Evensong.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On March 18th, 1,296 Bourne Surprise Minor: M. Boskett 1, P. Robertson 2, F. Hawkes 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, J. Clements 5, M. Hawkes 6.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.—On March 19th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): P. Morgan 1, Gwen B. Bidgood 2, R. Macpherson 3, D. Barrington 4, C. Ricketts (cond.) 5, I. Davies 6.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: C. Gibbs 1, Elizabeth Webb 2, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 3, M. Brain 4, D. Smith 5, K. G. Weeks 6.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's, on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on seven bells): W. D. Grainger (cond.) 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3, A. J. Hampton 4, Miss M. E. Powell 5, D. L. Cawley 6, J. Pladdys 7, C. M. Meyer 8. For Evensong.

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MISCELLANEOUS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M. April 16th. Cathedral bells (10) now open from 12 to 2.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec. 8805

MEMORIAL TABLET TO THE LATE F. W. ROGERS

It is proposed to place a memorial tablet in St. Mary's, Portsea, belfry. Will any ringers who wish to be associated please send donations by end of April to Mr. L. Duguid, 106, Stride Avenue, Portsmouth. 8823

The next
GATHERING of MASONIC RINGERS
will be held on
May 21st, 1966, at Derby.
Details available from A. Lygo, 17, Grandfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts. 8821

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—There will be no more ringing at this tower until further notice as the bells are under repair.—V. Clifton. 8838

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. — Preliminary Notice.—Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th; 12-bell ringing guaranteed. Book the date.—L. E. Pitstow. 8818

MEETINGS

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting, Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 8804

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — A.G.M. at Wells, Easter Monday, April 11th. Service in Cathedral 12 noon. Lunch and meeting at Y.M.C.A., Chamberlain Street, Meeting 2.15 p.m Names for lunch (8/6) and tea (3/6) with stamped addressed envelope to undersigned. Ringing arrangements: Before service, Westbury-sub-Mendip (6), Street (8) 10–11 a.m., North Wootton (3), Wookey (6), Glastonbury St. John's (8), Dinder (6) 10.30–11.30 a.m., Wells St. Cuthbert's (8) 10.30–11.45 a.m., Cathedral 11–12 noon. After meeting: Wells St. Cuthbert's, Dinder, Croscombe (6), Wookey, Glastonbury St. Benedict's (6) from 5.30 p.m., North Wootton, Pilton (6), Pylle (6), West Pennard (6), Westbury-sub-Mendip, Wells Cathedral from 6 p.m., Street, Walton (5), Meare (6), Baltonsborough (6) and Butleigh (6) from 6.30 p.m.—G. Salmon, 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 8803

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Morton on Easter Monday. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Parish Room. Names for tea to Mr. W. Swain, 5, Sitwell Villas, Morton, Derbys.—T. H. Radford, Hon. Sec. 8800

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 11th. Ringing arrangemenths.—Route 1: Northwold (8), Hilgay (8), 10 a.m.–11 a.m., Crimplesham (5), Denver (6), 10.30–11.30, Watlington (6), Downham Market (8), 11–12 noon, Magdalen (6) 11.30–12.30, Clenchwarton (5), Terrington St. Clement's (8) 1–2.30, Walpole St. Andrew's (6), Walpole St. Peter's (6), 2–3.30, Wisbech St. Peter's (10), 3.15–4.15. Route 2: March (6), 10–11, Wisbech St. Mary's (6) 10.30–11.30, Leverington (6), 11–12.30, Tydd St. Giles' (6), Tydd St. Mary's (6), 12—1. Then over to Terrington St. Clement's (Route 1). Service 4.30 p.m. at Wisbech St. Peter's. Tea 5 o'clock Church Hall General business meeting after tea. Tickets for tea (3/6 per head) are now available from general secretary. Please send money and stamped addressed envelope. Evening ringing arrangements: Wisbech St. Peter's 7–8.30, Elm (6), Emneth (5), Upwell (6), Leverington (6) 7–9.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec., 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 8815

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting, Worplesdon, Easter Monday, April 11th, from 6.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Hon. Sec. 8839

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Bexley, Easter Monday, April 11th. Service noon. Luncheon and business meeting to follow.—P. A. Corby, Sec. 8738

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday. Service at All Saints' 11 a.m Bells 10 a.m. Business meeting in Chapter House 11.45 a.m. prompt. Ringing programme: St. John's (8) 2–3.30 p.m.; Hallow (8) 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Grimley (6) 3–4 p.m.; Ombersley (6) 3.30–4.30 p.m. Claines (10) 3.30–5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 6–7.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10) 7–8.30 p.m. No formal arrangements for tea possible but some local restaurants will be open.—D. Beacham, Gen Sec. 8787

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Monthly practice, Tackley, Friday, April 15th, from 7 to 9 p.m.—Ted Patching 8833

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead on April 16th at 7 p.m. 8824

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT. — Monthly meeting, Nunburnholme (6), April 16th, 2.30–4.30 p.m Market Weighton (6) 6.30–9 p.m. Service Market Weighton 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. E. H. Denyer, Vicarage, Market Weighton, by previous Thursday. 8843

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wrenbury April 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 13th **without fail.**—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 8843

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Macclesfield, St. Peter's (8) on Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea. Names for tea to H. C. Lonyon, The Shrubberies, Longley, Macclesfield, by April 11th. No name, no tea. 8828

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting at Leamington Spa, April 16th. Bells of St. Nicholas', Warwick, available from 2.15 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; All Saints', Leamington, from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Leamington bells available after meeting. Numbers for tea to H. C. Burt, Bowood, Rugby Road, Cubbington, Leamington Spa, please.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Gen. Sec. 8802

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 16th. Bells available: St. Alkmund's (8) 2.15 p.m.–3.30 p.m.; Cathedral (10) 3.30 p.m.–4 p.m. and after meeting; St. Peter's (8) after meeting. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby, by April 13th.—B P. Morris, Sec. 8817

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Limpsfield Chart, April 16th, from 2.30–4.30 p.m. Service at Limpsfield 4.45 p.m Please bring own tea; cups of tea will be provided. Evening ringing at Limpsfield 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by April 14th, please.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 16th, at 2.15 p.m. in the Chapter House, Gloucester Cathedral. Tea at 4.30 (buffet tea) at Co-op Hall, Queen's Street: to be paid for in advance, 4s. 6d. with stamped addressed envelope for tickets, to D. Pobjoy, 71, Colin Road, Barnwood, Gloucester, not later than Tuesday, April 12th. Association service 6 p.m. at St. Mary de Crypt: address by the Rector, Canon W. R. Houghton. Films "Ringers Required" and "Washington Cathedral" will be screened in the church after the service. Towers open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Arlingham, Barnwood, Brockworth, Churchdown, Elmore, Frampton-on-Severn, Longney, Norton, Quedgeley (7th not ringable), Upton-St. Leonard's, Whitminster, Witcombe, and 12.45 to 1.45 p.m St Mary de Crypt and Gloucester Cathedral Money for teas to D. Pobjoy, please.—Charles Rouse, Hon Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Dorking on April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by April 14th, please.—M. M. 8822

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 16th, at Watford. Service 4.30. Tea (3/-) and meeting in St. Mary's Hall 5.15. Resolutions regarding affiliated towers, election of N.R.L. members and election of C.C. representatives. Ringing arrangements: Abbot's Langley (6) 9–10.30; King's Langley (8) 10.30–12; Harrow Weald (8) 9–10.30; Bushey Heath (8) 10.30–12; Elstree (6) and Rickmansworth (10) 11.30–1; Bushey (8) 2–3.30; Watford (10) 3.15–4.30; Watford and Langleybury (6) after meeting. Aldenham will not be available. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford (Tel. 27936) by Wednesday, April 13th.—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 8801

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Annual meeting at Rainham, Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham, Kent, by Wednesday, April 13th, please.—S. M. D., Hon. Sec. 8834

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western Area.—Quarterly meeting, Macclesfield, St. Peter's (8) on Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea. Names for tea to H. C. Lonyon, The Shrubberies, Longley, Macclesfield, by April 11th! No names, no tea. 8829

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — Meeting at Bilsborrow, Saturday, April 16th. A.6 road, turn at Roebuck. Buses from Preston and Lancaster 1.30, 1.40, 1.50. No tea arrangements; suggest bring food and flask.—S. Walmsley. 8831

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Oldham, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (12) at 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. — G. Cheetham. 8830

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Leicester, April 16th. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 2.30–4; Cathedral (12) 3–4.10; St. John-the-Divine (10) after meeting. Service in Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Leicester. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Alderman Newton's Boys School Dining Centre (21, St. Martin's), followed by meeting, which will include voting for new general secretary. Names for tea to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South (Tel. Leicester 823140), by Wednesday, April 13th. **No name, no tea.**—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8811

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, April 16th, St. Mary's, Willesden (nearest station Neasden—Bakerloo Line). Ringing 3 to 4.30, followed by service and tea. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8797

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Netherbury, Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 8825

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 16th, Wimborne St. Giles (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Gussage St. Michael (6) 7–8.30. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford, by April 4th. 8820

THE SUFFOLK GUILD
Annual General Meeting, Lavenham, Saturday, April 16th, 1966.

Evensong 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Details of the 20 towers available in "Ringing World" of April 1st. Please let me have names for tea as soon as possible. All members and visitors welcome.—Andrew T. Beckwith, 8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich. (Tel. 75647) 8813

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting. Saturday, April 16th. Chailey (6) 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m.; Little Horsted 6 p.m.–7.30 p.m. Tea "Oven Door," Uckfield, 5 p.m. Names to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, by April 12th. 8832

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Findon on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Sussex. 8837

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Mid-week practice meeting at Sunbury, Wednesday, April 20th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8791

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Michael's, Teignmouth, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing at St. Gregory's, Dawlish, 6.30–7.30. Names for tea to A. B. Shingler, 8, Ness View Road, Teignmouth. 8826

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Loughton, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to F. W. Tomlin, 30, Station Road, Loughton. 8798

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Matlock	(8)	1.00– 2.00 p.m.
Belper	(8)	2.00– 3.00 p.m.
Duffield	(10)	2.30– 3.30 p.m.
South Circuit:		
Melbourn	(8)	10.00–11.00 a.m.
Aston-on-Trent	(6)	10.30–11.30 a.m.
Shardlow	(6)	11.00–12.00 noon
Sawley	(8)	11.30–12.30 p.m.
Long Eaton	(8)	12.00 –1.00 p.m.
Sandiacre	(6)	1.00– 2.00 p.m.
West Hallam	(8)	1.30– 2.30 p.m.
Horsley	(6)	2.00– 3.00 p.m.

Memorial Service at Duffield Parish at 3.30 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. R. D. St. John Smith
Evening Ringing:
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Derby, St. Peter's (8) 7.00–8.30 p.m.
Buffet tea in Derby 5 to 6.30 p.m.
Free for those who send names to:—
Mr. G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby. 8789

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual striking competition and quarterly meeting at Shorne, Saturday, April 23rd. Competing bands assemble 2.30 p.m.. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. General ringing in evening. Names for tea to E. J. Beer, 14, Warren View, Shorne, Gravesend, by Wednesday, 20th, please.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8840

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting at Willingham, near Gainsborough, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. Hudson, 8, High Street, Willingham, near Gainsborough, not later than Wednesday, April 20th.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 8844

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Yaxham, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ringing at Mattishall in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. O. D. Knight, Redmaves Farm, Yaxham, Dereham, Norfolk.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8814

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Salehurst, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing to follow. Names for tea to me at 8, The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield, by Wednesday, 20th.—G. M. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 8841

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting and striking competition will be held at Tollesbury (6) on Saturday, April 30th. Competition at 2.30. Service at 4.30. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. (Phone 57827.) 8835

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held on April 30th at St. Bartholomew's, Westhoughton. Ringing: All Souls', Bolton (8) 11–12; St. Peter's, Bolton (8) 11.30–12.30; Holy Trinity, Bolton (8) 12–1; The Saviour's, Bolton (8) 2–3.30; St. Mary's, Deane (8) 2.30–3.45; St. Bartholomew, Westhoughton (8) 3–4.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5, meeting to follow. Ringing to follow. Ringing at St. Bartholomew's 7–8.30. Names for tea, with money (3/6 each) to Mr. W. Smalley, 15, Sunny Garth, Westhoughton.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 8753

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday, April 30th, in the library in the Cathedral at 3.45 p.m. Evensong at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall, for which names must be sent to Mr. E. Hudson, Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon, by Thursday, April 28th. The following towers will be open: Whixley (6) 10–11; Aldborough (6) 11–12; Kirby Hill (6) 12–1; Kirkby Malzeard (6) 1–2; Wath (6) 2–3; Sharow (8) 2–3; Ripon Cathedral (10) 11.30–12.30, 1.30–3.30 and after tea.—W. F. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8819

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ashwick (6), Saturday, April 16th. Usual arrangements.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8851

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Blackhill on Saturday, April 16th. Ringing at St. Mary's (8) from 2.30 to 4.30. St. Aidan's (8) available after tea and meeting. Tea at St. Aidan's. Names in good time to Mrs. F. Clarke, 84, Moorlands, Blackhill, Consett. 8845

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, April 16th. Names for tea to Mr. G. Hancock, Brookside, Willoughby, Rugby, by Monday previous.—E. W. Hancock. 8854

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Preston, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to G. H. Perry, 222, Preston Road, Weymouth, by Wednesday previous. 8846

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District. Quarterly meeting at The Ascension, Bitterne Park, April 16th. Bells 2.30–5 and after service. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Service 6.30. Names for tea to Miss D. Mages, 30, Thorald Road, Southampton — M. Francis, Hon. Sec. 8849

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THE FENS AND RINGING

THROUGH the good services of Trevor A. Bevis, readers have been given an introduction to noted churches in the Fens during recent years. It is estimated that 400,000 people visit the Fens each year—an extensive area embracing parts of the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire. The reason is not hard to find as Trevor Bevis gives as its chief attractions the matchless churches, displaying styles of ecclesiastical architecture renowned throughout the world.

To help visitors to get a better understanding of this corner of England—"an island within an island" it has been described—Trevor Bevis has written a "Guide to the Fens and Fenland Churches" (price 4/-). The book is profusely illustrated with drawings by the author, and the Guide is planned along the principal highways such as Cambridge to Ely, Ely to Wisbech, King's Lynn to Spalding, Spalding to Boston, Boston to Bourne, Bourne to Peterborough.

Because of its adherence to conditions of modern transport, the Guide is a useful companion to those on ringing outings in these counties. It is not a guide to bells—although they are mentioned—but for those who have not one-track minds the wealth of detail concerning places traversed makes it a very useful companion for travellers in this area.

Wherever travelling in the Fens, one is not at any time far away from dykes, rivers and drains. Boating facilities exist—a 200-mile system of waterways gives endless variety to those who enjoy exploring these rivers and "cuts." There was a time when the Fens had nearly 700 windmills, but their number was substantially diminished by the advent of steam power, which in these days has been abandoned to make way for giant diesel and automatic electric pumps which are set in motion when rising waters reach a certain level.

The Church has been closely identified with making the Fenland more habitable by initiating drainage. The monastic remains at Ramsey, Thorney, Crowland and the cathedral at Ely all testify to "the former worldly glory of the mediæval Church." All ringers have heard of Croyland, on the road from Spalding to Thorney—where the first ring of bells was provided. These bells were among the first to be broadcast and they have the longest ropes in the land (90 feet), according to Mr. Bevis. Implores the author: Visit Crowland and sample a little of the past, but do not take too seriously the old saying:

> "In Holland in the Fenny lands
> Be sure you mark where Croyland stands.
> Croyland wine is but so-so,
> Sedge instead of hay doth grow.
> A bed like stone whereon to lie,
> And so begone without 'goodbye'."

Another equally familiar church is St. Botolph's, Boston. For over 500 years its tower of perfect symmetry has thrust 272½ feet into the sky. Centuries ago it was used as a beacon, and no wonder, as one-third of Lincolnshire is visible from it, including the triple towers of Lincoln some 30 miles away. In the belfry are 25 bells—ten ringable which were cast from a former eight at the joint expense of the people of Boston, Mass, and Boston, Lincs, during the restoration of the church in the 1930's. To quote the author: "The church is a melody in stone one can never forget—nor the Bostons of the old and new worlds."

The west gateway to the Fens is Peterborough—not a beautiful place but having plenty to show visitors. The Cathedral cannot be compared with the Romanesque dignity of Fenland's great church at Ely, but it is the only cathedral in the country with a Norman roof; and the west front, built 700 years ago, prompted one learned man to comment: "The noblest conception of the old Greek translated into the speech of Christendom." Perhaps one day the Cathedral might have a ring of bells on which ringers can display their art.

We have mentioned before that this book has little to do with the practical side of ringing, but there are many readers who, when reading about peals and quarter peals rung in areas unfamiliar to them, like to visualise the churches and the surroundings. This is what the book supplies; and in these days of high costs of print and illustrations it is the best four shillingsworth we have come across. But then the author is a craftsman in print and drawing, and with such added assets is able to give the reader good value for his investment. We hope that many exploring the Fenland will do so aided by the eyes and pen of Trevor Bevis.

RINGING MEETINGS: THEIR FUNCTION & ORGANISATION

THE RINGING MASTER'S JOB

By NORMAN CHADDOCK

IN considering the organisation of ringing meetings, responsible officials will probably bear in mind the following points:—

(1) The desirability of meeting regularly on a fixed date known well in advance and adequately publicised.

(2) The need to get round a good range of towers within a specified length of time.

(3) The convenience of particular towers or tower for a particular occasion. Their selection and times of ringing.

(4) Inter-tower transport.

(5) Tea arrangements.

(6) Business meetings. Chairman should be au fait with proceedings past and present, and although it is desirable to welcome the local clergy they are not well informed to do this task.

(7) Arrangements for service.

(8) Arrangements for ringing masters when several towers are available.

There are other details of organisation to be considered, but before discussing the function of ringing meetings I thought it appropriate to take into account not just my own ideas, which, like many long standing Association officials, might tend to be preconceived, but also the ideas of casual attenders at ringing meetings.

At a recent ringing meeting I therefore interviewed, on tape, a random cross-section of the 35 to 40 ringers who attended.

The same group of questions was asked of all those interviewed, who ranged from a beginner attending his second ringing meeting to an experienced tower leader and tutor who for many years had attended meetings of his own Guild and others round about.

There was general agreement on the following lines:—

I Meetings are an opportunity:

(a) To meet other ringers socially and enjoy each other's company and exchange experiences.

(b) To keep in touch with what other ringers and towers are doing and learn from each other.

(c) To try other rings of bells, appreciate their relative merits and extend one's experience.

(d) To improve one's ability, especially beginners and those from struggling towers. To progress in methods rung.

II Whilst some experts regularly supported meetings, many did not, mainly on account of peal ringing activities.

III When simple methods were being rung there were usually too many learners in together, detracting from the value and standard of this ringing. Some thought learners had a fair chance, others that one ring in 1½ hours, as often happened, was insufficient.

IV The ringing master should primarily look after beginners, as experts can look after themselves.

V Patience, firmness, ability and affability are important qualities needed in a ringing master, who should know the abilities and needs of regular attenders at ringing meetings.

VI Business meetings are essential but should be conducted in a brisk and efficient manner.

VII Some thought it best to have more than one ring of bells available.

VIII Most thought once a month a suitable interval between meetings in one locality and some that there was need for co-ordination re dates of meetings of adjacent Societies.

One thing that struck me about the answers was that only one ringer stated clearly and directly that the ultimate purpose of ringing meetings was to improve Sunday service ringing in the area, though no doubt most of them would have agreed with this.

YORKSHIRE EXAMPLES

Scrutiny of the report of the Yorkshire Council of Ringing Societies (ten in number) revealed the following main functions of meetings: Large attendance, high number of towers represented, contests, stimulating ringing at the towers in the area, social activity (outings, etc.) enjoyment, opportunity for young and inexperienced ringers, encouraging Sunday service ringing, especially at struggling towers, opportunities for co-ordinated efforts, and peal ringing activity.

All the foregoing deals with the function and organisation of ringing meetings as they are, and the situation with which the ringing master is faced in handling the practical ringing aspects. At our present traditional ringing meetings the ringing master has to control the ringing so that all are given a fair opportunity, having regard to their ability. This may mean some restriction on individual wishes from time to time for the good of the whole. Some effort must be made to meet individual aspirations and retain the interest of the more advanced ringers. Touches should be graded to the capabilities of the band or individuals. The ringing master must, if necessary, intervene if a band is too weak for what is being attempted, if necessary having two touches on courses with fewer "improvers" in. He should discreetly call attention to serious faults in the ringing and aim at getting the best out of those present and at overall progress.

TWO TYPES WANTED?

To the majority of ringers, meetings seem to have two main functions, (a) social and (b) training. The first appears to be well catered for and the second fairly well, considering that only about one-third of those present can be ringing at any one time if only one tower is available. If more than one tower is available there is often a lack of balance between them. From a training point of view, therefore, over half one's time at ringing meetings may be ineffective, particularly as elementary touches tend to be overloaded with "improvers." In view of the low proportion of towers with competent Sunday service bands and the need for intensifying training, can we afford to be so inefficient in our training methods? Is there a case for two types of meeting, one essentially a social gathering where ringers ring what they can ring well, and where the business of the Association is conducted, and another type where the ringing is organised on a purely training basis on the lines of half- and one-day courses, with ringers organised in specific groups. Such meetings could be organised in a progressive series. Possibly the two types could be combined, the time being halved between the two.

There is a case for some rethinking about these matters with a view to improving the effectiveness of meetings from a training angle.

The function of a ringing master at the latter type of meeting would be to organise the talent and ability to greatest effect in securing progress of "improvers" at their various stages. Ringers attending would need to be prepared to accept a measure of direction beyond what is normally accepted at a traditional ringing meeting, and those not actually ringing would be watching either to learn or to help others.

Such meetings would need to be purposeful and planned in detail and have a guaranteed and specific attendance.

[From a lecture given to the Yorkshire Ringing Societies' Course at Selby on March 19th.]

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch was held at Wrington (10) on March 19th. Ringing preceded the service, which was conducted by the Rev. B. Lee, and afterwards the Rector and his wife joined the company for tea at the Memorial Hall.

At the short business meeting the following programme was arranged: Quarterly, Clevedon St. Andrew's (June); Practice meeting, Portbury (April); Annual Striking Competition (to be judged by the Rev. J. G. Scott), Kingston Seymour (May). An invitation to visit Ubley for the annual Corporate Communion in June was accepted but, remembering the poor attendance last year, it is hoped that this year's service will receive the support it deserves.

The secretary reported that an annual dinner has now been agreed to in principle, and details would no doubt be available at the annual general meeting on Easter Monday.

This concluded the business, and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of Birmingham University Society was held on March 16th in The Union, Edgbaston, when 13 members were present. The meeting was opened by the chairman, Miss Rosemary Tailby. The officers' reports were read and the chairman reported on a general improvement in the Society. This was partly due to the experience of some of the freshers and also because weekly practices had been held at Edgbaston. Handbell ringing had also improved under the guidance of Mr. Rupert A. Clarke.

In the absence of the Ringing Master, the deputy Ringing Master, Mr. R. A. Clarke, reported that the weekly practice at Edgbaston had provided valuable experience for the less experienced members, and he hoped that this regular practice would result in a high standard of ringing on the tour to be held in North Devon at Easter. Miss Ruth Gay (treasurer) was able to report that the Society was at present in a financially favourable position. A motion combining the offices of chairman and Ringing Master was carried, and Mr. R. A. Clarke was elected Master for the ensuing year. Other officers elected were Mr. J. R. White (secretary) and Miss Carol Johnson (treasurer).

It was also agreed that the Society should hold an annual dinner and arrangements are to be made for this to be held in November.

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OBITUARY

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS—1889-1966

A TRIBUTE

In the heart of West Suffolk lies Lavenham, scarcely changed since mediæval times. A pretty place, rich in history, almost every house one of age and beauty. The scene is dominated by one of the finest churches that man ever built—its massiveness, symmetry and proportions symbolic of the age in which it was created.

Out of Lavenham have come many famous men and into the Ringing Exercise in the closing years of the last century came Stedman Harry Symonds. Born 1889 with, I daresay, the sound of the Miles Graye tenor ringing in his ears; died February 22nd, 1966. Seventy-seven years gone in the twinkling of an eye and yet a life of fullness, generosity, kindliness and contribution.

Stedman Symonds came from an old ringing family from the "noble stem of Jesse" one might say, for that was his grandfather's name. His father, Arthur Symonds, dominated the Lavenham scene for nearly 60 years and taught his son to ring at the age of 11. What a delight this boy must have been to his father, for such ability as Stedman showed in those days of limited opportunity was a rare thing indeed.

His first peal, in 1906, when he was 17, was quickly followed by another 99, of which he conducted 91. He rang 239 peals in all, conducting 192 on both tower- and handbells. His versatility in our art was astonishing. No mean exponent in the tower, he nearly always called one-part peals, non-observation. Handbells presented no problem and tune-ringing, too, was second nature.

How many times are we tempted to say of a man "If only he'd had the education what wouldn't he have done?" Stedman Symonds' knowledge of composition and method structure was very wide and yet he never sought publicity. His touches, quarters and peals were prodigious in the extreme and every effort will be made to preserve these. He is known to have produced over 1,500 service touches of Stedman Triples—a particular favourite of his.

Lavenham's ringing was at its peak between the two world wars, and Stedman conducted the first peals of Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, Stedman, Superlative and Yorkshire Court Major by the local company. Another interesting performance was a peal of Double Norwich at Stowmarket by eight Symonds in 1935.

When the Suffolk County Association was formed in 1921 he was the first Ringing Master. In fact Lavenham played an important part in its formation, for long and loud was the resentment at the desired breakaway from the Norwich Diocese and in this town the new Guild was formed.

After the death of Arthur Symonds in 1934, Stedman took over the leadership at Lavenham and maintained this until 1964, when he handed over to his nephew, Maurice. Stedman's son, Dennis, has carried on the name and is a member of a well-known Essex peal band.

One might think that our art was Stedman's only interest. He was, it is true, so much part of Lavenham and its ringing activities but there was hardly a subject in which he did not show some interest and could speak with authority. Horticulture in particular, since he was gardener at the Old Wool Hall, and ornithology were his favourites. A member of the Over Sixties Club, he often entertained at local functions, and when the Wilfred Pickles show came to Lavenham he made a very popular appearance.

So many attributes; a Suffolk gentleman through and through. That was Stedman Harry Symonds. May he rest in peace.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On March 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Daniel 1, W. M. Taylor (first "inside") 2, R. J. Gay (cond.) 4, J. P. Coad 5, J. L. Queen 6.

A "RABBIT'S" GREAT ADVENTURE I

By HUGH FALKNER

There is nothing unusual about a rabbit going "down under." But for a rabbit to do a Great Adventure down under is quite something! It's all very well for the big boys with their Kent Treble Bob Maximus and Majors galore, but for a rabbit who can only muff through Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman and who never learned call changes the trip was indeed ambitious.

The journey started in Kingston, Jamaica West Indies, where, as a rabbit, I was considered to be a bellringing expert. This was not surprising, since there were no ringable bells in Jamaica. During my six years there the Whitechapel Foundry produced a ring of eight, later making it ten plus two semitone bells, all hung dead. This was a great disappointment to me, but I suppose it was what they were paid to do, and it avoided me ever exposing myself as a rabbit!

I flew to Massachusetts, U.S.A., where repeated telephone calls put me in touch with Groton School and its bells. I thought all was lined up nicely, but on the day when I got there it was one of those peculiar public holidays which only the locals seem to know about. The school was on holiday, but a kind gentleman showed me up to the ringng chamber, further up to the bells, and further still to admire the view. So much for the U.S.A.!

After devious routes, I reached Vancouver, and was able to attend a practice night at Holy Rosary Cathedral. I had burrowed my way into Holy Rosary three years previously, so knew the ropes. The following Sunday, Mission City gave me a chance (albeit all too brief) to ring for service. Later, a visit to Vancouver Island and the Cathedral in Victoria enabled me to "pull off a bell" and ring my own changes on one bell. So much for Canada

On, then, to New Zealand. Bells are hard to find there, but eventually I got to Christchurch and received a royal welcome for Sunday morning service ringing, a little of everything, and most enjoyable.

So to Australia—Sydney the first stop. I had no idea there were so many rings thereabouts. My first was at Burwood, after which the locals (amidst hospitality) completely organised my stay in Australia—and did it very well. The next night was at Turramurra, the next day off, but the next Sunday was a day of full employment. St Mary's Cathedral for service, followed by a quarter peal of Bob Minor. Two foreigners took part in this—Jeff White, of Vancouver, and myself, of no fixed abode. Even the rabbit had to course properly with Tom Goodyer in charge! From there to St. Benedict's It would be a pity to describe the scene and happenings there lest it spoils the pleasure of surprise for others visiting at some future date. But it really was the joke of the day, and I nearly split with laughter One gentleman (nameless) required 16 whole pulls after "Stand" was called before he set his bell—but this is not to be interpreted that he was another rabbit! No, no!

The following night was practice night at both St Andrew's and St. Mary's, and two days later on to Melbourne. At the Cathedral, the only 12-bell tower outside the British Isles, there was a ringers' meeting on the Saturday so I was able to step right in, and also the next day for service ringing at St. Patrick's Cathedral (with the outside temperature over 100 degrees F.). Two days later I was ringing at St Peter's in Adelaide, and the following week-end for Sunday service at St. George's Cathedral, Perth—with a practice night later in the week.

Now I suggest this is all good going for a rabbit and I tell my tale for two reasons—one, that rabbits are taken in hand by all these folk with a welcome and understanding that couldn't possibly have been exceeded for the Great Adventure boys and girls: and secondly, that whilst it is not likely that many rabbits will have the good fortune to make such journeys, they should be encouraged to grasp any opportunity for ringing which might occur overseas and not feel that it is only for Great Adventurers. I have refrained from mentioning names lest I omitted any of the people who were helpful in so many ways.

It was interesting, as I visited the various towers to see the signatures in the visitors' books of the Great Adventurers who travelled from West to East. Being a rabbit, it will be noted that I went from East to West!

Note.—The author sends us this report from Kuwait, in the Persian Gulf. He hopes shortly after Easter to be back in his old haunts at Cirencester, Croydon and Salisbury. —Ed.

5,152 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN

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First ring at Hethersett, February 5th, 1966.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On March 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, 7, 8 covering): D. J. Barnett 1, Shirley A. Cox 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, R. L. Coles 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, M. J. Hawkins 7, J. H. Thompson 8. For the printing of the Rev. Edwin Jones.

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ROCK, WORCS.—On March 19th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. J. Stanier 1, D. G. Franklin (first of Major) 2, L. J. Haines (first of Surprise Major) 3, G. Bowen 4, R. G. Morris 5, S. T. Holt 6, T. W. Lewis 7, D. Beacham (cond.) 8. Rung as a tribute to the life and work of Rev. R. J. E. Dix.

Letters to the Editor

IS BELLRINGING MUSIC?

Dear Sir,—Mr Henry Bagot raises the interesting question is the issue of March 18th whether our primary requirement in ringing is to produce good music, exclusive of any other consideration. This will depend, surely, on whether you wish to argue the case as a musician rather than a ringer.

The prime requirement in the belfry is first-class striking, irrespective of method, and once this is achieved the merits of what is being rung can be argued. When we talk of music, it must be remembered that we are limited to producing variations in a musical scale of from five to twelve notes with any harmony rigorously excluded. Method construction was the logical step forward but this, one of the mainsprings of our art, is not **primarily** concerned with what is pleasing to the ear.

This is the point at which opinions differ. Those who place the main emphasis on music will naturally prefer odd-bell methods, when the composer's skill is used to produce touches and peals most akin to musical scales, and obviously these will give this particular class of ringer the greatest pleasure. But the ringer wants something more than this to exercise his skill. We ring Caters for enjoyment but Surprise for advancement, and if the roll-ups are less frequent, they can give just as much pleasure.

Choral music has its parallel. There is a world of difference in the style and approach of, say, Gilbert and Sullivan and Vaughan Williams, but if the works of the former are easier to assimilate and enjoy, the latter cannot be decried on the grounds that the listener finds it difficult to understand their musical construction. It depends, of course, on what you find musically satisfying.

The same contrast exists between odd- and even-bell methods. If both are perfectly struck then they are equally acceptable, however easy or intricate the method.

By all means let there be music in our belfries, but if the ringing is good my experience has always been that the listening public is surprisingly discerning, and will compliment a good performance whether the tenor is turned in or not.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

A GOSPORT EXPERIENCE

Dear Sir,—I do not wish to enter into the Gosport peal "controversy" except to say that when I approached the Vicar last month to see if I could bring a band to ring there, at very short notice because bad weather had prevented us from crossing to the Isle of Wight as planned, I gained the impression that we would have been very welcome if we had brought our own ropes. So Geoff Dodd's peal cannot have done the harm suggested by Mr. Cope.

I understood from the Vicar that the ropes used for the open day, peal, etc., were on loan and had had to be removed by the ringers and returned; certainly they had not been ordered off by him.

It has taken much determination and energy to bring Gosport bells back to life again; one can only hope now that the parish will provide some ropes and the local Branch of the Guild adopt a more positive attitude.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Leigh, Reigate.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Peal Fees

Dear Sir,—The fees due for the peal of Ludgate Surprise Royal, rung at St. Michael's, Southampton, on October 2nd, 1965, have now been paid, and this peal is accepted by the Guild.

For the information of conductors of peals rung for the Guild, Rule 18 is as follows:

"An account of each peal rung entirely by members of the Guild, together with sixpence per ringer, shall be sent to the Honorary Recorder of Peals within one month of the peal being rung, otherwise it will not be recognised or published in the Guild Report, the conductor being responsible for fulfilling this Rule."—Yours truly,

D. T. MATKIN,
Hon. Peal Recorder.

26, Wellington Road,
Bournemouth, Hants.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD

Dear Sir,—In the current issue of "The Ringing World" I noticed a quarter peal of Stedman Triples rung at Netherton in memoriam Abraham Greenfield, whom I knew very well and rang many peals with in the years between the wars. He was a very able conductor in what we used to call "the four standard methods."

During the slump, when he was unemployed for a considerable time, I used to pay his train fare to enable him to come to Shropshire to conduct the peals arranged at that time.

I recall a rather amusing incident which occurred when I visited Tipton "pepper box" (Staffs) on November 12th, 1924. Abraham called a peal of Stedman (Carter's No. 9); Reuben Hall was ringing the tenor, and nearing the end of the peal his trousers came down and he rang the last 20 minutes with them round his boots. Fortunately he was wearing a long shirt and there were no ladies present!

The band was James George treble, John Perry 2, Benjamin Gough 3, Alfred Rowley 4, John Jagger 5, Yours truly 6, Abraham Greenfield 7, Reuben Hall tenor.

They were all good old ringers of the "old school," which is why I mention their names, as if may awaken memories in the minds of those who knew them.

Abraham Greenfield gave up peal ringing in the mid-1930's and I doubt whether he did any ringing in recent years.—Yours truly,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Prees Green, Salop.

P.S.—The footnote to the 1924 Tipton peal stated: "Rung in honour of the veteran ringer of the Midlands, Mr. William Rock Small, who attained his 85th anniversary on November 12th." E. V. R.

5,024 GRIMSTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

By GABRIEL LINDOFF

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35264			2	
23456	3	x		

First rung at Edenham, Lincs, conducted by George W. Massey.

MORE ABOUT CLAPPERS

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. Boothman's letter of February 25th, I feel that he is misstating the facts somewhat. At the time of impact a force of high magnitude acts between the bell and clapper, but this is not necessarily opposed by a similar force at the clapper pivot. In fact, if the point of impact on the clapper could be selected at will, a point could be found where the force acting at the pivot would be zero. This ideal point of impact is known as the "Centre of Percussion," and is located such that if the distances from the centre of gravity of the clapper to the pivot and to the centre of percussion are a and b, then $ab=k^2$, where k is the radius of gyration of the clapper about its centre of gravity.

The clapper flight, if correctly proportioned, will give the same effect by adjusting the position of the centre of gravity, and I think it likely that in the case of a bell which persistently breaks clapper bolts, the trouble probably arises from a badly proportioned clapper. If the bolt is subjected to a high shock load at every stroke it will be liable to fail eventually due to fatigue.

Incidentally, a fatigue failure, even in wrought iron, has a very brittle crystalline appearance, so do not blame the fault on "bad metal."

A further effect of the clapper flight is to reduce the bending moments acting on the shank, but I do not think that a condition giving minimum bending moment is compatible with one producing zero shock loading at the pivot.

In practice, the clapper strikes on a plane which is not quite parallel to its axis, so a slight shock tension will occur in the clapper shank. However, if the clapper bolt is preloaded to a stress higher than that which would be produced by this shock load, no effect will result, as the stresses are not additive as implied by Mr. Boothman. This preloading can be achieved simply by keeping the nut firmly tightened.

It is interesting to speculate how the clapper flight came into existence, as they were in use long before the theory of centres of percussion was proposed. In fact I think they were in use even before Isaac Newton produced his laws of motion.

Was it a pure accident, or the result of laborious trial and error, or did some blacksmith or bellhanger produce a flash of inspired intuitive thinking?

Perhaps someone could give us some information on clappers through the ages. —Yours faithfully,

NEIL D. LOMAS.

Wilmslow.

USE FOR SILENT BELLS

Dear Sir,—There must be hundreds of church bells that have been hanging silent for many years for various reasons. The most common reason must surely be that either the clergy or the parishioners, or both, are not sufficiently interested in them to try to keep them ringing.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if all these unwanted bells could be collected up and set in bell towers way out in the countryside, where ringers could ring without causing disturbance, purely as a hobby and quite apart from religious application.

I wonder what the parishioners would say if asked to surrender their bells they to dislike for this purpose?—Yours truly,

MARY W. WHALLEY.

Hawkshead, Ambleside.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

THE LEARNER PROBLEM

Dear Sir,—Previous correspondence upon the relative merits of Grandsire as a method for tower bells has only confirmed that Grandsire Triples and Caters can produce some of the best music upon tower bells, but three-fifths of our ringable bells are of six or five bells. In these towers and, unfortunately, in many of our eight-bell towers, Grandsire is interpreted as Grandsire Doubles. I would not wish to compare the musical qualities of Doubles methods, but I would sympathise with the bands who, we read, are unable to drag themselves away from stagnation of this one method. I can only think that such constant repetition would make practice nights dreary affairs and would eventually drive away the more intelligent ringers, and these are the most vital members if the band is to progress.

However, the subject of progress is the responsibility of tower captains, and I would prefer to comment upon what is to me the far more important matter of instruction for the beginner. This instruction is only half complete when a pupil can handle a bell, and instruction must now begin in the theory of change ringing. The many instructional manuals at present on sale appear to arrange this instruction in the following logical order:

Stage 1.—System of pricking changes, showing that the extent is produced on three bells.

Stage 2.—The application of place making to produce the extent on four bells.

Stage 3.—The extension to five bells, showing that the extent is not produced.

Stage 4.—The application of "bobs" to produce the extent on five bells.

I would re-echo the statement frequently made in these instructional manuals that no tower captains should allow ringers to participate in change ringing until they have individually carried out the above on paper. I would go further and suggest that the vast number of amateurs should not consider indulging in their ill-planned instruction until they take the trouble to learn the slight amount of simple arithmetic indicated above.

The four theoretical tables above are much more readily applied to Plain Bob than to Grandsire and, in my opinion, make the former Doubles method far easier to learn, from **the learner's point of view,** and I will try to itemise my reasons:

Stage 1.—On paper the final method is irrelevant. In practical ringing, Grandsire has the advantage that two learners may practise plain hunting at once during a plain course.

Stage 2.—On paper, Grandsire does not produce the extent on four bells; Plain Bob does. Also most instructional manuals use "seconds place" as their example of place making.

Stage 3.—Neither method has an advantage on paper. In practical ringing, the plain course of each will be equally difficult. It might be slightly easier for the learner to "plain hunt" initially, rather than dodge initially. However, the "plain course" of Grandsire is shorter and this is an advantage to the learner since he can learn by heart all the numbers of the bells he follows!

Stage 4.—On paper the extent of Grandsire cannot be obtained with "bobs." What is, at this stage, an additional complication of "singles" must be introduced. In Plain Bob the latter can be left until the extension of Bob Minor is required.

In practical ringing it is common practice to first extend the learner's ropesight by calling him "observation." This is easily performed in Plain Bob towers by calling him "home" three times. It is equally possible to do this in Grandsire by calling him "before" three times, but most Grandsire bands are able to ring only the PBPBPS variations and the learner must be pushed through "the touch.'

Even if the learner is limited to "bobs" only in Grandsire, he has far more to remember about their effect on his bell than in Plain Bob Doubles. In the latter method two of the calls merely cause him to continue plain hunting and carry out that work next lead. This is easier to remember in the early stages. Touches of Plain Bob can be called in which the learner is "home and run in" or "home and run out" or "home and make the bob." Grandsire is less adaptable.

My final argument for the cause of Plain Bob is that the place making is at seconds and the dodges are at backstroke. Thus a learner can logically extend to the wide range of similar Doubles methods to Bob Minor, and eventually to Kent and Cambridge. In addition, the effect of "bobs" is exactly the same as in Bob Doubles. The only logical move from Grandsire Doubles is to Stedman Doubles, which is as confusing to the learner as making a start on a method with backstroke dodging.

I am well aware that many of us find both Doubles methods equally easy. However, many of us have forgotten how difficult it was in those "dark ages" of our introduction to the Exercise, and the flood of learners leaving our ranks is proof that it is no easier for them these days. A well-planned system of instruction is required, as is found in many books but few belfries, with the chance of success at regular intervals, and much more encouragement from the established ringers. Someone once took a great deal of trouble teaching us, and many bands had to suffer our initial fumblings in method ringing. Are we repaying this with the time and effort we spend on our learners?

—Yours sincerely

DEREK C. JACKSON.

Eling, Hants.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge S., 540 Plain Bob): R. M. Andrews 1, P. C. Randall 2, A. J. Cox 3, R. W. Sherriff 4, S. F. Royal (cond.) 5, J. F. Thorne 6. For 8 a.m. Communion.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—At St. Dunstan's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lyndis Weedon 1, L. Fox (cond.) 2, Hazel Weedon 3, R. Button 4, H. Weedon 5, A. Cuthbert 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On March 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Fry 1, Miss A. O'Brien (first of Minor) 2, D. White 3, Miss S. M. Haskins 4, W. E. Gearing 5, A. R. Peake (cond.) 6. For Mothering Sunday.

IDENTIFICATION OF F.C.H.—Continued.

Use of the table.

To find the FCH of a method with the aid of the table, write out the first half-lead and divide off the four sections. Then examine the places made within each section and note the pairs of bells involved. Finally read off from the table the FCH group generated by these pairs.

As an example, the proof of Broadwater Surprise, the notation of which appeared on page 327 of the 1961 "Ringing World," follows:—

	Places	Pairs	FCH
12345678			
21436587			
12463578	3–6	45, 36	E
21645387			
26143578			
62413587	5–6	35	B
26145378			
26413587	1–2	26	D
62431857			
64238175	1–4	63, 24	c.p.s.
46321857			
43628175	1–4	42, 63	c.p.s.
34268715			
43286751	3–6	27, 68	O
34827615			
43872651	3–6	86, 27	O

Conclusions.

Even in its present, incomplete, form this system provides a quick and easy way of determining the FCH of the majority of treble-bob hunt Major methods. Its chief advantage is that it obviates the need to check the in- and out-of-course nature of the rows, the comparison of pairs of rows, and the various forms of numerical transposition essential to the more comprehensive systems.

On the other hand it does not attempt to indicate the incidence of falseness, and it is unable to deal with a certain proportion of possible Major methods. Further work may well provide answers to these shortcomings.

The basic principles can of course be extended to cover Royal and Maximus methods, but the increasing prevalence on the higher numbers of places separated by more than one crossing pair will limit its usefulness here.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The wintry weather affected the attendance at the April meeting held at Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham, but the bells were put to good use.

At the business meeting Mr. M. King took the chair. It was decided that the Society join with the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild for a half-day outing into Lincolnshire in July. An interesting discussion on silent towers took place.

Methods rung were Plain Bob (Minor, Triples and Major), Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, Little Bob and Forward Major.

A. K.

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THE IDENTIFICATION OF F.C.H.---A NEW APPROACH

By CYRIL A. WRATTEN

THE recent need to produce a list of Surprise methods rung to date, together with brief details of their falseness, has prompted a fresh look at the problem of extracting false course-heads (FCH) from treble-bob hunt methods. All methods of doing this of which I am aware—whether they are half-lead or full-lead systems—involve a fair amount of rather tedious numerical juggling, and I found it took me roughly five minutes after writing out a half-lead of a method to produce its FCH. Multiply this by several hundred, and any short cut becomes welcome!

Then it was pointed out to me in the course of a conversation that if a pair of bells that are in Plain Bob coursing order make contiguous places in the plain course of a treble-bob hunt method, an FCH of 24365 ensues. This prompted an investigation into the relationship between the bells involved when any places are made within a section and any FCH that section may have. The study was limited to Major methods.

Pairs.

In a Major method there are seven working bells. It is possible to arrange the numbers 2 to 8 into 42 different pairs, of which one half will be reversals of the other half. Thus, for example, 32 is a reversal of 23. There are therefore 21 unique pairs. These can in turn be arranged into three groups.

The first group ("A") consists of bells that are in Plain Bob coursing order. In the second ("B") the bells are separated by one in the coursing order, and in the third ("C") they are separated by two. The three groups are as follows:—

"A"	24, 46, 68, 87, 75, 53, 32
"B"	26, 67, 73, 34, 48, 85, 52
"C"	28, 83, 36, 65, 54, 47, 72

Contiguous places.

Now, if contiguous places (1–2, 3–4 or 5–6) are made by an "A" pair, FCH 24365 automatically ensues. Ealing Surprise will serve as an example of this: 8 and 6 make 5ths and 6ths while the treble is in 3–4, and the method's only FCH (24365) comes from the 3–4 section as a result.

If however the contiguous places are made by a "B" pair, then the associated FCH is 32546. And if they are made by a "C" pair, there is no associated falseness (c.p.s.). This means that any method starting x 34 x or 34 x 34—Oxford and Kent Treble Bob are the obvious examples—must have FCH 32546, for the first places will be made by 3, 4, which is a "B" pair. On the other hand, no falseness arises from the 5–6 and 3–4 places made in Ashtead because in the first half-lead they are made by 63 and 38 respectively, and these are both "C" pairs.

1-4, 3-6, 5-8 places.

The next stage is places separated by two crossing bells—in the case of Major, 1–4, 3–6 and 5–8. In these places two pairs of bells are involved—one pair making the places, and the other crossing between them. Thus, in the 1–2 section of Bristol Surprise, where 5ths and 8ths are made, the place-making pair is 67, and the crossing pair 58:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7
1 2 3 4 6 8 5 7
2 1 4 3 8 6 7 5

We therefore have to think in terms, not of one pair as in the case of contiguous places, but of two pairs.

There are 105 different ways of pairing our 21 unique pairs. Fortunately, when the results are associated with the FCH they generate, a pattern soon emerges. The results are best summarised in tabular form:—

Pairs involved	Resulting FCH
Both "A"	Group F (32654, 45236) or Group K (53624, 65432).
Both "B"	c.p.s. or group G (56423, 63542).
Both "C"	Group E (32465, 43265) or Group L (26543, 42563, 36245).
One "A," one "B"	c.p.s or Group R (45623, 56234, 35642, 62534).
One "A," one "C"	c.p.s. or Group O (52643, 36524, 65243, 46532).
One "B," one "C"	c.p.s. or Group N (34562, 62345, 46325, 54263).

It makes no difference which of the pairs is making the places and which crossing—the outcome will be the same in either case.

Each set of two pairs can generate only one FCH group. Thus the pairs 58, 67 in the example of Bristol above are always c.p.s.; they can never give rise to a Group G FCH. How then is it possible to distinguish, for example, between two "B" pairs that generate FCH G and two that are c.p.s.?

Experiment shows that there are two logical "chains" into which the seven members of each "A," "B" and "C" group can be arranged, and two only. The same is true of the combined "A" and "B," "A" and "C," and "B" and "C" groups, although here of course the "chains" consist of 14 pairs.

As an example, the two "chains" for the "B" pairs are:—

(i) 25 – 84 – 37 – 62 – 58 – 43 – 76 – 25.
(ii) 25 – 37 – 58 – 76 – 84 – 62 – 43 – 25.

To stress the cyclic nature of the "chain," the first pair is repeated at the end in each case.

Each of these "chains" will generate one, and only one, FCH group. All neighbouring pairs in the first "chain" above will give rise to FCH G, while all neighbouring pairs in the second are c.p.s. And since the two pairs in the first 1–2 section of Bristol, 58 and 67, are neighbours in the second "chain," they are c.p.s.

It is however a rather tedious business looking along these "chains" to discover which FCH any two particular pairs will generate. Therefore, rather than give the other ten "chains" in full, the results will be summarised in a quick-reference table.

1-6, 3-8 places.

But before giving that, let us look at the only other places possible within a section of a treble-bob Major method: 1–6 and 3–8. In each case three pairs of bells are involved, one pair making the places and two pairs crossing.

Of these places, 3rds and 8ths can be made only when the treble is in 1–2. Here the number of sets of three pairs that can be involved in the places is severely limited by the fact that the first section of every method must start with rounds. This has the immediate practical result that all methods starting x 38 x, 38 x 38, or 38 x . . will have FCH 24365.

No such generalisation is possible for methods with 1sts and 6ths made when the treble is in 7–8. Here the possible number of sets of three pairs has become very large (315), even when only the 21 unique pairs are considered. In practice, however, reversals can no longer be ignored, and all 42 pairs are as a result involved. It becomes a gargantuan task to tabulate the possible sets and their associated FCH's, and it consequently seems that no short cut is possible here.

Exceptions.

We are now apparently in a position to extract the FCH of a method purely by examination of its first half-lead, noting the pairs of bells involved in any places made within each of the four sections; the only exception is when 1–6 places are made in the 7–8 section.

There are however two other circumstances in which the system cannot always be used. The first is in cases where four simultaneous places are made within a section, as for example the 1258 places made in the 3–4 section of Cambridge. As such places involve three pairs of bells the complexities of correlating the possible sets of pairs with FCH are the same as for 1–6 places.

The second is when two or more sets of places are made in succession in a single section. An extreme example of this is Turvey Surprise, where it occurs in all four sections. In practice such successions of places will not always generate the same FCH's that the individual sets of places will when examined independently of one another.

Summary of results.

Let us now see what is possible within these limitations. The following table summarises the position. Note that as FCH always come in groups, a Group letter is entered rather than the actual FCH. These letters are those used by Mr. Maurice Hodgson for his grouping of the 60 FCH, and are in fairly general use. The members of each Group will however be found listed after the table. The figures along the top and the left hand side of the table are the pairs. If only one pair is involved in the places, i.e. the places are contiguous, the FCH are given in the first row and/or column; if two pairs are involved, the FCH appears where the row and column headed by those pairs meet (e.g. pairs 37, 45 give rise FCH N). In the table c.p.s. is indicated by a dash.

I 1-2, 1-4, 3-4, 3-6, 5-6, 5-8 places.

		34	35	36	37	38	45	46	47	48	56	57	58	67	68	78
		D	B	—	D	—	—	B	—	D	—	B	D	D	B	B
23	B						—	K	O	—	O	K	—	R	F	F
24	B		K	—	—	O					O	F	R	—	K	F
25	D	—		N	—	N		—		G				G	R	—
26	D	—	—		G	—	N		N	—		R	G			—
27	—	N	—	L		E	E	O		—	L		N		O	
28	—	N	O	E	—		L	—	E		L	O		N		
34	D										—	—	G	G	—	R
35	B							F	O	R				—	F	K
36	—						F		L	N		O	—			O
37	D						N	R		G	N		—		—	
38	—						L	O	L		E	—		N		
45	—			E	N	L								—	O	O
46	B		F		R	O						F	—			K
47	—		O	L		L					E		N		—	
48	D		R	N	G						N	—		—		
56	—	—			N	E			E	N						—
57	B	—		O		—		P							K	
58	D	G		—	—			—	N					—		

II 3-8 places.

Methods starting x 38 x, 38 x 38, 38 x . . } B

III FCH Groups:

B 24365
D 32546, 46253
E 32465, 43265
F 32654, 45236
G 56423, 63542
K 53624, 65432
L 26543, 42563, 36245
N 34562, 62345, 46325, 54263
O 52643, 36524, 65243, 46532
R 45623, 56234, 35642, 62534

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COLLECTION OF DOUBLES

By G. K. DODD and R. H. JONES

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Part D

These methods are false as they stand. The name or the composition may be incorrect.

Name	Plain Course	Bob	Single
Beedleston	Grandsire	Dragon	Dragon
Brexford	Grandsire	Dragon	Grandsire
Bruinston	Grandsire	Dragon	All Saints'
Calvedon	Grandsire	Dragon	Pink's
Charles	Grandsire	Dragon	Antelope
Clive	Grandsire	Antelope	Dragon
Copperbeach	Grandsire	Grandsire	Dragon
Culwood	Grandsire	Wallflower	Dragon
Daleswood	Grandsire	Pink's	Dragon
Goodwood	Antelope	Grandsire	Old Doubles
Handborough	Antelope	Dragon	Grandsire
Epsom	Antelope	Wallflower	Old Doubles
Ickton	Antelope	Dragon	Dragon
Kerrell	Antelope	Dragon	Pink's
Larrimore	Antelope	Dragon	All Saints'
Mollington	Antelope	Dragon	Antelope
Purlton	Antelope	Wallflower	Dragon
Purton	Antelope	Grandsire	Dragon
Rashbury	Antelope	Pink's	Dragon
Tuckleworth	Antelope	Antelope	Dragon
Gravenhurst	Double Grandsire		Dragon
Princeswood	New Double Grandsire		Dragon
Ashbury	New Grandsire	Dragon	All Saints'
Chenies	New Grandsire	Dragon	Pink's
Shalstone	New Grandsire	Dragon	Grandsire
Sherry	New Grandsire	Dragon	Antelope
Tallwood	New Grandsire	Dragon	Dragon
Tullton	New Grandsire	Pink's	Dragon
Tyringham	New Grandsire	Antelope	Dragon
Wellford	New Grandsire	Grandsire	Dragon
Wittleworth	New Grandsire	Wallflower	Dragon
Charleston	Plain Bob	Dragon	Dragon
March	Plain Bob		Dragon
Netfield	Plain Bob	Dragon	Pink's
Perrywood	Plain Bob	Dragon	Antelope
Rockferry	Plain Bob	Dragon	Grandsire
Ruckford	Plain Bob	Dragon	All Saints'
Widdelcombe	Plain Bob	Pink's	Dragon
Willwell	Plain Bob	Antelope	Dragon
Womervale	Plain Bob	Rev. Canterbury	Dragon
Wronswell	Plain Bob	Grandsire	Dragon
Wrunbury	Plain Bob	Wallflower	Dragon
Ashchurch	Rev. Canterbury	Dragon	Antelope
Barnsley	Rev. Canterbury	Dragon	All Saints'
Beere	Rev. Canterbury	Dragon	Dragon
Butler	Rev. Canterbury	Dragon	Grandsire
Saintbury	Rev. Canterbury	Dragon	Pink's
Saintsfield	Rev. Canterbury		Dragon
St. Philebert	Rev. Canterbury	Shipway's Place	
Terway	Rev. Canterbury	Antelope	Dragon
Tregoar	Rev. Canterbury	Wallflower	Dragon
Victory	Rev. Canterbury	Pink's	Dragon
Worcester	Rev. Canterbury	Grandsire	Dragon
Chesham (I)	Chesham	Wallflower	
Chesham (II)	Chesham	Pink's	
Castor	Chesham	Antelope	
Dunton	Ockham	Antelope	
Kensworth (Sutton?)	Ockham	Wallflower	
Courtenay	Ockham	Pink's	
Tarvin	Broughton	Wallflower	
Weaverham	Broughton	Pink's	
Wing	Broughton	Antelope	
Malpas	Chipstead	Wallflower	
Mottram	Chipstead	Antelope	
Tyringham	Chipstead	Pink's	
Chatteris	Hascombe	Pink's	
Knutsford	Hascombe	Wallflower	
Lundy	Hascombe	Antelope	
Arlecdon	St. Alphage	Shipway's	
Samlesbury	Datchet	Shipway's	
Standish	St. Sebastion	Shipway's	
Stanley (West?)	Itchingfield	Wallflower	
Colesborne (West?)	Itchingfield	Pink's	
Matching	Itchingfield	Antelope	
Stinkney	Oakley	Pink's	
Swinderby	Oakley	Antelope	
Waterfoot	Oakley	Wallflower	
Croft	Candlesby	Pink's	
Irnham	Candlesby	Wallflower	
Rowde	Candlesby	Antelope	
Salter	St. Edmond	Antelope	
Steeple	St. Edmond	Wallflower	
Yates	St. Edmond	Pink's	

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BELFRY GOSSIP

An all-ladies' quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Thorington on April 1st, conducted by Miss Jennifer Andrews.

The peal of Verulam at Chatham (page 202) was rung on March 5th and not the date submitted in copy.

Correction sheets have been completed by the publishers for "A Guide Book to Composition."

Mr. Antony R. Kench rang his 100th peal of Surprise at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, on April 2nd.

There was a family quarter peal rung at St. Nicholas', Warwick, on March 27th, when Mr. and Mrs. Randall rang with their three sons.

Included in the band ringing the first peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Royal in Hampshire at Southampton on April 2nd was Mr. R. Roger Savory after his American visit.

The first peal on the bells of Magdalen College, Oxford (one of Stedman Caters) since rehanging was rung on April 2nd. It was conducted by Mr. Walter F. Judge.

Mr. Tony Cleaver's book, "The Theory of Change Ringing," has been sold out. The publisher, Mr. John A. Hilton, informs us that the last 18 copies have gone to Washington Cathedral bookshop.

Another fine achievement in Spliced Surprise Major ringing is reported by Mr. Anthony R. Peake. At Longley a peal in 53 methods was rung on April 2nd, the greatest number of Surprise and Major methods rung in Gloucestershire and for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

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CANON THURLOW HAS IDEAS FOR A RING OF BELLS AT NORWICH CATHEDRAL

Canon A. G. Thurlow, through whose initiative Great Yarmouth was provided with a ring of 12 bells, makes practical suggestions in "The Norwich Churchman" for providing Norwich Cathedral with a ring of bells.

It is time Norwich Cathedral came into line with the other cathedrals of England, and proclaimed its purpose by ringing bells again, he writes. This could very easily be done.

The old bells and clock in the tower could remain as at present, and a new ring—perhaps transferred from a redundant city church—could be hung over the Dark Entry, in a position similar to that at Christ Church, Oxford.

This need not mean an expensive tower. At Oxford the bells were acquired first, and afterwards the present low and elegant tower was built around them. Of course such work could not be allowed to detract from the primary and urgent task of roof restoration, but if someone chose to give bells as an individual gift, as was recently done magnificently at Guildford, it could easily be done and the Cathedral would look outward and catch the ear of the public, as it has not done for a long time.

CONGRATULATIONS, WASHINGTON

It will give immense pleasure to the ten English ringers who went to the opening of Washington Cathedral bells and to Mr. Fred Price, of Southbourne, who spent a winter season in training the band, to learn that the Cathedral Society rang its first quarter of Stedman Triples on March 26th. A significant pointer was that it was the first quarter of Stedman by all the band, including the conductor, Rick Dirksen. With a completely local quarter of Stedman now in the bag, we can expect rapid progress from Washington.

AUGMENTATION AND RESTORATION OF ALVESTON CHURCH BELLS

Through the generosity of two of the parishioners, Messrs. H. G. Tucker and W. G. Farrer, two new bells were added to the existing four at Alveston Parish Church, Stratford-on-Avon, making a pleasant ring of six.

The existing four bells (tenor 10 cwt.) are dated 1616, by Henry Farmer; 1658, by Henry Bagley; 1729, by Richard Sanders; and 1912, given by Ludford Docker, Esq. They were rehung with new fittings and the two new bells added by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the cost of rehanging being defrayed by the Parochial Church Council.

On March 27th a service of rededication, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Burgess, was held, and the Assistant Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John McKie, performed the dedication and gave the address.

After the service, ringing was enjoyed by the local band and a plain course of Bob Minor was rung by visitors from surrounding towers.

Tea was provided by the local band of ringers and served to their guests by the ringers' wives and friends in the new Church Hall.

A LOSS TO LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

In the presence of every member of Lincoln Cathedral company a farewell presentation was made in the belfry on Sunday, March 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. Randles. The gift, a copy of "Change Ringing" by Wilfrid G. Wilson, was given as a token of respect and in appreciation of their services to the company.

They were invited to join the Cathedral company by the late Master of the Guild and Cathedral Company (Mr. J. A. Freeman). Mr. Randles accepted the invitation and became a member, and Mrs. Randles an honorary member. The Cathedral Company were fortunate in obtaining the services of such competent ringers, who have served the Lincoln Guild so well in attending meetings and ringing in many peals in a vast variety of methods, one of their highlights being Londinium Maximus at the Cathedral. Not only in peal ringing did they take part, but most of all Sunday service ringing; although living six miles away at Scothern this was never neglected.

Monday, April 4th, saw their departure from Lincolnshire, where the Cathedral Company will be the poorer for their change of residence after almost 13 years in the county. Good wishes for many happy years of retirement accompany them from all the company to Gresford, Denbighshire, the village where Mr. Randles was born, which will be their future home.

Mr. Randles replied in a well-chosen speech and said how much he and Mrs. Randles had enjoyed their ringing. They were struck by the friendliness of all and would always remember those years of residing in Lincolnshire with many happy memories of their ringing with the Cathedral Company at Lincoln.

HUNTINGTON PROGRESSING

Once again an attempt by the band at All Saints' Church, Huntington, Yorks, to ring a peal of Plain Bob Major was foiled. The cause was a broken rope, as after 360 changes the rope on the tenor suddenly parted company and brought an abrupt end to the attempt, which was going very well. However, after a quick change of rope, another attempt was begun but due to the need to finish by 9 p.m. it was terminated halfway, after some very well-struck ringing.

The band here are progressing well and can now ring Treble Bob methods competently and are advancing into the field of Surprise and multi-method Minor ringing. A quarter of Kent was stopped on the Sunday because of some indifferent striking but it should not be long before the band achieve some good "Surprise" performances!

PUSHING C.C. PUBLICATIONS

Hertford County Association find their sales organisations of books, mainly Central Council publications, very effective. Last year the librarian, Mrs. Joyce Dodds, sold books to the value of £14 13s. Perhaps other Associations might follow Mrs. Dodds' example by taking copies to meetings. She writes in the annual report: "Perhaps the concise approach of the C.C. publications has more appeal to young ringers than the older books, which require more leisurely study."

ROVING RINGERS' REUNION

Friday, February 25th, heralded the start of the Roving Ringers' week end in Nottingham. The majority of the party managed to arrive at the hotel in time to revive their "spirits" after their long journey, and in fact occupied the lounge till well after midnight, exchanging news and views and generally creating chaos by inadvertently leaning against the push buttons on the walls, which caused an irate porter to come running.

We awoke early on Saturday morning to the call of British workmen drilling the road outside. West Bridgford and Wollaton towers were the first of the day, after which "Admiral Rodney" proved to be extremely popular. On to Basford (8) and Bulwell (8), where five spliced was easily accomplished. At St. Mary's, half a course of Yorkshire Royal highlighted a good day's ringing.

Back at the hotel chaos ensued when 30 people all tried to have baths at once! At dinner "Supergut" was conspicuous by his absence. We were informed that he was unable to live up to his name and had retired to bed feeling very sorry for himself. Needless to say, the female members of the party kept him entertained throughout the evening.

At a short business meeting the president, Frank Lewis, thanked the retiring Master, George Evenden, for running such an excellent tour, and Don Cobb, the retiring secretary, for organising the tours, and Sally for looking after the female angle. Roger Ashmore (Grotmore to his "friends") was elected Master, and Adrienne Gibson and Roy Mills as secretary/treasurer. Suggestions for the tour included Yorkshire and Norfolk and Suffolk, the latter being chosen due to lack of youth hostels in Yorkshire.

Unfortunately the ringing at the first tower, St. Peter's, on Sunday morning rather reflected the events of the night before, but by the afternoon heads had cleared and ringing at Hucknall (8) included a good course of Bristol. On to Southwell Minster, which was a fitting end to a very good week-end's ringing.

Our thanks must go to all incumbents and tower captains, and especially to Roy Blackler for making all the arrangements. A. G.

A PAKISTANI WHO RINGS

Mr. Ward B. Sachem, of Durham, inquires whether any peals have been rung in his own country, Pakistan. There are no tower bells hung for ringing in Pakistan. We have no record of a handbell peal. Similarly, regarding the West Indies, there are no tower bell rings of bells but we believe that a handbell peal has been rung there or very close to the Carribean in Venezuela.

Mr. Sachem concludes his letter: "I really think your country is truly wonderful, and I thank you for all the great time I have had on your bells. I have now learned to ring Grandsire Doubles and I think it is really wonderful. I cannot understand how anyone could complain about it."

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On March 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. York 1, R. W. Rice 2, G. Hebden 3, S. G. Smith 4, P. J. England 5, W. S. Rice (cond.) 6. Also on March 21st, 1,440 Carlisle Surprise Minor: C. York 1, Monica Horseman 2, M. Heymann 3, P. England 4, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 5, J. Brain 6.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WINCANTON, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

Edgar C. Shepherd	Treble	*Norman G. N. Knee ..	5
*Frances M. Massey ..	2	*†David J. Orledge	6
*David A. Burt	3	*Raymond E. J. Baker ..	7
*David G. Massey	4	George W. Massey ..	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Composed by George W. Massey
* First peal of Pudsey. † 50th peal.

ODCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., March 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 13 cwt.

Gilbert W. Rendell	Treble	*Derek S Beaufoy	3
Trevor E. Marks	2	*Frederick T. Sandy ..	4
William E. Turner	Tenor		

Conducted by William E. Turner.
* First peal on five bells.

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, Som.— At the Church of St. Mary
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt.

Walter H. Marks	Treble	Reginald Beale	4
Thomas J. Locke	2	Robert Dean	5
Frederick Welch	3	Jack W. Drew	Tenor

Conducted by Jack W. Drew.
For the silver wedding anniversary of the conductor and Mrs. Drew.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5091 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Roger W. Smith	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	6
Alan A. Paul	2	Robert L. Piron	7
Avril Ivin	3	Keith H. Fleming	8
Arthur Gibbs	4	Alan J. Frost	9
Jack S. Dear	5	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed by Edgar Bennett. Conducted by Stephen Ivin

MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Martin Major	Treble	John W. Sinfield	5
*Linda M. Ellison	2	Peter C. Wright	6
Mary E. Edwards	3	Stephen Ivin	7
Keith H. Fleming	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal on eight bells
Rung to mark the forthcoming wedding (February 26th) of Michael Sinfield and Wendy Potter.

WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Christopher W. Woolley	Treble	Robert R. Churchill ..	5
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Keith H. Fleming	3	Stephen Ivin	7
John W. Sinfield	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
Rung to mark the 91st birthday of H. Douglas Harris and his completion of 70 years' membership of the Bedfordshire Association

EASTON NESTON Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 2,176 Bristol, 1,280 London, 480 each Cambridge and Superlative, and 320 each of Rutland and Yorkshire, with 108 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Linda M. Ellison	Treble	*Robert L. Piron	5
Ronald J. Sharp	2	Alan J. Frost	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	*Keith H. Fleming	7
Diana M. Frost	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Neil D. Lomas	Treble	Margaret Wright	5
Sidney Hough	2	Christine Andrew	6
John Freeman	3	Peter J. Wycherley	7
Kenneth Davenport	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

MALPAS, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Edward, King.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in E.

*Keith W. Eaton	Treble	John E. Brough	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	2	Frank R. Morton	6
*Terence E. Trickett ..	3	Gerald Parsons	7
John R. Scott	4	Leon A. Perry	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung for the dedication of a window at the Church of St Chad, Farndon, by the Lord Bishop of Birkenhead.

ST. MARTIN, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz : Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clements's Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Ernest Pimlott	Treble	Michael Thomson	4
Brian Schofield	2	Christopher J. Jones ..	5
Harold Worrall	3	Harry W Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

Christopher J. Jones	Treble	Harold Worrall	4
Ernest Pimlott	2	Brian Schofield	5
Michael Thomson	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W Howard.
Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Albert H. Booth, of Davenham.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
CHAGFORD, Devon.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., March 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt

*David J. Ley	Treble	‡Roger J. Gay	5
*J. Paul Coad	2	Frederick Wreford ..	6
†Philip J. Daniel	3	Frank D. Mack	7
‡Clive G. Bryant	4	John L. Queen	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Frank D Mack.
* First peal. † First of Triples. ‡ First of Plain Bob Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SUNDERLAND, Co. Durham—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Feb. 26 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F

*C. Duncan Davis	Treble	Andrew G. Craddock ..	5
Kenneth Lawson	2	Eric N Harrison	6
†Enid Lawson	3	James Crowther	7
†Ann Lawson	4	Michael Maughan ..	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Surprise.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Fri., March 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt 27 lb. in B.

C. Duncan Davis	Treble	Andrew G. Craddock ..	4
James Crowther	2	*Michael Maughan ..	5
William Davidson	3	George S. Deas	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* 100th peal for the Association.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr and Mrs R. W. Leighton, who were married at this church on March 4th, 1916.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
PRITTLEWELL, Essex—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Alfred J. House	Treble	Jack Belcham	6
*Yvonne A. Murray ..	2	†Frank B. Lufkin	7
Susan Rothera	3	Philip J. Rothera	8
Bernard C. Sadler	4	James L Towler	9
Frank C. May..	5	‡Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Composed by J. Lindoff. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal on 10 and of Grandsire. † 100th peal on the bells.
‡ 75th peal for the Association.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Avey.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

HARWICH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Worcester Variation Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Miss Leslie Ward	Treble	Neil V. Avis	5
Adrian G. Semken	2	Stephen O. Humphrey	6
Peter G. Pitt	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
David E. Culham	4	Brian J. Vaughan	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
First in the variation by all and for the Association.

FOBBING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*David T. Sloman	Treble	Terence T. Jones	5
Alfred J. House	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
†‡Yvonne A. Murray	3	Peter G. Brown	7
†Philip Sadler	4	‡James L. Towler	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin
* First peal of Treble Bob hunt. † First of Cambridge Surprise. ‡ 25th together.
Rung as a welcome to Samantha Elizabeth Jones, born on March 13th, 1966.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MALMESBURY, Wiltshire.—At St. Paul's Tower.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-Part (7th obs.). Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Walter H. Trueman	Treble	Harry Heath	5
Herbert G. Blanchard	2	†Leslie K. Grey	6
*John E. Billings	3	W. Bertram Kynaston	7
*Brian Evans	4	Harold E. Blacker	Tenor

Conducted by W. Bertram Kynaston.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. First peal on the bells. The band wish to associate Mr. V. H. G. Hemus with this peal.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 53 methods, comprising 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnsbury, Benington, Bristol, Cambridge, Campsall, Cherwell, Chester, Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Derwent, Dublin, Eastcote, Elford, Falmouth, Framley, Hanbury, Hitchin, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Maulden, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northolt, Otley, Painswick, Pudsey, Pyrford, Radlett, Ramsey, Richmond, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Thorne, Tring, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, with 158 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt

Richard J. Bowden	Treble	Anthony R. Peake	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	James R. Taylor	6
*Michael J. Hobbs	3	Edward R. Venn	7
Brian Bladon	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake
* 25th peal of Spliced Surprise Major. The greatest number of Surprise and Major methods to a peal by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Feb. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 11 methods, being two extents Grandsire and four each April Day, Seighford, Hudibras, Plain Bob, Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Campion, Southrepps and Rev Canterbury.
Tenor 9 cwt.

*Robert A. Hatcher	Treble	†Martin Turner	3
*John W. Hope	2	Reginald J. Preece	4
Thomas Bound	Tenor		

Conducted by John W. Hope.
* Have "completed the circle" to peals. † First peal.

DILWYN, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 12 methods, being one extent each of Grandsire and Stedman and four each of Old, Seighford, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob, St. Columb, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps and Rev. Canterbury. Tenor 12 cwt.

Frederick R. Harris	Treble	Thomas Bound	4
Lawrence T. Mainwaring	2	Reginald J. Preece	5
Robert A. Hatcher	3	John W. Hope	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.
Rung half-muffled in memory of the Vicar, the Rev. M. Elmes.

OLD RADNOR, Radnorshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods, being two extents each of Grandsire, Rev. St. Batholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine, Rushall, All Saints, Marchington, St. Hilda, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Campion, Southrepps Rev. Canterbury, April Day, Seighford, Old, Hudibras, Kennington, Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

John W. Hope	Treble	Robert A. Hatcher	4
Reginald Preece	2	*Thomas Bound	5
*Lawrence Mainwaring	3	†Leonard Morley	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.
* First peal in 21 methods. † First peal. Reginald Preece has now "circled the tower"

CLIFFORD Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., March 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 methods/var., being one extent each of Stedman, St. Simon, St. Albans, Cassington, Eynsham, Elford, Somerville, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Leonard, Austrey, Magdalen, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Thomas Lapley, Shareshill Nuffield, Winchendon, St. Miles, St. Luke, St. John, Ryton, Wadham, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columba, Campion, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old, Hudibras, Grandsire, Newborough, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and Fortune. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LYMINGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Eadburga.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*Patrick A. Harrisson	Treble	*Roger C. Button	5
Martin E. Harrisson	2	Martin Ostler	6
Donald H. Niblett	3	David L. Cawley	7
*Keith I. Davis	4	Dennis A. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Dennis A. Chapman.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung to the memory of Frank C. W. Knight.

SNODLAND, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., March 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2 and 3) St. Clement's, (4 and 5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Phyllis R. Chidwick	Treble	*Peter S. Muchlinski	4
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	†Martin L. Howe	5
David S. Osenton	3	†Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* 25th peal. † 100th peal together.
Rung on the first anniversary of the rededication of the church.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STRETTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Thurs., March 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Margaret E. Fort	Treble	*Reginald A. Dorling	4
Jennifer A. Ellison	2	Kenneth Edwards	5
David J. Bennett	3	David Burgess	Tenor

Conducted by David Burgess.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second on her birthday, and also the ringer of the fourth on his 10th wedding anniversary.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ENDERBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., March 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

A. Maxwell Lindsey	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	5
Roland H. Cook	2	Malcolm E. Wade	6
*Martin Green	3	Samuel J. Haines	7
*David F. Moore	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal in the method.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Friday, April 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A.

Martin Green	Treble	Roland H. Cook	5
Malcolm E. Wade	2	Rupert A. Clarke	6
A. Maxwell Lindsey	3	Samuel J. Haines	7
David F. Moore	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Royal Foundation Church of St. Mary de Castro.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in E.

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	Roland H. Cook	5
*Martin Green	2	Samuel J. Haines	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	William A. Lacey	7
A. Maxwell Lindsey	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by William A. Lacey.
* First peal of London Major "inside."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels
On Mon., March 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 GRIMSTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Janet E. Hubbard	Treble	Maurice Bennett	5
Derek J. Jones	2	Alan G. Payne	6
Edwin T. Chapman	3	Cyril R. Burrell	7
Denis Woods	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal in the method.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sun., April 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Norman F. Edwards	Treble	Timothy G. Pett	5
Dennis A. Hewitt	2	John R. Ketteringham	6
Kenneth Warner	3	C. Martin Press	7
William Birmingham, jun.	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

BRIGHSTONE, I.O.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Plain Bob, two of Cambridge and one each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 8 cwt.

Barbara Walpole	Treble	Cyril F. Lowe	4
Ernest J. Munday	2	Robin G. Leale	5
Gillian A. Leale	3	William S. Deason	Tenor

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

STOKE D'ABERNON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in three methods, viz.: (1) Childwall, (2 and 3) St. Clement's, (4) Childwall, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*Anita J. Nickells	Treble	†Robin J. Collis	4
†Peter Henry	2	Douglas Boniface	5
†Pamela E. Brown	3	Peter N. Felton	Tenor

Conducted by Peter N. Felton.
* First peal. * First of Minor and in more than one method. First in three Minor methods on tower bells for conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Harold Blagden and Carol Pacey, who were married later this day.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*Harold Dowler	Treble	Norman Sherratt	5
E. Marion Key	2	Raymond J. Ballard	6
*Madeleine McCallion	3	Barnabas G. Key	7
*Felicity T. Webber	4	Phillip Kimber	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

GRIMSTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
x 34 x 1458 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 38 x 56 x 78.
8ths place lead-head 17856342.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St Nicholas.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

*George P. Adams	Treble	*Timothy G. Pett	5
Ann Jenner	2	*Kevin S. Hohl	6
*†Sidney Marshall	3	*Peter Adcock	7
*Norman V. Harding	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First peal in the method for the Association.
Rung as a welcome to Canon C. H. Plummer and Mrs. Plummer; also as a wedding anniversary compliment to Kevin and Janet Hohl.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHENIES, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

David Cornwall	Treble	Roy Woodruff	4
*Janet Yates	2	Anthony Fortin	5
Brian Edwards	3	Ronald Snack	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald Snack.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung with the compliments of the band for the birthday of the conductor and for Peter Anthony Woodruff, born March 25th, 1966.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Ronald Russell	Treble	Derek J. Jones	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	Keith R. Davey	5
J. Charles Hudson	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
In memoriam Charles Thorley. Tenor 10 cwt.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CORSCOMBE, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., March 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four different extents.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

William E. Turner	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	4
Gilbert W. Rendell	2	*Frederick G. Sandy	5
Trevor E. Marks	3	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

CHISWICK, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester, 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

Susan E. Smith	Treble	C. Martin Press	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Joan Beresford	3	*Walter H. Dobbie	7
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of seven Spliced Surprise Major.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

F. William Midwinter	Treble	Frederick G. Hooper	4
Harold Stevenson	2	Peter Wakefield	5
Paul Raithby	3	Margaret E. Chilton	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.
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Rung for the wedding of John Leslie Hooper and Miss Margaret Joan Keetley, married at Southwell Minster on March 12th, 1966.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BREDFIELD Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., March 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and two 720's of Plain.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Michael J. Howes	Treble	Ernest G. Pearce	4
Sylvia R. E. Pipe	2	Neville F. Whittell	5
Clifford R. Lovett	3	Cecil W. Pipe	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.

HOPTON-BY-THETFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Alfred W. Foreman	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	4
Henry Tooke	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
William Clover	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FITTLEWORTH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

Roy M. Cox	Treble	*Patrick M. Wills	4
*James M. Hills	2	Michael J. Wake	5
Susan M. Main	3	Robert Wake	Tenor

Conducted by Robert Wake.
* First of Minor.
Rung as a welcome to Canon G. Handisyde, who was inducted to the living the previous day.

WESTHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR
Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

Kathleen A. Rivett	Treble	Betty Percy	4
Janet M. Percy	2	Martyn J. Marriott	5
*†Christine M. Baldock	3	†Alan R. Baldock	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* 25th peal. † 25th together. First of Beverley on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. First of Beverley as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in F.

*Heather Walters	Treble	†R. Roger Savory	6
†Thomas H. Francis	2	†Tom Chapman	7
†David J. Forder	3	†Michael J. Thomas	8
Frederick R. Scott	4	Robert C. Kippin	9
†Peter J. Joyce	5	†David E. House	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Lincolnshire Royal. First of Lincolnshire Royal in the County and for the Guild.

ANDOVER, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 ANDOVER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

Philip Murduck	Treble	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Michael Hatchett	2	Christopher C. Clarke	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
D. Kay Adkins	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
The first peal in the method (Tipler's C14—I. H. and M. Collection No. 745). Rung for the Feast of the Annunciation.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STRENSHAM, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents Single Oxford Bob and five Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

*Peter L. Hughes	Treble	†E. Charles Biggs	4
Leonard J. Walters	2	John Clements	5
James Ward	3	Thomas W. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor "inside."

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

Neil Donovan	Treble	Stuart Armeson	6
Susan Jackson	2	*David S. Johnson	7
W. Eric Critchley	3	*Ronald Ducker	8
Gibson Jackson	4	John N. D. Chaddock	9
Barry Sullivan	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., March 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	Roger J. Lumley	4
Susan Jackson	2	Robin Brown	5
Arnold Cole	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

KIPPAX, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., March 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHREPPS BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Michael J. Denton	Treble	Ronald H. Dove	4
C. Barrie Dove	2	John Potts	5
Olivia A. Marshall	3	Robin Brown	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
First peal in the method.

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being two extents Cambridge, one Oxford T.B. and two each Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.)

Derek J. Swann	Treble	Edward M. Bradley	4
Margaret Whitehead	2	Ronald Warford	5
Kenneth B. Sissons	3	Alan Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Sheppard.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE, Victoria.—In the belfry, St. Paul's Cathedral.
On Tues., March 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ASHBOURNE COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Helen J. Henderson	1–2	Thomas W. Goodyer	5–6
Robin G. Turner	3–4	Andrew C. Bolton	7–8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.
First peal in the method for all.

SYDNEY, New South Wales.—At 16, King Edward Street, Roseville.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

John J. Cummins	1–2	Thomas W. Goodyer	5–6
William D. Watson	3–4	Enid L. Roberts	7–8

Composed by E. M. Atkins. Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer.
First peal in the method on handbells for all.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., March 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 11 in G.

Frank Osbaldiston	1–2	Neil Bennett	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	Alan McFall	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At Wayside Cotttage.
On Mon., March 28, 1966, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Wavertree, (2) Fulbeck Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob and Plain Bob, (3) Childwall, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Canterbury Pleasure, (6) College Bob, (7) Double Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

Gerald Penney (cond.)	1–2	*Julia A. Fellows	3–4
		*Roger D. R. Brown	5–6

* First peal in nine methods

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbroke Square, W.
On Mon., March 7, 1966, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MINOR
Being the following seven extents in 19 methods: (1) Hereward and Double Bob, (2) Double Court, (3) Single Court and Reverse Bob, (4) London, Lytham, Westlecot, College, Wavertree and Rodbourne, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob: 59 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.

Paul S. Royds-Jones	1–2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.)	3–4
		Timothy G. Pett	5–6

Most Minor methods to a peal for the Association.

HALF PEAL

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On March 26th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: I. Armstrong 1, Mary I. Hildred 2, T. W. Brighton 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, A. C. Banton (cond.) 6. In memoriam Arthur P. Banton (died March 24th, 1962).

DATE TOUCH

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On March 26th, 1,966 Stedman Triples (composed by J. Topp): E. J. Chivers 1, Miss S. Y. Hallett 2, V. Savage 3, A. P. Beck 4, E. Naylor 5, R. E. Beck 6, R. G. Beck (cond.) 7, D. Targett 8.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. Hutton (first quarter) 1, J. Orme 2, E. Fearn 3, E. Buck (cond.) 4, R. Trebilcock 5, L. Hughes 6, M. Orme 7, R. Castledine 8.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On March 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Brook 1, P. J. Brook 2, V. Turner 3, A. Turner 4, S. Brown (cond.) 5, B. Booth 6. In appreciation of F. Smith, serving as a bell-ringer at St. Mary's, Barcombe, for 50 years.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on March 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Green 1, Miss P. Gill 2, S. Bromfield 3, R. Harrison 4, E. Broughton 5, G. Bromfield (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Kitching, church-warden (St. Mary's).

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On March 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on middle six): D. Dury 1, E. Clifton 2, A. Bourner 3, Miss C. Wood 4, H. Deacon 5, L. Sweatman 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, F. Goodearle 8. For Mothering Sunday.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On March 27th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. F. Fosberry 1, I. M. Robinson 2, G. Rix 3, H. Franklin 4, H. F. Wood 5, W. L. Weller (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BLACK TORRINGTON, DEVON.—On March 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): W. M. Taylor 1, P. J. Daniel 2, R. J. Gay 3, J. L. Queen 4, D. J. Ley (cond.) 5, W. J. Moore (first as cond.) 6. By Shebbear College Society.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On March 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Marian Munnings (first quarter) 1, S. Christian 2, A. I. Munnings 3, R. J. Southgate 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Christian 1, R. L. K. Whittell 2, A. R. Walters 3, R. J. Southgate 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5. For Mothering Sunday.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret A. Head (first on eight) 1, Catherine M. Powell (cond.) 2, Angela J. Williams (first "inside") 3, Angela M. E. Wright 4, A. W. Bond 5, R. I. Vaughan 6, M. J. Bew 7, D. P. Snoswell 8.

BRISTOL.—On March 6th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B Walters (first on eight) 1, Christine Webb 2, Susan Jenkins 3, Diana Boyce 4, J. T. Parsons (cond.) 5, N. W. H. Simon 6, J. Slater 7, B. Mozley 8.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George, on March 30th, 1,428 Grandsire Triples: J. Shingler 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, D. Reynolds 3, M. Powell 4, M. H. Gregory 5, D. J. Hunt 6, A. Howard (cond.) 7, A. Tubb 8.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On March 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. J. Sheahan 1, Rosemarie A. Frith 2, Helen E. Gilbert (first "inside") 3, P. J. Gibson 4, M. J. Comling 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. For Family Communion. Also on March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Edwards 1, Linda Groves (first "inside" 2, Rosemarie A. Frith (first as cond.) 3, P. J. Gibson 4, T. J. Sheahan 5, B. G. Brinkley 6.

CASTLEACRE, NORFOLK.—On March 17th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Oxford T.B.): R. Harrop 1, W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, Rev. G. Galley 4, C. Cousins 5, N. V. Harding (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the engagement of the Rev. J. H. Bloom, Vicar of Castleacre, and Miss J. E. Scott.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On March 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Wells 1, R. D. Mills 2, A. D. Elsmore 3, J. W. Priest 4, D. G. Blows 5, P. J. Privett 6, Roy Collins (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8. After a peal failure.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At St. John's Church, on March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. L. Cooke 1, R. T. Wakefield 2, F. J. Lewis, jun. 3, P. A. Law 4, M. E. Stracey 5, P. Morgans 6, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 7, H. Telling 8. Rung on the "light eight" as an 85th birthday compliment to Francis J. Lewis, sen.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On March 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten different extents): Yvonne Hall-Dixon 1, R. Woodyatt 2, Julia M. Reardon 3, D. G. Franklin 4, J. E. Whittall (cond.) 5, A. Morgan 6. First attempt 1 and 3.

QUARTER PEALS

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—On March 19th, 1,504 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Baldwin 1, Miss J. S. Coles 2, G. Cooper 3, Miss O. A. Marshall 4, A. Talbot-Ponsonby 5, M. G. Dodson 6, G. J. Jones 7, J. Robinson (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, and 5.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On March 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Linda Piggott 1, Josephine Pole 2, P. Woodgyer 3, J. Britchford (cond.) 4, C. Stevenson 5, P. Venn 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Helen Rosemary Hoare and Patricia Hutton, Both killed in an air crash in Japan on March 5th, 1966. Also on March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Venn (first on a working bell) 1, Josephine Pole 2, P. Woodgyer 3, J. Britchford 4, D. Fowles 5, C. Stevenson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On March 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Pullen 1, G. C. King 2, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 3, Miss V. A. Peake 4, R. Copleston 5, P. J. Bloomfield 6, J. Armstrong (cond.) 7, T. Copleston 8. First quarter 1, 4 and 8.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. P. Morris 1, Ann Chettle 2, Rev. St. John Smith 3, H. E. Taylor 4, T. Whilie (first of Triples) 5, P. D. Taylor 6, G. H. Paulson (cond.) 7, E. Paulson 8. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Horsford 1, Miss S. Davis 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, M. Spracklíng 5, F. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, A. H. Fulwell 8. For morning service.

EAST ARDSLEY, YORKS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia Lockwood 1, C. Naylor 2, A. Newbold 3, A. Clifton 4, E. Robinson 5, I. North (cond.) 6. First quarter 2, 3 and 4.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's, on March 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Stone (first quarter) 1, J. M. Swift 2, P. Fox (first of Triples "inside") 3, Kathleen Rivett 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, L. Baldock 6, H. Reynolds 7, I. White 8. 25th quarter together 5 and 7.

ELKSTONE, GLOS.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Miss E. M. Bliss 1, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 2, F. Reed 3, R. T. Wakefield 4, M. E. Stracey 5. For Ash Wednesday.

EWELL, SURREY.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. L. Hayns 1, Margaret Arnold 2, Janet Crane 3, M. Morris 4, P. J. Munday 5, R. D. Mills 6, C. W. Daws (cond.) 7, A. Skilton 8. First of Plain Bob Triples 3, 4, 5 and 7.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On March 28th, 1,280 St. Simon's and Bob Doubles (rung alternately): D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, Mrs. G. D. Northway 2, Elizabeth Bank (first "inside") 3, T. Matcham (first "inside") 4, L. D. Smith 5, D. R. Fallick (first quarter) 6.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On March 26th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. F. Warren 1, W. G. Knight 2, Miss D. M. Robotham 3, D. E. Rothera 4, D. J. King 5, C. E. Slade 6, J. E. T. Wiseman 7, T. J. Lock (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge S. Major 2 and 3.

OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, C. R. Lovett 2, R. C. Kersey 3, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 4, E. J. Lockwood 5, E. G. Pearce 6. Half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. G. R. Goodship.

LOXTON, SOMERSET.—On March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. G. Dodson 1, M. Hebden 2, R. W. Rice 3, J. Jones 4, Sue Walker (first of Minor) 5, W. S. Rice (cond.) 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On March 29th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. W. Myers 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, T. G. Myers (cond.) 3, Mrs. J. Smith 4, G. E. Mudge (first on ten) 5, H. F. Myers 6, A. W. Myers 7, R. A. Southwood 8, D. R. Bould 9, D. F. Wheeler 10. For Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Plymouth, Rt. Rev. W. Guy Sanderson.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On March 27th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: F. Lord (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. Finn 2, Miss F. Lacey 3, W. Bains 4, R. J. Lord (first of T.B.) 5, D. Micklethwaite 6, F. Lacey 7, H. Judd 8. For Evensong, and in memoriam C. McGuiness, of Boston.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on March 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Seager 1, J. Guest (first quarter) 2, R. Birch 3, L. Smith 4, C. Longdon 5, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 6.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): H. J. Baker 1, Delaine Holman 2, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 3, Alice E. J. Lester 4, M. Hill 5, G. Rathbone 6.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—On March 29th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Elizabeth Stevinson 1, Judith Southwood 2, P. J. Heritage 3, V. Griffin (cond.) 4, H. J. Rossell 5, J. Pladdys 6. First of Surprise for 2 and 5.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's Church, on March 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Irene E. Shanks (first on eight) 1, C. C. Barnes (first of Major) 2, J. R. Pratt 3, J. Rea 4, R. C. Stevens 5, M. J. Uphill 6, A. R. Patterson 7, G. W. Shanks (first of Major as cond.) 8. A farewell to the conductor, who is going to the Doncaster area.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Christine A. Haynes (first attempt) 1, Sheila Parsons 2, Beryl E. Cawser 3, A. A. Rackham 4, J. E. Cawser (cond.) 5, G. H. Peers, jun. 6, L. Hodgetts (first on ten) 7, G. H. Peers, sen. 8. B. J. Hodgetts 9, N. W. Attaway 10. For Evensong.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At Holy Trinity Church, on March 27th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus (5 and 6 covering): Miss L. M. Dade 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, K. E. Beale (first as cond.) 3, W. D. Whatmore 4, A. K. Whatmore 5, Miss S. Hayes 6. First quarter 1, 5, 6, and for all in method.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' Church, on March 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Brenda Bindon 1, Marion Beale 2, J. E. Brewer 3, A. H. Reed 4, F. Avery 5, K. E. Beale 6, H. Churchill 7, R. L. Arscott (first as cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2, 6 and 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Marion Beale, and for the wedding this day of Rosemary Marsdon and Bernard Warren.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On March 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Shurrock (first quarter) 1, C. Bainham 2, D. J. Wilkes 3, C. Pearson 4, J. S. Eastwood 5, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WATTON-AT-STONE, HERTS.—On March 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. J. W. Foley 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, P. Owen (cond.) 3, D. Digby 4, P. M. F. Searles 5, E. Shippin (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of second.

WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on March 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Randall (first of Major) 1, Mrs. D. Randall 2, P. C. Randall 3, Clare F. Dolphin 4, G. W. Randall 5, E. J. Gower 6, R. Randall 7, J. L. Garner Hayward (cond.) 8. First quarter peal rung by mother and father and their three sons together.

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.—At the Cathedral, on March 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Quilla Roth 1, Betsy Proctor 2, Ann Gardner 3, Diana Wriggins (first on a working bell) 4, Christine Kelsey (first on a working bell) 5, Robert McQuiston 6, Rick Dirksen (cond.) 7, Frank Barkley 8. First quarter in the method by all the band. Rung by the Cathedral Ringing Society.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Cook 1, Jenny Coombs 2, Pamela Sturdy 3, J. Ferris 4, T. Jefferies 5, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 6. To commemorate W. Cook's 50 years' ringing.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Judith Evans 1, Christine Baldock 2, P. Fox 3, L. Tapp 4, A. Baldock (cond., 25th quarter on the bells) 5, W. Binsted 6. Rung prior to the induction of the new Vicar, Rev. C. Champneys-Burnham.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Livesey (13, first quarter) 1, J. Cunliffe 2, R. K. Lister (14) 3, A. Greenhalgh 4, E. Andrews (14) 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6. To mark the retirement of Mr. F. Partington, after 65 years as church organist.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.—On March 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Gibson 1, A. J. Luxford 2, Miss R. Blyth 3, R. D. Mills 4, R. E. Fentiman 5, P. Brand 6, A. D. Elsmore (cond.) 7, M. R. Ashmore 8. A farewell to Rosemary Blyth just before her departure for the United States.

WILTON, Taunton, SOMERSET.—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Bindon 1, A. Arscott 2, D. Sheldon 3, R. Cullen (first "inside") 4, F. Avery 5, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Ray Cullen and Richard Clarke.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. D. Shepherd 1, D. A. Wills 2, F. Williams 3, H. L. Crisp 4, G. West 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, A. E. Knight 7. First of Minor "inside" 3 and 5. For Evensong.

WITNEY, OXON.—On March 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. Oliffe 1, T. Hester 2, P. Beedie 3, P. Pearce 4, F. Reed 5, F. Scudamore 6, D. Kay Adkins 7, B. J. Coggins (first as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

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BIRTHS

CONWAY.—To Colin and Margaret (née Parker), of 121a, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth, on March 15th, 1966, a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, a sister for Julian and Richard. 8860

GIBSON.—On March 31st, 1966, at home, to Pearl and Stewart, a daughter (Beatrice Helen), a sister for Heidi. — 16, Penshurst Road, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berkshire. 8862

ENGAGEMENT

PIPE—SCHOFIELD.—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Schofield, of 145, Highfield Road, Ide, Bradford, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Gillian, to Roderick, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Suffolk. 8878

DEATH

SUMMERHAYES.—On March 29th, 1966, suddenly, after a brief illness, Jean Margaret, aged 40, of Silver Spring, Alder Close, Egham, beloved wife of Norman and mother of Graham, Ian and Julia.—R.I.P. 8898

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MISCELLANEOUS

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — A.G.M., April 27th, 9.10 p.m. Place of meeting will be announced at St. Andrew's practice earlier in the evening. Business includes possible changing of rules concerning subscriptions. 8864

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THE SOCIETY of RAMBLING RINGERS. —1966 Tour, 60 towers in Cheshire, July 23rd-29th (mechanised). July 30th-August 13th, cycling tour in South and West Midlands. Will all people interested contact me as soon as possible for tour programme, enclosing s.a.e. Note—all subscriptions now due. — R. K. Mason, Sec., 446, Welford Road, Knighton, Leicester. 8870

VETERANS' "GET-TOGETHER," LONDON.—Rev. Stanley Moore extends a warm welcome to St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on June 18th. Car owner-drivers could be useful. Write to Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, S.W.16. 8853

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ashwick (6), Saturday, April 16th. Usual arrangements.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8851

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Portbury (6) on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8857

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Monthly practice meeting, Merriott, Saturday, April 16th, 7 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 8855

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Macclesfield, St. Peter's (8) on Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea. Names for tea to H. C. Lonyon, —The Shrubberies, Longley, Macclesfield. No name, no tea. 8828

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury (8) on April 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—M. Thomson, Hon. Sec. 8861

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting at Leamington Spa, April 16th. Bells of St. Nicholas', Warwick, available from 2.15 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; All Saints', Leamington, from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m., followed by service. Tea 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Leamington bells available after meeting. Numbers for tea to H. C. Burt, Bowood, Rugby Road, Cubbington, Leamington Spa, please.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Gen. Sec. 8802

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.— A meeting will be held at Hatfield Heath (6) on Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 8865

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Dorking on April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking.—M. M. 8822

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, April 16th, at Watford. Service 4.30. Tea (3/-) and meeting in St. Mary's Hall 5.15. Resolutions regarding affiliated towers, election of N.R.L. members and election of C.C. representatives. Ringing arrangements: Abbot's Langley (6) 9–10.30; King's Langley (8) 10.30–12; Harrow Weald (8) 9–10.30; Bushey Heath (8) 10.30–12; Elstree (6) and Rickmansworth (10) 11.30–1; Bushey (8) 2–3.30; Watford (10) 3.15–4.30; Watford and Langleybury (6) after meeting. Aldenham will not be available. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford (Tel. 27936).—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 8801

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Annual meeting at Rainham, Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham, Kent.—S. M. D., Hon. Sec. 8834

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western Area.—Quarterly meeting, Macclesfield, St. Peter's (8) on Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea. Names for tea to H. C. Lonyon, The Shrubberies, Longley, Macclesfield. No names, no tea. 8829

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, April 16th, St. Mary's, Willesden (nearest station Neasden—Bakerloo Line). Ringing 3 to 4.30, followed by service and tea. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8797

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, East Ilsley, Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to C. J. Hibbert, The Stores, East Ilsley, Newbury. 8876

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch. — Spring meeting, Somerton, April 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45. 8890

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Wootton Bassett, April 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Brooks, 16, Morstone Road, Wootton Bassett, Swindon. 8887

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — Meeting, Chilton Foliat, Saturday, April 16th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8863

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Netherbury, Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 8825

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District. — Practice, Greasley (8), April 16th, evening only. Bells 5.30–9 p.m. Methods: Little Bob Major, Double Norwich, Yorkshire Surprise.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Annual General Meeting, Lavenham, Saturday, April 16th, 1966.

Evensong 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Details of the 20 towers available in "Ringing World" of April 1st. Please let me have names for tea as soon as possible. All members and visitors welcome.—Andrew T. Beckwith, 8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich. (Tel. 75647) 8813

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, April 16th. Chailey (6) 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m.; Little Horsted 6 p.m.–7.30 p.m. Tea "Oven Door," Uckfield, 5 p.m. Names to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill. 8832

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Findon on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Kevnor Estate, Sidlesham, Sussex. 8837

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District. Quarterly meeting at The Ascension, Bitterne Park, April 16th. Bells 2.30–5 and after service. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Service 6.30. Names for tea to Miss D. Mapes, 30, Thorald Road, Southampton — M. Francis, Hon. Sec. 8849

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Meeting at Eccles (8), Tuesday, April 19th. Ringing 7.30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Everybody welcome.—J. Brannan. 8856

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Mid-week practice meeting at Sunbury, Wednesday, April 20th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8791

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Mid-week evening practice meeting will be held at Sculthorpe on Wednesday, April 20th. Bells (6) available from 7.15. All ringers welcomed. — C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 8875

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Batcombe (6), Saturday, April 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 8874

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Pilton (6), Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to P. Hull, Dinder, Wells. 8866

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sampford-Peverell, April 23rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, 26 The Avenue, Tiverton, by previous Wednesday, please. 8886

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District. — Meeting at Hemingford Grey, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. It is hoped that Hemingford Abbots will be available after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8889

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Loughton, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to F. W. Tomlin, 30, Station Road, Loughton. 8798

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.—Stroud Branch. — Practice and quarterly meeting, Eastington, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Also Stonehouse (concentration on junior members) in evening. Names for tea, please.—E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud. 8880

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Michael's, Teignmouth, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Ringing at St. Gregory's, Dawlish, 6.30–7.30. Names for tea to A. B. Shingler, 8, Ness View Road, Teignmouth. 8826

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Baldock, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential.—C. M. Orme, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Gaunts Way, Letchworth. Tel. 5015. 8894

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual striking competition and quarterly meeting at Shorne, Saturday, April 23rd. Competing bands assemble 2.30 p.m., Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. General ringing in evening. Names for tea to E. J. Beer, 14, Warren View, Shorne, Gravesend, by Wednesday, 20th, please.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8840

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting at Hayes, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. W. Smith, 11, Holland Way, Hayes, Bromley, by Wednesday, the 20th. 8796

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting at Willingham, near Gainsborough, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. Hudson, 8, High Street, Willingham, near Gainsborough, not later than Wednesday, April 20th.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec. 8844

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Meeting, Folkingham, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. F. R. Money, The Rectory, Folkingham, near Sleaford, Lincs. by Monday, April 18th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 8867

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Yaxham, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ringing at Mattishall in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. O. D. Knight, Redmayes Farm, Yaxham, Dereham, Norfolk.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8814

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, Hughenden, Saturday, April 23rd. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Barton, The Gable, Boss Lane, Hughenden Valley, High Wycombe, by Tuesday, April 19th.—Miss Hague. 8852

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Annual general meeting at Eynsham on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available 2 o'clock. Service 3.30. Tea 4 p.m., followed by business meeting. Evening ringing, Cassington and Yarnton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — Meeting, Isham, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to A. Garley, 14, Fairfield Road, Isham, by Tuesday previous. Special methods: Double Court, York Surprise. All welcome—M. A. C. 8877

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Broadchalke, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 19th. 8873

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Preston, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to G. H. Perry, 222, Preston Road, Weymouth, by Wednesday previous. 8846

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Stradbroke (10) Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to H. W. H. Leather, Three Ways, Monk Soham, Woodbridge, by Tuesday, 19th, please. 8891

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Salehurst, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing to follow. Names for tea to me at 8, The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield, by Wednesday, 20th.—G. M. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 8841

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, April 23rd. Bells 2.30 till 8.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in Priory Café. Meeting in Church Hall 5.45. **Names for tea to L. Duguid, 106, Stride Avenue, Portsmouth, by previous Wednesday, please.** Important item for discussion: Proposed changes to District boundaries. 8892

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (N. District), CLEVELAND AND N.Y. ASSOCIATION and DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION (S. District).—Joint meeting, Richmond (8), Saturday, April 23rd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Grinton (6) after tea. Names for tea to Miss D. M. Killingley, High Pottergate, Richmond. — E. Hudson, J. Warwick, P. Wishart, Hon. Secs. 8884

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting and striking competition will be held at Tollesbury (6) on Saturday, April 30th. Competition at 2.30. Service at 4.30. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. (Phone 57827.) 8835

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South West Branch.—Spring meeting at Whitchurch, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tavistock bells (8) 7 to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, by Monday, April 25th.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec., St. Keyne, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton. (Phone Plymouth 36891.) 8848

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Uxbridge, on Saturday, April 30th. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business to follow. Officers and C.C. representatives to be elected. Ringing: St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, and St. Mary's, Harefield, 2.30–4 p.m.; St. Andrew's 3–4.30 p.m. and in evening. Names by previous Wednesday would ensure tea.—T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. 8883

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at Milton Malsor on Saturday, April 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 8888

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Southwell, April 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Trebeck Hall following Evensong. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70, Valley Prospect, Newark, Notts, by Wednesday, April 27th.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8882

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Lyndhurst (8), April 30th, 3. Service 4.30. Tea 4.15 New Forest Restaurant (4s. 6d.). Brockenhurst (6) 6.30–8.30. No tea without names to L. F. Cobb, 182, Southampton Road, Ringwood, by Monday, April 25th essential. 8827

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday, April 30th, in the library in the Cathedral at 3.45 p.m. Evensong at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. in the Cathedral Hall, for which names must be sent to Mr. E. Hudson, Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon, by Thursday, April 28th. The following towers will be open: Whixley (6) 10–11; Aldborough (6) 11-12; Kirby Hill (6) 12–1; Kirkby Malzeard (6) 1–2; Wath (6) 2–3; Sharow (8) 2–3; Ripon Cathedral (10) 11.30–12.30, 1.30–3.30 and after tea.—W. F. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8819

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

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Names for lunch (10s. 6d.) to me, please, by May 2nd at latest.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8893

LATE NOTICES

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Aldershot (8), Thursday, April 21st, 7.30 to 9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 8899

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Upton, April 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m.. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 8897

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Farnworth on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—M. E. Fort. 8895

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — Spring meeting, St. John's, Peterborough (8), Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to secretary by Thursday previous.—R. H. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough. 8896

QUARTER PEALS

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On March 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Hill 1, Susan Gregson 2, J. E. Dickinson 3, D. H. Garnett 4, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 5.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On March 27th, 1,260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: J. Dawson 1, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 2, D. Osbourne 3, Miss E. J. Foster 4, D. Surman 5, R. Adey 6. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to Katherine Surman.

GLOUCESTER.—At St. Mary-de-Crypt Church, on March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hawkins 1, Margaret Goodyer (Australia) 2, R. Hazell 3, T. Goulter 4, P. Gould 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, P. Allen 7, L. Edwards 8. Rung in memory of Leonard Hewitt, a member of this tower, who died on March 18th.

GOTHAM, NOTTS. — On March 26th, 1,260 Doubles: T. Kirkham 1, R. G. Plant 2, D. Dring 3, D. A. Osbourne (cond.) 4, A. Newell 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. M. Savage, a loyal member of this church and late of St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. F. Turner (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. E. Crosier 2, S. B. Bell (first of Minor) 3, Y. Mills 4, D. Mills 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Nina B. Thomas 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, Susan Cowan 3, L. G. Coburn 4, A. Day 5, F. C. Jacklin 6, T. J. Southam (cond.) 7, C. Hewitt (first quarter) 8. For Evensong on Passion Sunday.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Venton 1, F. Bowden 2, T. Phillips 3, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 4, Mrs. E. Weatherley 5, H. A. May 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, R. G. Burford 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Brian and Margaret Toms, and for Mothering Sunday service.

HATHERN, LEICS.—On March 27th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Bourne and Cambridge): V. Carter 1, J. Tickle 2, D. Swift 3, J. Tickle 4, R. Carter 5, T. Harris (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and a welcome to Rachel Mary, daughter for Tom and Celia Harris.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On March 13th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): W. G. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, D. Barker 4, W. M. Harrison 5. For Evensong.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.—On March 27th, 1,264 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 544 Plain and Little Bob): A. Sholes 1, J. R. Wood 2, J. A. Booth 3, J. P. Walker 4, A. F. Scholfield (cond.) 5, D. C. Walker 6. To welcome a third daughter for John and Margaret Booth.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Warr 1, V. J. Farthing 2, H. E. G. Jeanes 3, G. W. Rendell 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the conductor's son, Alex, who earlier in the day at Woking was married to Miss Violet Ridges.

LUTON, BEDS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. G. Newman 1, Mary Garrard 2, K. Lewin 3, Elizabeth Holmes 4, N. Garrard 5, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 6, A. J. Smith 7, H. Wood 8, B. L. S. Hullatt 9, C. McCartney 10. For evening service, and in honour of the visit of Canon W. Davison, formerly Vicar of Luton for 28 years.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): Miss S. Blanchard (first quarter, age 13) 1, H. G. Blanchard 2, J. Mace 3, A. E. Player 4, J. E. Billings 5, D. Dunnet 6, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 7, P. W. Holroyd 8. For Matins.

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HEYWOOD

FIFTY years ago, on April 26th, 1915, Sir Arthur Heywood died at his country residence at Duffield, Derbyshire, and the Central Council lost its Founder, its first and only President, and one who had led it and directed its deliberations for twenty-five years. Half a century, the devastations of two mighty wars, and the dislocations of an immense social revolution, have parted us very sharply from the days of Heywood and his contemporaries, so that to many his name may mean little more than that he was President of the Council and the author of a number of popular compositions of high merit and great utility.

But the importance of Heywood rests on more than these things. He was a wealthy man and one who took the responsibilities of his position very seriously. He took an active and generous interest in the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, was a magistrate, Deputy Lieutenant for Staffordshire, and in 1899 he was Sheriff of Derbyshire. He was a talented architect and was widely known as an engineer. His interest in the possibilities of light railways in industry and commerce led to the laying down of the well-known 15in. gauge line at Duffield Bank, a construction enjoyed by many visitors and studied keenly by Midland Railway officials. The engines and rolling stock were built in his own workshops, themselves erected to his own designs.

Early in life he took a great interest in ringing. He was an earnest churchman, and for many years was churchwarden and sidesman at Duffield. He became leader and conductor of the local band, and in 1887 he gave two treble bells to make a fine ring of ten. As a conductor he had no mean reputation, and his achievements include the calling of peals of Treble Bob, Double Norwich (Major and Royal), London Surprise and Duffield Maximus. These were notable performances for his day, but in addition he rang a number of peals with the famous Burton-on-Trent band when they were at the height of their fame, and the experience he gained with this remarkable company was sufficient to place him among the most competent practitioners of his age. But his peal ringing activities soon ceased, and a subject that fascinated him more, the investigation of the theoretical side of change ringing, began to occupy his logical mind. From this new activity came practical results and revelations that have had an important bearing, directly or indirectly, on the development of composition in the last seventy years.

His invention of "Duffield", a system for eight, ten and twelve bells, was a serious attempt to find an even-bell method more flexible than Treble Bob and more adapted for Sunday service touches than the Surprise methods. "Duffield" was not a success, but the book he wrote to introduce the system is one of the best organised and best written works in the whole of ringing literature. In it was found for the first time a clear exposition of proof by natural course-ends, a contribution of such value to the Exercise that this alone would have justified the publication of the treatise.

Heywood's theoretical explorations were wide, but it was without doubt the problems of Stedman that fascinated him, troubled him, and finally challenged him to battle. In the middle of the century Thomas Thurstans had produced his classic four-part peal, and this was rung three years before Heywood was born. But there was not the slightest clue to the composer's mode of work or method of approach. The peal was there, but, says Heywood, "near upon half a century of apathy has cast around Stedman Triples a shroud of impenetrable mystery almost romantic in its completeness". It was for Heywood to draw away this shroud and disperse the mystery. The attack on the heartbreaking difficulties, the relentless assault on problem that succeeded problem, and the final triumph, are revealed to us in what is probably the most searching and most brilliant piece of investigation in the history of the Exercise. The results of all this work were embodied in a monograph entitled "Investigation into the Construction of Peals of Stedman Triples". It was the work of Heywood and Earle Bulwer, and it was printed in full in the 1903 edition of Davies' "Stedman", now unfortunately out of print. Some day, perhaps, the Council may be persuaded to honour its great Founder by republishing the "Investigations". Even in these advanced days they have a more than academic significance, and may well provide some instruction and intellectual diversion for the modern inquirer.

When Sir Arthur Heywood died his reputation as a practical ringer had been largely forgotten, and his investigations into change ringing theory belonged to a time long past. To most people he was President of the Council, a position he held with undisputed authority and with what some considered undue autocracy. The Council is his chief monument, and because of it his name will ever be remembered. The vision in which he perceived the need for such a body, and the skill with which he succeeded in bringing it into being, are such as to justify the declaration that only he could have done this work. But the whole of his life showed a clear determination to neglect no talent that could be used to good ends, and at his death the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who loved him greatly, wrote: "He has left behind a sheaf of memories full of happiness, of kind-hearted actions innumerable and, above all, a noble example of fulfilment of the injunction, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.'"

E. C. S.

The Long Path to 145 Methods of Spliced Minor

IT all started in late summer last year when two of the band suggested we should settle down to some serious Minor ringing during the winter months. After careful thought we agreed to a series of attempts up to 100 methods and the band was chosen. It was decided from the start that each ringer would keep to the same bell and that attempts, where possible, would be made on Friday evenings.

Summer holidays over, the first attempt was for 40 methods at Downham on October 1st. Harvest festival preparations were under way as we arrived at the church, but by the time we were ready to start all helpers had departed and the peal was commenced. Everything went well until we neared the end of the second extent when knocking, first on the west and then the south door, terminated the proceedings. It transpired that an additional cauliflower (or cabbage, I'm not sure now) had turned up and its immediate installation became a necessity in the mind of its transporter. We retired to the "De Beauvoir."

Confident that we could ring 40 methods, a new extent was added and we attempted 60 methods at Rayne on October 14th. This proved too much and the attempt turned into a practice. A fortnight's rest didn't help much, as we lost the peal again at Sandon, this time in the second extent. The next week it was decided to practise another new extent and on November 12th we rang our first peal in 82 methods at Little Waltham.



The band (from left to right): Joe E. G. Roast (cond.) 5, Dennis A. S. Symonds 4, Patrick W. Saltmarsh tenor, Peter G. Brown treble, Claire Dillamore 3 Andrew S. Hudson 2.

THE MAGIC 100

The next step was 100 methods and the magic three figures must have had their effect as the attempt at Sandon hardly got off the ground. The following week we rang 100 methods at Stisted and, encouraged by our progress, decided to see how far we could get. Spirits were high when the following week we rang 105 methods at Downham. Two in a row, something must happen now—it did. Tollesbury December 3rd, Danbury January 7th and Rayne January 14th were all scenes of lost attempts for 116 methods. We blamed everything, the odd-struck bells, the long break over Christmas and the cold weather. Finally we rang it at Danbury on January 1st, the conductor miscalling early enough to start again.

We expected the next extent, by Mr. Chant, with its six types of method, to prove difficult, so the next two weeks were devoted to practices. This move seemed to be paying off as, the attempt for 135 methods at Rayne on February 11th sailed gaily into the third extent. Unfortunately at this stage one of the band failed to hear which method had been called and, needless to say, in the following confusion the peal was lost. Having got used to the bells at Rayne we decided to make them first choice for future attempts, and the following week (February 18th) rang 135 methods without mishap.

145 AFTER 15 ATTEMPTS

Due to other commitments it was impossible to get together as a band again until March 11th, when we had a practice at Sandon for the final extent. This went better than expected and we arranged to attempt 145 methods at Rayne on March 23rd. Our hopes of even starting for the peal faded as we sat outside the church waiting for the last member of the band to arrive. Eventually a start was made but the conductor soon became entangled in the bobs and singles of Bastow Little Court and "Stand" was called. We then rang the extent with comparative ease and adjourned to the Danbury practice. Two days later we were back again and rang a good peal in 145 methods.

During this series (which lasted nearly six months) we had 15 peal attempts and four practices. Six peals were rung in 82, 100, 105, 116, 135 and 145 methods. Our thanks are due to the incumbents and local ringers who made these attempts possible and especially to the Rev. H. A. Clifford, of Rayne, who gave us the use of his bells as often and whenever required.

THE BAND

Peter G. Brown, treble.—Age 18, a junior trust clerk in the Westminster Bank. Learned to ring under Bert Brinkley at Springfield in 1962 and has rung 78 peals, including nine Spliced Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques. A Queen's Scout and keen ornithologist, he has just been elected to the committee of the Essex Association as a Press correspondent.

Andrew S. Hudson, second. — Age 22. Learned to ring at Great Baddow in 1959 and made rapid progress, ringing his first peal (seven Surprise Minor "inside") in October, 1960. Obtained a B.A. at Cambridge University and is at present employed as a physicist with the Marconi Company. Together with John McClenahan produced the "Complete Collection of Right Place Surprise Major Methods" in 1963. Master of the S.E. Division and an enthusiast for Stedman Cinques, in which method he has composed and conducted several peals.

Claire Dillamore, third. — Educated at Christ's Hospital Girls' High School, Lincoln, Claire learned to ring at St. Giles', Lincoln, in 1957 under Jack Millhouse and the late Sydney Chambers. Moved to Essex on completion of studies at Homerton Teachers' Training College, Cambridge, and teaches in Chelmsford. Has rung 125 peals, including Londinium Maximus, and deserves special mention, as prior to October, 1965, had not rung a peal of Minor in more than 14 methods.

Dennis A. S. Symonds, fourth.—Age 50, the oldest and most experienced ringer in the band. A native of Lavenham, he was taught to ring at the age of eight by his father and grandfather, both well-known Suffolk ringers. Has rung 398 peals, which include 22,000 of Bob Major at Kirby-le-Soken on April 9th, 1960, and 60 Surprise Minor at Stisted. Also took part in the attempts for the extent of Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry and has the distinction of ringing in the longest attempt which was lost after 16 hours. Also employed by the Marconi Company, he is a section leader in the inspection department and a trustee of the Essex Association.

Joe E. G. Roast (conductor), fifth.—Age 30, a senior architectural draughtsman with the Chelmsford R.D.C., he was persuaded to take up ringing in March, 1950, by his father, who was training a new band of ringers at Danbury. Has rung 388 peals (245 as conductor) and took part in what was then the record peal of Minor (18,000 in 25 methods at Stisted in 1957). A Central Council representative since 1963, his other interests include cricket and table tennis.

Patrick W. Saltmarsh, tenor. — Age 39, has been general secretary of the Essex Association since 1965. Previous offices held were trustee and secretary, S.E. Division. An engineer in navigational aids, Pat is another "Marconi" man, who learned to ring at Sandon after the wartime ban was lifted. Taking up serious ringing in the mid-1950's, he developed a special interest in the composition of Spliced Minor extents. Has rung 220 peals, including 60 Spliced Surprise Minor methods, several extents of which he composed. A forceful left-hand bat, he is captain of the Marconi XI.

J. E. G. R.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, V. Clifton 2, B. Miles 3, N. Leslie 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6.

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Analysis of Peals rung during the Year 1965

Handbell peals are in brackets.

Ancient Society of College Youths. — Maximus 3, Cinques 10, Royal 1, Caters 2, Major 5 (1), Triples 6, Minor 1 Total: 28 (1). 29.

Anzab.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Major 10 (1), Triples 2, Minor 5. Total: 20 (1). 21.

Bath and Wells.—Royal 7, Caters 2, Major 38, Triples 10, Minor 25, Doubles 29. Total: 111.

Bedfordshire.—Royal 3, Caters 4, Major 24 (3), Triples 5, Minor 18 (1), Doubles 1. Total: 55 (4). 59.

Cambridge University.—Maximus 1, Cinques 3, Royal 2, Caters 2, Major 7, Triples 4 (1), Doubles 2. Total: 21 (1). 22.

Chester Guild.—Maximus 4 (3), Royal 9 (3), Caters 1, Major 58 (10), Triples 7 (1), Minor 26 (5), Doubles 7. Total: 112 (22). 134.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire.— Major 1. Total 1.

Coventry Guild.—Royal 1, Caters 1 (3), Major 15, Minor 15, Doubles 3. Total: 35 (3). 38.

Cumberland and North Westmorland. — Major 4, Triples 1, Minor 1. Total: 6.

Derby Diocesan.—Royal 6 Caters 9, Major 15 (1), Triples 2, Minor 16 (2), Doubles 2. Total 50 (3). 53.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.— Maximus 2, Cinques 1, Major 21, Triples 2 (1), Minor 4, Doubles 2 Total: 32 (1). 33.

Dudley and District.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Caters 1. Total: 3.

Durham and Newcastle.—Royal 1, Major 21 (3), Minor 10 (10). Total: 32 (13). 45.

East Grinstead and District.—Major 2, Triples 3, Minor 2. Total: 7.

Ely Diocesan.—Royal 1, Major 23, Triples 3, Minor 34, Doubles 4. Total: 65.

Essex Association.—Cinques 5, Royal 2, Caters 4, Major 42, Triples 5, Minor 46, Doubles 2. Total: 106.

Gloucester and Bristol. — Maximus 5, Cinques 4, Royal 8 (1), Caters 1, Major 72 (1), Triples 4, Minor 22 (1), Doubles 12. Total: 128 (3). 131.

Guildford Diocesan.—Royal 4, Caters 5, Major 17, Triples 7, Minor 9. Total: 42.

Hereford Guild.—Major 4, Triples 5, Minor 15, Doubles 12. Total: 36.

Hertford County.—Royal 5, Caters 3, Major 39 (18), Triples 5, Minor 28 (3), Doubles 5 Total: 85 (21). 106.

Irish Association. — Maximus 1, Royal 6, Caters 1, Major 11 (1), Triples 3 (1), Minor 6 (15), Doubles 4 (2). Total: 32 (19). 51.

Kent County. — Royal 13 (1), Caters 2, Major 90 (4), Triples 15 (2), Minor 42 (1), Doubles 4 (2). Total: 166 (10). 176.

Ladies' Guild.—Triples 1, Minor 3. Total: 4.

Lancashire Association. — Maximus 7, Cinques 4, Royal 8 (1), Caters 9, Major 71, Triples 19, Minor 31 (7), Doubles 3 (4). Total: 152 (12). 164.

Leicester Diocesan.—Maximus 5, Cinques 2, Royal 6 (2), Caters 1, Major 39 (2), Triples 3 (1), Minor 23 (2), Doubles 8 (1). Total: 87 (8). 95.

Lincoln Guild.—Maximus 1, Cinques 8, Royal 5, Caters 1, Major 66 (16), Triples 5, Minor 81 (1), Doubles 9, Minimus 1. Total: 177 (17). 194.

Llandaff and Monmouth. — Maximus 1, Royal 4, Caters 4, Major 24, Triples 15, Minor 14 (1), Doubles 13. Total: 75 (1). 76.

London County.—Royal 1, Caters 4, Major 1, Triples 1, Minor (1). Totals: 7 (1). 8.

Middlesex County. — Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 37 (7), Triples 3, Minor 2 (1). Total: 46 (8). 54.

Midland Counties.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 26, Triples 3, Minor 6, Doubles 2. Total: 39

National Police Guild.—Nil.

North Staffs.—Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 10, Triples 2, Minor 3, Doubles 3. Total: 21.

North Wales.—Doubles 1. Total: 1.

Norwich Diocesan.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 39, Triples 4, Minor 37 (24), Doubles 6 (5). Total: 89 (29). 118.

Oxford Diocesan.—Maximus 1, Cinques 6, Royal 7, Caters 3, Major 86, Triples 31, Minor 47, Doubles 20, Minimus 1. Total: 202.

Oxford Society — Cinques 2, Caters 1, Triples 2. Total: 5.

Oxford University — Royal 1, Major 4, Triples 1, Minor 7. Total: 13.

Peterborough Diocesan.—Maximus 1, Royal 8, Caters 6, Major 40 (1), Triples 2, Minor 51, Doubles 13. Total: 121 (1). 122.

St. David's Diocesan.—Triples 1, Minor 1 Total: 2.

St. Martin's Guild.—Maximus 44, Cinques 1, Royal 18, Major 22, Triples 4, Minor 1. Total: 90.

Salisbury Diocesan.—Cinques 2, Royal 1, Caters 2, Major 17, Triples 5, Minor 11, Doubles 15. Total: 53.

Scottish Association.—Minor 1. Total: 1.

Sheffield and District.—Caters 1, Triples 1. Total: 2.

Shropshire Association.—Maximus 1, Major 1, Triples 1, Minor 3, Doubles 1. Total: 7.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. — Maximus 1, Cinques 1, Caters 1, Major 17. Total: 20.

Sherwood Youths' Society.—Nil.

Southwell Diocesan.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Caters 6, Major 11, Triples 8, Minor 40 (1), Doubles 43. Total: 110 (1). 111.

Stafford Archdeaconry.—Maximus 1, Royal 5, Caters 1, Major 15, Triples 3, Minor 17, Doubles 4 (1). Total: 46 (1). 47.

Suffolk Guild.—Royal 5, Caters 2, Major 23, Triples 3, Minor 39, Doubles 3. Total: 75

Surrey Association.—Cinques 2, Royal 3, Caters 4, Major 18 (1), Triples 4, Minor 4 (1). Total: 35 (2). 37.

Sussex County.—Royal 5, Caters 2, Major 37, Triples 6, Minor 15, Doubles 8. Total: 73.

Swansea and Brecon.—Caters 5, Major 3 (22), Triples (1), Minor 11 (47), Doubles 2. Total: 16 (75). 91.

Truro Diocesan.—Royal 1, Major 10 (1), Triples 4, Minor 5, Doubles 3. Total: 23 (1). 24

Universities Association.—Caters (1), Major 4. Total: 4 (1). 5.

University of Bristol.—Maximus 1, Major 2, Minor 2. Total: 5.

University of London.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 3, Triples 2, Minor 12 (1). Total: 21 (1). 22.

Winchester and Portsmouth.—Maximus 1, Royal 5, Caters 4, Major 28 (1), Triples 7 (1), Minor 14 (1), Doubles 9. Total: 68 (3). 71.

Worcestershire and Districts.—Maximus 2, Cinques 2, Royal 5, Caters 1, Major 67 (1), Triples 12, Minor 14, Doubles 10. Total: 113 (1). 114.

Yorkshire Association.—Maximus 3, Cinques 4, Royal 20, Caters 4, Major 88, Triples 5, Minor 39, Doubles 8, Minimus 1. Total: 172.

Other Societies, etc.—Maximus 1, Cinques 2, Royal 3, Caters 4, Major 35 (1), Triples 1, Minor 27 (5), Doubles 1 (2). Total: 74 (8). 82.

Grand Totals: Tower 3,222, Handbells 273. 3,495.

W. AYRE,
for Peals Analysis Committee.

METHODS IN WHICH TEN OR MORE PEALS WERE RUNG

Maximus.—Cambridge 43, Yorkshire 18.

Cinques.—Stedman 54.

Royal.—Cambridge 59, Yorkshire 29, London 32, Plain Bob 43. (Note the increase in popularity of London Royal.)

Caters.—Grandsire 53, Stedman 49 (up by 20).

Major Surprise — Spliced Surprise: 8 methods 17, 6 methods 15, 5 methods 18, 4 methods 33, Bristol 80, Cambridge 125, New Cambridge 10, Lincolnshire 63, London 116, Pudsey 21, Rutland 79, Superlative 33, Wembley 10, Yorkshire 183. (The changing pattern in Surprise Major—Bristol up 22, Cambridge up 11, Lincolnshire up 23, London 56, Rutland 33, Yorkshire 46, superseding Cambridge.)

Major. — Kent T.B. 36, Double Norwich 41, Plain Bob 280, Little Bob 12. (Double Norwich down 25, but Bob Major up 62.)

Triples.—Grandsire 141 (up 27), Stedman 77 (up 10), Plain Bob 22, Oxford Bob 11.

Minor.—Over 20 methods 15, 14–20 methods 21, 10 methods 15, 9 methods 14, 7 methods 189, 6 methods 12, 5 methods 35, 4 methods 82, 3 methods 75, 2 methods 62, 1 method 451.

Doubles. — Over 40 methods, 20, 21–30 methods 11, 14–20 methods 11, 7 methods 16, 5 methods 11, 4 methods 19, 3 methods 29, 2 methods 33, 1 method 94.

Leicester Cathedral Win Striking Contest

The annual Leicester District striking competition was held at Whetstone on April 2nd. Five bands competed and the contest was won by Leicester Cathedral with only ten faults. Well-deserved congratulations to this band. South Wigston came next with 18 faults, then Aylestone (22), Blaby (27), with Markfield sweeping along in the rear with 31.

The trophy was presented to the winners after tea, by the adjudicator, Mr. Arthur E. Rowley, of Ibstock, the mid-winter-type blizzard having thwarted matters for the other intended adjudicators.

Mr. Rowley emphasised that the whole spirit of the competition was most friendly and light-hearted, and he hoped that the bands would accept his comments in the spirit of encouragement rather than criticism.

At the District meeting which followed, 42 members representing nine towers were present. A proposal to stage a long-alley skittles match between the Leicester and Hinckley Districts on the occasion of a future meeting found acceptance.

Mid-week practice meetings were discussed. The secretary, reporting on the District practice meeting held at Groby on February 22nd, in which Plain Bob was the special method, said the object was to help those learners beginning change ringing. It was felt that the Groby learners had enjoyed this practice and had derived some benefit. Thanks were due to the experienced ringers who came along to help. Any tower band that would like a practice of this type is asked to apply.

A brief résumé of the Blaby meeting in March was given, in which the secretary wished to place on record the fine rendering of choral Evensong. He also commiserated with Blaby on their tenor being out of action owing to a clapper having dropped out. The ringers here are working to obtain a sixth bell; we all wish them well in this aim. This church is to be congratulated on its energetic band of ringers and choristers.

Next meeting: Billesdon (joint with Syston District) on May 7th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ASHFORD DISTRICT

By recent standards the meeting at Frittenden on April 2nd was poorly attended, probably due to its inaccessibility, it being the furthest outpost of the District. The Rector, the Rev. G. N. Manley, conducted the service, with Mr. J. E. Spree of Bethersden as organist.

Mr. H. Baker, together with the Rector, made the arrangements for tea, which was prepared by ladies of the District led by Mrs. Rose Wratten. At a short business meeting preliminary details of the ringing school to be held on May 21st at Cheriton were given. Mr. A. Berry proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, the Frittenden ringers, the organist and those who prepared the tea.

Ringing then continued throughout the evening on the pleasant octave. A. P. S B.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD'S ANNUAL DINNER

FOR the first time in the history of the Guild the annual dinner was this year held in St. John's College, though still on the traditional last Saturday of the Lent Term (March 5th). The novel arrangements aroused considerable comment, which was on balance favourable and hence it is to be hoped that they will be repeated in the future.

A full programme of ringing activities preceded the dinner. In the morning the Guild succeeded in ringing a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Trumpington, but an attempt for Cambridge Surprise Major at Barkway by a band consisting mainly of visitors fell to pieces halfway through. During the afternoon Cambridge's four towers—Great St. Andrew's, St. Bene't's, Great St. Mary's and the Roman Catholic Church— were open for general ringing, and Cherry Hinton was also available to lunchtime enthusiasts.

The president, Mr. W. J. Ridgman, was in the chair at the dinner. After the loyal toast, the toast "The Guild" was proposed, as is traditional, by a prominent member, being this year Major Freeborn. The Major is pecularly qualified to speak on the earlier history of the Guild and he gave us the full benefit of his knowledge in a series of very interesting and often witty reminiscences about our predecessors and their exploits in Cambridge. He went on to say that often now there are about ten or twelve experienced ringers resident at any one time, whereas 40 years ago numbers would have been smaller. Rather than embarrass certain people, I will not repeat Major Freeborn's views on beards for men under 50 years of age!

PEALS—80 PER CENT. SUCCESS

The Master, Mr. Kenneth Darvill, replied, and he took the opportunity of giving an outline résumé of the Guild's activities during the past year. About 20 peals ranging from Doubles to Maximus had been rung, including Stedman Cinques by an all-undergraduate band, at Birmingham Cathedral and Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Great Yarmouth. No handbell peals had, however, been achieved.

Guild Week this year had been slightly less well supported than usual, having been held in Cambridge. There had been an 80 per cent. success rate for peals, the most notable being Major Freeborn's 100th peal of Stedman "which only goes to show what you can achieve if you stick to your principles."

Since October the Guild had considerably changed in character, owing to the relatively small number of experienced freshmen coming up to replace the many undergraduates who had recently left. This had entailed considerable teaching of learners, but it was very encouraging to see these moving on to Sunday service ringing. Mr. Darvill expressed the considerable scope for improvement which existed in the standard of striking both at practice and on Sundays, and also mentioned the research currently being undertaken by one member of the Guild into the necessity or otherwise for singles in a peal of Stedman Triples. He concluded with the observation that, judging by the number of stays the steeplekeeper had stocked-up, wood must be considered a more stable currency than sterling!

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. Charles Hobson, the Guild's secretary. He welcomed Roger Powell, Master of the London University Society, and Roger Hayworth, Master of the Oxford University Society. Mr. Derek Williams, Master of the Bristol University Society, was particularly welcome, as the Bristol contingent had been snowed-up and unable to reach Cambridge for the previous Guild dinner. Two members of the Cambridge Youths — Peter Lawrence and Reginald Dennis — were also welcomed. Mr. Hobson also expressed warm greetings to the Bishop of Ely and the Rev. R. N. Evans, Vicar of Great St. Andrew's, for whose valuable assistance and support the Guild were very grateful.

During the ceremony of the Loving Cup a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by B. D. Threlfall 1-2, S. P. Darvill 3-4, Hadley Hunter 5-6, F. E. Haynes 7-8, K. J. Darvill 9-10, F. C. Hobson 11-12. This was much appreciated by all, not least by the waiters, whose mouths visibly gaped!

The Guild and its guests then retired to rooms in the college, where an enjoyable time was spent drinking, talking to old friends and, of course, signing menu cards. Unexpected entertainment was here provided by an extempore piano recital!

All too soon it as time for everyone to go their devious ways; some of these we afterwards learned had been a little **too** devious and resulted in two members of the O.U.S. spending the night in a police station: chacun à son goût!

RUTH A. RICHARDSON,
Dinner Secretary.

Letters to the Editor

APRIL 1st COINCIDENCE

Dear Sir,—Who was G. J. Cæsar, for whom an "in memoriam" peal was rung at Chigwell on March 12th, 1966?

The combination of the Ides of March and the name Cæsar raises suspicion in my mind, and is made a certainty by the peal appearing in "The Ringing World," April 1st. I would suggest that the initials stand for Gaius Julius, a person whose two visits to this country were hardly an occasion for rejoicing.

Perhaps the ringers of the peal can confirm or deny this. If my suspicion is correct I want to say that I am appalled by a joke of this sort being perpetrated, particularly by presumably intelligent members of a University Society.—Yours sincerely,

Kingswinford. JOHN C. EISEL.

COLLEGE BOB

Dear Sir,—Considering the number of years for which the method (x 16 x 36 x 3, 6ths 64523) has been accepted by the Exercise as College Bob, the introduction of another method of the same name (as in the East Bridgford peal, "Ringing World," March 25th) can cause only confusion. This new method differs in only two subsections (its 1-2 places and its lead-head) from the existing College Bob, but the difference in the front work is sufficient to render the method not even a true College one. Might we therefore suggest a change in the name of this newer method?—Yours sincerely,

D. G. FRANKLIN,
Worcester. L. J HAINES.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RECORD HOLDERS

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the previous record peal of multi-Minor, I would like to congratulate Joe Roast and his band on further increasing the number of methods in seven extents in their peal at Rayne, Essex ("Ringing World," page 233).—Yours sincerely,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.
Stratton St. Margaret,
Swindon.

METHOD TEACHING

Dear Sir,—There is a lot of truth in Mr. P. G. K. Davies' article on teaching ropesight and I think it excellent that our attention is turned to what is possibly the most neglected aspect of our art, that is the teaching which follows immediately the first solo efforts at handling a bell. But I feel Mr. Davies is wrong in his emphasis on the "sight." His aim of teaching the methods used by good ringers is surely a good aim, but good ringers rely less on ropesight than on rhythm, so rhythm and striking ought to be the means an instructor uses to teach method ringing. I tried some years ago to show how rhythm could be taught and would be interested to know Mr. Davies' comments on the suggestions in that article, especially if he has tried them out.

I doubt whether good ropesight is acquired before a person can move his bell from, say, 2nds to 3rds place, accurately, without looking. Put another way, if someone can tell where to ring by looking but cannot tell by rhythm, their striking is likely to be poor. Knowing where to look or seeing the pattern of the changes is a great help, but I doubt whether it is "the key to all method ringing."

Looking at one's own sally is a bad habit and I often teach people, when they are practising bell control, to ring with their eyes shut (this can improve style as well) or to look round the other ropes without a glance at their own. Looking at the floor is another thing instructors dislike pupils to do, but many experienced ringers do just this because they are ringing by rhythm. I am sure it is a good rule to give pupils, that they should look at the other ropes, and call changes give practice at this as well as at moving position by rhythm. Plain hunting also gives practice at both these, but the pupil who does not pick up the "numbers" by observation after a few goes must be exceptional. It doesn't matter that he does know them, anyway, as rhythm and striking are the first objectives at this stage.

Which is likely to get the better result?
(1). "You're in 6–7 down, Bill."
(2). "Bill! 6–7 down, 4 at hand, 5 at back."
(3). "With the 4th, Bill, 5 at back."
—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID F. MORETON.
Wakefield.

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD MEMORIAL FESTIVAL

Dear Sir,—It may not be generally known that the ringing festival to be held in and around Derby on Saturday, April 23rd, is to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir Arthur Heywood.

The focal point of the activities will be a memorial service at Duffield Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.

Sir Arthur Heywood was for many years a bellringer at Duffield Church and was instrumental in having the bells augmented from eight to ten. The climax of Sir Arthur's career as a bellringer was the part he played in the formation of the Central Council. He was also its first president.

The Derbyshire Association issue a countrywide invitation to all bellringers, and particularly current Central Council members, to join with them in paying tribute to a great bellringer.—Yours faithfully,

G. A. HALLS.
Littleover, Derby.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Derby Diocesan Association Fully Maintains Its Reputation

THE 14th Sir Arthur Heywood Memorial Dinner at Chesterfield fully maintained the prestige established of dignity mellowed by humour of a brand peculiar to this function. The large attendance had on the top table Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hall, supported by the Bishop of Derby and Mrs. G. Allen, the Ven. and Mrs. T. W. Ingram Cleasby, the Rev. St. John Smith and Miss Anne St. John Smith, the Mayor and Mayoress of Chesterfield (Cclr. and Mrs. T. Bucknell), Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. J. Price, Mr. and Mrs. F. Adams, Mr. B. P. Morris, Mr. M. Phipps, Miss M. Yarnold, Mr. G. Paulson and Mr. A. Moss.

We sit back, well fed and well wined amid old friends well met. The toastmaster announces "The Queen." "The Queen" we solemnly rejoin; we have shown our loyalty; we may smoke.

The small-statured figure of Norman Chaddock stands and in a Rotherham accent presents the toast of "The Church and the Exercise." Norman defines the Church as "that body of people who claim to be Christian witnesses on earth: the clergy, the congregation, lay officials and all the Church organisations such as the choir and ringers." The Exercise is thus part of the Church.

OUR CALLING

"Ideally," expands the speaker, "a band of ringers should be a group of Church workers who are well represented at the main services, though the work of those who only occasionally attend should not be spurned. At least they do have a connection with the Church and may later increase their ties with her. However much pleasure we obtain from ringing as a hobby we must remember our calling as part of the Church."

Now Mr. Chaddock quotes the ringers' prayer:

> Almighty God, who has called us to fulfil the office of bellringers in the Church, grant us to be of one heart and mind in Thy service, that the pealing of the bells may be dedicated to Thy glory and to the benefit of Thy Holy Church."

The Bishop nods approval and the clerical collars of his colleagues disappear momentarily below a battery of clerical chins.

The value of bell installations in terms of hard cash is Mr. Chaddock's next topic. ". . . not to be squandered uselessly by excessive improper use or by neglect through lack of use. Take care of your bells and their fittings, for it is these which constitute one of the most effective reminders of the presence of the Church to those who may close the door to the parson. Poor quality bells and neglected ringing rooms discourage regular service ringing."

Having had his say to the officers of the Church, Mr. Chaddock turns to those of his own ilk. With just a little of his tongue in his cheek he tells us to "maintain a sense of proportion in your ringing activities, remember your dependence on the Church for the facilities provided and contribute financially to their cost on appropriate occasions." Discussing recently published ringing statistics, he poses a question: "Is the strength of Sunday service bands keeping pace with advanced peal ringing, in view of the number of silent and undermanned towers which exist?"

A WARM COMPLIMENT

Now it is time for us to bask in warm compliment—our "splendid efforts to promote service ringing . . . frequent meetings . . . special practices . . . quarterly news sheets . . . ringing courses . . . social activities. . . ." Norman—we can't call him anything else after his last outburst—goes on to remember Sir Arthur Heywood and his work, hoping that "the Derby Diocesan Association will be inspired to go forward as part of the Exercise, hand in hand with the Church in ensuring that the message of the bells will be conveyed to the people of this island."

Mr. Chaddock sits and we clap. Thank you, Norman, we understood what you said and we like you, we clap!

The Bishop beams as he rises to reply to the toast. His voice speaks to fill the room. We all feel small beneath this great sound; the silences are deep with respect. Not to be outdone, he, too, tells his favourite stories and delights us with his confusion over the correct interpretation of "the Exercise." "Does this take the form of a gentle run around the Vicarage garden organised by my dear Archdeacon?" he asks. He remembers hearing the bells as a small boy and fitting words to the lower:

"Oh hurry up, you will be late,"

and to the five-minute bell:

"Late . . late . . . late."

More scintillating humour sets us rocking in our seats before he declares his gratitude and appreciation for the work done by the ringers of his diocese.

"RACONTEUR PAR EXCELLENCE"

Enthusiastic applause carries the Bishop back ti his place. "The Visitors" is then proposed and with a voice to sell vegetables in the market and a face to direct a funeral the Mayor of Chesterfield replies. First he exposes the faux pas of Malcolm Phipps, who wrote beseeching him to be brief "to make way for the entertainment to follow"; then, as if for retribution, he begins a systematic slaughter of his audience in their seats. Relentlessly he thrusts, joke after joke, anecdote upon anecdote. Tables are slapped, tears run down cheeks, sides ache and half the company has stitch. Yet he goes on, without a pause he goes on, never a quiver in his voice nor a twitch on his face, this raconteur par excellence of the Lord Mayor's Show. At last—honour is satisfied and he stops.

So ends the "formal" part of the evening; the band strikes up and dancing begins. During a short interval a presentation is made to Mr. Fred Adams, of Staveley, chairman of the Chesterfield District for 17 years until his recent retirement. His wife is also honoured with a mammoth bouquet. More dancing, and then the Brimington handbell ringers—what a team they are! "Invitation Waltz" and other familiar numbers charm us.

CAPITA MAGNISSIMUS

After a few more dances a bewildered band is told once again to cease playing for the presentation of Capita Magnissimus, the Association's most coveted award. As is usual, the name of the winner remains a mystery until John Arkwell, of Old Brampton, is ceremoniously summoned to the dais. Before the medal is hung about the victim's neck a citation is read with suitable solemnity by Tombstone Hughes: ". . . Your mother had spent many hours unravelling bell ropes to knit up again into vests needed as protection against the icy blast that greets one on entering Chesterfield Parish Church. It seemed you were bent on complete and utter ruin when, purely by chance, you met old Mr. Brampton, who took you along to see the bells being rung. Seen through bloodshot eyes the dancing bell ropes fascinated your mind. You decided to learn to ring. This new-found interest turned you from your downward path and indeed when you went on a week-end course at Lea Green it could truly be said that you had become a reformed man.

"Your respectability, together with your increasing skill as a ringer, has made you a firm favourite with the young ladies. In fact, when seen with your golf clubs over your shoulder heading for the town's most exclusive golf club, you are without doubt the most eligible bachelor in Chesterfield—though the thought of marriage keeps you in a state of perpetual terror (this is why your hair is always standing on end). It is to your credit that you have withstood this female onslaught without reverting to your old decadent ways.

"John Arkwell, it is our sincere wish that you continue to spend the rest of your days with this new-found cut of respectability and sobriety, enjoying the simple pleasures of life—like sending Christmas cards to your ringing friends and other people's wives."

John receives the medal to cheers, the band strikes up again and we dance 'til Auld Lang Syne.

Our thanks are due (overdue) to our hosts, the Chesterfield District and to Malcolm Phipps, who has worked so hard to organise this most important occasion in the Derbyshire calendar. Good old Phippsy—book the place for next year.

HOWSHER F. ATHUR.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Mr. Harold Chant was voted to the chair at the Barnsley District Society's meeting at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, on April 9th. Three new members were elected and Miss Elizabeth Peace reported on the one-day course held at Selby. An appeal for help at South Kirkby, where they were trying to get their bells going again, was made by Mr. Gordon Bird. It was suggested to meet there on the third Saturday in the month. This was referred to the adjourned general meeting at Barnsley on May 14th.

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Kent Association Honour Bexley for its Annual Festival

ALTHOUGH it was not mentioned during the proceedings, the selection of Bexley for this year's Easter Monday annual meeting of the Kent County Association was a tribute to the many years of patient and conscientious work as secretary to the Lewisham District of Miss M. R. Andrews. The light eight at Bexley is where Miss Andrews is secretary and captain, and in this old-world suburb the Association held its annual meeting for the first time. But Miss Andrews revealed not only her ability as secretary and tower captain. She and Mrs. Olive Barnett accepted responsibility for feeding the throng—Mary cooking one of the turkeys and Olive the other.

Bexley Parish Church was well filled for the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. D. Morris, who preached an Easter sermon. Other robed clergy included Canon Gilbert Thurlow (president of the Central Council) and the Rev. Peter N. Bond. The organist was Mr. P. G. Perrin and Mr P. A. Corby read the lessons.

During the service the following deaths were remembered:—Resident: R. Constant (Gravesend), F. A. Fairhead (Broadstairs), W. Hollands (Rainham), P. Jarvis (Bethersden), F. C. W. Knight (Ramsgate), W. C. Marshall (Bethersden), H. Gilbert (High Halden), W. L. Rayner (former auditor, of Gravesend), G. H. Cross (formerly of Barnehurst); non-resident: W. T. Beeson, Canon C. C. Cox, J. T. Dyke, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Mrs. E. Hazelden, H. Langdon, L. A. Tidy and J. Wheadon.

Afterwards a company of 170 sat down to an excellent lunch in the Freemantle Hall. Mr. John Willis, chairman of the Association, presided and congratulated the ladies of the Lewisham District on the success of their catering. To Miss Andrews he presented a box of chocolates and asked her to convey the assembly's gratitude to all her helpers.

MANY GUESTS

The chairman had a long list of guests to welcome. They included the Revs. A. D. Morris (Vicar of Bexley), Canon P. C. Collins (Rector of Crayford), R. B. Griffin (Dartford), P. Absolon (Vicar of Erith) and Canon Gilbert Thurlow. It was a high distinction, he said, to have Canon Thurlow with them. They were proud to have in their own ranks the secretary of the Central Council, Mr. E. A. Barnett, and he could not help feeling that when he saw Canon Thurlow and "The Ringing World" Editor it was an historic day as they had, figuratively speaking, the three wise men of the East.

Canon Thurlow, replying for the visitors, said it was indeed a personal pleasure to pay a tribute to the bells and ringers in Kent and also to the Kent County Association. When he thought of the terrible things of the past it was in Kent that there was the only tower in which he had smoked a cigarette. Betty was there, and it was his one and only peal of Bristol.

Kent was a wonderful area as regarded bells and cathedrals. They had the brilliant wit at the London end, and at the other was the Archbishop of Canterbury when he was not at Lambeth. Somebody had commented on the surprising number of ringing functions he had attended in dioceses where there were vacant deaneries! (Laughter.)

A touch of Grandsire Caters "in hand" was rung by the Rev. P. N. Bond 1-2, E. J. Beer 3-4, C. S. Jarrett 5-6, B. F. L. Groves 7-8, H. Audsley 9-10.

THE MEETING

Mr. Willis presided at the meeting, supported by Mr. P. A. Corby (hon. secretary) and Mr. B. W. May (hon. treasurer).

The secretary's report, which was moved by Mr. P. A. Corby and seconded by Mr. A. G. Mason, was a comprehensive survey of the past year. It gave the membership of the Association (resident members) 1,120, associate members 69, towers in union 165, towers not in union 65. The strength in resident members of the Districts was Ashford 227, Canterbury 267, Lewisham 166, Maidstone 202, Rochester 127, Tonbridge 131.

Special activities mentioned included the rally centred on Rainham, which was a great disappointment, as only 62 people attended. The Association's dinner at Sittingbourne presented administrative difficulties, which were happily overcome by the sterling efforts of Mr. Frank Cheal. The highly successful one-day school held at Leeds, the inspiration of the chairman, attracted over 100 would-be participants. The service of thanksgiving at Milton-next-Gravesend, for the life and work of Fred Mitchell, was described as a red letter day in the life of the Association. The memorial tablet was unveiled by Mrs. Mitchell in the presence of officers of the Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

RESTORATION WORK

Although restoration work is in hand at Brabourne and East Malling, there is still no certainty that two trebles will be added at Brabourne, and East Malling has decided definitely only to rehang the existing six bells in a new frame. Ashford bells have been completed and Mersham bells are at the Whitechapel foundry awaiting rehanging in a new frame. All eight Sevenoaks bells have been broken up at the foundry and are to be replaced by a completely new lighter ring in a new metal frame.

The eight at Hawkhurst have been rehung, and at Bredgar the Rev. Stanley Evans is struggling to raise funds to retune the front four, cast two trebles from the tenor and to rehang the new six in a new frame. News is still awaited from Queenborough, where the bells cannot be rung pending repairs to the tower and major restoration of the church. Eynsford bells have been rehung in the existing frame, but unfortunately still without a much-needed ringing floor. There is a possibility of restoration work at Marden and there may be the generous gift of a new frame at Wittersham.

SNOOPING

A correspondence in "The Ringing World," started in a lighthearted way, seemed to get out of hand and tended to give the unfortunate and inaccurate impression that ringing in Kent was in a much worse state than in other parts of the country. "We have a great deal to learn from the criticisms of our standard of performance levelled against us, but we must at the same time maintain a sense of proportion. There is probably more good ringing taking place in the county than at any time in the last 30 years. There always has been a certain amount of first-class ringing, but the great difficulty is always to know how to bring the very indifferent ringing up to the better standard we all hope for. Many will feel that ringing meetings organised on the familiar lines do little to bring about an improvement, but the problem, particularly in a county as big as Kent, is so vast that there seems no ready alternative."

FINANCIAL POSITION

Presenting his report as treasurer, Mr. B. W. May compared the present position with what it was ten years ago. Investments in 1956 were 80 per cent. of their par value, now they were 55 per cent. and showed a depreciation of £180. The par value was almost half but the revenue received remained static. The assets of the Association in 1956 were £1,084; this year they were £1,203; so the value of the Association had gone up £119. In 1956 the Association had a balance of £143; this year it was £245. The annual general meeting now cost the Association practically nothing, and he must add his appreciation to the Lewisham District for their arrangements that day. For the last ten years they had helped towers to the extent of £257 and from the benevolent fund made grants to members of £270. The hon. treasurer moved the adoption and the hon. auditor, Mr. Arthur Richards, seconded. They were both thanked for their services.

GOOD YEAR FOR PEALS

Mr. Ian H. Oram's report as peal secretary stated that 176 peals had been rung for the Association in 1965, 33 more than last year and the second highest total in the history of the Association. There were nine handbell peals compared with one the previous year. Thirty-four members had rung their first peal, an increase of eight. There were 40 conductors (three more than last year), two of whom shared the calling in their first peal. Bernard F. L. Groves headed the list of conductors with 33, followed by Stanley Jenner 26, the peal secretary 22 and Christopher T. Osenton with 14. Peals were rung by local bands at Biggin Hill, Hawkhurst, Sturry and Tonbridge, that at Sturry containing all first-pealers.. A band of resident members of average age 17 years 5 months rang a peal of four-Spliced Major, Thomas E. Sone rang his 600th for the Association, Frederick J. Cullum his 700th and Herbert E. Audsley his 1,000th—a fine achievement.

The officers were re-elected. Proposing Mr. Corby as secretary, the chairman said: "In a very long life I have had experience of many secretaries of Associations but few have come up to the high standard of Mr. Corby" Continuing in office are Mr. I. H. Oram as peal secretary ("the technical side of change ringing has never been looked after so well" was a compliment paid to him); hon. treasurer, Mr. B. W. May: hon. auditor, Mr. A. S. Richards. A ballot for the Central Council resulted in the election of Messrs. I. H. Oram, P. A. Corby, S. Jenner and Tom Cullingworth. Additional committee members: Messrs. E. Burnett, G. J. Butcher, E. J. Ladd, F. S. Macey J. A. Russell and T. E. Sone.

LOOKING AHEAD

Future events announced were: Annual dinner at Tunbridge Wells on September 24th; one-day ringing courses: Ashford, Canterbury and Maidstone Districts on May 1st; Lewisham, Rochester and Tonbridge, May 14th. An unofficial rally centred on Cranbrook was being arranged by Mr. Michael Legg. A peal board is to be provided at Frittenden commemorating the first peal rung there in 1880, conducted by Thomas Daynes.

The many votes of thanks passed included one to the chairman proposed by Mr. Peter Carter. In reply, Mr. Willis said the cost of bell hanging and repairs had gone up by leaps and bounds. It was a grief to the committee that they were unable to make grants in proportion to the tremendous costs. He suggested that if 960 of their members gave a penny a week it would mean £4 a week extra to the Belfry Fund, or 2d. a week, £8. Each District should organise collections and money could be placed in the Post Office or other Savings Banks. Then they would be in a position to make grants to be proud of.

Replying to his vote of thanks, Mr. Corby asked members to bring to his notice projected work on bells because it was possible for them to give expert advice and prevent the unfortunate experience of one tower.

Tea was then served by the ladies and a wide choice of towers was available for further ringing.

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COLLECTION OF DOUBLES

By G. K. DODD and R. H. JONES

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These methods are false as they stand. The name or the composition may be incorrect.

Sandal	Longford	Pink's	
Strensham	Longford	Wallflower	
Wragby	Longford	Antelope	
Alsager	Thornborough	Wallflower	
Bierton	Thornborough	Pink's	
Cheadle	Thornborough	Antelope	
St. Cyril	Shipway's	Plain Bob Pl.	
St. German	Shipway's		Dragon
Astwood	New Antelope	Grandsire	Dragon
Boxton	New Antelope	Wallflower	Old Doubles
Calderwood	New Antelope	Pink's	Dragon
Dexter	New Antelope	Grandsire	Old Doubles
Ringstead	New Antelope	Dragon	Dragon
Sleaton	New Antelope	Wallflower	Dragon
Stagsden	New Antelope	Antelope	Dragon
Lowton	Union	New Antelope Pl.	
Wolf	Union	New Grandsire Pl.	
Falcon	Dragon Single	Rev. Canterbury Pl.	
Silchester	Dragon Single		Old Doubles
Silverdale	Dragon Single		Shipway's Pl.
Souldern	Dragon Single		Plain Bob Pl.
Thurleigh	Dragon Single		London Ex.
Tweedsdale	Dragon Single		Grandsire Ex.
Handley	Uffington	Shipway's	
Yetminster	St. Andrew	Shipway's	
Wool	Canterbury	Shipway's	
Romansleigh	Rev. St. Martin	Shipway's	
Gainford	Rev. Winchendon	Shipway's	
Coln	St. Gregory	Shipway's	
Pebmarsh	Rev. St. Osmund	Shipway's	
Rayne	Rev. St. Remigius	Shipway's	
Hurworth	St. Hilary	Hardmead	
Starlight	Cranborne	Rev. Canterbury	H.L. of Original
Abbeydore	St. Simon		Dragon
Matlock	St. Simon	Shipway's	
Welton	St. Simon	Plain Bob	Dragon
Willington	St. Simon	New Bob	
Wylam	St. Simon	Rev. Canterbury	Dragon
Brighstone	St. Martin	Plain Bob	Dragon
Caddy	St. Martin	Shipway's	
Unicorn	St. Martin	Rev. Canterbury	Dragon
Wallington	St. Martin	New Bob	
Wharfdale	St. Martin		Dragon
Clipper	St. Nicholas	Shipway's	
Corbridge	St. Nicholas	Rev. Canterbury	Dragon
Denbigh	St. Nicholas	New Bob	
Itchen	St. Nicholas	Plain Bob	Dragon
St. Osyth	St. Nicholas		Dragon
Frederickstone	Winchendon	New Bob	
Ringbury	Winchendon	Plain Bob	Dragon
Roades, Rhodes	Winchendon		Dragon
(The) Ship	Winchendon	Shipway's	
Warrington	Winchendon	Rev. Canterbury	Dragon
Appleford	St. Osmund	Shipway's	
St. Weonards	St. Osmund		Dragon
St. John the Baptist	St. Remigius		Dragon
St. Marie	St. Remigius	Shipway's	
Anemone	Nowell		Grandsire
Columbine	Nowell		Antelope
Evening Primrose	Nowell		Old Doubles
Forget-Me-Not	Nowell		Grandsire Ex.
Narcissus	Nowell		Pink's
Ranuncula	Nowell	Rev. Canterbury	
Snowdrop	Nowell		All Saints' Pl.
Ash	Melvin		Grandsire
Elm	Melvin		Old Doubles
Lilac	Melvin		Grandsire Ex.
Maple	Melvin		All Saints' Pl.
Oak	Melvin		Pink's
Rowan	Melvin		Antelope
Yew	Melvin	Rev. Canterbury	
Ludgershall	Blaisdon		Grandsire
Queen's Park	Blaisdon		Antelope
Saville	Blaisdon		All Saints' Pl.
Tring	Blaisdon		Pink's

BEEDLESTON DOUBLES (false)

Grandsire	Bob	Single
12345	45312	24315
21354	54132	42135
23145	51423	41253
32415	15423	14253
34251	14523	14253
43521	41532	41235
45312	45123	42153
54132	54213	24513
51423	52431	25431
15243	Known as	Known as
12534	Dragon Bob	Dragon Single

(To be continued)

SUFFOLK GUILD

At the quarterly meeting of the N.W. Suffolk District at St. Mary's, Newmarket, on April 2nd, Mr. John A. Underwood was welcomed back to the district after his stay in Leicester. Eight towers were represented and Mr. L. Wright was Ringing Master.

Rougham bells will be rededicated on May 14th and a practice meeting will be held there on that day. Other meetings: June 11th, Lakenheath; July 2nd, Rougham again.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of Preston-by-Wingham (5) have been removed to the Whitechapel Foundry for repair and rehanging.

Mr. Colin Champion, vice-captain at St. Mary's, Ash, Surrey, is leaving the village to make his home at Worthing, Sussex.

Mr. Alan P. S. Berry, of Folkestone, is acting as assistant secretary to the Ashford District, Kent County Association.

Wakefield Cathedral's record of four married couples in the belfry is surpassed by St. Nicholas', Hurst, Berks, band, who have five.

Ladies are asked to refrain from wearing stiletto-type heels on the recently re-covered floors in the towers of Lichfield Cathedral, Walsall and St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

The quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Abbeydore, Herefordshire, on April 2nd, was rung by the light from four candles, no other light being installed.

With regret we have received the news that Mrs. Annie McDermott (nee Annie Potter) died at Walkden, Lancs, on Easter Day. The funeral service was on April 15th.

At St. Michael and All Angels', Ashton-under-Lyne, the Sunday service band rang a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal for Matins on Easter Day.

Probably the youngest to ring a quarter peal on Easter Day was Malvin Tull, aged 10, of Goring-on-Thames. He rang his first—the treble to Grandsire Triples.

Instances of two brothers ringing the tenor to a peal are rare. On Easter Monday the Ancient Society of College Youths scored a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St Paul's, London, with the brothers John and Michael Chilcott on the 62 cwt. tenor.

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CLERICAL GUILD WEEK

This year the Clerical Guild is holding its ringing week centred on Brighton—from April 18th to 22nd. There will be two peal attempts, at Burgess Hill and St. Peter's, Brighton.

The party will consist of the following: The Revs. Prebendary J. H. B. Andrews, hon. secretary (Chittlehampton), N. F. D. Coleridge (Tatworth), K. C. Davis (Tadley), S. M. Evans (Bredgar), Canon K. W. H. Felstead (Southampton), D. E. Ford (Porthcawl), R. O. Fry (Portishead), J. B. T. Homfray (Staverton), R. Keeley (Marlborough), L. G. Ketchley (Iffley), R. N. Longridge (Okeford Fitzpaine), C. J. B. Marshall (Long Sutton), M. C. C. Melville (King's Lynn), I. J. Richards (Llanarth), P. T. Robbins (Charing), Canon F. A. Sanders (Overton), D. Sansum (Birmingham), R. D. St. J. Smith (Darley), R. W. Thomas (Tenby), J. Tomsett (Surbiton), H. F. Warren (Exford), E. B. Wood (Mapledurham): for part of the time P. R. Blackman (Ratby), A. Clayton (London).

ST. JAMES' BOB ROYAL

This week we publish the first peal of St. James' Bob Royal rung at Worsley. The conductor, Mr. Dennis Mottershead, points out that the peal is a true extension of St. James' Youths' Exercise Bob Minor. He suggests that anyone wishing to conduct a peal in this method would find it useful to keep a check not on actual coursing orders but rather on their reverse.

200th ANNIVERSARY OF HORSHAM'S FIRST PEAL

Ringing in the peal at Horsham—recorded in this issue—was Mr. Leslie Weller, who thinks that he may well be connected with Harry Weller, who rang in the first peal (Grandsire Triples) on the bells on April 11th, 1766. The eight bells came from recasting the old six in 1752. The 32 cwt. tenor of that time in consequence gave way to the tenor of today (23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.).

These ringers of 200 years ago had the same enthusiasm as the present generation. Not only did they ring a number of peals—Grandsire and Union Triples and Bob Major at Horsham—but they walked many miles to ring peals at Bolney, Uckfield, Leatherhead and St. Nicholas', Brighton. They opened the new bells at Storrington and Lyminster in 1766 and later spent a week-end at Guildford and Farnham. An attempt for a peal on April 11th, 1866, for the 100th anniversary, failed, but on April 11th, 1966, for the 200th, a band, mainly connected with Horsham, was successful, and a worthy peal was rung.

A CHESTER GUILD DIAMOND WEDDING

Many congratulations from the Chester Diocesan Guild were extended to Mr. and Mrs. A. Frost on their diamond wedding day on March 31st. A quarter peal of Plain Bob was rung that day at Cheadle, where Mr. Frost still rings for Sunday services and also attends on practice nights. He is a vice-president of the Chester Diocesan Guild and also a life member, having a long association with the Stockport Branch.

His family, friends, members of the tower and wives attended a party in honour of the occasion on April 2nd, and our correspondent adds: "A good time was had by all."

A CODE OF SUFFOLK TOWERS

The 1965 annual report of the Suffolk Guild contains in its index of towers a code showing the condition of the ring. It would be helpful if such a code were universal. Here are the details:—

10. Excellent ball bearings, modern frame and fittings.
9. Excellent plain bearings, modern frame and fittings or ball bearings in an old frame.
8. Good going order.
7. Fair going order.
6. Poor going order.
5. Ringable if cleaned up and odd fittings and ropes provided.
4. Ringable with a degree of risk after making odd repairs.
3. Unringable, mainly because of tower, and/or frame arrangement, and position.
2. Unringable, mainly because of frame and/or fittings.
1. Hung dead.
0. Some bells unhung and on the ground.

The following towers are given in classes 10 and 9 (excellent): Acton, Aldeburgh, Ashbocking, Badingham, Barking, Beccles, Blythburgh, Brandeston, Bredfield, Bures, Buxhall, Cavendish, Cotton, Debenham, Dennington, Elveden, Eriswell, Grundisburgh, Hartest, Hasketon, Henley, Higham St. Mary, Hollesley, Ipswich St. Margaret, Kedington, Lavenham, Leiston, Marlesford, Long Melford, Mildenhall, Newmarket St. Mary, Oakley, Great Offton, Otley, Polstead, Rattlesden, Saxmundham, Stoke-by-Nayland, Stonham Aspall, Stradbroke, Tannington, Theberton, Great Thurlow, Tunstall, Ufford, Wenhaston and Wingfield.

HIS "BOB-A-JOB" ASSIGNMENT

A novel assignment was given to Keith Talbot, who rang his first quarter peal at Chester-le-Street on Easter Sunday. It was to recruit one of his fellow scouts as a completely raw recruit to act as the subject for the demonstration of teaching the initial stages of bell control in the recent Lumley course.

Also participating in the quarter peal was Peter D. Wenham, who rang his previous quarter peal almost 19 years ago. During that interval he has been out of ringing for many years and been abroad on Army service. The sound of Chester-le-Street bells showed that his interest was not dead but dormant and he has been a welcome and enthusiastic addition to the local band.

THE MAIN CREDIT

Mr. David Floyd writes regarding his documenting the peals of the Witney and Woodstock Branch since its formation in 1902, that main credit should be given to Canon K. W. H. Felstead, who supplied him with a list of all the peals rung in the towers of the Branch, going back as far as 1814. "I would not have been able to do this without going to a considerable amount of work if it had not been for Canon Felstead," he adds.

55th ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST PEAL

Easter Monday is an important anniversary for Mr. W. J. Rawlings, of Beckingham. Apologising for his absence from the Kent annual meeting at Bexley, he wrote: "Easter Monday is a memorable day for me, as 55 years ago I took part in my first peal." In it was his brother George, now 81, and it was conducted by George Daynes. Also ringing were Billy Weatherstone, Isaac Shade and Joe Law.

WOOTTON (OXON) MOBILISES DORMANT TALENT

Eighteen months ago the six bells of St. Mary's, Wootton, Oxon, were hardly ever rung. It was decided to try to get a team together for service ringing. As in many villages, there were quite a few people who could handle a bell, and there were some who could ring Grandsire Doubles. On the Sunday before Christmas, 1964, about half a dozen village ringers met and rang for Evensong. The ringing was pretty good considering that there had been no regular ringing for some years. On this occasion Grandsire was rung, and the six-scores came round without too much difficulty.

Since that Sunday evening the band have met and rung for almost every Sunday, the exceptions being due to illness. Service ringing is mainly confined to Evensong, though on special occasions morning ringing is substituted. Practices were commenced at the beginning of 1965, in which a few youngsters were taught to handle a bell, some more older ringers joined in, and Grandsire brought up to a reasonable standard. In October, Plain Bob Doubles was introduced and mastered in a couple of months.

The majority of the team have attended the Branch practices at some time or another. On some occasions, instead of holding their own practice at their own tower, they have visited other towers. At the present time the band are tackling Bob Minor, and are making good progress.

The highlight was the ringing of a quarter peal on April 1st at the first attempt. This was the first time that a complete village team had rung a quarter. This consisted of 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire) by H. Morris 1, D. Cleaver 2, A. H. Hoare 3, J. Venn 4, E. R. Venn (conductor) 5, W. J. Buggins 6.

Sunday ringing is from 5.15 p.m. until 6 p.m.; practice night Friday from 7.15 until 8.30 p.m. Visiting ringers are always welcome. It is suggested, however, that anyoone contemplating coming to the Friday practice should telephone Woodstock 508 beforehand.

E. R. V.

EDUCATION AND SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,—When the Council next meets there will no doubt be quite a change in its composition, and hence in the personnel available for the work of various committees. One phase of the work of the above committee is to facilitate the organisation of annual or two-yearly talks at theological colleges on various aspects of church bells and bellringing. This involves contacts with various theological colleges and with officers or persons responsible for the lectures. A good deal of correspondence is involved. We would welcome on to this committee someone interested in taking over this work.

I shall be grateful to hear by post from, or of, any suitable Council member who might be prepared to accept nomination for this purpose when the Council meets.

Since it is not always possible to find a willing person at short notice, I take the liberty of making this need known in advance.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Rotherham.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LONDON, E.C.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 4 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 62 cwt. in B flat.

Roger F. Overington ..	Treble	John Phillips	7
Wilfred Williams	2	John S. Mason	8
Brooke K. Lunn	3	Michael P. Moreton ..	9
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	John H. Crampion	10
David P. Hilling	5	Philip A. F. Chalk	11
Antony R. Kench	6	Michael V. Chilcott ..	Tenor
		John Chilcott ..	

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CURRY RIVEL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 HARLOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E.

Frank D. Mack	Treble	Andrew Howard	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	D. John Hunt	6
Margaret A. Bould	3	John C. Slater	7
Alan Tubb	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by S. Jenner. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First in the method for the Association, on the bells and by all the band.

DRAYTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

D. John Hunt	Treble	Trevor A. Cross	5
*Margaret A. Bould ..	2	Alan Tubb	6
*Andrew Howard	3	John C. Slater	7
Gillian M. Hussey ..	4	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by D. John Hunt
* First peal of Pudsey.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
FAIRFIELD, BUXTON.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Joyce Grainger	Treble	Hilary F. Pardoe	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Anthony P. Foster	6
Harold Dowler	3	Richard Wharton	7
Geoffrey R. Gardner ..	4	Dennis Latham	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Gardner.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

NANTWICH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

Alex Merrill	Treble	John E. Brough	5
Frederick S. Sutton	2	Frank Ollier	6
Herbert Sutton	3	*Frank Barnard	7
Frank R. Morton	4	Wilfred Smith	Tenor

Conducted by John E. Brough.
* Completes the "circle."
Rung to mark the recent wedding of Miss Janet M. Brough, daughter of the conductor, to Michael P. Pointon.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary the Great.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*Heather Walters	Treble	†Laurence E. Hitchens ..	7
†Robert C. Kippin	2	John Hartless	8
†David P. Hilling	3	†Brian J. Luff	9
†Michael J. Thomas ..	4	†David E. House	10
Philip N. Tubbs	5	James A. D. Woolford ..	11
†Frank L. Harris	6	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Grandsire Cinques. First on 12 bells as conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 34 cwt. 28 lb. in C.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Susan Rothera	2	Brian J. Luff	8
Kenneth J. Hesketh	3	Frank L. Harris	9
Philip J. Rothera	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	10
George E. Thoday	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Philip N. Tubbs	6	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Philip N. Tubbs.
Mr. A. P. Cannon's 800th tower for a peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	Ian R. Panton	5
*Joe E. G. Roast	2	Christopher K. Cooper	6
†Yvonne A. Murray ..	3	*Dennis A. S. Symonds	7
†Richard J. Harrison ..	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (No. 5). Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 250th peal together. † First peal in the method.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WARMLEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 118 methods/variations, viz.: (1) St. Remigius, St. Nicholas and Winchendon Place, (2) St. Cleer, St. Cecelia and Horsley, (3) St. Mary, Lapley and Shareshill, (4) Ryton St. Crispin and St. John, (5) St. Osmund, St. Simon and St. Martin, (6) Warmley, St. Catherine and Olympic, (7) Wavendon Place, Simpson and Wroughton, (8) St. Felix, St. Ninian and St. Austell, (9) St. Britius, St. Kenelm and St. Laud, (10) Eynsham, Elford and St. Jude, (11) Henry Place, Spindleberry and Susanmead, (12) St. Leonard, Austrey and St. Laurence, (13) Burnham, Stirling and Twyford, (14) Cavendish, Clayton and St. Cuthbert, (15) All Saints and Rushall, (16) Alvelev, Oldswinford and Salwarpe, (17) Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston and St. David, (8) Cowslip, Wallflower and St. Neots, (19) Wychbold, Maseley and St. Adwena, (20) Honeysuckle, Chinnor and St. Radigund, (21) Marlow, Evenlode and St. Christopher, (22) Foxton, Oddington and Wilby, (23) Daybrook, Easter and Nuxton, (24) Kingswood, Windrush and Wollaston, (25) April Day, Litchurch and Seighford, (26) Buttercup, Violet and Bedlow, (27) Dedworth, Primrose and St. Clement's, (28) St. Thomas the Martyr, Worthington and Cherwell, (29) Bladon Godshill and Nettlebed, (30) St. Epworth, Trinity and Weston, (31) Shenley, Trent and Derwent, (32) Avon, Frome and Pennywell, (33) Ashley, Ashbourne and St. Paulin, (34) Mayfield, Lullington and Garsington, (35) Reverse St. Bartholomew and Northrepps, (36) Newborough, St. Helen and Pinks, (37) Bluebell and Daffodil, (38) Longparish and Middleton Stoney, (39) Keysoe and Zennor, (40) St Lucy and St. Quintin, (41) Allestree and St. Anne, (42) Ladbroke and Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

Derek M. Smith	Treble	William Lampard	4
Elizabeth A. Webb	2	Anthony W Gibbs	5
Edric Ovens	3	Kenneth G. Weeks	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.
Most Doubles methods/variations to a peal for all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Rung by a Sunday service band.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WORPLESDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Mon., March 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

David D. Smith	Treble	Kenneth Newman	5
*Richard O. Humphries ..	2	Tom Page	6
*David J Tubbs	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Stanley G. Ponting ..	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
STAUNTON-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., April 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Colin A. Lewis	Treble	Frederick R. Harris ..	4
John W. Hope	2	Reginald Preece	5
Leslie Evans	3	Robert A. Hatcher	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.
Colin A. Lewis has now "circled the tower."
Rung to celebrate the Easter Festival and as a compliment to Michael V. Powell and Veronica M Monger, who were married on April 2nd.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
NORTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5600 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

Robert D. Bellamy ..	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
J. Stuart Hutton	2	George E Thoday	6
*Audrey R. Alexander ..	3	C. Michael Orme	7
George E. Bonham ..	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First of Cambridge Surprise Major.
Rung with the band's best wishes to June I. Dear and Gwilym Thomas, married at Baldock this day.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. ALBANS, Herts.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In three methods, being three extents of London and two each of Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A.

Walter Ayre	Treble	Eric Edmondson	4
*Paula Healing	2	Gerald Penney	5
†Nina B. Thomas	3	‡Antony R. Kench	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal away from the treble † First in more than one method and first of Surprise Minor "inside." ‡ 100th peal of Surprise.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 WOODSTOCK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr 2 lb. in G.

Philip A. Corby	Treble	Edward J. Jenner	5
D. Paul Smith	2	Tony Lewis	6
Richard Hayes	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Ann Jenner	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall.
On Sat., April 9, 1966, in 4 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Kenneth Davenport	Treble	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Geoffrey Fearnehough	2	Edward Jenkins	8
John Worth	3	Alan McFall	9
Christine Andrew	4	Denis Mottershead	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Neil D. Lomas	11
Basil Jones	6	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. JAMES' BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt.

Sidney Hough	Treble	Brian A. Tomlinson	6
Alan Sharples	2	Peter J. Wycherley	7
Kenneth R. Davenport	3	Neil D. Lomas	8
Dennis Latham	4	Jeffrey Brannan	9
Christine Andrew	5	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by E. Francis. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
The first peal in the method which is the true extension of St. James' Youths' Exercise Bob Minor.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Wed., March 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Thomas Hobson	Treble	John R. Partington	5
†Allan Keene	2	Albert Greenhalgh	6
*Michael Thompson	3	Harold Worrall	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major.
A compliment to Canon P. A. Wrigley on his election as Proctor in Convocation.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WHITWICK, Leics.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Friday, March 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Edwin Deakin	Treble	Ron Hughes	5
*Colin Lord	2	G. Ronald Edwards	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
John Rawson	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal of Double Norwich.
Arranged to mark the birth of a daughter to the conductor.

GREAT GLEN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Raymond H. Martin	Treble	†E. G. Slater	4
*Edward C. Cowd	2	Judith K. Morriss	5
Arnold S. Goad	3	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.
Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Goad.

ST. JAMES' BOB ROYAL
30 . 14 . 50 . 16 . 70 . 18 x 10 x
Half-lead 70. Lead-head 1684029375, 1648203957.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CASTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) London Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Combined Oxford and Kent T.B., (5) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's Bob, (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob (7) Double Court. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

David Cubitt	Treble	*Henry Tooke	4
Frank C. J. Arnold	2	Martin Cubitt	5
William Clover	3	*Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* 50th peal together. Most methods rung to a peal on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Canon H. E. King on the 25th year of his ministry in the parish of Caston.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
OXFORD.—At Magdalen College.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Walter F. Judge	Treble	Frederick Sharpe	6
William Hibbert	2	Frederick C. White	7
Frederick A. H. Wilkins	3	Brian R. White	8
Philip Walker	4	Francis A. White	9
Neil I. Allnatt	5	J. Richard Chaundy	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
The first peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. White, of Appleton, Berks.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Anne B. Speed	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Malcolm J. V. Chown	2	*John K. Foot	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	3	Ian C. Maycock	8
Susan Rothera	4	John H. Fielden	9
Philip J. Rothera	5	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal of Royal.
A 21st birday compliment to Mrs. J. K. Foot.

ROTHWELL, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,056 Cambridge, 960 Superlative, 960 Pudsey, 800 Bristol, 672 London and 576 Watford, with 135 changes of method. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

Stephen Ivin	Treble	Alan J. Frost	5
Diana M. Frost	2	Alan A. Paul	6
Roger W. Smith	3	Richard F. B. Speed	7
*Murray A. Coleman	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal of six-spliced.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., March 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Roger W. Smith	Treble	Alan A. Paul	5
Diana M. Frost	2	Charles E. Truman	6
Malcolm J. V. Chown	3	Alan J. Frost	7
Barry E. Saunders	4	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
TENBY, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Thomas A. Osborne	Treble	W. Gwyn Thomas	5
†Christopher H. Jenkins	2	Ivor Jenkins	6
Richard C. Warburton	3	L. Henry Jenkins	7
*Jack P. G. Webb	4	Ivor R. Nichols	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.
* First peal in the method. † First on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. Kate Jenkins, widow of Mr. R. H. Jenkins, formerly tower captain at Tenby, 1900–1945. The ringers of 2nd, 6th and 7th are her great-great-nephew, great-nephew and nephew respectively.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

KING'S NORTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Sat., March 12, 1966 in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Henry H. Fearn	Treble	Stephen W. Barton	5
George E. Fearn	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
*Pauline M. Fearn	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
Raymond Aldington	4	John N. Lindon	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal and first attempt.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HODNET, Shropshire.—At the Church of St Luke.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

E. Marion Key	Treble	Richard E. Morris	5
*John A. Roden	2	Roger L. Hawksworth	6
†Cyril Griffiths	3	Edward V. Rodenhurst	7
*Charles F. W. Eyre	4	Barnabas G. Key	Tenor

Composed by W. H. Inglesant. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal in the method. † First of the method "inside." The ringer of the 5th has now "circled the tower."
A birthday compliment to Miss G. Griffiths, daughter of the ringer of the third.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BALDERTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,944 London, 736 Cambridge and Superlative, 640 Bristol, with 112 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb.

John Walden	Treble	Beryl N. Reed	5
*Mary C. Poyner	2	Walter Tomlinson	6
George E. Feirn	3	Harry Poyner	7
John Freeman	4	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. Turner. Conducted by John Freeman.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*P. Joe Church	Treble	John Hallett	4
Elizabeth J. Foster	2	George A. Dawson	5
†Christopher Starbuck	3	Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* First peal. † First peal "inside."
A farewell to John R. Pratchett, of Southwell, on the eve of his departure to London.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

KINGSWOOD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Easter Monday, April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In the following extents: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent, (6, 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

*Peter R. Daws	Treble	‡Ian Wickens	4
†‡Richard H. Youdale	2	‡Christopher W. Daws	5
†‡John L. Hayns	3	Stanley G. Ponting	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher W. Daws.
* First peal. † First on six. ‡ First in five methods.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RUSPER, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Mon., March 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUSSEX SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Ian M. Robinson	Treble	Tom Page	5
Ronald F. Diserens	2	†George Francis	6
Richard O. Humphries	3	*Derek E. Sibson	7
*Stanley G. Ponting	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* 50th peal together. † 200th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.
Rung to mark the silver wedding of Stanley and Olive Ponting.

HORSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 6-part, No. 2. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	Cecil R. Longhurst	5
Thomas G. Fox	2	George Francis	6
Basil W. White	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Edgar R. Rapley	4	*Luther H. Bourne	Tenor

Conducted by Leonard Stilwell.
* First peal.
Rung on the 200th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROPLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb.

Keith Sansom	Treble	Leslie A. Tremeer	4
*Kay J. Tremeer	2	David M. Hughes	5
Mary E. White	3	†R. Brian Walton	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Walton.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, DUDLEY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., April 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minuets,
A PEAL OF 5376 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Edward W. Colley	Treble	Michael J. Fellows	5
Brian J. Luff	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
John R. Insley	3	John C. Eisel	7
James Insley	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DONCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30½ cwt.

M. Susan Jackson	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	Michael J. Crowder	6
Howard Scott	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Gibson Jackson	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

HUNTINGTON, Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

Sedman H. Steel	Treble	*David Pearson	4
Derek J. Jones	2	Bert Sutton	5
Michael D. Staniforth	3	Alan Leggett	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Leggett.
* First peal of Surprise.

HEMINGBOROUGH, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Good Friday, April 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt 1 qr. 15 lb.

Joan B. Hingley	Treble	John Potts	4
Margaret Whitehead	2	G. Frederick Terry	5
Derek J. Swann	3	Ronald R. Warford	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.
Rung half-muffled at the request of the Vicar.

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five extents of Plain Bob, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

Edwin P. King	Treble	*John Hartley	4
*Mary I. Hildred	2	Susan E. Thompson	5
*Terrence W. Brighton	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal of Minor. First peal in two methods for all except the conductor, and on the bells.

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HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Wed., April 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 11 in G.

J. David Atkinson .. .. 1-2 | Robert B. Smith 5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis .. .. 3-4 | Brian Harris 7-8
John Worth 9-10

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

COVENTRY.—At 68, Warwick Avenue.
On Mon., April 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Ernest Sibley .. .. .. 1-2 | Geoffrey Pratt 5-6
Frank W. Perrens .. .. 3-4 | Hubert E. Ashley 7-8
Hubert G. Summers .. 9-10

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Tues., March 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2 | John R. Mayne 5-6
Christopher W. Woolley .. 3-4 | Roger Baldwin 7-8
Gerald Penney 9-10

Composed by J. A. Burford. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

BUSHEY HEATH, Hertfordshire.—At 39, Titian Avenue.
On Tues., April 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5344 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 992 of Bristol, 768 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Watford, and 512 each of Kendal, London, Superlative and Wembley, with 133 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2 | Roger Baldwin 5-6
John R. Mayne .. .. .. 3-4 | Christopher W. Woolley .. 7-8

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GRAVESEND, Kent.—At 13, Meadow Road.
On Tues., March 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor size 15 in C.

Edward J. Beer .. .. .. 1-2 | Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6
*Frank J. Matthews .. .. 3-4 | Stuart Sandford 7-8

Composed by J. Vicars. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal of Triples "in hand."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At Long Leys House.
On Tues., March 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John Vernon .. .. .. 1-2 | Alfred Ballard 5-6
A. Maxwell Lindsey .. .. 3-4 | Michael Vernon 7-8

Composed by James Nicholl. Conducted by Michael Vernon.
Rung in memoriam Leonard Hewitt, interred at Stoney Stanton this day in his 86th year, late of Coalbrookdale and Gloucester Cathedral, and sometime member of the Central Council.

STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At Long Leys House.
On Tues., April 5, 1966, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being four extents of Kent and three of Oxford. Tenor size 15 in C.

John Vernon .. .. .. 1-2 | Alfred Ballard 3-4
Michael Vernon (cond.) .. 5-6

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Dickenson, of Stockingford, on their wedding anniversary.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At Glebelands.
On Wed., March 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Gwen I. Bloomfield .. .. 1-2 | Jack Bray 5-6
*John Hall .. .. 3-4 | C. Aubrey Harrison 7-8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* 100th peal.

QUARTER PEALS

DATE TOUCH

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On March 27th, 1,966 Minor (716 Spliced Kent T.B and Normanton S.A., and 1,250 Cambridge S.): Jane Blackler 1, J. C. Shonfeld 2, S. Humphrey (cond.) 3, R. Blackler 4, P. W. Hawcock 5, P. Humphrey 6. Started from and ended with rounds, with no change repeated 3 times.

ABBEYDORE, HEREFORDS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Butcher 1, R. I. Brewer 2, F. W. Oakley 3, F. E. J. Reynolds 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, A. Brewer 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. A. Oakley, aged 92, father of the ringer of the 3rd. He was a ringer at this church for many years.

ASH, SURREY.—On March 27th, 1,272 Minor (552 Kent, 720 Plain Bob): Miss J. M. Vince 1, Mrs. A. J. Smart 2, J. C. Collier 3, M. E. Denyer 4, P. G. Smart 5, P. G. Sherwood (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Caroline Gibbs 1, Valerie Perrott (first "inside") 2, Felicity Hamilton (first of Minor) 3, J. Hayns 4, Tony Skilton (first as cond.) 5, R. Mills 6. For Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Pettet (first of Major) 1, J. Orme 2, E. Fearn 3, E. Buck 4, R. Trebilcock 5, L. Hughes 6, R. Castledine (cond.) 7, J. Dear 8. Rung as a compliment to June Dear and Gwilym Thomas, married at this church the previous day.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on April 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): J. G. Hobbs 1, A. Swatton 2, P. J. Devrell 3, D. C. Hawkins 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, B. Sarll 6. First in eleven methods for all the band. Rung to welcome the new Rector, Rev. G. Holden.

BURFORD, OXON.—On April 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. K. E. Hall 1, F. W. Soden 2, F. Reed (cond.) 3, J. W. Dixon 4, J. J. Westmacott 5, W. F. Scudamore 6, B. W. Hall 7, W. J. Dixon 8. For Evensong.

BURRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On March 26th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): C. Reason 1, B. Mills 2, G. Gilling (cond.) 3, C. Wilson 4, P. Watts 5, H. Gilling 6. For two weddings.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On March 24th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. D. Mills 1, P. J. Munday 2, Hannah M. Penfold 3, Alice M. Ward 4, M. Morris 5, D. J. Herschell (first in method as cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob 2 and 5. A compliment to Alice Ward and Brian Howe, on their engagement.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Carol C. Bunn 1, Christine A. McGarrick (first "inside" 2, A. B. Eldridge 3, D. W. Standing 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, K. I. Davis (first on cover bell) 6. Rung for Sunday service.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Gribble (first on working bell) 1, R. J. Everest 2, C. Cheseman 3, N. J. Butcher 4, P. R. Everest 5, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 6, G. Cheseman 7, W. J. Bear 8. Rung with best wishes on her birthday to Cherryll Cheseman.

COITY, GLAM.—On March 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Godfrey (first quarter) 1, Christine Brett 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, H. Preece 4, T. E. Hiddins 5, N. V. Hill 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On April 3rd, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Davies 1, Miss C. Snelling 2, G. H. Humphries 3, A. Brown 4, G. Fisher 5, C. M. Foster 6, N. Brown 7, K. Taber 8, R. C. Stevens 9, N. G. T. Steere (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. G. Berry 1, W. Ivings 2, Janet D. Phillips 3, W. F. Cowley 4, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 5, H. N. Pratley 6, A. W. Ivings 7, J. K. Pratley 8. For morning service, also for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cowley.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: C. Jane Smart 1, Valerie J. Howard 2, Janet M. Blake 3, A. J. Hart 4, M. P. Howard 5, J. A. Howard 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, W. T. Davies 8. First in method by all except conductor. Rung at the Vicar's request for Maundy Thursday service. Also on Easter Sunday, 1,232 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Major: J. H. Griffin 1, Glenda M. Beckett 2, Charlotte M. Harris 3, Valerie J. Howard 4, D. Slater 5, M. P. Howard 6, J. A. Howard 7, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 8. First in method by all.

ELING, HANTS.—On March 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. C. Jackson 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, Anne Buchanan 3, J. Hartless (cond.) 4, B. Mackrell 5, R. Buchanan 6. First "inside" in method 3 and 5.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Yorke-Parker 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, G. Herbert 3, H. Ivings 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. For morning service.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Andrews 1, Miss J. A. Hayward 2, C. T. Davidson 3, G. Philpot 4, B. R. Trill 5, L. Crouch 6, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 7, A. J. King (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Albert Day, churchwarden.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on March 6th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: F. A. Benn 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, K. J. Rider 3, A. J. Hampton 4, L. C. Way 5, M. J. Uphill 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, J. A. G. Harvey 8. For Evensong.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss B. Wiggin 1, Miss L. A. Key 2, B. G. Key (cond.) 3, G. Hall 4, I. Friend 5, J. W. Dyke 6. A 91st birthday compliment to Mrs. Dyke, mother of J. W. Dyke.

GOOSNARGH, LANCS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. H. McCormick (cond.) 1, Miss J. Reynolds 2, L. Walmsley 3, R. Barnes 4, J. Parsons 5, J. Sumner 6. Rung for the wedding of Derek Butterworth.

GUILDFORD, SURREY. — At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, on April 3rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. A. J. Smart 1, W. H. Viggers 2, Miss G. Winnett 3, M. J. Church 4, T. A. Davies 5, R. A. Clist 6, G. K. Williamson 7, A. D. Elsmore 8, P. G. Smart (first on 10 as cond.) 9, J. C. Collier 10. First on ten 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10. Rung before Evensong.

HESSLE, EAST YORKS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Horton 1, V. Beaumont 2, R. Sharp 3, Rev. F. Ross 4, R. Hawtree (cond.) 5, R. Jordan 6. A compliment to the Rev. F. Ross and Miss R. Bailey, on their engagement.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Annette Taylor 1, I. S. Merry 2, R. Clayfield 3, R. A. Gilliver 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6. First in more than one method "inside" 3 and 4. For morning service.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Sear 1, A. B. Corden 2, R. Cadamy 3, W. Daniels 4, A. E. Daniels 5, J. Marks 6, D. J. Meager (cond.) 7, T. H. Clove (first on eight) 8. To mark the 80th birthday of Mr. W Daniels, and for Confirmation. Also on April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Brooks 1, F. G. Edmans 2, R. Cadamy 3, W. Daniels 4, J. Vickers 5, J. Marks 6, D. J. Meager (cond.) 7, T. H. Clove 8. To mark the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to Bletchley this day.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Neal 1, E. Booth 2, W. H. Dyment 3, J. Price 4, B. Martin 5, R. Price 6, C. Conway (cond.) 7, F. Price 8. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Daily Eucharist at St. Peter's.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Collard (first on eight) 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, T. Newlands (first on eight "inside") 3, F. J. Sampson 4, J. R. Taylor 5, D. J. Hunt 6, J. F. Pedler (cond.) 7, B. Martin (first on eight) 8. For St. Ambrose's Day.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.—On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob: Joan Adlard 1, C. Bell 2, Dorothy Johnson 3, H. Cook 4, S. Livesey 5, A. Cairns (cond.) 6, L. Cook 7. Rung on the diamond wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. A. Frost.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Talbot (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Catlin (first quarter "inside") 2, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 3, I. V. Wintrip 4, J. Close 5, P. D. Wenham 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, W. Nicholson 8. By the local band for Evensong.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on the first Sunday in Lent, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: V. R. McCormack (first on treble) 1, Miss E. Ann Sadler 2, Miss G. Graney 3, C. J. Reede 4, Miss Helen Hubert 5, C. R. P. Broughton (first "inside" Caters) 6, R. A. Vere Hodge 7, W. T. Farrell 8, C. A. Lewis (first as cond.) 9, H. H. Brown 10. First quarter Caters 3 and 5. A birthday compliment to the father of the ringer of 10.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On April 3rd, 1,272 Bob Minimus (on the front four): S. Francis 1, S. C. Davis 2, P. J. Devrell (cond.) 3, V. Bowring 4, A. F. Butt 5, N. Maggs (first quarter) 6. First of Minimus by all the band. Rung on the occasion of the baptism of Edward William George, son of H. H. Bayntun-Coward (churchwarden).

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Davey 1, P. S. Abbott (first of Major) 2, Rose B. Davey (first of Major) 3, E. J. Whiting (first of Major) 4, P. Woollven 5, P. E. Wells 6, J. R. Hough (cond.) 7, H. S. Peacock 8.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Mitchell (first of Minor) 1, Susan E. Thompson 2, Jennifer E. Pearce (25th quarter) 3, Mary I. Hildred 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5, T. W. Brighton 6. For Palm Sunday Evensong.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: I. W. Hall 1, C. Stevenson 2, D. Bowen 3, Margaret Roberts 4, R. F. Turner 5, D. W. Witchell 6, B. Austin 7, J. Mitchell 8, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 9, A. Gibbs 10. Also on April 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Roberts 1, Jean Aldwinkle 2, R. F. Turner 3, D. W. Witchell 4, J. G. Mitchell 5, B. Austin 6, I. W. Hall (cond.) 7, J. Mitchell 8. Rung half-muffled.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On April 11th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: T. Beech 1, B. Bradbeer 2, Gillian Wildney 3, Dina Harrison 4, Susan Bostock 5, E. B. Smith 6, C. Aldous 7, U. Wildney (cond.) 8. First for 1. First Major 2 and 7.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on March 13th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. W. Smith 1, T. E. Sone 2, Mrs. J. Ling 3, Miss H. Oakshett 4, M. O'Callaghan 5, T. Lewis 6, R. Ling 7, M. F. Oakshett 8, P. W. Cave (cond.) 9, P. J. Spice 10. First of Stedman Caters 3 and 5. For Evensong.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On March 26th, at the Bell Foundry Campanile, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Durrant 1, A. Faulkner 2, D. Hewitt 3, M. Jefferyes 4, K. Warner 5, I. Dear (cond.) 6, A. Slade 7, D. Wright 8.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. Bennett 1, P. Davis (first quarter) 2, Pamela E. Powell 3, Charlotte A. Bennett 4, Mrs. D. Reeves 5, R. A. Reeves (cond.) 6.

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Wadman 1, Mary Jones 2, P. H. D. Jones 3, E. Connock 4, I. Maggs 5, F. Savage 6, D. Mackay (cond.) 7, J. H. Purnell 8. First of Stedman 4 and 5. For Evensong on Palm Sunday.

QUARTER PEALS

NECTON, NORFOLK.—On April 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Jeffery 1, Mrs. F. A. M. Heyhoe 2, S. H. Waterfield (cond.) 3, W. J. Bailey 4, H. A. Bennett 5, R. Harmer 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss J. Rudge to Mr. M. J. Rogers.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At 22, Castleton Grove, Jesmond, on April 1st, 1,340 Plain Bob Major: Pooky Glaser 1—2, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 3—4, R. A. Yeates 5—6, R. H. E. Askew 7—8. Also on April 3rd, 1,340 Plain Bob Major: Ann Walker 1—2, R. A. Yeates 3—4, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 5—6, Helen Dracup 7—8. First of Major for 1—2 and 7—8 in both quarters.

NORWICH.—At St. Miles', on March 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss H. Maltman 1, Miss B. M. Payne 2, Miss A. M. Wright 3, A. Buxton 4, D. P. Mortlock 5, S. Gall 6, G. H. Pullin 7, P. Adcock (cond.) 8.

NORWICH.—At St. George's Colegate, on March 20th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (London and Cambridge): Miss J. Dagley 1, D. Cubitt 2, M. Cubitt 3, R. Duesbury 4, H. W. Barrett 5, D. E. House (cond.) 6. Also on April 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. Cubitt (cond.) 1, D. Cubitt 2, R. Duesbury 3, D. P. Mortlock 4, G. H. Pullin 5, P. Adcock 6.

OAKLEY, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. McArthur 1, B. Bradbeer 2, Helen Grierson 3, Heather McArthur 4, A. Semken 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6. First Minor 1, 2 and 3.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire): M. Kennard 1, M. Clewes 1, B. Wootton 3, J. Lawley 4, P. Bill (cond.) 5, J. Roden 6. Half-muffled for evening service.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On March 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): E. H. Langley 1, A. P. Smith 2, F. M. Bowers 3, J. J. George 4, W. R. Curtis (cond.) 5, W. J. S. Troon 6. First in three methods for all except 1. For institution of Rev. R. H. Cadman as Vicar.

PRESTON, SUEFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. Johnson (first quarter) 1, D. Howe 2, R. Chambers 3, F. Hunt 4, F. Boreham 5, H. Hollocks (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

PYLLE, SOMERSET.—On March 16th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): C. Jenkins 1, Sheila Hallet 2, M. Bartlett 3, R. Taylor 4, J. Sheppard 5, F. Skipsey (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob 1, 2, 4 and 5.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On April 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Mead 1, J. Lawrence 2, B. Spiers 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, M. Hawkes 5, J. Clements 6. First of Treble Bob 1 and 3. A birthday compliment to Mr. C. Haylings.

RUISHTON, Taunton, SOMERSET.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Matravers 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, Mrs. B. Bindon 3, A. H. Reed 4, K. E. Beale (first in method as cond.) 5, R. F. Arscott 6.

ST. KEA, Truro, CORNWALL.—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, A. Carveth 2, A. Locke 3, E. R. Langley 4, G. F. Dunstan 5, D. A. Trethewey 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, A. Beattie 8.

LATE NOTICES

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Meeting at Brookland, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Velvick, 15, West Place, Brookland, by Thursday, May 5th. — A. P. S. B. 8949

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at South Lopham, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. T. G. Boast, Elm Royd, South Lopham, Diss, by Wednesday, May 4th. — C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 8922

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting, Eydon, Saturday, May 7th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to H. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 8944

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY —Meeting at Church Eaton, near Stafford, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, by Wednesday, May 4th, latest, please. Tel. Lich. 4539.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8907

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, St. John's, Croydon, May 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, by May 4th. 8916

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Annual Festival of the Guild will held on Saturday, May 14th, 1966, at Oxton, Birkenhead, Wirral.

Lunch 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by annual meeting.

Service at 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Church of St. Saviour; the preacher will be the Very Rev. E. H. Patey, Dean of Liverpool.

Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Cost of lunch 5/6 and tea 5/6 or 10/- for both if tickets are obtained before **May 9th** from A. J. Martin, Esq., 28, Glenmore Road, Birkenhead, Cheshire.

Towers open: Eastham (6) 10–11 a.m.; Bromborough (8) 10.30–11.30 a.m.; Port Sunlight (8) 11–12 noon: Bebington (8) 11.30–12.30 p.m.; Oxton (8) 3–4.30 p.m. and aftea tea; Bidston (6) 3.15–4.15 p.m.; Woodchurch (6) 3.15–4.15 p.m.:; other towers by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 8903

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Ashford, Canterbury and Maidstone Districts.—One-day ringing school (elementary methods and conducting), Cheriton, Saturday, May 21st, commencing at 10.30 a.m. Tickets, 5s. each, and full details from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. For first 60 applicants. Please send stamped addressed envelope.—A. P. S. B. 8908



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ENGAGEMENT

GAY—WEBBER.—The engagement is announced between Philip Gay, of Hinton Blewitt, Somerset, and Susan Webber, of Ipswich, Suffolk. 8928

RETURN THANKS

McGUINESS.—Mrs. C. McGuiness wishes to htank the many ringing friends who so kindly wrote to her on the death of her husband and also for floral tributes. She is still convelescing and unable to answer letters at the moment. 8953

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BLOOMFIELD.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bloomfield is now: Hadleigh, The Avenue, Burton-on-Stather, near Scunthorpe, Lincs. Tel. Burton-on-Stather 465.

REAY.—The address of Miss Muriel Reay is now: 38, Park View Road, Northfield, Birmingham 31. Tel. Priory 3950, 8913

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MISCELLANEOUS

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—The temporary secretary during the indisposition of Mr. C. D. Hillis is Mr. Alan Berry, of 7, Queen's Street, Folkestone, Kent. 8918

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS
Meeting at Bath, Whitsun, 1966
Three tours of Somerset are arranged for Whit Monday covering the North, Central and Southern areas respectively Will those wishing to participate please contact J. H Gilbert, 13, Fenhurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol, stating whether a coach trip is preferred. Will members wishing to take part in peals please write to E. Naylor, 7, Priory Close, Ralph Allen Drive, Bath. 8924

FLOWER FESTIVAL.—St. Peter's, Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire (eight bells, tenor 12 cwt.), Friday, July 1st–Sunday, July 3rd. Visiting ringers will be welcome. Please arrange with Mr. E. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton. Refreshments and m als available. 8925

ST. BRIDGET'S, WEST KIRBY CHESHIRE. — Secretary now Charles F. Pocock, White House, Sandy Lane, West Kirby, Wirral, Cheshire. Telephone CALdy 5320. 8915

MARKET DEEPING, LINCS.—Flower Festival, April 29th, 30th, May 1st. Evensong, Saturday, 30th, 5 p.m. Ringing from 4 p.m. and after service until 9 p.m. Refreshments available. All ringers welcome. 8933

SS. PETER AND PAUL, HEADCORN —Due to unforeseen circumstances ringing practices will be again held in Thursday evenings instead of Fridays, commencing Thursday after Easter. 8937

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Preliminary Notice.—A.G.M., May 14th. St. George-in-the-East 1.30–2.15; St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 2.30–3.30; St. Olave's, 3.45–4.30, followed by service, tea, business meeting. Will members make every effort to attend this important meeting. 8941

ST. MARY'S, BRIXHAM, GUILD
Dedication of
The Winston Churchill Memorial Bell and the Parishioners' Treble Bell
(by which the ring has been augmented to ten).
ST. GEORGE'S DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd, at 3 p.m.
by the Archdeacon of Totnes
Ven. R. J. D. Newhouse, M.A.
Tickets for reception and tea at the Northcliffe Hotel, price 4s. 6d., from: Mrs. B. Davies, Radiance, Longcroft Avenue, Brixham.
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POSTPONED

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Chislet, Saturday, April 23rd. This meeting has been postponed until May. Notices to District towers.—T. C. Phillimore, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8902

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Batcombe (6), Saturday, April 23rd Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER
Subscriptions for the second quarter are now overdue. To avoid disappointment, please remit without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting at Milverton (8) on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 6.30 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 8927

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Berrow (6), 2.30 p.m., Saturday, April 23rd. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—M. Legg. 8836

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Woburn, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Crypt at 5. Names to 44, George Street, Woburn. 8904

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester District.—Meeting, Handley, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec. 8932

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Reddish, April 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Miss Mary Handley, 28, Abingdon Road, Reddish, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 8919

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
Sir Arthur Heywood Memorial Festival
SATURDAY, APRIL 23rd, 1966

West Circuit:		
Ashbourne	(8)	10.00–11.00 a.m
Bradbourne	(6)	10.45–11.45 a.m.
Brassington	(6)	11.15–12.15 p.m.
Wirksworth	(8)	12.00– 1.00 p.m.
Matlock	(8)	1.00– 2.00 p.m
Belper	(8)	2.00– 3.00 p.m
Duffield	(10)	2.30– 3.30 p.m
South Circuit:		
Melbourn	(8)	10.00–11.00 a.m
Aston-on-Trent	(6)	10.30–11.30 a.m
Shardlow	(6)	11.00–12.00 noon
Sawley	(8)	11.30–12.30 p.m
Long Eaton	(8)	12.00 -1.00 p.m
Sandiacre	(6)	1.00– 2.00 p.m
West Hallam	(8)	1.30– 2.30 p.m
Horsley	(6)	2.00– 3.00 p.m

Memorial Service at Duffield Parish at 3.30 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. R. D. St. John Smith
Evening Ringing:
Derby Cathedral (10) 6.00–8.30 p.m
Derby, St. Peter's (8) 7.00–8.30 p.m.
Buffet tea in Derby 5 to 6.30 p.m.
Free for those who send names to:—
Mr. G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby. 8789

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sampford-Peverell April 23rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, 26 The Avenue, Tiverton, please. 8886

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District. — Meeting at Hemingford Grey, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. It is hoped that Hemingford Abbots will be available after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 8889

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Loughton, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing until 8 p.m. Names for tea to F. W. Tomlin, 30, Station Road, Loughton. 8798

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Stow-on-Wold Branch. — Evening meeting at Longborough on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 6 p.m.–8 p.m.—L. C. Dowdeswell, Sec. Tel. Stow-on-Wold 350 8921

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting, Esher, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names for tea to Mr. J. F. M. Maybrey, 24, Torrington Road, Claygate, Esher. 8905

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Desford, April 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Bennett, 27, Manor Road.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 8911

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual striking competition and quarterly meeting at Shorne, Saturday, April 23rd. Competing bands assemble 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. General ringing in evening Names for tea to E. J. Beer, 14, Warren View, Shorne, Gravesend, please.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8840

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton District) and SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting at Melton on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting in Hall at 5 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea to Mrs. Day, 109, Thorpe Road, Melton Mowbray.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 8910

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, Hughenden, Saturday, April 23rd Ringing 2.30 p.m Tea 4 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Barton, The Gable, Boss Lane, Hughenden Valley, High Wycombe.—Miss Hague. 8852

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — Meeting, Isham, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to A. Garley, 14, Fairfield Road, Isham. Special methods: Double Court, York Surprise. All welcome.—M. A. C. 8877

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — Spring meeting, St. John's, Peterborough (8), Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to secretary by Thursday previous.—R. H. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough. 8896

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Stone, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 8957

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Joint meeting with Melton District at Melton Mowbray, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Stimson, Somerby, Melton Mowbray. 8940

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Stradbroke (10) Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting Names for tea to H. W. H. Leather, Three Ways, Monk Soham, Woodbridge, please. 8891

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Bishop's Waltham, April 23rd. Bells 2.30 till 8.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 in Priory Café. Meeting in Church Hall 5.45. **Names for tea to L. Duguid, 106, Stride Avenue, Portsmouth please.** Important item for discussion: Proposed changes to District boundaries. 8892

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Brading, April 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—A. M. Guy, Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on April 26th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: April 26th and May 3rd: St Michael's, Cornhill; May 10th: St. Lawrence Jewry: May 17th: St. Giles', Cripplegate. —J. G. A. Prior. 8938

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — Practice meeting, Pilton (6), Thursday, April 28th, 7.30–9 p.m.—M. de Jong. 8926

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.—Dunster Branch.—Six-bell practice at Exford on Saturday, April 30th, at 7 p.m. 8974

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Barnby Dunn, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Lunn, 24, High Street, Barnby Dunn. 8946

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Upwell, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8945

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting and striking competition will be held at Tollesbury (6) on Saturday April 30th Competition at 2.30. Service at 4.30. General ringing after tea. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford, (Phone 57827.) 8835

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. — Forest Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, April 30th, at St. Mary the Virgin's, Lydney. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. R. Thomas, 1, Primrose Way, Lydney. 8967

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Frensham (6) on Saturday, April 30th, from 6–9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 8931

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Cound, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas.—G. Randle Ashford, All Stretton, Salop. 8947

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — **Correction**: Quarterly meeting, Baldock, April 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential.—C. M. Orme, Hon. Dis. Sec., 12, Gaunts Way, Letchworth Tel. 5015. 8894

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held on April 30th at St. Bartholomew's, Westhoughton Ringing: All Souls', Bolton (8) 11–12; St Peter's, Bolton (8) 11.30–12.30; Holy Trinity, Bolton (8) 12–1; The Saviour's, Bolton (8) 2–3.30; St. Mary's, Deane (8) 2.30–3.45; St Bartholomew, Westhoughon (8) 3–4.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5, meeting to follow. Ringing to follow. Ringing at St. Bartholomew's 7–8.30. Names for tea, with money (3/6 each) to Mr. W Smalley, 15, Sunny Garth, Westhoughton.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 8753

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Lincoln, April 30th. Holy Communion, Ringers' Chapel at Cathedral, 8 a.m. Service at Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock in Tithe Barn followed by meeting. Ringing: Upton (6) 10.45 to 11.45; Willingham-by-Stow (6) 11.30 to 12.30; Stow (6) 12.15 to 1.15; Saxilby (6) 1 to 2; Lincoln towers, i.e. Cathedral (12), St. Giles' (8), St. Peter-at-Gowts' (6), St. Botolph's (6) from 2 until service and after the meeting, but St. Giles' until 7 only. Names for tea to Mr. J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln, by Tuesday previous.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 8917

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD — Annual general meeting will be held at St Andrew's Uxbridge, on Saturday, April 30th. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business to follow Officers and C.C. representatives to be elected Ringing: St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, and St Mary's, Harefield, 2.30–4 p.m.: St Andrew's 3–4.30 p.m. and in evening. Names by previous Wednesday would ensure tea.—T. J Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms Hatfield, Herts. 8883

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting at
NORWICH, ON SAT., APRIL 30th
Service at St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, **4 p.m.** Tea Chantry Hall **4.45 p.m.** Meeting to follow.

Bells available:—
Afternoon:
St. Peter Mancroft (12) 2.45–3.50
St. Giles' (8) 2.00–3.35
St. George's, Colegate (6) 2.00–3.35
St. John de Sepulchre by arrangement
Evening:
After meeting to 9 p.m.:
St. Peter Mancroft
St. Miles at Coslany (8)
St. George's, Colegate.

Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich (Nor. 57N.), by Wednesday, April 27th, 1966.—H. W. Barrett, Gen. Sec. 8900

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bicester (8) on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please send names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon, by Wednesday, April 27th. 8929

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at Milton Malsor on Saturday, April 30th. Usual arrangements Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 8888

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Southwell, April 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Trebeck Hall following Evensong Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70, Valley Prospect, Newark, Notts, by Wednesday, April 27th.—W. L. Exton Hon Gen Sec. 8882

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —An eight-bell striking competition will be held at Christ Church, Coseley, on Saturday, April 30th next, draw at 3 p.m. Evening practice meeting to follow (own arrangements for tea) at St. Leonard's, Bilston. Bells (8) available from 6 p.m. All welcome.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8906

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Lyndhurst (8), April 30th, 3 Service 4.30. Tea 4.15 New Forest Restaurant (4s. 6d.). Brockenhurst (6) 6.30–8.30 No tea without names to L. F. Cobb, 182, Southampton Road, Ringwood, by Monday, April 25th essential. 8827

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday April 30th, in the library in the Cathedral at 3.45 p.m. Evensong at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m in the Cathedral Hall, for which names must be sent to Mr. E. Hudson, Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon, by Thursday, April 28th. The following towers will be open: Whixley (6) 10–11; Aldborough (6) 11–12; Kirby Hill (6) 12–1; Kirkby Malzeard (6) 1–2; Wath (6) 2–3; Sharow (8) 2–3; Ripon Cathedral (10) 11.30–12.30, 1.30–3.30 and after tea.—W. F. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec 8819

COVENTRY COLLEGES GUILD. — The A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday, May 4th, in Bericote Hall, Coventry College of Education, at 8 p.m. Anyone interested in joining will be very welcome. 8934

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
Meeting in Gloucester Area
SATURDAY, MAY 7th
Painswick, 11–12.30.
Lunch at Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester, at 1.15 p.m.
Gloucester Cathedral, 2.30–4.
Business meeting at St. Mary-le-Crypt, 4.15 p.m.
Cheltenham, St. Mary's, 6–7.

Names for lunch (10s. 6d.) to me, please, by May 2nd at latest.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8893

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—Meeting, Thorington, on Saturday, May 7th. Striking competition 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. General ringing later. Names for tea to Mrs. A. R. Andrews, Abbey View, Church Lane, Thorington, Colchester. 8935

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
At Newcastle on Tyne, May 7th.
PROGRAMME

Friday, May 6th.
Practice at SS. Basil and James', Fenham (8).

Saturday, May 7th.
10–11 a.m., All Saints', Gosforth (10).
12–1 p.m., St. John's, Newcastle (8).
Make own arrangements for lunch.
2.30–3.30, St. Stephen's, Low Elswick, Newcastle (8).
Business meeting in the Cathedral Library, 4 p.m.
High Tea at Bainbridges, Bigg Market, Newcastle, 5.30 p.m. (7/–).
7–8 p.m., Cathedral (12).

For high tea, apply F. Hodgson, 160, West Auckland Road, Darlington, Co. Durham, not later than May 2nd. — J. A. Hoare Hon. Sec. 8942

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LATE NOTICES

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Highley, April 30th. Service 3 p.m., followed by ringing until tea at 5 p.m. Chelmarsh bells available after tea Names for tea to Joan Bennett, 7, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, not later than April 28th. 8971

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Peterchurch, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to T. E. Wood, 43, Merestone Road, Redhill, Hereford. 8965

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Evening meeting at Hallaton on Saturday April 30th at 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—L. W. Allen. 8961

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Meeting at Woodhouse Eaves, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. —Pat Farmer, Dis. Sec. 8950

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch. — Meeting at St. Dennis, Saturday, April 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss B. J. Duck, Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 8951

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Heckfield, Saturday, April 30th. Bells from 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Rotherwick bells after tea. Names for tea to Mr. J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Monday, April 25th. 8963

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Saturday, May 7th. Towers open: Haynes, Cranfield, Eversholt 9.30–10.45, Aspley Guise 10.45–12; Husborne Crawley 12–1; Gravenhurst, Flitwick, 2–3.30; Ampthill, Silsoe, Maulden, 3–4.30; Flitton, Maulden, 6.30–8.45. Service, tea and business meeting Maulden 4.45. Names for tea to Mr. M. Lockey, Edge Hill, Church Road, Maulden (Tel. Ampthill 2127) by Thursday, May 5th.—A. Smith, Gen. Sec. 8970

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Wootton Wawen, May 7th. Bells 3 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names for tea to Alan J. Collings, 3, Rose Gardens, Wootton Hall, Wootton Wawen, Solihull. Special method: College Exercise.—P. S. Bennett, Sec. 8962

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Arthur Farrand, Hon. Sec. 8952

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THE LEADER AND THE LOCAL COMPANY

(Extracts from an address given at a Course held at Selby organised by the Yorkshire Joint Council.)

By VERNON BOTTOMLEY

ENTHUSIASM is the most important quality in leadership. Enthusiasm is infectious and will spread to the rest of the band, even if rather slowly. On the other hand apathy will spread much more quickly—the rot always starts at the top, so the leader must be proof against all those shortcomings which weaken the band. His enthusiasm must drive him to set and maintain the highest standards in attendance and punctuality. His only excuses for absence are holidays and illness and he must not be late. Enthusiasm is more important than technical competence, because the former will enable him to acquire the latter. If he has not a good enough brain to become technically sound it is probable that he is incapable of becoming enthusiastic anyway. The leader is the pace-setter and the guardian of high standards and there can be no compromise and no relaxation.

He must delegate duties wherever possible, not with the idea of lightening his own burden, but with a view to maintaining interest. Members of the band should be encouraged to conduct. If the band should be ringing rounds and call changes a junior member may be entrusted with the calling, but this arrangement should not provide the leader with an opportunity to rest because it would be necessary for him to supervise the striking. Teaching beginners must be a continuous part of the leader's duties, but again enthusiasm will assist him to discover and apply good practice.

The leader's most important responsibility is the arrangement and supervision of service ringing and he must realise that only the best is good enough. There is no excuse for any bad ringing for service and this can only result from attempts to ring things which are beyond the capacity of the band. At all times temptation to practise must be avoided. If the weakest member of the band is capable of good plain hunting and weak Bob Major the band must ring good plain hunting. If the band has been taught the correct standards then it will derive more enjoyment from this alternative. Beginners must not be introduced to the service band until they can ring good rounds and call changes, and they should then be given a reasonable turn for every service ring and the remainder of the band must provide wholehearted support.

There must be no talking by those who are not ringing: there is no need for anybody to be idle. Beginners should be encouraged to stand with experienced members to acquire ropesight and to listen. This arrangement must not be taken as an excuse to talk; the beginner should have been briefed beforehand if he is to derive benefit. Service ringing periods should not be less than three quarters of an hour. An arrangement for less is very quickly reduced to 20 minutes by the inevitable tardy attenders and those who have to leave early for the vestry. When this stage is reached it is a very short step to silence. Ringing is part of parochial life and the bells should be rung whenever appropriate.

Special services should be given extra significance by ringing after the service as well as before. Nobody should be permitted to check a rope length by the appalling habit of "trying" the bell. Even in well regulated towers there will occasionally be the succession of trips which could deteriorate into near-firing. This must not be the occasion for the brilliant conductor to sort them out at length without regard to the resultant discordant clashing. Neither should "stand" be called. The bells should always be run into rounds smartly and then either set up or sent into changes again.

Raising and lowering in peal should be normal procedure in most towers but if for a good reason it is impracticable the bells should not be dragged up and down in haphazard manner. Only those which produce a musical chord should be rung together. A preferable arrangement would be to fix clapper stays for the processes.

Whilst much of the foregoing can be applied with equal force to practice ringing, it is obvious that more latitude must be permitted, but sub-standard ringing should be kept to a minimum and a proper application to theory will be beneficial. It should always be emphasised that methods should be learned at home and practised in the tower. The use of diagrams in the tower should be discouraged—it is too late to do homework then. Pupils should be instructed at an early stage that the best way to learn bellringing theory is to study "little and often" and that it is almost useless to leave it until half an hour before practice. In the early stages they will learn more by standing and watching intelligently than by performing indifferently. As in service ringing nobody should be idle.

Most progressive bands will not have sufficient practice time in 1¼ hours, and 2 hours should certainly be the rule if several grades of ringers are in the band. There should be a plan to the practice and the band should appreciate this. It is a mistake to deal exclusively with beginners at the first part of the practice—the selfish members of the band will very quickly start to use the "had to bath the dog" excuse, to the annoyance of the decent members. It is also a mistake to teach bell handling on the normal practice night, unless that session is finished before the practice proper is due to start. Clapper stays or lashing should always be used for handling tuition. It is also an advantage for elementary change ringing to be practised silently since the trainee is quite unable to listen in any case at that stage.

It is advantageous for an instructor to stand with and guide a learner in elementary change ringing provided it is done correctly. The instructor must watch his trainee's eyes and not the remainder of the circle. His advice should be kept to a minimum and should be directed to making the beginner look in the proper direction. Other members of the band should be forbidden to call to the learner. The tape recorder may be used as an aid to teaching striking. Senior members of the band will respect its presence.

The leader should have a good handling style and he should constantly criticise those who fall short of his standard. At times it may seem a losing battle, but some good may result. There is the problem of the "prickly" ringer, the one who always resents criticism and correction, and who invariably responds with an irritable "yes, yes"—an untruthful assertion that the correction was unnecessary. It may be possible to compromise in the short run by offering criticism quietly in the corner where practicable but sooner or later the touchy one will fall foul of a really demonstrative conductor and it will be better for him if he is mentally equipped to cope with this onslaught. If he is unable to take it and takes his final leave one practice night, it was probably inevitable anyway and the leader should have an untroubled conscience. The leader/conductor must always resist the temptation to "keep them going." There are far too many otherwise excellent conductors who call anything but "stand."

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The first session of the 26th Council (69th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 31st, 1966, in the Pump Rooms, Bath, at 10 o'clock.

Will members please sign the Roll and be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m., or as may be decided.

AGENDA

Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.
Apologies for absence.
Presentation of new members to the President.

1. Election of President for 1966–1969.
Canon A. C. G. Thurlow, proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. N. Golden.
2. Election of Vice-President, for 1966–1969.
Mr. J. Freeman, proposed by Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. J. Bray.
3. Election of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer for 1966–1969.
Mr. E. A. Barnett retires and is not seeking re-election.
Mr. V. Bottomley, proposed by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, seconded by Mr. J. Freeman.
4. Election of Honorary Librarian for 1966–1969.
Mr. F. W. Perrens, proposed by Miss D. E. Colgate, seconded by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.
5. Election of Honorary Members.
Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mrs. C. C. Marshall retire and are not seeking re-election.
Messrs. D. Hughes, H. N. Pitstow, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis retire and are eligible for re-election. There are four vacancies.
6. Election of Honorary Auditors.
Mr. H. N. Pitstow retires and is eligible for re-election if still a member of the Council.
7. Loss of members through death.
8. Minutes of the last meeting.
9. Report of the Honorary Secretary.
10. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
11. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1965.
12. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
13. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:—
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
To reappoint the committees or alter their constitution as may be considered desirable.
(a) Standing Committee.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council:—
Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. W. B. Cartwright, P. A. Corby, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. F. E. Dukes, F. I. Hairs, R. F. B. Speed, P. J. Staniforth, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth and Mr. W. G. Wilson. There are two vacancies. The ex-officio members are the President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Librarian, Hon. Auditors, Conveners of Committees and past holders of the office of President, Hon. Secretary or Hon. Librarian of the Council.
(b) Other Committees.
In all cases the members retire and are eligible for re-election if still members of the Council.
(i) "The Ringing World."
Messrs. R. S. Anderson, F. I. Hairs, J. F. Smallwood and W. G. Wilson.
(ii) Records.
Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, J. R. Mayne and Mrs. C. C. Marshall.
(iii) Literature and Press.
Messrs. E. C. Shepherd and F. E. Dukes.
(iv) Towers and Belfries.
Messrs. F. Sharpe, B. Austin, F. E. Collins, J. Freeman, A. J. Frost, H. J. Sanger, Rev. J. G. M. Scott, Messrs. B. D. Threlfall and J. Worth.
(v) Peals Analysis.
Messrs. W. Ayre, H. L. Roper and Canon K. W. H. Felstead.
(vi) Peals Collection.
Messrs. W. E. Critchley, G. E. Feirn, A. J. Pitman and R. F. B. Speed.
(vii) Biographies.
Messrs. T. J. Lock, W. Parrott, W. H. Viggers and J. Willis.
(viii) Education and Sunday Service Ringing.
Mr. N. Chaddock, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. F. B. Lufkin, W. F. Moreton and F. Sharpe.
(ix) Overseas Ringing.
Messrs. G. W. Pipe and A. V. Sheppard.
(x) Broadcasting and Television.
Messrs. H. N. Pitstow, D. A. Bayles, G. E. Fearn, J. T. Dunwoody, H. J. Sanger, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. R. S. Wilson.
(xi) Methods.
Messrs. C. K. Lewis, F. T. Blagrove and J. R. Mayne.

MOTIONS

14. (a) "That this Council favours all affiliated Societies fixing the rate of their non-resident life membership subscription at a figure which does not exceed one and a half times the resident members' subscription."
Proposed by Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. J. Worth.
(b) "That the names of those taking part in peals reported in 'The Ringing World' be not published except after payment to 'The Ringing World' of not less than sixpence for each person taking part in the peal."
Proposed on behalf of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers by the Rev J. G. M. Scott, seconded by Miss B. M. Boyle.
(c) "That this Council invites all affiliated Societies to contribute a sum of not less than Three Guineas per representative annually towards the cost of maintaining 'The Ringing World.'"
Proposed by Mr. A. V. Davis, seconded by Canon K. W. H. Felstead.
15. To fix the date of the 1967 meeting at Nottingham.
16. Any other business.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

FLOWERS AND THE LATE HORACE DAY

Dear Sir.—On May 1st, 1961, a large company of ringers gathered at St. Guthlac's, Market Deeping, to pay their last respects to one of Lincolnshire's finest exponents of the art.

Now, five years later, a Flower Festival is being held in this beautiful old church, and what an opportunity this is once again to remember Horace Day and ring again at Market Deeping in surroundings he would have thoroughly enjoyed. Flowers were to Horace next to his bells.

I do hope on this occasion to meet some of those ringers who were there with me five years ago.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES E. BLACK.

West Deeping.

OBITUARY

MRS. W. McDERMOTT

Again we in the Bolton area of Lancashire have suffered a loss in the death of a most respected member, Mrs. W. McDermott, better known in the ringing fraternity as Annie Potter, daughter of the late John Potter, of St. Paul's, Walkden.

Annie, of course, came from ringing stock, her father (John) and uncles Alfred and Joseph and James Thomas being already established in the art when she started to learn in 1928. On the acquisition of the fine new eight (18¼ cwt. in E) in 1930 the Church of St. Paul could boast a good Sunday service change ringing band. She was a familiar figure along with her father at the ringing meetings and her personality and charm and pleasant disposition always left one with a great admiration for this dear lady.

Of fine voice, she was a chorister at St. Paul's for many years. She was devoted to the care of her father and mother in their late years and in their respective illnesses. She nursed them with great love and care and in doing this she deprived herself of many enjoyable outings with ringing friends.

About 13 years ago she married the late William McDermott (not a ringer); they had a stepdaughter, May, to whom we offer our sympathy and also to her sister, Mrs. Bertha Lee.

Annie had a serious operation at Salford 12 months ago and we thought she was well on the way to recovery. Alas, she had not been well for many weeks and on Easter Day, after having her breakfast in the company of her sister Bertha, she collapsed and died of a heart attack.

The funeral was at St. Paul's, to which church she had been attached all her life. The bells were rung half-muffled as the cortege drew to the church and "whole pull and stand" was rung as it entered. Handbells were rung over the grave by members of the Bolton Branch. There were many floral tributes, as she was held in high esteem by all who came into contact with her. She was very fond of good striking and loved to hear Stedman Triples well struck; it was her favourite method. Many, like myself, loved her and will treasure her memory as long as we live. She had rung about 40 peals.

JOE THORNLEY.

MR. JOHN PINFOLD

One of the best known ringers of modern Birmingham, a worthy contemporary of Albert Walker, Mr. John Pinfold, died on April 13th. The following day, at St. Philip's Cathedral, a peal of Lindsey Surprise Maximus was rung by St. Martin's Guild as a tribute, and an in memoriam peal on April 21st.

Mr. John Pinfold was one of the most popular members of St. Martin's Guild and for a number of years was Ringing Master He had to his credit many peals, appearing regularly in the 12-bell bands. John was also a member of the Sunday service band at St Mary's, Selly Oak.

The funeral service took place at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Selly Oak, on April 18th.

On the following Wednesday the members of the Sunday service band at St. Mary's, Selly Oak, rang, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Pauline Dear 1, Miss Nora Baker 2, Mrs. Barbara Parsons 3, C. Davies 4, William B. Cartwright (conductor) 5, H. J. Turner 6, H. T. K. Haslam 7, J. L. Boylin 8.

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Twelve-bell practice at Manchester Town Hall, Wednesday, May 4th. Bells available 6 p.m.–9.30 p.m. All welcome. Ringing will include rounds and call changes and Lambeth Surprise Maximus. 9012

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on May 7th at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Ringing from 2 p.m. and at St. Cuthbert's in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. Arthur Smith, 9, Sighthill Loan, Edinburgh 11, by Wednesday previous. Phone 031—443 3665. 9007

CENTRAL AFRICAN GUILD OF BELLRINGERS

THE annual general meeting of the Central African Guild was held in Salisbury, Rhodesia, on March 20th. The confusion about the actual title of the Guild continues, and it has now to be renamed for the second time as the Rhodesian Guild, because the recent Provincial Synod refused to accept responsibility for us.

The meeting was not very well attended, partly because of petrol rationing, which has also depleted the Salisbury band. The Que Que ringers had softened the heart of their petrol controller, however, and a car load from there was present. The change ringing was less ambitious than it has sometimes been, and Bob Minor was the best achievement. There was none the less vigorous ringing after the morning service, and again between the business meeting and Evensong.

At the meeting special farewells were said to Colin Stevenson and Russ Reid, who both left Salisbury in December, and to the Blagroves, who leave this month. Their expertise and enthusiasm will be very sadly missed.

The meeting elected a new Master, Mr Harry Earle, from Que Que. The remaining officers were re-elected (Mr. K. S. Cross as secretary and Mrs. Mason as librarian).

SUNDAY RINGING REGULAR

The outgoing Master reported one peal during the past year—the first of Major on the Continent—and four quarter peals. More important than this, the Sunday ringing at each tower has been regular, and there is friendly co-operation between church authorities and ringers. Steps have been taken in both towers to disturb the neighbours less, and also in Salisbury the chiming hammers have been installed to increase the facilities there.

The treasurer's report was a model of simplicity, as the Guild has apparently spent nothing during the last year: there were several suggestions for expenditure, so this is unlikely to happen again. Among these was a proposal for a regular newsletter to go to any interested persons or old Guild members. If anyone knows of ringers in Central Africa who might not yet be in touch with the Guild, please would they write to Mr. K. S. Cross (Box 766, Salisbury) or to Frank Blagrove

The estimates for raising the ring at St Luke's, Que Que, to six bells have been obtained from Messrs. Mears and Stainbank Since they would cost about £40 per member present at the meeting, plans for an appeal were shelved. The first line of attack will be for our agents in England to look around for old bells which might be retuned or even recast. Again, if anyone knows of two bells lying unused, which might come to Que Que, would they let us know. The two bells required to complete the ring of six in D flat are E flat at 4¼ cwt. and G flat at 3¼ cwt.

J. A. Y.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

Members attending the Marlborough Branch meeting in very un-springlike weather on April 16th were entertained to tea as guests of the Rector and Mrs. P. Bird. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector.

At the business meeting, with Mr. George Newman presiding, it was decided that a small coach be hired for the Guild Annual Festival at Fordington, Dorchester. Four new members were elected.

Worcestershire and Districts Association

WITH memories of the bitter weather of Easter Monday last year, members may well have been hoping for something better this year, but the annual meeting was again held on another bitterly cold Easter Monday in and around Worcester.

The proceedings began with ringing in the morning at All Saints' Church, followed by the annual service. Work has just been completed on redecorating and on rebuilding the organ, and the ringers, not to be outdone, have been hard at it improving the appearance of the ringing chamber. There was a good attendance at the service, which was conducted by the Association's chaplain, the Rev. H. L. Davies If only the pointing of the Te Deum could be standardised then we might hear that sung as lustily as the hymns. The organ was played by a member, Miss D J. Anderson, and a course of Grandsire Triples was hung on handbells by P. Cattermole, J. C. Eisel, M. J. Fellows and R. Ashmore.

The business meeting followed immediately afterwards and was held in the Chapter House. The Association's president, the Dean of Worcester, was in the chair. One of the main items was to adopt a set of revised rules prepared by a sub-committee. A feature of these rules was the introduction of an affiliation scheme for Parochial Church Councils upon payment of an annual fee of £1 per year. This money would be used to swell the Belfry Repairs Fund and enable bigger grants to be made. Another feature was the replacement of the old form of Branch Committee by a more manageable one (in terms of size!). After some discussion revised rules were adopted by a large majority.

NEW OFFICERS

The meeting then proceeded to elect officers under the new rules. Only three vice-presidents were now required instead of six as formerly, but three of the previous ones were reappointed, the Rev. L. J. Birch and Messrs. W. B. Cartwright and J. D. Johnson There were two nominations for the office of Association Master, Mr. W. B Cartwright and Mr. M. D. Fellows. Mr. Cartwright was re-elected by a good majority. The general secretary, Mr. D. Beacham, was also re-elected, and the new separate office of treasurer went to Mr. G. Westwood. Another new office was that of peal secretary and Mr. G. L. Bowen was elected to fill this post. The chaplain was re-elected, as also was the librarian. Mr. C. W. Cooper. Mr. A. D. Cook was reappointed as auditor to be joined by Mr. R. Sheppard in place of Mrs. E. D. Wilson, who wished to stand down. The Central Council representatives, Messrs. B. C. Ashford, W. B. Cartwright and D. Beacham, were also reappointed.

What may be unique in ringing associations is the honouring of long-serving members by electing them "Freemen" of this Association. In recognition of 35 years' service as librarian Mr. C. W. Cooper was honoured in this way.

A resolution had been received from the Northern Branch calling for a sub-committee to be appointed to consider the reorganisation of the Association's boundaries and the formation of a fourth Branch. This resolution was agreed to and the committee appointed.

It was decided to send an invitation to the Central Council to hold its annual meeting in Worcester in 1968, the secretary remarking that the Council had met in Worcester only once before, in 1902.

In the afternoon and evening ringing took place at St. John's, Hallow, Grimley, Ombersley, Claines, the Cathedral, and concluded at All Saints' There were many ringers "doing the rounds" in spite of the weather. So many in fact that it seems as if a second route may need to be arranged another time to avid congestion.

POINTS FROM THE REPORT

In the annual report the chaplain (the Rev. H. Lewis Davies), in a foreword, urges attention to recruiting. The responsibility rested not only with ringers, but also the incumbent, churchwardens, church councillors and church-people generally if they were really concerned about having their bells rung. . . . To maintain ringing at its present level a band would need at least one new keen ringer a year. . . . There were towers which had not recruited a new ringer for years.

Mr. David Beacham, as secretary and treasurer, reported that bearing in mind that the general fund had been subsidised by collections (£16 16s.) the fund showed a profit on the year of £12 6s. 3d. From the Belfry Repairs Fund a grant of £25 was made to Bredon's Norton. Income to this fund was £8 8s. 3d. and its total worth was £260 9s. 6d.

Paid-up membership was 522. They first reached 500 in 1933 and since then had never fallen below 450, but on the other hand had never risen above 537 in 1953. There were approximately 700 bells in towers in their territory and in order to ensure that they were all regularly rung there should be at least half that number again of ringers

A record number of peals (113) was rung for the Association in 1965, the most since 1949 (109). These peals were rung by 188 ringers in 51 towers But to put these figures into the right perspective an analysis shows that 70 were non-resident life members. Of the resident members, 100 rang five peals or less and seven more than 20 peals. Thus the large total was really accounted for by a few enthusiasts. Twelve members rang their first peal and Mr. T. W Lewis his 500th. Three peals called for special mention: 11,520 Yorkshire Surprise Major at Hanbury was the longest peal rung for the Association: 25 Doubles variations at Old Swinford and a peal of Minor in the Channel Islands were both worthy of note.

THE LEADER AND THE LOCAL COMPANY (continued from front page)

A most important and often neglected duty of the leader is to secure recruits and train them well in advance of apparent requirements. The age for recruitment is determined by physical considerations, but generally speaking the younger they are the better. The most reliable and desirable source is the church and it is an advantage to recruit those who have already acquired the habit of "twice on Sunday and one night a week." It is vitally important that before hand touches rope it should be clearly understood that this is the standard of attendance required and the leader should make it his business to ascertain the reason for absence or unpunctuality by any member of the band. If pupils fall into slipshod habits of this kind in the early days there is no doubt that keenness of the required standard is missing and the leader should be ruthless. If he is soft he is only delaying the inevitable and in the meantime wasting his own time and that of the band. There is no place in any band for either the part-timer or the habitual late-comer. There is in bellringing a law akin to Gresham's law relating to money and it is that bad members will drive good ones away. The remedy is obvious.

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CENTRAL FUND FOR BELL RESTORATION SUGGESTED

Dear Sir,—Over the Easter week-end I was discussing with a ringing friend various alterations and improvements which were either planned or already being carried out in Cambridgeshire and also other towns in the Ely Diocese where, to our knowledge, improvement was needed.

It seemed to us, with increasing costs of repairing, rehanging and recasting bells, which often have to take a very minor place of preference for the money which churches have available, that ringers who are in a good many cases the only ones really interested in whether the bells ring or not, should provide the funds for the work that is needed to keep present rings operative, restore bells that through neglect have fallen into disrepair and even to augment existing rings. One might add that ringing is probably the only pastime or hobby where the equipment is provided virtually free.

During our discussion it seemed that with 40,000 ringers in the country one might expect to get 20,000 of these to contribute to a central fund, probably best administered by a small committee of the Central Council, at a rate of 2s. 6d. per month, which in the course of a year would raise £30,000. Having such a fund, ringers and those interested in the continuation of ringing might be persuaded to make donations or bequests to the fund.

We talked this over in some detail and thought that to have a collector appointed for each tower was probably the simplest method, this person being responsible for sending the sums collected to the general secretary of each Association for forwarding to the central fund. It would also seem to be a good idea for moneys from the fund to be paid direct to the bellfounders immediately on completion of a satisfactory job. This would prevent moneys being diverted to some other church purpose, always a temptation.

It may be that this letter could form a basis for discussion at the Central Council meeting at Whitsun. The longer such a scheme is delayed the more difficult it will be to instigate and the more expensive the work will be.—Yours faithfully,

D. E. R. KNIGHTS.

Harrow Weald.

NURSE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank all those nurses who have written to me privately or have replied through your columns regarding my letter about nurse ringers.

I am very glad that there are so many interested nurses in the Exercise, and though I do realise that to arrange a nurses' peal might be difficult owing to the distances separating us and to hours of duty, I have noted all their names and will be in touch with them directly.

In reply to Dr. Neal Smith's letter I would say that I have heard of the Medical Guild and know that nurses can become associate members. However, the Medical Guild seems to operate mostly in the South of England. I have not met any of its members or come across any of its activities in this area, and since the prime object of my letter was not the arranging of a peal but simply the determining of the numbers of nurses in the Exercise I do not think that the Medical Guild is the right body with which to get in touch. I thank Dr. Neal Smith for his letter and his interest.—Yours sincerely,

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Letters

TOUCHES OF STEDMAN DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—On page 80 of Wilfrid G. Wilson's "Change Ringing" there is a 33 of Stedman Doubles. This touch is false, as is any with singles in two successive sixes.

The shortest true touch of Stedman Doubles is a 38—singles on 5-2 and 4-5.

Other touches of Stedman, other than 120's, are: 48—singles every slow six; 51—singles on 1-5 and 1-2:; 53—singles on 1-5 and 2-3; 65—singles on 2-1 and 4—2; 66—singles on 4-1 and 4-5; 79—singles on 4-2 and 5-4. (The 79 will still be true if singles are called each time 1-5 is behind.)

I would be very interested to hear of any other touches in this method.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY SMITH.

St. Uny's Cottage, Lelant,
St. Ives, Cornwall.

Wilfrid G. Wilson writes: I am grateful to Mr. Smith for pointing out the falseness of the touch of 33 changes of Stedman Doubles. It was added at the last minute to fill a gap in the page, and because it could usefully fill the gap when the service touch is over too soon.

But the true touch of 38 changes given above will serve the same purpose and I have arranged for it to be included in the forthcoming second edition of "Change Ringing."

"DATE TOUCH" QUESTIONED

Dear Sir,—A "Date Touch" of Stedman Triples, composed by Martyn J. Marriott, was published in "The Ringing World" dated February 4th, 1966, on page 88.

Is the homing course, as set out from 416523, correct? If so, I should be glad to see it set out "six" by "six."—Yours sincerely,

HARRY MILES.

Carbis Bay, St. Ives,
Cornwall.

CLAPPER FAILURE

Dear Sir,—Following the publication of my letter on clapper failure, Mr. H. Radley, of Dunholme, has discussed the problem with Mr. G. Wilson, head of the Engineering Department, Lincoln Technical College, who has offered to place at our disposal any of the college equipment in order to investigate the problem.

It is proposed to make certain measurements on actual bells to determine factors which are at present unknown, and also to make tests on broken parts if these can be made available.

Failure appears to occur in two forms: (a) in the shank of the clapper itself; (b) in the bolt which attaches the clapper to the bell and headstock. The causes, although related, would appear to be different in each case.

I would therefore be pleased to hear from anyone who has had first-hand experience of either failure, especially if the broken parts can be forwarded to us for examination. I would ask the person concerned to write first, giving details, before actually sending the "bits and pieces," since certain details and dimensions are also required about parts other than those which have actually failed.—Yours sincerely,

A. W. FROGGATT.

c/o 84, Newland Street West,
Lincoln.

CLAPPER FRACTURES

Dear Sir,—With reference to A. W. Froggatt's letter in the issue of April 1st, I feel that he passes off the effect of the impulsive force between the clapper and the bell far too casually. The implication is that if the centre of gravity of the clapper is close enough to the point of impact, the force acting at the clapper pivot will be small, but this is not, in fact, the case.

If the clapper strikes at its "centre of percussion" the force acting at the pivot will be zero, irrespective of the magnitude of the force acting between bell and clapper, but the centre of percussion is positioned such that if its distance from the C.G. is a, and the distance from the C.G. to the pivot is b, then $ab=k^2$, k being the radius of gyration of the clapper about its C.G.

If the point of impact is removed from the centre of percussion through a distance C, and if the force acting between bell and clapper is F, then the reaction at the pivot will be

$$\frac{FC}{a+b}$$

Since F is of large magnitude, it will require only a very small value for C to give a force at the clapper pivot sufficient to cause eventual fatigue failure.

Thus the fracture of a clapper pivot could be caused by a badly designed clapper, as an alternative to the suggestions put forward by Mr. Froggatt. In this case the obvious but expensive remedy would be to fit a properly designed clapper, but otherwise the use of a new bolt with higher fatigue strength might provide a solution.—Yours faithfully,

NEIL D. LOMAS.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

SILENT BELLS

Dear Sir,—Whilst agreeing with your correspondent of April 15th re "Use For Silent Bells," that probably the most common reason for silent bells is lack of interest by clergy and parishioners, I would point out that church bells are dedicated to the glory and for the use of worship to God.

I agree that if the bells are silent then they are not fulfilling their purpose, but to use them purely for secular purposes does not seem to be a good precedent to adopt.

It is nice to be able to ring without disturbing neighbours, and in fact in our area there are one or two churches without too dense a population, However, if ringing annoys the neighbours, couldn't it just be that they do not wish to be reminded that there is a service about to commence which they will not be attending?—Yours faithfully,

ROY M. COX.

Worthing, Sussex.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read the letter from Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst regarding Abraham Greenfield, because when I was in that area several years ago I frequently rang with Mr. Greenfield at Netherton, as well as at St. Thomas' Church, Dudley. Another mentioned in Mr. Rodenhurst's letter was the "genial" Benjamin Gough, who in those days, I believe, rang at Coseley and whom I often met. Speaking of Netherton, this was the tower in which I rang my very first peal, one of Stedman Triples conducted by Alfred Davies, another Netherton ringer, and included in the band was that well-known Black Country ringer, Bill Short, of Clent.—Yours faithfully,

AUBREY L. BENNETT.

Buckfastleigh, Devon.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association

THE annual general meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Newport on Easter Monday. The bells of All Saints' and St. Woolos' were available during the afternoon and the service was held in the Cathedral at 4 p.m., conducted by the Rev. P. T. Clements. Afterwards the members adjourned to the Church Hall, where a delightful tea had been prepared by Miss Trowbridge and her band of willing helpers.

At the meeting the chair was taken by the Rev. P. T. Clements supported by a vice-president, Mr. F. J. Hannington, and the Master, David J. Llewellyn. We were indeed indebted to Mr. Clements for the manner in which he conducted the meeting.

Proceedings started with a silent tribute to the memory of members who had passed on during the year and it was with great sorrow that we heard of the death on Good Friday of Joe Lovett, a member of the Pentre band, who in the 1920's and 1930's rang peals of Cambridge and Superlative with the local Sunday service band. The secretary was asked to convey a message of sympathy to Mrs. Lovett.

The secretary, in his report, which had been circulated to all members, reported that 1964 had been a very eventful year in the history of the Association. The War Memorial had been replaced in Llandaff Cathedral and the name of the member who fell in World War II added. It was decided to honour the centenary of the birth of John W. Jones, who was hon. secretary for over 40 years, and this took the form of a new bookcase being made by a member, Donald G. Clarke, and "The Ringing Worlds" left by J. W. Jones from the first number until 1956 being bound and placed with other books in the new bookcase. The Association has been most fortunate in that most of the work for the memorial tablet was carried out by T. M. Roderick at his own expense, and the beautiful bookcase was provided by D. G. Clarke, thus saving the Association considerable expense.

YOUNGSTERS HONOURED

The boys of Cowbridge Grammar School continue to prosper with their ringing and have now formed their own Society. The first Master, Christopher Ricketts, appeared in "The Ringing World" series "Up-and-Coming Youngsters." Also during the year Ellis N. Thomas was featured in the same series but he has now left the school for Cambridge University. As Nicholas Simon appeared in this same series some while ago it is thought that we are the first Association to be so honoured.

During the year 77 peals were rung, an increase over last year's record total of 50. A feature of the year has been that peals were rung in towers where peals have not been rung for a large number of years, including Radyr (last peal in 1912), St. Athan (1925), Merthyr (1929), Llanbradach (1932) and Aberdare (1938). The leading peal ringer for the year was N. W. H. Simon with 29 peals of which he conducted 27, and Miss Ruth Havard led the ladies with 21 peals. Miss Christine Glastonbury (now Mrs. R. Lucas) conducted the first peal by an all-ladies' band at Rumney. The Association also entered the long length field with a peal of 10,000 Double Norwich at Llanfeigan in July. Mr. G. E. Fearn brought a touring band into the area in September and scored 14 good peals and it was pleasing to note that some of our young members were invited to take part in some of these peals.

The hon. treasurer, the Rev. I. J. Richards, in presenting his report and the accounts, paid tribute to the work of Messrs. Roderick and Clarke. The accounts indicated a decline of assets of £28, but in view of the work carried out with the two memorials and the fact that all stationery stocks had been replenished during the year this was considered to be satisfactory. A considerable saving will be effected during the present year due to Mr. Iolo Davies, Master of the Llandaff Branch, who undertook the task of duplicating the Association's report; again, we are most grateful for this practical help.

NEW MASTER

Mr. Lionel Jones, of Usk, was elected Master for the coming year and was installed in office by the retiring Master, David J. Llewellyn. The Rev. R. C. Lucas congratulated D. J. L. on his year of office and also noted that following his recent marriage he had become master of his own house!

The following officers were re-elected: Hon secretary, M. J. Pryor; hon. treasurer, the Rev. I. J. Richards; hon. auditors, the Rev. R. C. Lucas and T. M. Roderick; Central Council representatives, Mrs. J. S. King and T. M. Roderick. It was decided to appoint Mr. Leslie Bainham as hon. librarian to look after the books and bookcase in All Saints' belfry.

The sum of £20 was given to Bedwellty to assist them in repair work to their bells in the near future.

During recent years some discussion has been held with a view to changing the design of the Association's badge, the existing design being considered too large. It was decided to accept the design prepared by Miss Sheila Salkeld, of Chepstow, and that an order should be placed as soon as possible.

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Llandaff on Easter Monday and that the Branches should consider the advisability of changing the date to some time other than on a Bank Holiday and for their views to be considered at next year's committee meeting, as such a change would involve a change in the Rules.

The librarian, Mr. L. Bainham, was asked to take steps to complete the collection of "Ringing Worlds" up to the present time and to have them bound and housed in the new bookcase. Offers were forthcoming from members to provide the missing numbers. In the future a copy of "The Ringing World" will be taken by the Association and bound annually.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks by Mr. I. Davies to all who had assisted in arranging the meeting.

Further ringing took place in the Cathedral from rounds to Surprise Maximus. M. J. P.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

Rushall is now a suburb of Walsall, situated to the north on the Lichfield Road. Those attending the recent meeting of the Society held there found St. Michael's Church about a mile from the centre, almost within the Walsall town boundary. Some visitors might be surprised to discover that the church was originally Norman, with a rebuilding carried out in 1440, and the building of today dates from 1856. Since 1723 there has been a ring of bells in the tower, these being cast by Joseph Smith's bell foundry of Edgbaston, Birmingham. In 1908 Messrs. James Barwell of Birmingham recast all five bells, adding a treble, and hung them in a steel frame on plain bearings. It is these bells which we ring today, with a tenor of 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in B flat, and they are now one of the last remaining complete examples left of this founder's work in this area.

After general ringing, and the Vicar (the Rev. T. B. Simister) had conducted the service, tea was partaken in the Parish Hall. The honorary secretary announced that the eight-bell striking competition would be held at Coseley on April 30th at 3 p.m. and that the next full meeting would be at Church Eaton on May 7th. An appeal was made to any lady ringers visiting the towers of Lichfield Cathedral, Walsall or St. Peter's, Wolverhampton to please refrain from wearing stiletto-type heels as the floors had recently been re-covered.

The following new members were elected: Miss J. Ady and Miss K. O'Sullivan (Rushall) and M. Tobin (St. Peter's, Wolverhampton). Our sincere thanks are extended to all who helped towards this successful meeting, in particular the Vicar, Messrs. C. Rainham and N. White. C. M. S.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The Mansfield District was made very welcome when members held a meeting at Edwinstowe on March 26th, both by the Rev. W. Pickles, who conducted the service, and by the local company, who prepared an excellent tea. Ringing on the light six varied between rounds to Grandsire and Norwich Surprise, and although at first numbers were small these were swollen later by members who had been detained to ring for weddings at their own towers.

At the business meeting the following new Guild members were elected: S. Marshall (Selston), Mrs. I. Leake and Miss G. Crompton (Sutton-in-Ashfield), Miss M. Eyre and Miss W. Fotherby (Greasley) and G. Howbrook (Edwinstowe).

The proposed District outing was discussed and it was agreed to combine this year with the Sheffield and District Society, from whom an invitation had been received through Mr. H. T. Rooke. This would obviate any financial loss regarding transport until the extent of interest could be ascertained.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m., rounding off an extremely pleasant meeting.

Next meetings: Greasley, April 16th (evening only); Cuckney, May 28th (District Cup Contest).

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Three quarters on Easter Monday afternoon:

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Uphill 1, D. G. Brown 2, C. G. Barnes 3, N. Thomson 4, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 5, A. Brown 6, F. E. Collins 7, K. Taber 8. Rung on the middle eight.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At the Church of Immanuel, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. G. Barnes 1, D. G. Brown 2, N. Thomson (first in method) 3, A. Brown 4, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 5, M. J. Uphill 6, K. Taber 7, F. E. Collins 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Leonard, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. G. Brown 1, M. J. Uphill 2, N. Thomson 3, R. C. Stevens 4, K. Taber 5, C. G. Barnes (first in method) 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, A. Brown 8.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Hignett (first quarter) 1, J. J. Lander 2, A. F. Hall 3, R. I. Gosling (cond.) 4, S. K. A. Huson 5, P. Thomlinson (first quarter) 6. Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. W. R. Pearson a onetime ringer at the church.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Adelaide L. Day (first quarter) 1, J. H. Cook (cond.) 2, Mrs. D. A. Day 3, R. E. Manton 4, J. L. Day 5, K. J. Panter 6. Rung for the wedding of Ronald Horton and Gillian Routen and for the Easter Festival.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. L. Weller (cond.) 1, Miss W. Matthews 2, I. M. Robinson 3, G. Rix 4, H. F. Wood 5, R. A. Banner 6. For morning service.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's, on April 3rd, 1,320 Southrepps Bob Doubles: L. J. Bailey 1, D. Rennolds (cond.) 2, L. J. Slade 3, R. W. Sweet 4, M. J. Powell 5, J. M. Shingler 6. First of Southrepps for all except the 4th. For Evensong.

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On April 12th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: Julia A. Fellows 1, Mrs. D. Redfearn 2, D. Redfearn 3, H. G. Hart 4, G. Penney 5, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 6.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On April 13th, 1,260 St. Clement's College Bob Triples: Mrs. E. Sayer 1, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 2, A. D. Sayer 3, W. H. Raxter 4, J. S. Whittall 5, M. C. Powell 6, A. Morgan 7, A. Russell 8.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Courtman 1, W. Francis 2, E. Drew (cond.) 3, G. Goodson 4, C. Jones 5, F. Bennett 6, V. Parton 7, R. Jones 8. In memoriam Miss Dolly Broome, a well known local resident and church worker, interred this day.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Powell (first quarter) 1, H. Best 2, E. Dibble 3, G. Nabb (first "inside") 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, L. Walker 6.

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's Church, Stoke, on April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Fyle (first quarter) 1, R. D. Hayne 2, Pamela Wright 3, R. D. Hart 4, A. K. Putnam 5, A. R. Wright (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On April 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Janet Cave 1, Beryl Platt 2, Teresa Langdon 3, Gloria Cave (first "inside") 4, Jacquie Hedges 5, Trudy Newcombe 6, D. Langdon 7, T. G. Hawkins 8. Rung half-muffled on Good Friday.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, J. H. Napper 2, Mary Thomas 3, M. Bishop 4, G. W. Bishop 5, C. J. Garlick 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Parsons. Until his retirement, Mr. Parsons was headmaster at Hagbourne School for 40 years.

EMNETH, NORFOLK.—On March 31st, 1,360 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Phillips (first quarter attempt) 1, G. J. Mann 2, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 3, N. Greenacre 4, A. K. Phillips 5.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, LANCS.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thornley 1, J. Andrews 2, T. Hobson 3, C. Brownlow 4, A. Critchley (cond.) 5, R. Parkinson 6, N. Tompkins 7, W. Tyson 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers for a United Evensong at the Parish Church.

GODSHILL, I.W.—On March 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. Daish 1, L. Bailey 2, C. Callaway 3, A. Harman 4, C. Denness 5, G. Coldman 6. Silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs C. Wyatt. Also on April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Gray 1, Miss M. Daish 2, Mrs. E. Wyatt 3, L. Bailey 4, C. Denness 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Callaway.

QUARTER PEALS

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Palm Sunday, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Simpson (first quarter) 1, Carol E. Tyler (first "inside") 2, P. Mary Beach 3, S. Patricia M. Nix 4, P. Nix (cond.) 5, D. J. Beach 6, C. W. Hodgkinson (cover) 7.

HAMERTON, HUNTS.—On March 26th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: D. Graham-Scott 1, T. R. Garret 2, C. J. Higgins 3, P. S. Abbott (cond.) 4. First quarter on bells. A farewell to treble ringer, who is joining the Police Cadets.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On March 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sheila A. Harfield 1, B. J. Harfield 2, H. W. Brown 3, N. J. Wright 4, A. M. Humphrey 5, J. R. Norris 6, S. W. Brown (cond.) 7, R. H. Tribe 8. First of Plain Bob Triples for all. Rung to record the band's thanks to the secretary, Robert Tribe, who is moving to Linfield.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. E. Hill 1, Pauline C. Mayhew (first quarter) 2, J. J. Wallet (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hepburn 1, G. Harniess 2, J. Norris 3, R. Peckham 4, C. Robinson (first as cond.) 5, M. Stone 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Backshall, on their 40th wedding anniversary, and to Mr. and Mrs. M. Stone, on their 23rd wedding anniversary.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. M. Wood 1, Miss L. Baguley 2, Miss M. Green 3, G. Allcock 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on April 3rd, 1,260 Double (three methods). For Evensong. Also on Good Friday, 1,260 Kirkby Doubles: Miss E. A. Hill, 1 Miss M. Green 2, M. Kirk 3, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. Rung half-muffled before the Holy Hour service.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 3rd, 1 260 Doubles (five methods): B. Butcher 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Evensong.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. C. Farnsworth 1, F. Pack 2, D. W. Grimwood 3, J. Keeler 4, E. T. Eades (cond.) 5, G. Nicholson 6. For Evensong.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBS.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Johns 1, M. Roberts (first "inside") 2, K. Salisbury 3, A. Johns 4, Rev. Russen W. Thomas (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Exwood 1, Miss M. Elsdon 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, Mrs. M. Firman (first "inside") 4, A. W Bridges (cond.) 5, G. Firman 6. Also on Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Exwood 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, Miss M. Elsdon 4, G. Firman 5, R. Dadds 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. Jarrett, a member of the St. Peter's band, aged 82.

ST. STEPHEN-IN-BRANNEL, CORNWALL.—On March 30th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. J. Davidson 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, B. Buswell 3, Mary Carveth 4, E. R. Langley 5, A. F. Burley 6, D. A. Trethewey 7, D. Stephens 8. First in method 1, 5 and 7. A compliment to Rev. Eric Inglesby, formerly of Truro, inducted and instituted this day as Rector of Caythorpe, Lincs.

SCALBY, YORKS.—On March 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Scholey (first quarter) 1, W. Fay 2, E. King 3, C. Easton 4, M. Pickup (cond.) 5, D. Reed 6.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): D. A. Eddy 1, D. R. Brazier 2, P. J. Lawton 3, T. R. Harris 4, T. P. Harris (cond.) 5, David Brazier 6. For Mothering Sunday family service.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On April 3rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, Pamela M. Turner 3, R. J. Cann 4, Merryn Hutchings 5, T. J. Warner (cond.) 6, H. H. Fearn 7, C. W. Bragg 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Thomas 1, S. Bendle 2, Miss A. Brown 3, Miss E. Brocklehurst 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, R. Williams 6. Also on March 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: S. Bendle 1, Miss V. Vincent 2, Miss E. Brocklehurst 3, D. Bentley 4, Mrs. J. Gray 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. Both for Evensong.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On March 28th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain): B. Bradbeer 1, Helen Grierson 2, Heather McArthur 3, Susan Bostock 4, Gillian Wildney 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6. First in three methods 1, 2, 3 and 4.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.—On April 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather McArthur 1, Lesley Ward 2, Helen Grierson 3, Rachel Orman 4, Jennifer Andrews (cond.) 5, Gillian Wildney 6.

UP OTTERY, DEVON.—On March 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Webb 1, C. Manley 2, T. Travers 3, F. Stamp 4, D. Salter (cond.) 5, L. Stevens (first quarter) 6.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On April 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Grove (first quarter) 1, C. Pearson 2, Miss R. White 3, D. J. Wilkes 4, J. S. Eastwood 5, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam E. Morgan, organist for 20 years, interred this day.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On March 20th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Elizabeth Duncan (first of Caters) 1, D. Hawkins 2, Laura Grindrod 3, I. L. Dear 4, June Whitcher 5, M. C. Austin 6, H. Duncan 7, A. J. Slade (first of Caters as cond.) 8, R. Durrant 9, D. E. Cobb 10. For Matins. Also on March 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Caroline Cole 1, Jacqueline Young 2, A. J. Slade 3, June Whitcher 4, M. C. Austin 5, H. Duncan 6, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 7, I. L. Dear 8. Rung for the Friends of Essex Churches annual recital. Also on March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. C. Austin 1, June Whitcher 2, Laura Grindrod 3, D. Wilson 4, A. J. Slade 5, K. Warner 6, R. Durrant 7, I. L. Dear (cond.) 8, E. T. Newnham 9, D. E. Cobb 10. First of Royal for 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9. Rung before Matins as a golden wedding compliment to the verger and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. P. Chapman. Also on April 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Susan Thomas (first of Major) 1, Laura Grindrod 2, M. B. Jefferyes 3, K. Scrimshaw 4, H. Duncan 5, I. L. Dear (first of Major as cond.) 6, D. E. Cobb 7, M. C. Austin 8. First of Major "inside" 2 and 3. For Evensong.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. Hull 1, W. Perrins 2, Sheila Hallett 3, R. Taylor 4, M. Bartlett 5, J. Sheppard 6, C. Jenkins 7, M. Horsemann 8, E. Skipsey (cond.) 9, R. Marlow 10. First of Royal 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYS.—On Palm Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Chadwick 1, R. J. Tanner 2, J. Smith 3, A. Burton 4, G. Futers (cond.) 5, D. R. Carlisle 6. Rung before Evensong half-muffled in memory of Harry Pounder, a member of the band, recently deceased.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On March 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. L. Crisp 1, N. D. Shepherd 2, D. A. Wills 3, G. West 4, F. D. Mack (cond.) 5, A. E. Knight 6. For Evensong, and as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. D. A. Lingwood, inducted the previous Tuesday.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On March 28th, 1,800 Doubles (28 methods/variations): C. P. Starbuck 1—2, S. Humphrey (cond.) 3—4, P. Church 5—6. Most methods on handbells for all the band. Also on March 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. P. Starbuck 1—2, S. Humphrey (cond.) 3—4, P. Church 5—6. First of Minor on handbells 1—2 and 5—6.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On March 31st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. W. Knight 1, H. Yeates 2, Anne Kingcott 3, A. Ferris 4, Hilda Kingcott 5, Ruth Ball 6, P. England 7, M. M. Collins 8, W. H. Kingcott (cond.) 9, S. Smith 10. First "inside" 3 and 7. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. Browning, churchwarden.

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EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — 1,320 Minor (St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Single Oxford): Gaynor Wallace 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Wendy Wallace 4, T. Lewis 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For family service.

ALVESTON, DERBYS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. Lander 1, R. I. Gosling 2, A. F. Hall 3, S. K. A. Huson 4, E. D. Thomas 5, B. R. Manning (cond.) 6. Rung also to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Joanne, to Mrs. P. Wall, a former ringer at the church.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Margaret Wright 1, Wendy Lee 2, Christine Andrew 3, E. Jenkins 4, J. Brennan (cond.) 5, C. J. Clegg 6, P. Malloch 7, L. Hill 8, R. M. Edwards 9, F. Shallcross 10. Rung by St. Michael's Sunday service band for Matins. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples (on the back eight): Wendy Lee 1, Margaret Wright 2, Christine Andrew 3, P. J. Malloch 4, L. Hill 5, N. Bennett 6, F. Shallcross (cond.) 7, C. J. Clegg 8.

BAKEWELL, DERBYS.—1,320 Plain Bob Minor: S. Buer 1, K. Robinson 2, C. H. Smith 3, D. Blackwell 4, L. Bateman 5, E. Hutchinson 6, C. Bateman (cond.) 7, G. Chatfield 8. Also to commemorate 50 years of ringing by C. H. Smith.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. R. Chandler 1, R. J. Brown (cond.) 2, Miss H. Copperthwaite 3, E. Furbank 4, Miss B. Fisher 5, F. Southwood 6. For Matins.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Audrey M. Evans 1, S. E. Armstrong 2, B. J. Stone 3, Angela M. Wright 4, R. E. Peckham 5, B. G. North (cond.) 6, A. W. Bond 7, R. E. Peckham 5, B. G. North (cond.) 6, A. W. Bond 7, D. P. Snoswell 8. For Evensong.

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA.—1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 1,020 Grandsire): J. A. Musselwhite (first on treble) 1, C. J. Groome 2, Miss J. M. Midgley (first in two methods) 3, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 4, P. H. Mackie (first quarter) 5, G. E. McQueen (first quarter) 6. Believed to be the first quarter in North America in more than one method.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Stephen's, Hackington, 1,288 Plain Bob Triples: I. F. Waddell 1, Mrs. R. Niblett 2, Jean E. Graham 3, D. G. Mitchell 4, R. B Waddell 5, W. K. Hamilton 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, B. G. Kedge 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 8. For Evensong.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Diane Wickens 1, Carol Wickens 2, D. Nicholson 3, J. Nicholson 4, E. Brazier 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hatcher 1, F. Sandford 2, R. Chillingford 3, N. Istance 4, R. Hatcher (cond.) 5, R. Langford 6. For Matins.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. P. Gordon 1, W. White 2, G. W. Bishop 3, L. F. Cox 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, J. H. Nappen (cond.) 7, E. G. Sawyer 8. For the first Communion. Also 1,296 Little Bob Major: W. White 1, G. W. Bishop 2, Mary Thomas 3, L. F. Cox 4, C. J. Garlick 5, J. H. Napper 6, A. H. Webb 7, M. Bishop (cond.) 8. First in method for all the band. For Parish Eucharist.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Pearson 1, C. Richardson 2, K. Chapman 3, E. Chapman 4, E. Buckby 5, R. Cowley 6, D. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. Worley 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. C. Sinden 1, Eleanor M. Hough 2, H. Gardner 3, Vivienne M. Dye 4, Rachel J. Sinden 5, J. R. Hough (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, J. F. Wellard 8.

GORING-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Tull (aged 10, first quarter) 1, Carol Tull 2, N. Tull 3, L. G. Haines 4, S. Franklin 5, J. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, D. H. Haines 8.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK. — 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): L. P. Brain 1, Margaret Egglestone 2, C. F. Loke 3, S. J. Hammond 4, R. C. Groom 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6. For early morning Communion.

HENLOW, BEDS.—1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. Dilley (first quarter) 1, M. Major 2, L. H. Bywater (cond.) 3, R. Fuller 4, F. S. Beaumont 5, R. Cousins 6. For family service.

HESSLE, EAST YORKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Sharp 1, K Gatman 2, V. Beaumont 3, R. Jordan 4, Rev. F. Ross 5, R. Hawtree (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS. — 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: A. C. Banton (cond.) 1, Susan Mitchell (first "inside") 2, Mary I. Hildred 3, T. W. Brighton 4, Susan E. Thompson ("circled" to quarters) 5.

HYTHE, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Brooks 1, R. A. Birch (cond.) 2, S. Mowl 3, R. Mowl 4, C. Meers 5, W. Bidnell 6, R. J. Birch 7, H. Porter 8. First long touch of Triples for 1, 2 and 4. For Evensong.

KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. A. Trethewey 1, Mary Carveth 2, Mary Matthews 3, Claudia Critchley 4, A. J. Davidson 5, A. F. Burley 6, G. W. Critchley 7, A. Carveth (cond.) 8.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss M. Green 1, M. Kirk 2, G. Allcock 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Before Festal Evensong.

LOCKING, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Jane Markham 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, G. Prescott 6. For early Communion.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. S. Bagworth 1, Mrs. E. M. Bagworth 2, P. Chapman 3, B. Bull 4, A. Griffin 5, Rev. A. Clayton 6, A. E. Bagworth (cond.) 7, M. Ferrier 8. For Evensong.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Ottaway (first quarter) 1, A. Ottaway (first quarter) 2, H. Corney 3, J. Ottaway (first Plain Bob) 4, C. Ottaway 5, R. Burbery (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Neilson 1, Myrtle Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. P. Brotherston 6. For Evensong.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Price 1, M. Soper 2, C. Ward 3, R. Fraser 4, C. King 5, W. Bradbrook 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. For Evensong.

NETHERBURY, DORSET. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Davis 1, G. Hawkins 2, B. Tither (first "inside") 3, John Davis (first as cond.) 4, Jesse Davis 5, W. Lewis 6. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Georgina Grey 1, B. Benstead (first "inside") 2, R. Allsworth 3, V. Griffin (cond.) 4, R. Benstead 5, F. J. Nelson 6.

PEWSEY, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. G. Mould 1, C. Chandler 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, R. Sheppard 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, R. S. Spackman 6. Rung for the christening of Roy Arthur Stedman Mould; the ringers of 1, 4 and 5 being respectively the father and godfathers.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. W. Milford 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, G. E. Mudge 3, J. W. Perkins 4, A. J. Collings 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, T. G. Myers (cond.) 7, A. W. Myers 8, H. F. Myers 9, D. R. Bould 10. For 6.30 Evensong.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Leah Hopkin 1, Sheila Marshall 2, Nita West 3, W. Simpson 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey 7, R. Newsum 8.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—1,320 Minor (Double Oxford and Single Oxford): J. Godfrey 1, Mrs. P. A. Crosby 2, M. Mann 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, H. W. Cox 5, I B. Nicholson (cond.) 6.

SELSTON, NOTTS.—1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Miss L. M. Baguley 1, Miss E. A. Hill 2, J. A. Harrison 3, M. Kirk (cond.) 4, E. A. Harrison 5. Rung by Kirkby band for afternoon service, and as a birthday compliment to Don Kirk.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Nicholson 1, Miss W. Austin 2, G. Kenward 3, J. Clarke 4, S. B. Dobbie 5, G. A. Naylor 6, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 7, L. B. Dobbie 8.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Sangwin 1, H. Heard 2, H. Stacey 3, H. Trewin 4, C. Sangwin 5, D. Jewell 6, B. White (cond.) 7, B. Vince (first in method) 8.

USK, MON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Richards (first quarter) 1, L. Jones (cond.) 2, R. S. Clench 3, G. Knight 4, F. A. Hobbs 5, S. G. A. Kear 6, D. Taylor 7, D. Hughes 8. For Evensong, and to commemorate the painting of the bell framework by the band.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Vennall 1, G. M. Massey 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, R. H. Abbott 4, Frances M. Massey 5, D. G. Massey (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The ringer of 9-10 in the peal of Plain Bob Royal at Marple on March 31st was Giles B. Thompson. The omission is regretted.

A welcoming home peal to Mr. Ronald K. Russ and family, who have been living in Adelaide, was rung at Ludgershall, Bucks, on April 14th.

To prevent controversy a peal was rung at Longney, Glos, non-Association, on Easter Sunday "to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the glorious Irish uprisings." The conductor was Giles B. Thompson.

Will those who keep their "Dove's" up to date note the first peal on the recently installed bells at Amblecote, Stourbridge, Worcs (8, tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B). Installed by John Taylor and Co.

Mr. Sam Petter, of Worplesdon, was 89 on April 19th. To keep his hand in he rang for service the previous Sunday. A peal attempt on April 19th in honour of the occasion unfortunately failed.

Mr. Cecil H. Smith, of Bakewell, completed 50 years of ringing at All Saints' Church, Bakewell, on Easter Sunday, and to mark the occasion a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on the Bakewell Church bells on Easter Sunday evening.

Coming to Bath, where her father attends the Central Council meeting is Helen Dodds, of St. Albans. She is hoping to show her friend, Wilf Williams, that she can now handle a bell in rounds! With a bit of luck, remarks her father.

Sympathy was expressed at the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild that Mr. Andrew Beckwith, the popular secretary, is in hospital with spinal trouble. He is in Ellistone Ward, Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital, and would be happy to hear from ringing friends.

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INDISPOSITION UPSETS LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Mr. R. B. Smith writes: The attempt to ring 15,171 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham on April 16th had to be called round due to the indisposition of a member of the band. The bells were brought round after 7,279 changes in 4 hours and 53 minutes. Mr. Shirley Burton is at present checking to make sure that the amended calling is true. Another attempt is to be arranged but not in the immediate foreseeable future. Thanks are expressed to all who helped in making arrangements.

NEWS FROM THE WILD WEST

Michael Simpson sends us this week a quarter peal from Calgary—"the Wild West" he describes it—which he believes has the distinction of being the first quarter peal in North America in more than one method. The quarter peal on Easter Day was made possible by a visit to Calgary of Christopher Groome, of Huntington, Yorks, whose acquaintance all the band were pleased to make. "Time did not permit us," writes Michael Simpson, "to make another attempt for a peal, but we are determined that this event shall not be long postponed. In fact, if we can get the band together, we hope to have another try on April 23rd."

ANOTHER KENT TOWER RESTARTS

The bells of Snodland, Kent, have for some time been silent due to the lack of ringers, but now to the joy of local parishioners the sound of bells can be heard every Sunday. This is mainly due to the efforts of Martin L. Howe, of Maidstone, who has spent many hours teaching a band to ring. There is terrific enthusiasm in the newly-formed band and a worthy captain has been elected.

P. S. M.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY

Bad luck befell the Leicester ringers at Newark-upon-Trent on Easter Monday. The ninth clapper parted company with the bell after three well-struck courses of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. The band were indebted to Mr. Colin Reed for standing in at short notice and for allowing them to ring on the fine eight at Balderton.

GOOD FRIDAY RINGING AT EDMONTON

On Good Friday a united service took place on the Green outside All Saints' Church, Edmonton, attended by members of all the Free Churches of the district, and about 600 Roman Catholics. To mark the occasion the committee requested that a half-muffled quarter peal be rung before the service. None of the ringers had ever before rung on Good Friday, so even this seemed a break from tradition. The standard of ringing by the local Sunday service band was quite good and it was obvious that everyone realised the importance of the occasion.

On Easter Saturday gifts were exchanged between All Saints' and the Roman Catholic Church, a huge bunch of flowers from All Saints' to be part of their Easter decorations, and from St. Edmund's R.C. Church a bottle of altar wine to be used at the 11 a.m. Communion service.

FOURTH BRISTOL RINGING FESTIVAL

The fourth Bristol Festival of Ringing will be held on Saturday, October 29th. As usual, there will be at least 24 towers open, a Cathedral service at 12 noon, a visit to the Cathedral central tower to see the old ten-bell frame which now houses four bells, and a visit to see "Great George," the 9½ ton clock bell in the University tower. It is also hoped that permission will be granted to climb to the very top of the tower for what must be the best possible view of Bristol. Last time the record tower snatch total of 17 during the day was set up.

During the evening a room has been hired in the Crown and Dove with an extension to 11.45 p.m.—one shilling per person will be charged to cover the cost of hiring the room.

It will be left to everybody to make their own lunch arrangements this time. Previously a hotel buffet luncheon was arranged and programmes were issued with lunch tickets—this proved to be more trouble than it was worth, especially when people complained about the quantity provided. This time programmes will be sent on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope. We hope this fourth festival will be as well supported as the previous three—the more the merrier! J. H.

MRS. FREDERICK SHARPE HOME

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Frederick Sharpe is home from hospital and making progress slowly towards recovery. She has still to attend hospital periodically for treatment.

STARTED SPLICED SURPRISE AT 69

The peal of Spliced Surprise in five methods, rung at Sprotborough, Yorks, on April 16th, was the first of Spliced for Harold Wagstaff, and we wonder if he has created a record in reaching his 69th birthday before accomplishing this? Harold is now planning to ring a peal in the eight standard methods for his 70th birthday!

MR. J. UNDERWOOD'S EASTER MONDAY TOUR

Following a highly successful outing to Rutland last autumn, Mr. John Underwood, of Haxey, selected the Derby area for his Easter itinerary. The towers visited were Stapleford, Sandiacre, Breaston, Spondon, Alvaston, Shardlow and two Derby city churches—St. Peter's and St. Alkmund's.

A substantial party was formed of ringers and friends from the Gainsborough and Scunthorpe Districts of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and, in spite of poor weather and two inexplicable motoring delays, the tour proved to be most enjoyable All the bells and towers visited were delightful and the standard of ringing displayed was moderately agreeable (even at times exceptionally good!).

At Sandiacre we were assisted by the welcome presence of Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle, and later the party was augmented by two young ladies, Janet Hudson and Christine Cobb, away on a long week-end safari from London! These two young ladies were able to extend our repertoire somewhat, and more than one aspiring tenor-man deflated rapidly at the sight of young Christine covering the big 'un with such skill! H. J.

CHAIRMAN SEES PROGRESS

In 1962 Mr. Gilbert R. Goodship was elected chairman of the South East District of the Suffolk Guild. On March 12th at the annual general meeting, again at Woodbridge, he laid down the reins of office, contending that it was time new blood took the chair. When he was first elected there were just 18 present: this year, despite a windy day, 58. This growth of attendance, he told the meeting, was a source of delight. Thanks were expressed at the way he had conducted the meetings. His successor is Mr. Ernest G. Pearce, who was accorded best wishes for the future. The Ringing Master, Mr. Howard Egglestone, and the secretary, Mrs Winifred Lockwood, are continuing in office.

Reporting on 1965, Mr. Egglestone congratulated the keen young band of 18 members at Bramford under the guiding hand of Neville Whittell. Six of them were congratulated on scoring their first peal, and the whole company on ringing 28 quarter peals, mostly for Sunday service. Also to receive congratulations were Henley, where five young members achieved their first peal. A lot of young members in the District, said Mr Egglestone, had advanced to the stage where they could tackle new ground and enjoy ringing other methods.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. D. Beloe, and the hymns were accompanied by Peter Harris, a Guild ringer. Tea was arranged by Mr. A. S. Woodard. Good wishes were sent from the meeting to Mr. Andrew Beckwith, Suffolk Guild general secretary, for a speedy recovery.

FIRST PEAL AT ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM

The first peal on the new 12 at St. Peter's, Nottingham, was enjoyed on Easter Monday. Stedman Cinques was rung and birthday greetings were extended to F. Neville Pailing on his 21st, Walter Nichols his 71st and Frederick Salter his 73rd. The band were sorry that ill-health prevented Mr. Salter standing in the first peal, after his many years of work for this tower.

LEICESTER RINGERS IN CHESHIRE

Markfield, Leics, ringers had an Easter Monday tour of Cheshire. A former rector, the Rev. C. I. H. Siviter, and Brian Schofield were instrumental in putting their organiser, Jack Wardle, in touch with the towers. All the bells were very much enjoyed but the fine six at Taxal and the eight at Fairfield deserve special mention. At Bollington the company were joined by Peter and Jill Staniforth and Bob Smith. Methods rung ranged up to Cambridge and London on the sixes. Plain Bob and Grandsire on the eights with an occasional "crunch" of Stedman Triples.

TO LIVE IN GERMANY

A farewell quarter peal was rung at Godalming on April 3rd to Derek White and his German wife. Derek, who came to Godalming from Hampshire, was the only outsider to join the Godalming band in the last ten years. He is making his new home in Germany.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EATON SOCON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

J. Stuart Hutton	Treble	Jack S. Dear	5
J. Richard Castledine	2	C. Martin Press	6
*George E. Bonham	3	Philip Mehew	7
Anthony K. Fortin	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday
* First peal in the method.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL EAST—At the Church of St. George.
On Good Friday, April 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Tenor 15¼ cwt

Gillian M. Hussey	Treble	Alan Tubb	5
Diana M Chapman	2	Patrick J. Bird	6
Brian B. Hullah	3	D. John Hunt	7
John H. Taylor	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.
Rung half-muffled.

BRISTOL—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Henbury.
On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	Treble	Peter Bridle	5
Diana M. Chapman	2	D. Paul Smith	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	D. John Hunt	7
Richard W. Sweet	4	John W. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith Conducted by D. John Hunt
A birthday compliment to Richard W. Sweet.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's. Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

C. M. Press (King's)	Treble	S. P. Darvill (Downing)	5
R. W H. Hayes (Caius)	2	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's)	6
K. J. Triplow (Selwyn)	3	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	7
R. Shipp (Peterhouse)	4	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALLASEY (Liskard), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Marion R. Panton	Treble	Peter Adcock	5
Edna Cooper	2	James L. Towler	6
David E Rothera	3	Peter G Brown	7
Ian Foster	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

BARTHOMLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bertoline.
On Sat., April 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Gerald Parsons	Treble	Raymond J. Ballard	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Dennis Latham	6
Felicity Webber	3	Roy Worrall	7
Harold Dowler	4	Charles A. S. Webb	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
First peal of Bristol on the bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ELY. Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 25 lb. in E.

Robert D. Bellamy	Treble	Peter Woollven	5
Alan M. Barber	2	Geoffrey Pratt	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	C. Martin Press	7
*George E. Bonham	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Alan M. Barber.
* First peal in the method.

LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St Katherine.
On Sun., March 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In four methods, viz.: (1) London, (2) Beverley, (3) Surfleet, (4) Cambridge, (5) Beverley (6 and 7) Cambridge.
Tenor 7 cwt 1 qr. in A flat.

Nina B. Thomas	Treble	Ronald J. Snack	4
George E. Bonham	2	Anthony K. Fortin	5
David E. Rothera	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

LOUGHTON, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich and Cambridge.
Tenor 11 cwt 8 lb. in A flat.

Robert D. Bellamy	Treble	*Ronald J Snack	4
Jack S. Dear	2	George E. Bonham	5
*David E. Rothera	3	Peter Woollven	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Woollven
* First peal in seven Surprise methods.
A birthday compliment to Miss Linda Ellison, of Stotfold.

TERRINGTON ST JOHN Norfolk.—At the Church of St John the Baptist
On Sat., April 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being three extents of St Clement's and four of Plain Bob (seven callings) Tenor 10 cwt 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

A. Keith Phillips	Treble	George E Bonham	4
Frank Knight	2	Ernest H Mastin	5
Robert D Bellamy	3	George E Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St Cyriac.
On Sun., April 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 10 cwt.

*Richard P Turnill	Treble	Donald F Murfet	4
†Robert G. Oakley	2	George E. Bonham	5
Alan M. Barber	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber
* First peal. † First of Minor
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E

Austin T Wingate	Treble	John F. I. Turney	5
Elizabeth Taylor	2	Thomas E. Wood	6
Gillian Sims	3	Leslie Evans	7
Ralph Godsall	4	George T Cousins	Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by George T. Cousins.

KINGSTONE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods/variations, being eight extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, April Day, Plain Bob and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

Charles Phillips	Treble	Peter Sell	4
Reginald G. Powell	2	Michael V Powell	5
Leslie H. Colcombe	3	Alfred Williams	Tenor

Conducted by Michael V. Powell
Rung as a wedding compliment for Michael V Powell, who was married on April 2nd, 1966, to Miss Veronica M. Monger.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

NEW ROMNEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., April 16, 1966 in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOREHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr 4 lb in E

Ann Jenner	Treble	Ian H. Oram	5
Tony Lewis	2	Thomas Collingworth	6
Arthur S. Richards	3	Dennis A Chapman	7
Ralph Bird	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Ian H Oram
First peal in the method. (Corrigan No. 37).

STURRY, Kent.—At the Church of St Nicholas.
On Easter Sunday, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, viz.: Two of All Saints 20 of Reverse Canterbury and 20 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 24 lb. in G

*Barbara A. Bouldin	Treble	Christine M Bouldin	4
*Mary Mackenzie	2	Roger C Button	5
Patrick A. Harrisson	3	*Andrew E. Pullin	Tenor

Conducted jointly from the 3rd—22 extents 4th—10 extents, 5th—10 extents.
* First peal. First peal of Doubles for all the band.
Rung for Easter.

BOREHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
– 58 – 14. 58 – 56. 38. 14 – 14 38. 14 – 14. 3.
Lead-end 18674523 (2nds place), 4ths place bob. Clean.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*Douglas Deakin	Treble	Raymond D. Helliwell ..	4
David Haworth	2	Michael Bell	5
Roger Leigh	3	Anthony J. Helliwell ..	Tenor

Conducted by Roger Leigh
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Leigh.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Tues., April 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Two extents St. Clement's and five of Plain. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Douglas Deakin	Treble	David Haworth	4
Roger Leigh	2	Raymond D. Helliwell ..	5
Dennis McCormick	3	Roger Barnes	Tenor

Conducted by Roger Leigh.
Rung while a procession containing members of all denominations carried a cross through the town and erected it on the summit of a nearby hill.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., April 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each in Cambridge S.M., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob.

Roger Leigh	Treble	Dennis McCormick ..	4
*Raymond D. Helliwell ..	2	*Michael Bell	5
Roger Barnes	3	Anthony J. Helliwell ..	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Helliwell.
* First peal in five methods. First as conductor in five methods.

HALE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being three extents Plain Bob, two extents Oxford Treble Bob, two extents Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*Graham K. Austin	Treble	*John R. Ridley	4
Nigel P A. Goulding ..	2	Thomas W. Hesketh ..	5
James Dunbavin	3	Terence M. Fitzgerald ..	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas W. Hesketh.
* First peal in three methods.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., April 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	Joseph William Cotton ..	6
*Rupert A. Clarke	2	Roland H. Cook	7
A. Maxwell Lindsey ..	3	Samuel J. Haines	8
David F. Moore	4	G. Ronald Edwards ..	9
Martin C. Faulkes ..	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. The conductor's 250th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., April 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

G. Ronald Edwards ..	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	5
*Martin Green	2	*Samuel J. Haines	6
Malcolm E. Wade	3	Roland H. Cook	7
*David F. Moore	4	R Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Roland H. Cook
* First peal in the method.

AYLESTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

Roger D. Bailey	Treble	J. Edward Cawser	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	J. Martin Thorley	6
Derek F. Jones	3	*Norman W. Attaway ..	7
Christopher M. Sturgess ..	4	E Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method.

CLAYBROOKE PARVA, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*Michael E. Brown	Treble	Malcolm E. Wade ..	5
Joseph William Cotton..	2	Samuel J. Haines	6
A. Maxwell Lindsey ..	3	†Malcolm C. Faulkes ..	7
David F. Moore	4	R. Kingsley Mason ..	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* Twice "circled" tower. † "Circled" tower.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Joyce M. Sharp	Treble	Christopher K. Cooper ..	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Patrick W. Saltmarsh ..	8
John Walden	3	Joe E. G. Roast	9
Peter A. Sharp	4	Ian R. Panton	10
J. Richard Hough	5	Howard W. Egglestone ..	11
Geoffrey R. Parker	6	*Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* 400th peal.
A wedding compliment to Andrew S. Hudson and Claire Dillamore (honorary member of the Cathedral company), whose marriage at St. Giles', Lincoln, preceded this peal.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Edwin T. Chapman ..	Treble	Keith R. Davey	5
*Janet E. Hubbard	2	J. Martin Thorley	6
†Joan Gilbert	3	Roger D. Bailey	7
‡Derek J. Jones	4	*Alan G Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Surprise Major. ‡ 50th peal of Major.

GAINSBOROUGH. Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

Charles H. Baker	Treble	Maurice Lings	5
*Melvyn A. Rose	2	John Hall	6
Roger Hippisley	3	*John F. Underwood ..	7
William Bains	4	Harold Judd	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. Percival Heywood. Conducted by John Hall.
* 50th peal together. First in the method by all the band.
Rung as a compliment to Helen Hird and John Nicholson, married this day at Stow.

QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being twelve methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Beverley Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	Keith R. Davey	5
Albert E. Flatters	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Keith R. Davey.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

CALDICOT, Mon.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Bartholomew.
On Sat., April 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb

Richard W. Owen	Treble	Donald G. Clarke	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	Austin T. Wingate	6
David Pike	3	David J. Hughes	7
David J. King	4	James L. Fitzgerald	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David J. King.
Rung with the bells half-muffled for Holy Saturday.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., April 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Freda Clayton	Treble	John R. Mayne	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Alick Cutler	6
Susan E. Smith	3	John Hill	7
H. George Hart	4	David J. Taylor	Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the sixth. This is the 100th peal on these bells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sun., April 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*Alfred W. Foreman ..	Treble	Harry B. Fuller	5
Henry Tooke	2	Leslie F. Bailey	6
William Clover	3	Thomas E. Spight	7
Robin Churchill	4	Albert G. Driver	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung to celebrate the Easter Festival.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KETTERINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Single Court and Double Court, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Combined Oxford and Kent T.B., (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob and Single Oxford; 58 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Charles H. Moore	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	4
Frank C. J. Arnold	2	Henry Tooke	5
William Clover	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ADDERBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Diana Reeves	Treble	†John F. Carter	5
*Robert A. Reeves	2	Paul R. Davis	6
Charlotte A. Bennett	3	Mark W. Sayers	7
Pamela E. Powell	4	Michael W. Coleman	Tenor

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

* "Circled the tower" to peals. † First peal of Major. Fastest peal on the bells. First peal on the bells by an entirely Sunday service band.

KIDLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*Michael C. E. Hodge	Treble	Peter J. Heritage	5
*James F. List	2	Brian R. White	6
*David Floyd	3	Francis A. White	7
Walter F. Judge	4	Victor Griffin	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P Heywood. Conducted by Victor Griffin.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of the composer (April 19th).

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sun., April 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Mrs. A. Diserens	Treble	Frank W. Lewis	5
Albert Diserens	2	Noel J. Diserens	6
Eunice A. Lewis	3	John N. Diserens	7
Peter J. Shipton	4	Ronald F. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Ron and Pat Diserens.

MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sat., Jan 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 each of Grandsire and St. Anne, 120 each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, May Day, St. David, Seighford, Rushall, Little Aston, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps Clifford's, Royston, Litchurch, St. Helen, Antelope, Marchington, Bluebell, Daffodil, Newborough, Longparish, Pink's, Beckley, Freeland, Isis, Oxford, Middleton Stoney, St. Lucy, St. Margaret, Gresford, Northleigh, Ray, Stanton, St. Cross, St. Swithun, St. Valentine, Harbury, Allestree, St. Frideswide. Tenor 5 cwt.

Alec Gammon	Treble	*Roy H. Jones	3
John A. H. Betts	2	Leonard R. Porter	4
		Noel D. Deam	Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

* 100th peal.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods: Reverse Canterbury, Cambridge (two extents), Kent, St. Clement's (two extents) and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in B.

J. Richard Poole	Treble	J. M. Elaine Dixon	4
*Heather A. Alford	2	Marie R. Cross	5
Michael C. E. Hodge	3	Christopher I. Rowson	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

* First peal in five methods. First recorded peal on the bells.

LUDGERSHALL, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Thurs., April 14, 1966 in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods. being six extents each of Grandsire, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury Place and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb in G.

Cyril H. Kinch	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke	3
Ernest G. Jones	2	Barry J. Davis	4
		Michael W. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

First peal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to Ronald K. Russ and family on their recent return from Adelaide, South Australia.

MARSTON, OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sat., April 16, 1966 in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being nine methods: 240 each of St. Hilary, St. Remigius, St. Osmund, 480 each of Westminster II, Blackburn, 840 each of Winchendon, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, St. Martin. Tenor 5 cwt.

Garth A. Porter	Treble	Leonard R. Porter	3
Roy H. Jones	2	Noel D. Deam	4
		Alec Gammon	Tenor

Conducted by Noel D. Deam.

Compliments to Rev. Paul Rimmer, who has completed seven years as Vicar; to the conductor and Miss Avril Walton on their engagement; to the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, who have rung 25 peals together. This was the 60th peal on the bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

TITCHMARSH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E

Harry Richardson	Treble	*Denis G. Pearson	5
Peter M. Fleckney	2	John E. Skerritt	6
*John G. Mitchell	3	Michael J. Staley	7
*Frank E. Coales	4	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal in the method.

CRANFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Kent T.B. and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*Andrea M. Newman	Treble	Philip Bosworth	4
Jean Marlow	2	Murray A. Coleman	5
Sheila J. Staley	3	Geoffrey E. Watson	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal, first attempt.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Wed., April 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B, and Plain Bob—seven different callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

Derek J. Jones	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	4
Robert C. Woodward	2	E. Alan Jacques	5
Janet E. Hubbard	3	Roger D. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

BRADDEN, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Thurs., April 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods: Two extents of April Day, 15 Plain Bob and 25 Grandsire. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

*Martin R. Bolton	Treble	Roy H. Jones	3
Hilary Knight	2	†Kevan J. Chapman	4
		Leonard R. Porter	Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

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BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., March 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Roderick W. Pipe	Treble	John C. Eisel	7
Norman J. Goodman	2	Edward W. Colley	8
*Robert E. J. Dennis	3	Peter J. Stretton	9
John R. Insley	4	Michael J. Fellows	10
James Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
David J. Purnell	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal on 12 bells.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	Treble	Arthur V. Pearson	7
Marilyn C. Smith	2	Edward W. Colley	8
Ann E. Fellows	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
John R. Insley	4	George E. Fearn	10
James Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Maurice G. Ingram	6	John A. Anderson	Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., April 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 LINDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Ann E. Fellows	2	Edward W. Colley	8
B. Gillian Schofield	3	George E. Fearn	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	Martin D. Fellows	10
John C. Eisel	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Michael J. Fellows	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung to the respected memory of John Pinfold, vice-president and former Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild, who died on April 13th, 1966.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 4 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 7251 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Robert B. Smith	Treble	Michael J. Fellows	7
John C. Eisel	2	John H. Fielden	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	Brian Harris	9
Neil Bennett	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	10
Basil Jones	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Martin D. Fellows	6	A. Peter Whitehead	Tenor

Composed by Shirley Burton. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On Wed., March 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 ILLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon	Treble	Clifford A. Barron	5
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Norman J. Goodman	6
John R. Insley	3	George E. Fearn	7
James Insley	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
First peal in the method.
With the best wishes of the band to Mr. J. Leacey, beadle and parish clerk, on his forthcoming retirement, and to the Rev. J. Rusher, assistant curate, on his leaving the parish.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHESWARDINE, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5184 QUEDGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

Christopher Lees	Treble	Roderick J. Lees	5
Michael W. Fairey	2	J. Dennis Holden	6
Eric E. Speake	3	John H. Allen	7
F. Hector Bennett	4	Arthur Pritchard	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

*Minnie I. Foskett	Treble	*F. Neville Pailing	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	David R. Ingram	8
Beryl N. Reed	3	James W. Raithby	9
Peter A. Sharp	4	Geoffrey R. Parker	10
Richard Inglis	5	Geoffrey Paul	11
William L. Exton	6	*Walter Nichols	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First 12-bell peal. First peal on these bells following augmentation to twelve.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Sat., March 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Robert D. Bellamy	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Peter G. Brown	2	Robert E. Hardy	6
Yvonne A. Murray	3	George E. Thoday	7
George E. Bonham	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
The conductor's 400th peal (conducted 130).
Rung as a birthday compliment to Stephen Harrison, of Chelmsford, Essex.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 66 methods: (1) Luton, Ripley, Broomfield, Rhyl, Fifield, Thorn, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, Bamborough and Lindon Surprise (11 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh). (2) Pontefract, Donnottar, Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight, College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford Treble Bob (14 methods by C. K. Lewis). (3) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob (15 methods by A. G. Driver). (4) Rodbourne, College, Buxton, St. Clement's, Wavertree, Childwall, London, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Westlecott, Pinehurst and Lytham Bob. (5) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise. (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich Surprise. (7) Plain Bob. With 143 changes of method and a plain lead of every method included. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Robert E. Lester	Treble	Robin H. Rogers	4
*Janet I. Rogers	2	George W. Pipe	5
Alice E. J. Lester	3	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* 50th peal. Most methods to a peal for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. Most methods to a peal as conductor.

HARTEST, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., April 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

Frederick J. Payne	Treble	Janet I. Rogers	4
*Toni M. Rogers	2	Donald L. Mills	5
Evelyn R. M. Cansdale	3	†Robin H. Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.
* First peal of Surprise. † 75th peal.
A 79th birthday compliment to Arthur W. Rolfe, part donor of the treble bell in 1953.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Peter S. Muchlinski	Treble	Robert W. Hinde	6
David S. Osenton	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Olive D. Tester	3	Christopher T. Osenton	8
Andrew J. Corby	4	Colin A. Tester	9
Hilary F. Hinde	5	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Easter Monday, April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Ernest Treagus	Treble	*Roy M. Cox	5
*James M. Hills	2	Henry C. Weaver	6
Jean A. Allen	3	Raymond P. Wood	7
John G. Hallett	4	Morgan Marshall	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.
* First peal of Triples "inside."
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Diserens on the birth of their daughter.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., April 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Frank I. Hairs	2	Andrew J. Corby	6
R. John Osbon	3	John W. Smith	7
Ernest J. Ladd	4	Colin Osbon	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Smith.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Countess de la Warr.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
CADOXTON, NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
A 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B

*Raymond J. Hosking	Treble	*Ellis N. Thomas	4
*John F. I. Turney	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
J. Arthur Hoare	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of London.

CADOXTON, NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Thurs., March 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PEMBROKE DELIGHT MINOR
A 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.

Ellis N. Thomas	Treble	John F. I. Turney	4
Gwyn I. Lewis	2	John M. Hughes	5
J. Arthur Hoare	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
TRURO, Cornwall.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 11 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 33 cwt. in D flat.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	Alan Carveth	6
Anthony J. Davidson	2	Anthony Locke	7
Thomas G. Myers	3	Rev. A. S. Roberts	8
G. William Critchley	4	D. Roy Bould	9
*Graham F. Dunstan	5	*Derek A. Trethewey	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Alan Carveth.
* First 10-bell peal. First of Caters as conductor. The 25th peal on the bells and the first since rehanging in 1964.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Mary E. Elmes	Treble	Jeffrey L. Claughton	5
*Ruth A. Elmes	2	John W. Blackwood	6
Stephen T. Kirby	3	Lewis F. Cobb	7
†William T. Perrins	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal † First of Major in the method.
A compliment to Ruth A. Elmes and John W. Blackwood on their recent engagement.

BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BASING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs.

Christopher I. Rowson	Treble	Sydney M. Bailey	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	Christopher C. Clarke	6
Geoffrey K. Dodd	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
William Birmingham	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
The first peal in the method (Tipler's B68-1).
Rung for the Festival of Easter.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
AMBLECOTE, STOURBRIDGE, Worcs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B.

Peter J. Brown	Treble	John C. Eisel	5
Geoffrey Westwood	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Brian J. Luff	7
M. Irene Ellsmore	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
First peal on the bells, which have recently been installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Geoffrey N. Goodall	Treble	Richard Farnsworth	5
Eileen J. Osborne	2	John S. Seager	6
John E. Turley	3	Clive W. Longden	7
Cyril Rusby	4	John J. L. Gilbert	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.
Rung to welcome the arrival of a daughter, Nicola, to Mr and Mrs. C. Rusby.

OSSETT, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 27¼ cwt. in D.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	Irvin Slack	5
David S. Lockwood	2	Eric Robinson	6
Arnold Cole	3	Ian North	7
Michael Johnson	4	Rodney Stephenson	Tenor

Composed by Philip O. Bixby. Conducted by Ian North.

SPROTBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, being 3,392 Rutland, 448 Cambridge and 416 each Superlative, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 106 changes of method.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

James Thorley	Treble	W. Eric Critchley	5
Jeanne E. Bottomley	2	*Harold Wagstaff	6
Vernon Bottomley	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Gibson Jackson	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.
Rung for the wedding of Terence Bramall and Elizabeth, daughter of the Rector, Rev. Canon John Lyth, M.A.

LEEDS, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Mon., April 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each St. Clement's and Cambridge, two Plain Bob and Kent T.B. and one Oxford T.B.
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

Rodney Stephenson	Treble	Patricia Lockwood	4
Irvin Slack	2	Douglas Thorp	5
Arnold Cole	3	Ian North	Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Easter Sunday, April 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Michael H. Gregory	Treble	Andrew F. Howard	5
Alan Tubb	2	Brian B. Hullah	6
John H. Taylor	3	Giles B. Thompson	7
Diana M. Chapman	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Giles B. Thompson.
Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the glorious Irish Uprisings.

HORNINGSEA, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., April 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, viz.: 2,760 Grandsire, 1,800 St. Martin's and 480 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

A. Keith Phillips	Treble	George E. Thoday	3
Robert D. Bellamy	2	George E. Bonham	4
		Alan M. Barber	Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.
Rung for Good Friday.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWANSEA, Glamorgan. —At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycoch.
On Sun., March 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way	1-2	J. Arthur Hoare	5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3-4	*John F. I. Turney	7-8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal on handbells and first of Major.
A wedding peal for Penelope J. Welch and David J. Llewellyn, married at Llandaff Cathedral on St. David's Day.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan. —At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycoch.
On Sun., April 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

*Ellis N. Thomas	1-2	J. Arthur Hoare	5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3-4	John M. Hughes	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal on handbells.

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DINGLEY—FENNELL. — The engagement is announced between Pauline, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Fennell, of Broadstairs, and James, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Dingley, of London. 9006

MILLER—PILGRIM. — Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Pilgrim, of Keyworth, Notts, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Judith, to John, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Miller, of West Bridgford, Nottingham.

WEDDING

ANDERSON—THOMSON. — On Saturday, April 16th, at St. James' Church, Benwell, between John Edward, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson, of Gosforth, Northumberland, and Iris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomson, of Newcastle upon Tyne. 8979

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual Ringing Festival will be held in the North Lindsey Branch, June 18th. Details later. — C. A. H.

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Meeting at Bath, Whitsun, 1966

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LEYTON PARISH CHURCH.—On Sunday, May 1st, during evening service (6.30) a ringing chamber clock will be dedicated to mark the appreciation of the loyal service of Charles Alfred Hughes as captain of the tower since September, 1928.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCS.—Flower Festival, April 29th, 30th, May 1st. Evensong, Saturday, 30th, 5 p.m. Ringing from 4 p.m. and after service until 9 p.m. Refreshments available. All ringers welcome. 8933

ST. MARY'S, SOUTHAMPTON.—Ringers' Sunday, May 1st. Ringing before and after Matins and Evensong. All ringers welcome.

VISITORS to the Spalding, Lincs, Flower Festival will be welcome to ring on the Parish Church bells from 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 7th, and on Sunday, May 8th., ringing 9 to 9.30 a.m. and 2 to 6.30 p.m. The "Washington Film" will be shown after Evensong in the Parish Room. 8988

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Upwell, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 8945

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Beckford (6), Saturday, April 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to Alwyn Neale, 14, North East Terrace, Tewkesbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Frensham (6) on Saturday, April 30th, from 6–9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 8931

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — **Correction:** Quarterly meeting, Baldock, April 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names essential.—C. M. Orme, Hon Dis. Sec., 12, Gaunts Way, Letchworth Tel 5015. 8894

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Meeting at Woodhouse Eaves, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m., followed by service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Rooms 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please send names to Mr. D. Pont, 1, Nanhill Rise, Woodhouse Eaves.—Pat Farmer, Dis. Sec 8950

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Lincoln, April 30th. Holy Communion, Ringers' Chapel at Cathedral, 8 a.m. Service at Cathedral 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock in Tithe Barn followed by meeting. Ringing: Upton (6) 10.45 to 11.45; Willingham-by-Stow (6) 11.30 to 12.30; Stow (6) 12.15 to 1.15; Saxilby (6) 1 to 2; Lincoln towers, i.e. Cathedral (12), St. Giles' (8), St. Peter-at-Gowts' (6), St. Botolph's (6) from 2 until service and after the meeting, but St. Giles' until 7 only. Names for tea to Mr J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 8917

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Uxbridge, on Saturday, April 30th. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and business to follow. Officers and C.C. representatives to be elected. Ringing: St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, and St. Mary's, Harefield, 2.30–4 p.m.; St. Andrew's 3–4.30 p.m. and in evening. Names would ensure tea.—T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. 8883

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting at Norwich
SATURDAY, APRIL 30th, 1966
A warm welcome is extended to all members and visitors. 8901

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bicester (8) on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please send names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 8929

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Southwell, April 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Trebeck Hall following Evensong. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 70, Valley Prospect, Newark, Notts.—W. L. Exton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8882

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch. — Meeting at St. Dennis, Saturday, April 30th Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss B. J. Duck, Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 8951

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting, Heckfield, Saturday, April 30th. Bells from 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Rotherwick bells after tea. Names for tea to Mr. J. J. Hill 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke. 8963

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, May 2nd, 7 p.m. — S.M.: Cam. group Spl. 8991

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Meeting in Gloucester Area
SATURDAY, MAY 7th

Painswick, 11–12.30.
Lunch at Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester, at 1.15 p.m.
Gloucester Cathedral, 2.30–4.
Business meeting at St. Mary-le-Crypt, 4.15 p.m.
Cheltenham, St. Mary's, 6–7.

Names for lunch (10s. 6d.) to me, please, by May 2nd at latest.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8893

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting at St. Peter's Church, Sowerby, Saturday, May 7th. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. All welcome. 8966

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hardington Mandeville, Saturday, May 7th. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea, please.—R. J. Fox.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Saturday, May 7th. Towers open: Haynes, Cranfield, Eversholt 9.30–10.45, Aspley Guise 10.45–12; Husborne Crawley 12–1: Gravenhurst, Flitwick, 2–3.30; Ampthill, Silsoe, Maulden, 3–4.30; Flitton, Maulden, 6.30–8.45. Service, tea and business meeting Maulden 4.45. Names for tea to Mr. M. Lockey, Edge Hill, Church Road, Maulden (Tel. Ampthill 2127) by Thursday, May 5th.—A. Smith, Gen. Sec. 8970

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Wootton Wawen, May 7th. Bells 3 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Village Hall.

Names for tea to Alan J. Collings, 3, Rose Gardens, Wootton Hall, Wootton Wawen, Solihull. Special method: College Exercise.—P. S. Bennett, Sec. 8962

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Monthly meeting at Bridekirk, Cockermouth, Saturday, May 7th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Rev. C. R. Rogers, Bridekirk Vicarage, Cockermouth, by May 3rd.—Dianne Gibson.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—Meeting, Thorington, on Saturday, May 7th. Striking competition 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. General ringing later. Names for tea to Mrs. A. R. Andrews, Abbey View, Church Lane, Thorington, Colchester. 8935

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS. — Annual meeting will be held at Long Clawson on Saturday, May 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Frederick J. Williams.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Meeting at Brookland, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Velvick, 15, West Place, Brookland, by Thursday, May 5th. — A. P. S. B. 8949

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at St. Michael and All Angels', Maidstone, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. M. Groves, 50, Heather Drive, Maidstone.—M. L. H.

LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting at Liskeard, Saturday, May 7th. Ringing commencing 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Menheniot from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Burnham, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth, by May 2nd. 9003

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Slaidburn, Yorks, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Times of tea and business meeting to be arranged on the day. Please make own tea arrangements.—Brian Tomlinson, Braich. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, May 7th. Ringing at Chapel Allerton (6) 2.30–4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Headingley in the Schoolrooms, Otley Road. Names, please to A. Johnson, 80, Castle Grove Avenue, Leeds 6, by previous Thursday. St. Chad's bells available after tea.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Joint meeting with Leicester District at Billesdon, Saturday, May 7th. Skeffington (5) 2.30–4 p.m., Billesdon (8) 3–4.15 p.m. Service Billesdon 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr J. G. Geary, 16, Leicester Road, Billesdon, Leics, by Wednesday, May 4th. Billesdon available after meeting.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8948

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening meeting, Wicken, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (5) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special method: Stedman. 8980

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Stickney, Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify me by Monday, May 2nd.— D. J. Kilner, 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 8976

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, May 7th. All Saints' (6) tower open 2.30 to 3.30. Service in the Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 in Friars Walk Schools, followed by meeting. St. Modwen's (8) tower open after meeting. All welcome.—J. C.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at South Lopham, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. T. G. Boast, Elm Royd, South Lopham, Diss, by Wednesday, May 4th. — C. F. W. Phillipps, Hon. Sec. 8922

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting, Olney, May 7th. Bells (8) from 6 p.m. 8936

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Creaton, 3 p.m., Cottesbrooke 6 p.m., Saturday, May 7th. Important—names for tea to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 8981

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Langham (6), May 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Thorley, School House, Lyddington, Uppingham, by Tuesday, 3rd. 8987

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
At Newcastle on Tyne, May 7th.

PROGRAMME

Friday, May 6th.
Practice at SS. Basil and James', Fenham (8).

Saturday, May 7th.
10–11 a.m., All Saints', Gosforth (10).
12–1 p.m., St. John's, Newcastle (8).
Make own arrangements for lunch.
2.30–3.30, St. Stephen's, Low Elswick, Newcastle (8).

Business meeting in the Cathedral Library, 4 p.m.

High Tea at Bainbridges, Bigg Market, Newcastle, 5.30 p.m. (7/–).
7–8 p.m., Cathedral (12).

For high tea, apply F. Hodgson, 160, West Auckland Road, Darlington, Co. Durham, not later than May 2nd. — J. A. Hoare Hon. Sec. 8942

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Thorne, Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2.30 Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to Mr. T. Leask, Gainford Road, Moorends, near Doncaster, before 4th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8973

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District. — Meeting, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds (6), May 7th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. Blackshaw, 36, Stratford Road, West Bridgford, by Wednesday previous. Crawford Cup District Round, Cotgrave, on May 14th, at 6 p.m. 8790

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBY ASSOCIATION (Peak District). —Joint meeting, May 7th, at Baslow and Hope. Bells: Baslow (6) 3–5 and 6 p.m.–7 p.m.; Hope (8) 7.30–9 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please. All welcome.—Andrew King and Mrs G. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 8972

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY —Meeting at Church Eaton, near Stafford, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, by Wednesday, May 4th, latest, please. Tel. Lich. 4539.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 8907

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual striking competition at Theberton on May 7th, 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and presentation of shield. Would teams intending to compete please notify Mr. E. R. Goate, 51, Grove Road, Beccles. Names for tea to Mrs. Ralph, The Rectory, Theberton, Leiston, Suffolk, by Wednesday, May 4th. Leiston (8) available during the evening. 8977

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting St. John's, Croydon, May 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road Thornton Heath, by May 4th. 8916

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Practice meeting at Froxfield, May 7th, 6.30–8.30 p.m.—C. E. Bassett. 8930

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Yarnton Monday, May 9th, from 7 to 9 p.m. 8992

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham, Rochester and Tonbridge Districts. —A one-day ringing school will be held at Frindsbury on Saturday, May 14th, commencing promptly at 10.15 a.m. Inclusive cost for tea and a cup of tea at lunchtime will be 4s. Subjects include: (i) How to maintain a band; (ii) Bell control; (iii) Elementary change ringing; (iv) Simple conducting; (v) Maintenance and sound control. Accommodation limited to 60, preference being given to members of the three Districts. Names to Mr T. Barton, 100, Park Drive, Sittingbourne, by Monday, May 9th, latest.—W. D. H. 8993

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Annual Festival of the Guild will held on Saturday, May 14th, 1966, at Oxton, Birkenhead, Wirral.

Lunch 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by annual meeting.

Service at 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Church of St. Saviour; the preacher will be the Very Rev. E. H. Patey, Dean of Liverpool.

Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall Cost of lunch 5/6 and tea 5/6 or 10/– for both if tickets are obtained before **May 9th** from A. J. Martin, Esq., 28, Glenmore Road, Birkenhead, Cheshire.

Towers open: Eastham (6) 10–11 a.m.; Bromborough (8) 10.30–11.30 a.m.; Port Sunlight (8) 11–12 noon; Bebington (8) 11.30–12.30 p.m.; Oxton (8) 3–4.30 p.m. and aftea tea; Bidston (6) 3.15–4.15 p.m.; Woodchurch (6) 3.15–4.15 p.m.;; other towers by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 8903

LADIES' GUILD. — Eastern District. — Meeting at Grundisburgh (10) on Saturday, May 14th Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bradfield (6) 6.45–8.30. Names for tea to Mrs C. W. Pipe, Easta, Grundisburgh, by May 11th. No name, no tea.—J. M. Andrews. 8985

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Dingestow, May 14th Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.p.m. Names for tea by May 9th, please. Also available: Cwmcarvan (6 bells) 2–3.30 p.m. and 6.30–8 p.m.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 8955

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Waltham May 14th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Oown tea arrangements.—C. A. H.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild Festival will be held at FORDINGTON, Dorchester, on Saturday, May 14th.

The Festival Service will be held at Fordington St. George at 2.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon E. B. Brooks. (All clergy attending are invited to be robed.)

High tea at St. Osmund's School at 4 p.m. Tickets, 5s., to be obtained from the Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook near Trowbridge, before May 11th.

The annual general meeting will be held in St. Osmund's School, Rothesay Road, at 4.45 p.m.

The Deputy Mayor of Dorchester, Alderman E. L. Hedger, and Mrs Hedger, will attend tea and meeting.

Bells available: Abbotsbury (6) 6.30–9 p.m. only: Bere Regis (6), Frampton (6), Piddlehinton (6), Puddletown (6), Preston (6), Upwey (6), Wool (6), Charminster (8), Cattistock (8) 10–1.45 and 6.30–9 p.m.: Dorchester, St. Peter's (8) 10–2 p.m. and 6.30–9 p.m.: Wyke Regis (8) 6.30–9 p.m. only; Piddletrenthide (5) 10–1.45 p.m. and 6–9 p.m.

W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham, Wilts. (Tel. 2297.) 8956

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Mid-week practice meeting at Harlington, Thursday, May 19th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9005

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Ashford, Canterbury and Maidstone Districts.—One-day ringing school (elementary methods and conducting), Cheriton, Saturday, May 21st, commencing at 10.30 a.m. Tickets, 5s. each, and full details from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury For first 60 applicants. Please send stamped addressed envelope.—A. P. S. B 8908

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting and Ringing Festival, Southover (Lewes)
On SATURDAY, MAY 14th

Ringing arrangements:—

Twineham (5) 10.30–11; Henfield (8) 11.15–12; Aldrington (6) 1.30–2; Brighton: St. Nicholas' (10) 2.15–3; The Good Shepnerd (8) 2.45–3.15; St. Peter's (10) 3–3.45.

Hurstpierpoint (8) 12.15–1; Keymer (6) 1–1.30; Ditchling (8) 2–2.45.

Burgess Hill (8) 11.15–12; Wivelsfield (6) 12.15–1; Chailey (6) 1.15–1.45; Newick (6) 2–2.30; Barcombe (6) 3.15–3.45.

Buxted (8) 11.30–12.15; Little Horsted (6) 2.30–3; Ringmer (8) 3.15–4. Seaford (8) 3–3.45; Southover bells (10) available 2–4.15 and after meeting.

Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 in Church Hall, followed by business meeting and film show. Names for tea **essential** to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex, not later than Tuesday, May 10th.

For ringing programme, town plan and notes on what to see and where to dine, send s.a.e.

DEVON GUILD. — A.G.M., Plymouth, Saturday, May 21st. Ringing: Plympton St. Maurice's (8) 11–12.30 and 2–3; Plympton St. Mary's (8) 11–12.30 and 1.30–3; Eggbuckland (6) 12–1 and 2–3; Plymouth St. Budeaux (6) 1.30–3; Tamerton Foliat (6) 1.30–3; Plymstock (6) 1.30–3; Plymouth Emmanuel (8) 2–3.15; Plymouth St. Andrew's (10) 2–3.45 and 7–9. Service St. Andrew's 4 p.m. Civic tea 5 p.m. by ticket only. A limited number of tickets are available for visiting Guild members who apply earliest with s.a.e. to: General Secretary, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. Business meeting 6.15 p.m. —D. J. Roberts, Gen. Sec. 8975

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, East Hagbourne May 21st. Bells 2.45. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by 17th, please.—C. Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot. 8986

JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES

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A MASTER'S MESSAGE

By the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, as a preface to the Association's 1965 report.

SOME months ago, whilst visiting a shop in a nearby town, I heard two boys deep in earnest conversation. One had become a ringer and was obviously pleased with his newly acquired skill. He was explaining with great seriousness the fascination of this English art of change ringing, and urging the other boy to come along with him to the next practice. I left the shop, pleased that just one more boy had discovered something thrilling in life.

The boy and his companion set me thinking. What is it, I wondered, which makes ringing such a fascinating hobby and interests such a wide cross-section of the community? Looking back on my own experiences, I could think of three reasons.

First of all, there is something to interest the beginner, for learning to control a heavy piece of metal at the end of a thin rope has a fascination all of its own, particularly when the beginner has learned to control his piece of metal along with others. When this leads to the ringing of simple changes there is a feeling of accomplishment.

Secondly, change ringing stretches the intelligent mind. To ring even the simplest method with a well struck rhythm can give a feeling of elation, a sense of worthwhile achievement. For the mathematically minded, the many complexities of change ringing can be a source of delight for a lifetime, both inside and outside the tower. How well I remember the composer T. B. Worsley in his blacksmith's shop, with figures on his anvil and on papers littered around.

Thirdly, there is amongst ringers a good companionship. Questions are not asked about which school you went to, about how much money you have or haven't got, or what your occupation is. The only test for membership of this club of good companions is: can you ring well and intelligently? If you can, then you are accepted. In its own way and because of this, a ringing community can be a good example of what a Christian community should be.

Those of us who enjoy ringing and its good companionship should remember that our hobby is something of a mystery to the beginner, made more mysterious still by the vocabulary we use. Young people get interested, just as the boy in the shop was interested. To sustain their interest we need to keep in mind that there are many mysteries to explain to them, demanding from us a great deal of patience. Education in many fields has risen rapidly this century. So in ringing. To maintain enthusiasm, we must offer a high standard of instruction to the rising generation of ringers.

RECRUITMENT PROBLEM

AN ever-constant theme is the question of recruitment and in many association reports this year there are warnings for constant alertness in all towers. In the years of prosperity with a fully-fledged band often of a Surprise standard the danger is very real if time is not found for training new entrants.

The Rev. H. Lewis Davies, chaplain to the Worcestershire and Districts Association, devotes his foreword in the annual report to this subject. After pointing out that the onus of recruiting is a concern of all churchpeople if they want their bells rung, he presents reasons for the many disappointments. "By its very nature bell ringing requires an arduous and at times somewhat tedious apprenticeship before full mastery of the bell is achieved. Young people, who want to run before they can walk and expect to be fully-fledged ringers in a matter of weeks, come up against the inevitable feeling of disappointment. When the rather uninteresting middle period has been passed the rewards begin to come, but for many it is too late and they have fallen by the wayside. In these days homework and further education make their demands on the younger ringer and although he or she may find relaxation in the tower, the rat-race does not allow such a luxury, or the times of practice may not always fit in with the time-table.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHITSUN

Headquarters will be the Fernley Hotel, North Parade, Bath.

There will be a social evening in the Pump Rooms from 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday and all members and friends are invited.

Holy Communion on Tuesday at 7.30 a.m. in Bath Abbey.

Civic Reception at 4.45 p.m. Applications for tickets (two per member) to Mr. E. Naylor, 7, Priory Close, Ralph Allen Drive, Bath, by May 21st.

RINGING

The following towers are available for ringing over the week-end:—

Saturday, May 28th

St. Michael w. St. Paul's	(8)	6.30– 7.30 p.m.
Newton St. Loe	(6)	6.30– 7.30 p.m.
Corston	(8)	7.00– 8.00 p.m.
Twerton	(8)	7.30– 8.30 p.m.
Keynsham	(8)	8.00– 9.00 p.m.

Sunday, May 29th

Dunkerton	(6)	10.30–11.15 a.m.
Kelston	(6)	10.00–11.00 a.m.
St. Michael's w. St. Paul's	(8)	10.00–11.00 a.m.
St. Mary's, Bathwick	(8)	9.30–10.20 a.m.
		5.30– 6.30 p.m.
Twerton	(8)	8.30– 9.15 a.m.
		10.15–11.00 a.m.
		5.30– 6.30 p.m.
		7.30– 8.00 p.m.
Batheaston	(6)	8.30– 9.00 a.m.
		5.30– 6.30 p.m.
Newton St. Loe	(6)	9.30–10.00 a.m.
		3.30– 4.00 p.m.
Corston	(8)	10.30–11.15 a.m.
		6.00– 6.30 p.m.
Keynsham	(8)	10.30–11.00 a.m.
		5.30– 6.30 p.m.
Bath Abbey	(10)	5.00– 6.30 p.m.
St. Matthew's, Widcombe	(6)	5.30– 6.30 p.m.
Bathford	(6)	5.30– 6.30 p.m.
St. Mark's	(6)	5.30– 6.30 p.m.
Wells Cathedral	(10)	1.30– 3.30 p.m.
Evercreech	(10)	10.00–11.00 a.m.
		5.30– 6.30 p.m.
Chewton Mendip	(8)	9.15–10.00 a.m.
		5.30– 6.30 p.m.

Monday, May 30th

Wellow	(6)	7.00– 8.00 p.m.
Bathampton	(6)	7.00– 8.00 p.m.
Batheaston	(6)	7.30– 8.30 p.m.
Bathford	(6)	8.00– 9.00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 31st

Bath Abbey	(10)	6.30– 8.00 p.m.
St. Mary's, Bathwick	(8)	7.00– 8.00 p.m.

TOURS

Whit Monday, May 30th

Three "own transport" tours. No luncheon arrangements.

Northern

Chew Magna	(8)	9.30–10.15
Long Ashton	(8)	1030–11.15
Wraxall	(8)	11.30–12.15
Yatton	(8)	1.30– 2.30
*Wrington	(10)	2.45– 4.00
Blagdon	(8)	4.15– 5.00
†Chewton Mendip	(8)	5.30– 6.30

Central

Wells St. Cuthbert's	(8)	9.45–10.45
Glastonbury, St. John's	(8)	11.00–11.45
Taunton, St. Mary's	(12)	1.00– 2.15
Bishops Lydeard	(8)	2.30– 3.15
Bridgwater	(8)	3.30– 4.30
Wedmore	(8)	5.30– 6.30

Southern

Evercreech	(10)	9.30–10.45
Wincanton	(8)	11.00–11.45
Milborne Port	(8)	12.15– 1.00
Yeovil	(10)	2.15– 3.30
Queen Camel	(6)	3.45– 4.45
Ditcheat	(8)	5.30– 6.30

* Subject to confirmation; otherwise Congresbury (8).

† Subject to confirmation.

Will those wishing to participate please contact Mr. J. H. Gilbert, 13, Fenhurst Gardens, Long Ashton, Bristol, stating whether a coach trip would be preferred.

Peals.—Those wishing to take part in peals, please contact Mr. E. Naylor, 7, Priory Close, Ralph Allen Drive, Bath.

AFFILIATION FEES

The following Societies have not yet paid their subscription for 1966 at the time of writing:—

Australia and New Zealand Association.
East Grinstead Guild.
National Police Guild.
Sheffield and District Society.
South Derbys and North Leics Association.
Universities Association.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF REPRESENTATIVES

Secretaries are again reminded that these must be forwarded to me by May 3rd.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

26, Ironmill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

The first quarterly meeting for 1966 was held on April 2nd at Howden, where there is one of the finest rings in Yorkshire. The meeting was joint with the Selby and District Society. Afternoon ringing, under the direction of the Ringing Master, John Potts, included standard methods, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

The service at 4.30 was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Lickess, curate, who extended a warm welcome to both Societies and gave an interesting address on bells and bell-ringing. An excellent tea served in the Green Room, for which we have to thank almost exclusively the Harrop family, was followed by the business meetings of the two Societies.

A welcome was extended to Mr. W. E. Moreton, general secretary of the Yorkshire Association, who reminded the gathering of the Association's annual general meeting at Ripon on April 30th, where eight towers were to be open for ringing, and the general meeting at Bridlington on September 17th. Mr. D. S. Johnson called attention to the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies' Festival at Beverley on May 21st.

Three new members were elected to the Yorkshire Association — Messrs. P. Muse (Goole), J. Dodgson (Selby) and C. Holmes (Kirk Ella).

Nominations for retiring officers — to be ratified at the annual general meeting on June 18th—were as follows: Vice-president, H. Walker; committee, Miss M. E. Wilkinson, Miss J. Gray and Mr. R. Warford. This does not preclude other nominations at the annual general meeting itself.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

THE weather was about as bad as it could be on April 16th, when the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held its annual general meeting at the Chapter House, Gloucester. The meeting was the first to be held under the new rules and standing orders. Only 40 people had booked tea and half of these were visitors. The great question was, could the annual meeting be held? There must be 85 paid-up members to form a quorum this year. At the time of starting the Master and secretary counted just enough if no one asked "Are you all members?" So the meeting started and more came in to make a total of 110 members, and visitors in addition from Turramurra (Australia), Caston (Norfolk), Crewe, Harrow, Long Ashton, Heywood (Lancashire) and Pattingham (Staffs).

Instead of a Master there are now two officers, a Ringing Master and a chairman, positions being filled for the first time by Mr. W. F. Scudamore and the Rev. F. F. Rigby respectively. All other officers were re-elected. Of the 21 vice-presidents, only 12 desired to retain the title, seven are now honorary life members and two have reverted to ordinary performing membership.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations of the Management Committee were agreed to:—That membership subscriptions remain at 5s. for senior performing members, 2s. 6d. for juniors and 3s. 6d. for associates; that the affiliation fee payable by parochial church councils should remain at one guinea: that the peal books be housed with the Bristol City Archives pending the opening of St. Nicholas' Church, Bristol, as a museum in about two years' time. The books would remain the property of the Association and one of the books would always be on display.

A recommendation that the Association donate the sum of 10 guineas to "The Ringing World" was doubled by an amendment, and a cheque for £21 has already been sent to the Editor.

It was reported, in answer to a question, that a peal tablet is being made to mark the record peal in multi-Minor methods rung at Castle Eaton.

The Association service was at St. Mary de Crypt, Canon W. H. Houghton, the Rector, telling of his experiences in Christian work overseas to a very large congregation; £8 10s. was collected, of which the Association receives £5.

FILMS POPULAR

After the service the two films, "Ringers Required" and "Washington Cathedral," were shown in the church; perhaps it was these which had drawn so many from such a wide area. It was a good finish to what had been a very successful day.

Good use was made of the large number of bells available by more people than came to the meeting, as a number of visitors obtained permission to ring at several towers while the meeting was in progress. Members are reminded that the work of the officers can be eased if they will send in returns as soon as asked, and peal conductors are requested to send full details, including names of all ringers, to the peal secretary to save a lot of trouble later on

The next annual general meeting will be held in Bristol on April 1st, 1967.

Thanks are due to all those who helped to make it such a good day in spite of the terrible weather. The Chapter House, however, was beautifully warm. C. R.

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SUFFOLK GUILD'S ANNUAL MEETING

NEARLY 200 ringers attended the Suffolk Guild annual meeting, held this year at Lavenham on April 16th. The figure was more than double that of any previous year, the average attendance for the last 12 years being 80. Visitors were present from Bradford, Croydon, Birmingham, Norfolk, Cambridge and Essex.

The ringing arrangements had been based for the first time more on festival lines, 20 towers being opened in and around Lavenham for the day. The renowned octave at the Parish Church recently restored by Messrs. Taylor was much enjoyed, as indeed was the service, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Rex Bird, in this notable "wool" church.

The address, given by the Rev. A. A. Muxlow, Vicar of Stowmarket, himself a ringer, was worthy of such a gathering and was described by Mr. Leonard Last at the meeting later as one which should be heard all around the Diocese!

One hundred and eighty people sat down to a tea of home-made fare, and the business meeting which followed was presided over by the chairman, Mr. John Blythe. In welcoming the visitors and members he commended everyone on their support but regretted the absence, due to illness, of their hard-working secretary, Andrew Beckwith. The good wishes of the whole Guild were extended to Mr. Beckwith.

The Ringing Master, George Pipe, supported the chairman's comments and expressed his gratitude to members for rallying round and providing this very encouraging upsurge of enthusiasm. He remarked on the high proportion of young members present and asked everyone to keep up the good work, especially in the western half of the county. Mr. Pipe felt that his challenge at the end of 1965 had been accepted and he was optimisitic that the present membership of 350 could reach 500 (the pre-war level) by 1970.

THE REPORTS

The Ringing Master (Mr. G. W. Pipe) reported that in 1965 there was some definite progress in ringing with some excellent meetings. He had been able to visit 51 towers for either service ringing or meetings. Peals, at 75, were the best since 1961. Congratulations were extended to 19 first-pealers and to Roy Groom of Henley, who did not miss a service ring and attended church each time afterwards.

The general secretary (Mr. A. T. Beckwith) in his report mentioned the rededication of Lavenham bells, attended by about 300 ringers, and thanked Capt. G. A. D. Cooper, R.N. (retd.), for his work as hon. treasurer of the Appeal Fund.

Mr. R. W. M. Clouston, the technical adviser, reported on the state of the bells in a further 28 towers, bringing the total to date to 304. Yaxley bells, which had not been rung for a number of years, were found to be in quite good order, but the tower roof needed urgent attention. Peasenhall bells were in poor condition due to inadequate maintenance. Bungay's bell-frame had reached the end of its useful life. Stratford St. Mary needed a new metal frame.

A treble has been added to make six at Mendlesham; the third at Little Thurlow has been recast and all the bells there are hung dead; the six at Rougham are to be overhauled, and money is being raised to get Kersey bells rehung. Stoke-by-Clare bells are now ringable, and with some secondhand pulleys from Lavenham will only be marginally worse to ring than they were before the heating system invaded the ringing chamber.

The officers for 1966 were all re-elected and it was decided that the venue for the next annual general meeting be left in the hands of the committee.

Three new members were elected and the Master presented Capt. Geoffrey Cooper with his honorary member's certificate in appreciation of all his work in connection with Lavenham Church and bells.

A lady member of the Bramford band had needleworked a very beautiful kneeler for use in the Cathedral at Bury St. Edmunds and this was displayed at the meeting. It depicted the Suffolk Guild's badge and was one of a whole collection representing the arts and crafts of the Diocese.

Altogether a most happy gathering.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The new Vicar of Aston, the Rev. E. C. Smith, welcomed the members of the St. Martin's Guild when they visited Aston for their meeting on April 2nd. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. F. Bennett, Mr. E. Drew of Claverley and Mr. Wilcox of Shrewsbury.

The following ringers were elected as resident members: Miss V. Naylor, Miss N Riley, Messrs. G. C. Paul, R. J. Parker, R. Clarke and D. Haynes. The tower elections, as life members, of the following ringers were duly ratified: Messrs. Norman Chaddock (Rotherham), Robert E. J. Dennis (Liverpool) and Brian J. Luff (Stourbridge).

A sample pressing of the proposed new badge was handed round for inspection and it was decided, subject to the Bishop's approval of the use of the Diocesan shield which is incorporated in the design, to order a quantity of badges after obtaining competitive prices.

The Ringing Master, Mr. J. Alan Ainsworth, invited the ringers of any tower in the Diocese to visit St. Martin's as a band on a Tuesday evening by arrangement, when the ringers who regularly assembled there for practice would assist in any method to suit the capabilities of the visitors.

Next meeting: Tanworth in Arden on July 2nd (subject to permission).

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION

This Association at its annual meeting at Morton on Easter Monday elected two new officers in key positions. Mr. E. J. Starling, of The Meadows, Swanwick, succeeds Mr. T. H. Radford as hon. secretary, and Mr. A Smithson replaces Mr. E. A. Harrison as Joint Ringing Master. Other officers were re-elected.

In his address the president, Mr. B. A. Richards, asked the company to stand in respect to the memory of Mr. S. Alvey, who had recently died. He brought to the notice of the meeting the urgency of recruiting more members, otherwise the annual subscription would have to be raised. Twelve new members were elected. Kirkby band again were the winners of the Jubilee Shield.

A wide range of methods was rung on the light six (tenor 4¼ cwt.). The Rev. E. B. Teale conducted the service, and an excellent tea was enjoyed in the Rectory Room.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Just on 30 members attended the meeting of the Northern Branch at Yaxham on April 23rd. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. David Moll, and the lesson was read by the chairman, Mr. G. Sayer. Neville John Burgess, of Wroxham, was elected a member.

The Rev. W. F. P. Kelly deplored the fact that so many bells in the Northern Branch were unringable and stressed that something should be done to get these bells ringing again.

Yaxham bells were rung in the afternoon under the leadership of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Leslie Bailey, from rounds to London Surprise, as were Mattishall's in the evening.

Good news was received of the health of the president, Mr. F. N. Golden.

THE BISHOP ATTENDS ELY DIOCESAN FESTIVAL

THE annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held on Easter Monday in the Wisbech area. Ringing commenced at March and Northwold at 10 a.m., and 20 towers proved a good assortment to the many visiting and resident ringers who were in attendance. In the afternoon all converged on Wisbech, the capital of the Fens, for the service at St. Peter's.

The president of the Association, the Bishop of Ely, was present and gave the address. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. M. McCaughey), the lesson was read by the Rev. Giles Galley, and Mr. F. Wigmore was the organist.

The Bishop expressed his pleasure at being present with members for their service and to see that many younger persons were being attracted to ringing. He continued his address along the lines of the four prayers contained in the service sheet and gave some valuable ideas for thought. About 150 people were present for the service.

Tea followed in the nearby Church Hall, the Bishop joining about 130 members and friends for the meal, which was served by lady members and friends of the Wisbech District. The Bishop, who left before the meeting commenced, was thanked by the general secretary (Mr. H. S. Peacock) for his attendance and for giving the address. The Bishop in his reply said how pleased he was to be present.

Canon A. L. Woodard, president of the Cambridge District, who is well known for his humour at meetings, presided at the business meeting. All the officers were re-elected and thanked for their services. These were: General secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. S. Peacock; peal secretary, Mr. G. Pearson; auditor, Mr. A. J. Davey. Mr. T. A. Bevis was congratulated and heartily thanked for his work on "The Sentinel," the Association's quarterly magazine, and despite a threatened increase in the cost of production it was decided to carry on with the August and December editions.

The Association's report for 1965 stated that there was very little to report on restoration work, but this did not mean that nothing was being done. It was regretted that so many towers were unringable. Resident members had shown a steady increase; they welcomed 39 members from other Guilds and Associations.

Losses by death were the Rev. I. G. Jones, of Denver, William Smoothy, John W. Ward, George Pratt and Jonas Halls.

The peal secretary reported that 65 peals had been rung for the Association, which was considerably in excess of last year's total of 50. Seven members rang their first peal and one his first as conductor. A total of 146 members took part in peals, and conducting was shared by 25 people. Forty-seven towers were visited for peals and 13 visited for the first time. The leading conductor was G. E. Thodav (15) and leading peal ringer Mr. G. F. Bonham (25). The first peal of Olney Surprise was rung and the first of eight-Soliced Surprise Major (this by a resident band).

It was decided to hold the 1967 annual meeting in the Huntingdon District on Easter Monday. An omnibus vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting such an excellent one was voiced by Mr. R. F. Baker.

Ringing was then continued and over 30 ringers were still present after 8.30 p.m., many with long journeys to travel.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Fifteen members were present at the annual general meeting of the Kent District held at Rainham on April 16th. A delicious tea was served after the service conducted by the Vicar, and Mrs. Mitchell proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cheal and all ladies who had prepared tea.

Despite her hope of resigning, Mrs. Mitchell was re-elected vice-president. Mrs. Dobbie remains as hon. secretary, although at the meeting Miss Colgate deputised for her. Plans for the annual general meeting at Exeter were discussed.

THE ORIGIN OF TENOR

Dear Sir,—One derivation of a ringing term to which I have never heard a satisfactory explanation is that of "tenor." As you know, it is the name given to the lowest-toned bell of a ring. People often ask why it is called tenor and not bass, as you would expect.

To find the answer you have to look back to the early developments of music, during the 10th, 11th and 12th centuries. Music at this time was developing mainly in the churches, being limited to the singing of church services by the monks. The style and form of this music is known as "Organum"; it consisted of a plainsong type of melody known as the "Vox principalis" and a second part which was added, either a fourth or a fifth below. Other parts were sometimes added below this, but they all moved in parallel. The second part was known as "Vox organalis." As time passed these parts continued to be developed and elaborated and added to. Another part added below became more and more stationary and eventually held one note. This part became known as the tenor from the Latin tenere, to hold.

It seems likely, therefore, that the name the monks used for their lowest choral part they applied to their lowest bell, and that this name has stuck.

The lowest bell of a carillon is known as the bass bell. This is mainly because the carillon is a more orthodox musical instrument and when it was developed to its present form, around the 15th–18th centuries, music had undergone many basic changes: the lowest part was then known as the bass.

The word carillon itself was used originally for the melody played. It is a French word derived from the mediæval Latin quadrillionem, a quaternary, because carillons were at first sounded on four bells. It is connected with the French clarine, a little bell, as well as the Italian quadriglio (quadrille), a popular dance in the 1t6h century, the music for which was probably played on bells.

I hope this may add something to the present "glut" of terminological explanations.—Yours faithfully,

ANDREW W. R. WILBY.

Harpenden, Herts.

COLLECTION OF SURPRISE COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Stephen Ivin has pointed out to me an error in my "Collection of Surprise Compositions." All copies still unsold will be corrected, but I would be grateful if in the meantime you could publish the following amendments for those who already have the book:

(a) Delete note (3) against Blackburn, Harleston, Quenby and Rothley Surprise Major.

(b) Amend note (3) on page 13 to read "Composition No. 77 is true."

Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings.

PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—It appears that since having the figures of Burghclere Surprise checked some six months ago a different variation of the front work has somehow crept in and the variation is false in the composition used.

My apologies to all the band, especially to those who travelled a long distance. I am still at a loss to know how the wrong variation was used.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY K. DODD.

Woolton Hill, near Newbury.

Letters

A STALWART CHURCH WORKER

Dear Sir,—Through the medium of "The Ringing World" I would like to thank Mr. J. and Miss K. Rooke, son and daughter of the well-known captain at Warsop, Mr. H. T. Rooke, for their kind thought and trouble they have taken in recording on tape recent services at Warsop Parish Church, including Easter Evensong. During my 87 years I have spent much happiness in the activities of the Parish Church, joining the choir at nine years old, learning to pull a bell in 1893, elected leader of the ringers in 1897, the same year buying a set of 35 handbells for £6 (by Shaw of Bradford), all in good condition except one: they have recently been restored and are a pleasure to look at, let alone ringing them. I remember ringing, the clappers muffled with rags, for W. E. Gladstone (statesman). Needless to say the muffles were soon worn away. In 1913 I was instrumental for the recasting of the bells in iron frames. In 1920 I made and installed a chiming machine which proved of great use when ringers were not available. The same year I redecorated the organ and chancel with gold leaf. I have held the office of Sunday School teacher and have been elected to the Church Council. In 1948 I was appointed verger, a position which I had reluctantly to resign at the age of 76 owing to ill-health. I am now confined to bed, and I have to thank doctor and nurses for their skill and attention in saving my leg from amputation, and last, but not least, to the care and devotion, night and day, of a good wife aiding my recovery: also the Rector, ringers of Warsop and many friends who have paid constant visits. My sincere thanks to all of you. —Yours faithfully,

T. R. FLINT.

P.S.—I bought the first issue of "The Ringing World" and I still enjoy its contents which my wife reads to me.—T. R. F.

THE BELFRY OFFICE

Dear Sir,—In several towers where I have rung lately the "Belfry Office" has not been said. We, as Church bell ringers, should surely feel the great need of God's help and blessing in our ringing. Was it not Christ Himself who said, 'For without Me ye can do nothing"? (St. John xv, 5.).—Yours sincerely,

J. M. DURSTON.

Hemington, Bath

BUXTON, NOT COLLEGE BOB

Dear Sir,—The correct name for the method rung as College Bob at East Bridgford on March 5th ("Ringing World" page 204) is Buxton. The first peal in the method was rung at Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire, on December 26th, 1959.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Stratton St. Margaret.

BEGINNERS' HANDBOOK

Dear Sir,—I have just bought the "Beginners' Handbook," although it is almost 60 years since I was a beginner. It does not give the Central Council's advice to instructors on which of three ways a learner should acquire the feel of his bell: (1) To pull it up; (2) Instructor backstroke only and learner handstroke only; (3) Learner backstroke only and instructor handstroke only.

There is no ringing in this district in a radius of 15 miles but a new band is starting from scratch with one instructor who has my sympathy and limited assistance. Will your readers please comment?—Yours sincerely,

RETIRED.

Lincs.

LEARNER PROBLEM

Dear Sir,—I have a vested interest in the "Learner Problem" as I am at present helping to teach an entirely new band, and some points occur in Derek C. Jackson's letter of April 15th which I should like to explore further. Broadly speaking, I agree with what has been said, but will presume to enlarge a little on each point.

Stage 1.—Presumably there are two learners plain hunting and one "inside" during this plain course of Grandsire, or else plain hunt could be rung with equal advantage. I would, however, regard three learners in a plain course of Doubles as being too many; it is not only nerve-racking for them, as they are not likely to trust each other very much, but often sounds excruciatingly painful outside the tower. Where possible, I prefer to have one in the hunt and one "inside," for which purpose Plain Bob has equal merit.

Stage 2.—When the learner can reasonably be expected to do so, I tell him to keep half an eye on the treble and to note what he is doing when it is leading. Thus, making seconds is particularly easy for him as he strikes directly over it. This will also simplify handbell ringing for him.

Stage 3.—The shortness of the Grandsire plain course is not always a good recommendation. As one who teaches a learner initially to ring by counting his place, I spend half my time trying to **prevent** him from learning off all the numbers of the bells he follows. From my own experience I know that to follow the numbers is usually to hinder the acquisition of ropesight.

Stage 4.—I agree entirely, adding that as well as the problem of "singles" the learner will always find the three calls of Plain Bob less of a burden than the six of Grandsire (where extra difficulty is often found in the rapid transition between being a hunting and a working bell).

Logical extension need not be a problem, as I would always teach Grandsire as the second method (Grandsire Doubles=Plain Bob Minimus+extra hunt bell) before going on to Little Bob, Stedman and Kent. From Plain Bob Doubles I also regard Reverse Canterbury Doubles as an excellent exercise in place making.

Much depends, of course, on having enough good ringers to fill three or four spare ropes and, if possible, to keep an eye on those learners whom the instructor cannot always be watching. If suitable help were not forthcoming from one's own band or friends from neighbouring towers it would probably prove interesting to raise the topic of an "Inter-Tower Aid Scheme" at a meeting of the local Association: this would perhaps be a task for an enterprising Ringing Master with a liking for hard work. And could much of the faulty and "ill-planned amateur instruction" be due to a lack of encouragement and direction from the struggling and inexperienced tower captain or instructor?—Yours sincerely,

C. J. EASTON.

Scalby, Yorks.

THE IRISH 50th ANNIVERSARY

Dear Sir,—I should have thought the easiest way of avoiding controversy over the recent peal at Longney would have been for you not to have published the footnote. This would also have deprived the band of the pleasure of turning to see who has risen to the bait in your next issue.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

Note.—We will not entertain letters on this subject. To many of our readers the footnote was most unhappily worded.—Ed.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

THE BELLS OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, AMBLECOTE

By Martin D. Fellows

FORMERLY in the county of Stafford and the smallest urban district in the country, Amblecote is now, by virtue of the West Midlands Order, 1965, part of the borough of Stourbridge and therefore in the county of Worcester. The parish has always been part of the diocese of Worcester.

For centuries the principal industries have been coal, iron, fireclay and "Stourbridge Glass." Amblecote fireclay is no doubt the best known in the world and is reputed to have been discovered in 1555 by wandering glass makers from Lorraine.

The Parish Church of the hamlet was St. Mary's, Old Swinford, the mother church of Stourbridge as well as of Amblecote, but in 1842 the present church was built and Amblecote became a separate parish in 1845. The church is of a design that is not unpleasant for the period and is built of locally-made "buff" bricks and not, as local legend would have it, of fire bricks.

The first bell to hang in the western tower was lent by the governors of the Free Grammar School of King Edward VI in Stourbridge, and "was to be returned when required." In 1859 the question of installing a ring of eight bells was considered. Nothing however came of it, and a single bell was installed, some dispute having arisen over the title to the bell lent by the governors. The new bell was cast by George Mears and weighed about 11 cwt. This bell was inscribed thus: "Spes tuttusimpa in coelis. John William Grier, Incumbent. Charles William Firmstone, William England, Churchwardens. 1859."

FIRST RUNG ON EASTER DAY.

In 1964 it was learned that a Miss Agnes Egan, of the neighbouring parish of Wollaston, had left provision in her will for the installation of a light ring of eight bells in the tower and, in 1965, John Taylor and Co. cast the bells. Work on installing the bells did not commence until March of this year and they were officially rung for the first time on Easter Day. On Easter Tuesday the first peal was rung on the bells by a band gathered from nearby towers.

As the Bishop of Worcester is not able to visit the church for some time yet, the bells have not been dedicated. However, the Vicar, the Rev. John Hencher, is anxious that the bells are rung as much as possible and he has, therefore, in the meantime blessed them. Notice of the dedication will be given in "The Ringing World."

Local ringers are being taught, and the practice night is on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. Service ringing takes place on Sundays at 8.55 a.m.

Inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

On each bell: "John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough, 1965."

Treble: "To the memory of Agnes Egan, who gave this peal."

Second: "To the memory of Orpah Egan."

Third: "To the memory of Christopher Turner."

Fourth: "Remember Winston Churchill of the 20th Century."

Fifth: "Remember John F. Kennedy of the 20th Century."

Sixth: "Remember Pope John XXIII of the 20th Century."

Seventh: "Lewis Mervyn Charles-Edwards Bishop of Worcester 1965."

Tenor: "I to the Church the Living Call and to the grave do summon all." (Weight 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B.)

The bells are of clear, crisp tone and are a pleasure to ring. Once again, John Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on a first-class job.

KENT RINGERS IN SUFFOLK

Transported by Mr. John Hemsley, of Rolvenden, Cranbrook, Kent, ringers had an enjoyable outing into Suffolk, thanks to the advice of Mr. G. W. Pipe and local ringers and incumbents. Towers visited were Sudbury, Lavenham, Long Melford, Hartest, Cavendish, Clare and Great Yeldham.

OBITUARY

CANON G. DIXON

Ringers of the Central Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were well represented at the memorial service, on Low Sunday, in Waddesdon Parish Church, near Aylesbury, for Canon G. Dixon, who died in Hampshire at the end of March after two and a half years' retirement. Canon Dixon had been 42 years Rector of Waddesdon (1921–1963).

In his address, the present Rector, the Rev N. Parker, said it was really a service of thanksgiving for his faithful ministry. Canon Dixon entered the ministry in 1911 and after ten years as a curate in London he was offered the living of Waddesdon by the present Duke of Marlborough, to whom he had formerly been tutor.

The Central Bucks Branch was inaugurated in 1928 by the Rev. F. J. Amies, who persuaded Canon Dixon to become its first chairman. He continued as chairman for 30 years, during which time he missed only four meetings. He finally relinquished the chairmanship at a record gathering of ringers for the Branch in June, 1958, and became the first president of the Branch. During the next year or two he again presided at several meetings in the absence of his successor. Canon Dixon was a vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the memorial service the Oxford Guild was represented by Mr. E. F. Gibbard, vice-president of the Central Bucks Branch, and the Branch by Mr. J. W. Hall, hon. secretary, Ringing Masters Messrs. G. Edmans and F. Gregory and other ringers. Mr. D. Wheeler represented the Chilterns Branch.

After the service the representatives above mentioned with one of the oldest ringing members of the Guild rang 360 Grandsire Doubles in memory of a well-loved priest and friend. J. W. H.

MR. W. O. TALBOT

Mr. William Oswald (Bill) Talbot had been a member of the Headingley company without a break since he came to Leeds in 1901 until his retirement from ringing a couple of years ago. I heard him speak only once of his earliest ringing days, but I gathered he started ringing at Dudley and that he rang frequently with a well-known ringer of his day—W. Rock Small.

About the turn of the century Headingley possessed one of the leading bands in the country; they rang the five standard Surprise methods every Sunday and it was customary to catch hold without knowing which method the conductor intended to call—there was none of the 'How do I start" business.

The Headingley belfry contains a handsome triple-panelled peal board—the work of the late Mr. Percy Johnson—recording a 5,024 London in 1904, 5,024 Double Norwich in 1910 (Bill rang the second to this), and 5,056 Superlative in 1905, and there is a group photograph of the ringers with the peal board prior to its erection in the tower in 1916. Of this company there is now one survivor, "Jafus." Bill's last peal, Double Norwich, fully muffled for King George V, was at his own tower in January, 1936.

Gardening, however, was his chief interest, and every Sunday morning after ringing he would stride off to his allotment ("the garden") down St. Michael's Lane. Three years ago, when he would have been 83, he told me that he was digging his next door neighbour's garden as well as his own!

By that time he had gone in for motor-cycling and I found it difficult to believe that he was an octogenarian—indeed I quite expected him to live to be 100, but not long after his retirement he suffered a stroke from which he never fully recovered.

R. H. DOVE.

STRATTON'S EASTER MONDAY OUTING

Stratton ringers had their annual Easter Monday outing to Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset, ringing in ten different towers. Travelling some 350 miles, we were joined by ringers from Exeter, Exmouth, Lamerton, Tavistock and Westleigh.

The best ringing of the day was at Yeovil on a magnificent 40 cwt. 10 and at Gillingham where Stedman proved the most musical method. Other towers visited were East and West Coker, Shaftesbury (Holy Trinity and St. James'), Mere, Bourton, Henstridge and Milborne Port.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire Stedman, Plain Bob and call changes.

Our thanks to tower secretary Henry Trewin for organising, and to the incumbents. V.

THE MANCROFT GUILD

At the annual general meeting held on April 4th, the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: President, the Rev. W. J. Westwood; Ringing Master, Mr. F. N. Golden; Deputy Ringing Master, Dr. D. Heighton; secretary, Mr. D. Cubitt; steeplekeeper, Mr. C. Bird.

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ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 17th, 1,260 Minor (four methods): Gaynor Wallace 1, Carol Cousins 2, Wendy Wallace 3, R. Rayfield 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. Rung for the baptism of David Christopher Godfrey, son of the conductor.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, 1, 3 leading): J. Oliver 1, A. Keen 2, Miss H. Jones (first quarter) 3, H. Craig 4, A. Palmer 5, F. Reed (cond.) 6, G. Newman 7, J. Cuss 8. Also on April 17th, 1,260 Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Newman 1, H. Craig 2, A. Palmer 3, F. Read 4, A. Keen (first as cond.) 5, J. Cuss 6.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Morris (first quarter at first attempt) 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Katharine T. Gavin 3, Pamela R. Gough (cond.) 4, Valerie Mepham 5, D. A. Hibbett 6.

ASTON-ON-TRENT, DERBYS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss J. Hignett (first in two methods) 1, A. F. Hall 2, J. J. Lander (first in two methods "inside") 3, F. Hinds 4, J. E. Collins (cond.) 5, I. Webb (first quarter) 6.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Allman 1, G Edwards 2, J. Scott (cond.) 3, K. Eaton 4, L. Perry 5, R. Lanceley (first quarter) 6

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. Hull 1, Mrs. L. Croker 2, V. Roberts 3, F. J. White 4, R. Parker 5, W. A Prescott (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and a 91st birthday compliment to Mrs. S. Plumley.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. Margetts 1, E. R. Goate (cond.) 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, G. G. Walpole 4, Miss D. Constance 5, T. J. Brock 6, I. Margetts 7, J. W. Forder 8, R. W. Bickers 9, J. B. Pickup 10. To mark the enthronement this day of Dr. Leslie Brown as Bishop of the diocese.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on April 3rd, 1,280 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major: Linda Ellison 1, Kathleen Rivett 2, Avril Ivin 3, R. J. Sharp 4, R. R. Churchill (first of spliced) 5, K. H. Fleming 6, M. J. Marriott 7, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On April 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. Dury 1, F. Goodearle 2, Lynne Payne 3, A. Bourner 4, Carole Wood 5, B. Johnson 6, H. Deacon (cond.) 7, R. Beanstead 8.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Janet Pyke (first in method) 1, Penny Kift 2, Mrs. B. Stocker 3, R. C. Kift 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, H. L. Williamson 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara Orlopp 1, Penny Kift (cond.) 2, D. Stocker (first in method "inside") 3, Mrs. B. Stocker 4, H. M. Williamson 5, Lesley Rundle 6. A farewell to the Rev. V. Symons, Vicar of "The Moving Church."

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QUARTER PEALS

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Yvonne Turrell 1, L. Penfold 2, Lynn Wilson 3, G. Sweet 4, D. Harding (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. For Matins, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the captain's wife.

CARDIGAN.—On April 10th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods/variations): Sian Evans 1, Jean Thomas 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 3, J. D. Thomas 4, R. Pateman 5, D. P. Griffiths 6. For Evensong.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Moss 1, R. Snack 2, N. Cox 3, S. Lilley 4, B. Edwards (first as cond.) 5, R. Carden 6. For Evensong.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. Beeson (first quarter) 1, G. Charman 2, E. Davey 3, D. Stacey (first quarter) 4, H. Arthur 5, L. Warner 6. For H.M. the Queen's 40th birthday.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On April 17th, at St. John the Baptist Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. H. Humphries 1, Miss C. Snelling 2, D. G. Brown 3, C. M. Foster 4, G. Fisher 5, R. C. Stevens 6, K. Taber 7, N. G. T. Steere 8, R. Davies 9, I. M. Parry 10. For Evensong, and as a compliment to Miss C. Snelling, on her 22nd birthday.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. G. Harrison 1, J. Mowle 2, O. Claxton (first "inside") 3, C. R. Catchpole 4, F. Sutton 5, R. Churchill 6, A. Cook 7, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 8. In honour of the visit of the Bishop of Thetford; also remembering the anniversary of the death of Stanley Copling.

DUNHOLME, LINCS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Julie Radley 1, H. J. Radley 2, W. S. Smith 3, C. V. Cade 4, T. R. Smith (cond.) 5, P. Burton (cover bell) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. John Cottingham. Also on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Radley (14, first attempt) 1, P. Burton 2, W. S. Smith 3, B. W. Smith 4, T. R. Smith (cond.) 5, M. Black (cover bell) 6. For Evensong. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles on March 6th. First quarter for Kathleen Fox.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On April 10th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Woodbine, 720 Oxford): Susan Fowkes 1, Miriam Pettitt 2, Marion Clarke 3, S. R. Huckle 4, M. J. Marriott 5, R. F. Law (cond.) 6.

EWELL, SURREY.—On April 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. C. Spitle 1, Mrs. C. W. Munday 2, S. J. Philbrick 3, A. Sawyer (first of Major) 4, C. W. Munday (cond.) 5, P. J. Munday 6, J. E. Beams 7, W. F. Slocombe 8. For Easter Evensong, and as a farewell to Mr. A. S. Besant, for 14 years a member of the band.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on April 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Cinques: W. Harvey 1, N. Mallett 2, C. Yates 3, B. Thompson 4, F. Wills 5, D. Wills 6, B. Coles 7, F. Mack (cond.) 8, F. Wreford 9, G. Skinner 10, C. Yates 11, C. Bryant and P. Pavey 12. First in the method for all the band. Rung by members of St. Peter's Guild for Evensong.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Wills 1, Miss E. Banks 2, Miss R. Brown 3, L. D. Smith (cond.) 4, R. Allinson 5, L. V. Smith 6. For Evensong.

FULBECK, LINCS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. King 1, J. Bennett 2, M. Mitchell 3, W. King 4, H. J. Cloxton (cond.) 5, C. Hensha 6. All first except 2 and 5. For the Queen's birthday.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On March 27th, 1,260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: J. Dawson 1, G. A. Dawson (cond and 100th quarter) 2, D. A. Osbourne 3, Miss E. J. Foster 4, D. Surman 5, R. Adey 6. For Evensong.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jones (first quarter) 1, Nicolai Stroud 2, N. Stroud 3, Diane Street (first of Triples as cond.) 4, Elizabeth Stevinson 5, R. J. C. Hagley 6, D. White 7, J. W. Hagley 8. A farewell compliment to Derek and Ingrid White, who are moving to Germany.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.—On April 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. M. Bowers 1, A. P. Smith 2, A. J. Davidson 3, G. W. Taysom 4, H. Miles 5, W. R. Curtis 6, Marion L. Lidgey (first as cond.) 7, W. J. S. Troon (first on eight) 8.

HARTLIP, KENT.—On April 14th, 1,260 Single Oxford: E. Clifton 1, Brenda Foster 2, F. G. Huckstepp 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6. First in the method 1, 2, 4 and 5.

HANNINGTON, WILTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Hedges (first quarter) 1, Anita O'Brien 2, D. Vowles (first quarter) 3, B. Bladon (cond.) 4, W. Gearing 5.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. Shilvock (first quarter) 1, L. W. Clissett 2, M. Irene Ellsmore 3, H. Shilvock 4, A. B. Ellsmore (cond.) 5, I. Shilvock 6, T. Greenhall 7, A. Hackett 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Shilvock, 21st birthday compliment to A. Hackett and a compliment to I. Shilvock and Miss Gill Williams, on their engagement.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDX.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. A. Gage 1, Mrs. J. Hooton 2, J. Elliot 3, A. Martin 4, R. Ashmore 5, R. A. Gage (cond.) 6. For the marriages of Mr. C. W. Simpson and Miss J. Millet, of Keighley, Yorks, and Miss L. E. Simpson and Mr. R. Bedford, of Wolverhampton.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On March 3rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. R. Hough 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, W. Ransom 3, W. Papworth 4, A. J. Davey 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6. Also on April 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ransom 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, D. G. Papworth 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. N. Pearce (first of Minor) 1, T. W. Brighton 2, Susan E. Thompson 3, A. .C Banton (cond.) 4, Mary I. Hildred 5, Jennifer E. Pearce ("circled the tower" to quarters) 6.

IDEN, SUSSEX.—On March 24th, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Sylvia Knight 1, Brenda Foster 2, L. Sweatman 3, B. Johnson 4, H. Deacon 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6. First of Kent T.B. 1, 3 and 5.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Anthea Sparshott (first of Minor) 1, Shirley Jones 2, P. S. Reading 3, A. J. Cox 4, S. F. Royal 5, C. J. Royal (cond.) 6. Also on April 9th, 1,296 Minor (three methods): Anthea Sparshott 1, Shirley Jones 2, P. S. Reading 3, A. J. Cox 4, S. F. Royal (cond.) 5, G. W. Randall 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Anthea Sparshott (first "inside").

LEEDS, YORKS.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. R Pluckrose 1, C. B. Dove 2, R. Joy Watkin 3, J. Potts 4, R. H. Dove 5, R. Brown 6, K. B. Sissons 7, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to C. B. Dove.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Read 1, T. Stevens 2, A. Newman 3, J. Spence (first "inside") 4, Miss P. Sturdy 5, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 6, E. Taylor 7, T. Boreham 8. For Evensong, and a welcome to Jane Pendlebury, a daughter for the tower captain.

LIFTON, DEVON.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Sims 1, Miss S. Sims 2, J. Michelmore (first on eight) 3, J. P. Sims 4, G. E. Mudge 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6, R. A. Southwood 7, W. C. Boucher 8. A 70th birthday compliment to J. Benoy, captain of the Lifton band.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On March 20th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: Sheila Y. Hallett (cond.) 1, J. Sheppard 2, Brenda H Boyce 3, C. R. Jenkins 4, R. C. Taylor 5, R. Talbot 6. For Evensong.

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QUARTER PEALS

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—At the Cathedral, on April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Evans (first true quarter) 1, Susan Jones 2, Susan Harber 3, Gwen Bidgood 4, M. Kingsley 5, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 6, A. W. Smith 7, J. Williams 8. For Evensong.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNS.—On April 3rd, 1,319 Mixed Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Gillian Heywood 1, Mrs. C. Evans 2, Phyllis Daniel 3, Rev. Trevor Evans 4, J. Astbury (cond.) 5, A. Burton 6, Rev. Geoffrey Heywood 7, K. Richards 8. Rung to mark the engagement of the tower captain, Mr. John Astbury, to Miss Susan Moreland.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. M. Ottaway (first of Grandsire) 1, H. Corney 2, G. E. Perry (first "inside") 3, J. P. Ottaway 4, D. Riley 5, F. Tomlin 6, C. W. Ottaway (first as cond.) 7, C. A. Ottaway 8. Rung for Evensong, and to welcome the new churchwarden, F. Lee-Jones, a ringer.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Todd 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, R. Birch 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. P. Brotherston 6. For Matins, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Wratten.

LYNSTED, KENT.—On March 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Clifton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, L. Sweatman 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Thomas 1, L. Derrick 2, Mrs. D. Strong 3, J. Mitchell 4, C. Kortwright (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. First quarter 1 and 4.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On March 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. Hancock 1, R. Rose 2, L. Sharpe 3, E. Bishop 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5.

PENMARK, GLAM.—On April 14th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: C. F. Cook 1, K. J. Maundrell 2, P. D. Oldam 3, R. S. Price 4, B. A. Williams 5, M. H. Williams (cond.) 6. First of Kent T.B. 1, 4 and 5.

PULVERBATCH, SALOP.—On April 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Westwood 1, Rosemary White 2, P. Johnson 3, N. White 4, M. Mulvey 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on April 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Andrews (first of Caters) 1, Elizabeth Layton 2, Miss J. Hayward ((first of Caters) 3, D. S. Osenton 4, C. S. Jarrett 5, D. N. Layton (cond.) 6, B. R. Trill 7, M. F. Layton 8, L. Crouch 9, C. T. Osenton 10. For the christening at the Cathedral of Richard Michael, son of ringer of 8.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Muncey 1, Ann Chettle 2, T. Smith 3, B. Whitworth 4, S. Hodgkins 5, L. Priestley 6, R. Coley (cond.) 7, C. Whitworth 8. A compliment to Ann and Bob Whitworth, on the birth of a son, Andrew.

SANDHURST, KENT.—On March 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Rachel Sages 1, Brenda Foster 2, N. J. Davies 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 2.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On April 12th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: L. G. Coburn 1, Jean Dale 2, Susan Cowan 3, Amy Coburn 4, M. J. Bew 5, A. W. R. Wilby (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Martin Coburn.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 15th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): J. Pilgrim 1, V. Bedford 2, J. Marjoram 3, A. Knights 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. A farewell tribute to the Rev. Mr. Moyle.

SCALBY, YORKS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Barker (first quarter) 1, Marguerite Adamson (first "inside") 2, H. Pickup (first as cond.) 3, M. Pickup 4, C. Easton 5, D. Reed 6. First quarter by a local band.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On March 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Clifton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, L. Sweatman 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edgar King, ringer and sexton for over 40 years. Also on March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles, and on April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (first quarter D. Knight).

SOUTHAMPTON.—On April 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. S. Croft (first as cond.) 1—2, K. S. B. Croft 3—4, W. S. Croft 5—6. Also on April 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. S. Croft 1—2, K. S. B. Croft 3—4, Madeline M. Croft 5—6, W. S. Croft (first as cond.) 7—8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. F. K. Croft, of Lincoln.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on March 20th, 1,320 Little Bob Maximus: M. T. Sprackling 1, D. Hewitt 2, C. T. Richards 3, M. J. Uphill 4, L. C. Way 5, D. P. Smith 6, M. Hatchett 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith 10, C. H. Rogers 11, H. W. Rogers 12. For Nave Evensong.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Molly Spraggett (first quarter) 1, Judith Ashby 2, Mrs. S. F. Webb 3, H. J. Baker (first "inside") 4, J. J. Spraggett 5, S. F. Webb (cond.) 6. To mark the 19th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sharpe.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, P. Watts 2, R. Penny (cond.) 3, A. Somerfield 4, R. Somerfield 5, S. Bryant 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Admiral Sir Ernest Taylor.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Bellew (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Vincent 2, Miss A. Brown 3, Miss E. Brocklehurst 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, Mrs. J. Gray 6. For Evensong.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS. — At St. Thomas' Church, on April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Brown 1, F. J. Vallender 2, J. Warr 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Smith 5, D. H. Watson 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, R. Edwards 8. For Evensong. Also on Good Friday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Edwards 1, F. V. Nicholls 2, D. H. Watson 3, P. J. Brown 4, G. Westwood 5, J. C. Eisel 6, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 7, M. D. Fellows 8. Rung fully muffled with the tenor open at backstroke for Stourbridge Council of Churches united service at this church.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sangwin 1, H. Heard 2, B. Vince 3, C. Sangwin 4, H. Trewin 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, H. Chaddock 7, G. Halford 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Captain E. L. Cardale, R.N. (Ret.), interred earlier this day.

TARRING, SUSSEX.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline S. Wellard (first quarter) 1, Veronica G. Rees 2, M. J. Harmer (cond.) 3, A. R. George (first "inside") 4, J. M. Hills (first Doubles) 5, A. R. Martin (first quarter) 6.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At Holy Trinity Church, on April 12th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Miss M. J. Beale 1, L. H. Arscott 2, A. H. Reed 3, R. F. Arscott 4, K. E. Beale (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, Mrs. B. Bindon 6. Rung for the Resurrection of Christ.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. Hales 1, A. Cooper 2, E. E. Davey 3, F. A. Harvey 4, I. Cooper 5, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 6.

THANINGTON WITHOUT, KENT. — On March 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. G. Huckstepp 1, A. Bourner 2, L. Sweatman 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On March 16th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob: K. Westwood 1, A. Richardson 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, H. Watts 4, E. White 5, T. Camp 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. B. Streeter, many years a vice-president of the Thorley change ringers.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDX.—At All Hallows', on April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Brigden 1, Margaret Goodyer 2, Ann Muir 3, Marie Semnett 4, Dr. A. J. Muir 5, A. M. Stacey 6, N. F. Edwards (cond.) 7, C. Robinson 8. For Evensong.

WARWICK.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Baker (first quarter) 1, R. M. Andrews 2, W. H. Male 3, J. J. Spraggett 4, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 5, J. F. Thorne 6. Believed to be the first quarter of Minor on "the back six."

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Pat Dennet (first quarter) 1, Penny Miller 2, P. K. Else (cond.) 3, B. Mosley 4, J. W. D. Miller 5, Judith M. Pilgrim 6. For Evensong, and as an engagement compliment to Judith Pilgrim and John Miller.

WINCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. M. Duggan (first quarter) 1, P. N. Tubbs (cond.) 2, Miss K. Maundrell 3, T. C. Holland 4, M. J. E. Best 5, H. Stocks (first quarter) 6.

WOOTTON, BEDS.—On Good Friday, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. E. Jeffries 1, Miss G. Ellison 2, R. J. Sharp 3, S. J. Wooler 4, K. Fleming 5, R. H. French (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled prior to Choral Passion service.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. C. Porter 1, W. S. Rice 2, S. G. Smith 3, M. Dobson 4, R. Rice 5, G. Robson 6, P. J. England (first in method as cond.) 7, L. Lawrence 8. First in method 1, 3 and 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. A. S. Besant, who has been a member of the Ewell, Surrey, band for 14 years, has retired to Somerset.

Miss Susan B. Baker, of Brampton, Huntingdon, left England on April 13th for a visit to Australia.

An attempt for a peal of 13,440 Plain Bob Major was made at Hanbury, Worcs, on April 30th.

The father and two godparents rang in the quarter peal for the baptism of David Christopher Godfrey at Addington.

Tower captains taking part in the recent peal of Doubles by the Andover District were from Amport, Kingsclere, Longparish, Andover, Highclere and St. Mary Bourne.

Miss Patricia Laycock, on a year's teaching exchange from Guildford to Edmonton, Alta, Canada, spent the Easter week-end in British Columbia, ringing in Vancouver and Victoria.

"The tendency to sit in front of a television screen instead of attending the local practice has become very rife in recent years."—Andrew T. Beckwith, General Secretary, Suffolk Guild.

On behalf of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, Mr. J. Arthur Hoare gives a correction to the Analysis of Peals for 1965. Instead of Caters five peals it should read five peals Royal (on handbells). These were Spliced and Plain Bob.

The Society of Raving Ringers gave a warm welcome home to their former Master, Mr. Ronald K. Russ, with a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Hook Norton, Oxfordshire. This was the first peal of Surprise Major for the Society.

Mr. A. R. Saye, who left Calne for Cleveland, Somerset, six years ago, came back to his former tower to ring a quarter peal for his 74th birthday. The quarter was also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Knowles. Mr. R. Saye, a brother of Mrs. Knowles, was also ringing in the quarter peal.

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FIRST PEAL ON DEVON'S NEW TEN

Members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers were honoured by being asked by the St. Mary's Guild of Bell Ringers, Brixham, to ring the first peal on the recently augmented ring of ten at Brixham. The two new trebles, a Winston Churchill Memorial Bell and a Parishioners Treble Bell, were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Members from four Branches of the Guild rang a peal of 5040 Plain Bob Royal conducted by Norman Mallett in the morning before the dedication of the bells by the Archdeacon of Totnes, the Ven. R. J. D. Newhouse, M.A. After the dedication a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung before attending the reception at a local hotel to ring handbells before some 200 ringers and parishioners. Visiting ringers then rang touches on the bells until the evening.

UP-AND-COMING YOUNG MEN OF YESTERDAY

Mr. Charles Rouse, general secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, in his annual report writes: The year has seen the passing of some who were once what we now call "up-and-coming young men." Perhaps in the year 2032 some hon. secretary may be writing about one or other of the young members of today, as I am writing about these men. James Parker joined us in 1900 when he was 16 and rang his first peal in that year. Alfred E. Reeves joined 13 years later and rang in 18 peals for this Association in his first year with us. But grand as these records are, they are surpassed by that of F. J. Lewis of Cirencester, still with us after 68 years of membership, so far as my records show. He is our oldest member in every way; he rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Caters in 1898.

There was another great man, Joe Dyke; he died on the same day as Alf Reeves. He went from Cheltenham to Somerset in the 1920's. I lived almost next door to him for a number of years and came to Cheltenham in 1939 with a letter of introduction to the late Walter Yeend.

A YOUNG CONDUCTOR FROM BRISTOL

Although the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association has not been short of junior talent in the past, Mr. Richard W. Sweet submits a claim that David Rennolds, who successfully called a peal at St. Werburgh's, Bristol, on April 23rd at the age of 13, is the youngest member to call a peal for the Association. It was also the first peal for three other members of the band, all of whom, apart from Mr. Sweet, are still at school.

The conductor, who has only been ringing for 12 months, shows great promise. He had rung one previous peal—Grandsire Triples at St. George's, Bristol. He and the ringer of the second were both taught to ring by Mr. Sweet.

CONGRATULATIONS

At Histon, Cambridge, the local band have scored their first peal on their own bells. Another congratulation is to the North Western District, Lancashire Association. Maryl R. Crossthwaite conducted the District's first peal at East Crompton of Plain Bob Major on April 17th.

ROGER SAVORY IN AMERICA

Members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild will send their warmest congratulations to Roger and Elizabeth Savory on the birth of a son at Morristown, New Jersey, U.S.A.

He has taken advantage of his stay to visit Washington Cathedral and Groton School. As to his week-end in Washington, he had some very good ringing on the Saturday morning—Stedman Triples, Bob Major and rounds on ten. "The striking of the young Washington band was remarkably good and did credit to the tuition they have received both in the hands of Richard Dirksen and Fred Price of Bournemouth."

His wife and small daughter, Caroline, accompanied him on his visit to Groton School during the Easter week-end. On Easter Day he joined in several excellently struck touches of Stedman Triples and Caters. Roger writes: "Considering the high 'turnover' of pupils at such a school, I feel that Russell Young is doing a most remarkable job of teaching ringing to his young bands. Having attended several striking competitions in the South of England in the last few years, I can assure Mr. Young and his boys that they would put a great majority of English bands in the shade at such a gathering. We hope to see Russell in England in 1967, when the next visit of Grotonians is currently scheduled for trying out some of our English towers."

SHERWOOD YOUTHS IN LEICESTERSHIRE

The Society of Sherwood Youths received a very warm welcome when they attended a joint meeting with the Melton District of the Leicester Guild at Melton Mowbray on April 23rd. A good address on "Bells Through the Ages" was given by the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Codrington, at the service. Mr. Rooke, of Warsop, replied to the District chairman's (Mr. J. H. Cook) speech of welcome.

PROGRESS FROM RADLETT

Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston reports good progress from Radlett, Herts. The local band rang their first quarter peal on April 24th and all of them, except Mr. Clouston, have learned to ring since the installation of the bells two years ago. Jill and Brian Denmark have already rung a peal of Minor. Brian called his first quarter on April 24th.

PEAL BOARD DEDICATED AT BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, DEVON

On April 16th the Vicar of Ashburton dedicated a peal board at the Church of St. Peter, Buckland-in-the-Moor, to mark the occasion of the peal of 10,240 changes of Plain Bob Major rung there by the Guild of Devonshire Ringers on October 2nd, 1965.

Twenty-five ringers and friends attended from the Exeter and Plymouth Branches, including five members of the peal band. Ringing took place before and after the service and was followed by tea and further ringing at Ashburton. Methods ranged from Grandsire Triples to Yorkshire Surprise Major.

N. M.

LECHLADE BELLS TO BE REHUNG

The six bells of St. Lawrence's Church, Lechlade, Gloucestershire, are to be rehung in the near future. They were last rehung in 1911 by Day, of Eye, Suffolk, on plain bearings in an oak frame.

The Loughborough Foundry have been entrusted with the work of replacing the present bearings by double-row ball bearings and the cumbersome timber headstocks by those of the cast iron box-section type. New wrought iron clappers are to be installed; also new wheel rims, stays, sliders and rope rollers. In addition, the bells are to be retuned and turned. They will then be rehung in the present frame, which shows very little sign of its 55 years of constant use.

The oldest bell is the fourth, dating from 1593, followed by the tenor (15 cwt.), cast in 1626, and the fifth, dated 1635. It is thought that these three bells were all produced by Purdues of Bristol. The second is a Rudhall bell of 1742, and the third was cast at Aldbourne in 1802 by James Wells. Finally, the treble, cast by Warner of Spitalfields, was added in 1911 at the time of the last rehanging.

The bells are rung twice every Sunday and are popular with visiting bands. If any kind reader would care to help this small parish to meet the cost of the work, donations would be very gratefully received by the treasurer of the Parochial Church Council, Prof. Burrow, Foxfield, Lechlade, Glos.

PROGRESS FROM SCARBOROUGH AREA

Members of St. Laurence's, Scalby, took part in five quarter peals during the past year, with the help of ringing friends from Scarborough, York and Hull. These included five first quarters, two firsts as conductor and a number of firsts "inside" and in the methods. The climax was reached on Easter Monday, when a quarter of Plain Bob Doubles was rung, the first by an entirely local band and containing a wide variety of firsts. Three local ringers also rang their first peal, the only Scalby-trained ringers yet to have done so. These achievements are particularly satisfying, since most of the ringers, including the two new conductors, learned to handle a bell at Scalby, in a rather "stoney" area of Yorkshire, within the last three years.

Other activities during the year have included a Christmas social, two outings, ringing with the Yorkshire Association and the Beverley and District Society, and handbell ringing.

DIANA BRADFORD, OF CHARING

With the exception of the Rev. Stanley Evans, from Bredgar, an all-Charing band rang a peal of Bob Major at Tunstall on April 12th. Mrs. Betty Robbins calls our attention to the remarkable progress made by Diana Bradford, who rang the third. She only started to ring last May, then aged 13, at Charing, and made such rapid strides that she now rings all the standard methods up to Cambridge very competently "inside."

Diana's only eight-bell ringing has been at meetings, and her peal of Bob Major, which she rang very well indeed, was only her third touch in the method on eight bells.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHEWTON MENDIP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 29 lb. in D.

Philip M. J. Gray	Treble	George Prescott	5
Diana M. Chapman ..	2	David A. Burt	6
*David G. Massey	3	Peter Bridle	7
Edgar T Skipsey	4	John H. Gilbert	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate St. George's Day.

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 18¼ cwt

Trevor E. Marks	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	4
Raymond P Selway ..	2	Trevor A. Cross	5
Gilbert W. Rendell	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
25th peal as conductor

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D

Martyn J Marriott ..	Treble	*Anthony H Smith ..	6
*Rodney H. French ..	2	Stephen Ivin	7
Diana M. Frost	3	James R. Taylor	8
*Kathleen A. Rivett	4	Alan J. Frost	9
*Keith H. Fleming	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal in the method.
To mark the 88th birthday of Donald Thompson.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt 1 qr 5 lb. in D.

Kathleen A. Rivett	Treble	Alfred E. Rushton	6
Diana M. Frost	2	Rodney H French ..	7
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Stephen Ivin	8
Martyn J. Marriott	4	Alan J. Frost	9
Anthony H. Smith	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Stephen Ivin

WOBURN.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Easter Day, April 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 each of London and Cambridge, and 800 each of Superlative, Bristol, Rutland and Yorkshire, with 134 changes of method Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D

Keith H. Fleming	Treble	*Rodney H. French ..	5
*Kathleen A. Rivett ..	2	James R. Taylor	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Stephen Ivin	7
*Martyn J. Marriott ..	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of Spliced.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BRATTON FLEMING, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., April 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four different extents.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp

James R. White	Treble	Rev. M. C. C Melville ..	4
Rupert A. Clarke	2	Richard J. Parker	5
Andrew J. Jobson	3	Graham C Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Madeleine McCallion ..	Treble	Dennis Latham	6
Norman Sherratt	2	Richard Wharton	7
Felicity T. Webber	3	Charles A. S. Webb ..	8
Harold Dowler	4	Roy Worrall	9
Raymond J. Ballard	5	Anthony P. Foster	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

PORT SUNLIGHT, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Wed., March 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Jeffrey J. Fox	Treble	F. Leslie Coventry	5
*Charles F. Pocock	2	Geoffrey N. Goodall ..	6
Robert Peels	3	Alexander J Martin ..	7
†David J. Jukes	4	Anthony P. Foster .. .	Tenor

Composed by C Middleton. Conducted by Jeffrey J Fox.
* First peal. † First peal "inside."
Rung for the wedding of David Mellor and Sheila Burton, both local ringers, and the engagement of John Astbury and Susan Morland. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
BURTON DASSETT, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Easter Sunday, April 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
42 extents in 14 methods/variations, being three extents each of Stedman, New, Huntspill, St Simon, St. Leonard, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Clifford's Pleasure Kennington, April Day, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob,

Peter C. Randall	Treble	Geoffrey W Randall ..	4
Robert W. Sherriff	2	*John F. Thorne	5
Stephen F. Royal	3	*James J. Spraggett	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.
* First peal of Doubles Most methods/variations to a peal by all Believed to be the first peal of Doubles on the bells.
Rung to honour Easter Day and as a birthday compliment to John F. Thorne. Tenor 13 cwt in F.

WOLVEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., April 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and five of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Peter C. Randall	Treble	Shirley E. Jones	4
*Richard J. Woodward ..	2	Stephen F. Royal	5
*E. C. Gareth Higgs ..	3	Geoffrey W Randall ..	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W Randall.
* First peal at first attempt

STUDLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
On Fri., April 15, 1966 in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 16 methods: (1) York and Durham Surprise, (2) London ad Wells Surprise, (3) Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Double Court (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Peter S Bennett	Treble	Stephen F. Royal	4
Shirley E. Jones	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Peter C. Randall	3	Geoffrey W. Randall ..	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S Bennett
Most methods to a peal by all.

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., April 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Cambridge, Durham, Wells, Beverley London and Surfleet, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

*Shirley E. Jones	Treble	*Stephen F Royal	4
Ann E. Fellows	2	*Geoffrey W Randall ..	5
*Peter C. Randall	3	Peter S Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett
* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

BISHOPS ITCHINGTON, Warks.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., April 18 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 11 methods, being two extents of Stedman and four each of St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, Grandsire Clifford's Pleasure April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Bob and Plain Bob Tenor 9 cwt 2 qr. 6 lb. in A.

Shirley E Jones	Treble	Stephen F Royal	3
Peter C. Randall	2	Anthony J. Cox	4

Geoffrey W. Randall Tenor
Conducted by Stephen F Royal
Rung preceding the induction of Rev. C. Bowen as Vicar of this parish

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(The St. George's Guild, Jesmond.)
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St John.
On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven differently called extents. Tenor 11 cwt in A flat

*Roger H. E Askew ..	Treble	*J Geoffrey White	4
†D. Susan Elliott	2	Stephen J. Pardoe	5
†Christine H. Telfer ..	3	Andrew G. Craddock	Tenor

Conducted by Andrew G Craddock
* First peal on tower bells. † First peal First peal on tower bells as conductor. First tower peal for St. George's Guild.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FINCHINGFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*Jennifer Millbank	Treble	*Roy Threadgold	5
Josephine Quilter	2	Robert Lindsell	6
Frank Roper	3	Peter Wood	7
Alan Syder	4	Ronald Suckling	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Ronald Suckling.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of St. George.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Werburgh.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 20 extents of Grandsire and 22 extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

Paul Treby	Treble	‡Richard W. Sweet	4
*Linda J. Slade	2	*Michael Powell	5
††‡David Rennolds	3	*John M. Shingler	Tenor

Conducted by David Rennolds.
* First peal. † First in two methods. ‡ First of Doubles. First as conductor. Youngest conductor (13 years 4 months) to call a peal for the Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL, Kent.—At the Church of St John the Baptist.
On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Betty Robbins	Treble	†Rhian N. Bagshaw ..	5
Rev. Stanley M. Evans ..	2	†Paul J. Bagshaw	6
*Diana M. Bradford ..	3	‡Peter M. Bradford	7
†John L. Anderson	4	§Rev. Peter T. Robbins ..	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. (C.C.C. No. 98). Conducted by Betty Robbins.
* First peal (aged 14 years). † First on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Major. § 50th peal.
Rung for the Easter Festival.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ECCLESTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 87 lb.

Ann C. Hardman	Treble	Richard J. Parker	5
John A. Booth	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	3	Jeffrey Kershaw	7
J. Colin Ashworth	4	Neil Bennett	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mary Louise, daughter of John and Margaret Booth, who was born on March 22nd, 1966.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs, April 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

J. Barry Pickup	Treble	Christopher L. Watson ..	5
John T. Parsons	2	William G. Wilson	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	7
Richard J. Parker	4	Jeffrey Kershaw	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less.
On Fri., April 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

*Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	J. Barry Pickup	7
Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	4	John Ascroft	Tenor

Composed by E. S. Powell. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Erin Triples and first in the method as conductor. First peal of Erin by all the band except the treble ringer.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Derek and Judith Butterworth.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

CROFT, Leics.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

Frederick W. Watson ..	Treble	Maurice R. A. Kirk ..	4
David F. Moore	2	Michael W. Brown	5
Brian C. Law	3	Rupert A. Clarke	Tenor

Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.
Rung as a farewell to Ron Chapman, a member of Blaby band, who has since joined the Navy.

QUENIBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues, April 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents each of Stedman, Old, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, St. Simon, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Martin, St. Paul, St. Leonard, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Giles, St. Nicholas, St. Andrew, St. Miles, Winchendon Place, St. John and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*B. Stedman Payne	Treble	E. Alan Jacques	4
†Linda Wilkinson	2	Harry Poyner	5
Mary C. Poyner	3	Philip G. Chambers	Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.
* Has now "circled this tower." † First peal of Doubles.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	Derek J. Jones	5
Janet E. Hubbard	2	Roger D. Bailey	6
Keith R. Davey	3	*J. Martin Thorley	7
Edwin T. Chapman	4	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
* 600th peal. First in the method by all and for the Guild.

WASHINGBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Tues , April 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SHOREDITCH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb in G.

Harold F. Gibson	Treble	John Freeman	5
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Peter A. Sharp	6
George E. Feirn	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	7
Walter Tomlinson	4	Geoffrey Paul	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

FISHTOFT, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Guthlac.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Thelwall and Childwall College Bob, (4) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (5) Doube Oxford and St. Clement's College Bob, (6) Fulbeck and Double Bob, (7) Oxford and Plain Bob, with 40 changes of method.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp

Joan Gilbert	Treble	Edwin T. Chapman	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	Roger D. Bailey	5
R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
The conductor's 100th peal of Minor.

HORNCASTLE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 12 lb.

Harry Barnes	Treble	Jack Bray	4
William H. Dale	2	*Horace Bennett	5
Frank Reed	3	James A. D. Woolford ..	Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

MERTHYR TYDFIL, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Tydfil.
On Wed., April 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WELLINGTON LITTLE COURT MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 15 lb.

John Barton-Plumb	Treble	John F. I. Turney	5
Susan Harper	2	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland ..	6
Gwen Bidgood	3	Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	7
Ruth E. Havard	4	Christopher Aldridge ..	Tenor

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16½ cwt.

Mrs. Olive L. Rogers ..	Treble	John Ketteringham ..	6
Kenneth Warner	2	*Timothy G. Pett	7
William Birmingham, jun.	3	Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	8
Dr. D. J. Neal Smith ..	4	Wilfrid G. Wilson	9
H. Michael Williamson ..	5	Dennis Hewett	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.
* First peal of Caters.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Madeleine McCallion ..	Treble	†Hilary F. Pardoe	5
*Norman Sherratt	2	*Raymond J. Ballard ..	6
†Felicity T. Webber ..	3	Richard Wharton	7
Harold Dowler	4	Charles A. S. Webb ..	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of London.

NEWCASTLE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*Philip Jones	Treble	*Leslie Walley	5
*Caroline Stewart	2	*David J. Midgley	6
†Eric Young	3	Andrew Thompson	7
Charles S. Ryles	4	G. Arnold Moore	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.
* First peal of Bob Major. † 50th peal.
Rung for the wedding of the Rev. David Simmons, curate at St. Giles', and Miss Elizabeth Morton.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*William Watkin	Treble	*Leslie Walley	4
Caroline Stewart	2	*Eric Young	5
David J. Midgley	3	G. Arnold Moore	Tenor

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.
* 30th peal together.
Rung as a memorial peal to Mr. Watkin, senior, for many years a church worker at St. Mary's.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., April 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

H. William Barrett ..	Treble	George P. Adams	5
*Hilary Webb	2	Peter Adcock	6
Roy E. Cullington	3	Sidney Marshall	7
*Richard A. J. Bower ..	4	†Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal of Major. † Has "circled the tower" to peals.

ELVEDON, Suffolk.—At the Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Sidney Marshall	Treble	Robin Shipp	5
Shelagh R. Collins	2	Kevin S. Hohl	6
*Roy E. Cullington	3	H. William Barrett	7
*Robin R. Churchill ..	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by W. Thornley. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

Dennis Knox	Treble	*Robert H. Newton	6
Ruth M. Foreman	2	Sydney M. Bailey	7
Howard Oglesby	3	Robin J. Lee	8
Derek Francis	4	John Hill	9
Martin Lock	5	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
* First peal on ten bells.

BENSON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Easter Monday, April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

James E. Godman	Treble	William J. Irvine	5
John H. Napper	2	Denby P. Murduck	6
Bradley Murduck	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Geoffrey K. Cook	4	Philip Murduck	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5083 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in A sharp.

Frederick R. Scott	Treble	Edward R. Venn	5
Anthony D. Sansom	2	John W. T. Hibbert	6
Gillian A. Leale	3	Robin G. Leale	7
Robert M. Ashman ..	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

DORCHESTER, Oxon.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Easter Monday, April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.

Harold W. Dunsden ..	Treble	Roy H. Jones	5
Bradley Murduck	2	Reginald F. Crook	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Frank Godden	4	Philip Murduck	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

DRAYTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tuesday, April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, comprising 2,368 Cambridge and 2,688 Yorkshire with 93 changes of method and all the work
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Anthony D. Sansom ..	Treble	Frederick R. Scott	5
Robert M. Ashman	2	Alan E. Bagworth	6
Sydney M. Bailey	3	David P. Hilling	7
Edward R. Venn	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Arranged by Norman Smith. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

BRAY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Ronald J. Snack	Treble	David A. Cornwall	5
Dennis Knox	2	Walter Lee	6
John R. Ketteringham ..	3	Frank W Lewis	7
Anthony K. Fortin	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Dennis Knox.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurst ans' Four-Part. Tenor 21½ cwt.

William Hibbert	Treble	Brynley A. Shackleton ..	5
Patricia E. Hibbert	2	Dennis Randall	6
John W. T. Hibbert	3	John H. Napper	7
Roger F. Overington ..	4	John Chilcott	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.

(The Society of Raving Ringers.)
HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

*Diana Reeves	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	5
Dennis C. Bowen	2	James Linnell	6
Jennifer Sceeny	3	†Noel R. White	7
Christopher C. Clarke ..	4	Michael W. Coleman ..	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 50th peal. 25th peal as conductor. The first peal of Surprise Major for the Society.
Rung by members of the Society of Raving Ringers as a welcome to Ronald K. Russ and family on their recent return from Adelaide, South Australia.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., April 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb in D.

William J. Chester	Treble	Roger W. Smith	6
James Linnell	2	William A. Yates	7
Margaret A. Wilson	3	Alan A. Paul	8
David Burbidge	4	George E. Green	9
Barry E. Saunders	5	George W. Holland	Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by Alan A. Paul.

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THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. FLORENCE, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Florencius.
On Mon., April 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Kenneth Salisbury	Treble	Anthony Johns	4
*Kenneth Huntback	2	Philip C. Rogers	5
*Richard Underwood	3	Rev. Russen Thomas	Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. Russen Thomas.
* First peal.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
The Churchill Peal. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
George E. Fearn	2	John C. Eisel	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	Martin D. Fellows	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	Clifford A. Barron	10
Michael J. Fellows	5	John A. Anderson	11
Richard J. Ingram	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
In memoriam John Pinfold.
Rung with the clappers muffled at backstroke and in the Tittums, 87 Tittums and Handstroke Home positions.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary, Handsworth.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 78 lb. in F.

Raymond Aldington	Treble	Peter J. Stretton	5
Muriel Reay	2	David A. Purnell	6
Norman J. Goodman	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by H. Law James. Conducted by George E. Fearn.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHERBORNE, Dorset.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 4 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat

Frederick R. Scott	Treble	David P. Hilling	5
Edward R. Venn	2	Ralph G. Edwards	6
Anthony D. Sansom	3	George E. Thoday	7
Robin G. Leale	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

LYNEHAM, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sun., April 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob Minor.
Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

*John Sankey	Treble	Christopher J. Royal	4
R. Joy Watkin	2	George Pluckrose	5
James W. Belshaw	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Minor.

MILDENHALL, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., April 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 7 cwt. 26 lb.

Anthony R. Peake	Treble	W. Bertram Kynaston	4
*Peter Tombs	2	‡Maurice A. New	5
†Walter G. Knight	3	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Minor and of Surprise. ‡ First in the method.

YATESBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., April 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 extents in 22 methods/variations, viz.: Two extents each of Winchendon Place, St. John, St. Miles, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, St. Andrew, St. Giles, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Wychbold, Plain Bob, Kennington, Dedworth, April Day and one extent each of Rev. St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*Paul C. Hassan	Treble	†Christopher J. Royal	3
†James W. Belshaw	2	George Pluckrose	4
C. Barrie Dove	Tenor		

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. First peal in 22 methods by all the band.

BROAD HINTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Paul-ad-Vincula.
On Mon., April 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
In seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*Paul C. Hassan	Treble	George Pluckrose	4
R. Joy Watkin	2	James W. Belshaw	5
Christopher J. Royal	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the fastest peal on the bells.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BERRIEW, Montgomeryshire.—At the Church of St. Beuno.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A.

Ernest C. Morrall	Treble	Richard E. Morris	5
Jennifer M. Beech	2	Richard J. Warrilow	6
Edward R. Fairbrother	3	Ian Friend	7
*Ruth A. E. Fairbrother	4	George E. Morrall	Tenor

Composed by H. Howlett Conducted by George E. Morrall.
* First peal of Major.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

E. Jane Sibson	Treble	*Peter M. Wilkinson	6
*M. Jane Foster	2	*Edwin A. Barnett	7
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	8
*Susan E. Smith	4	Peter Beresford	9
*Stanley G. Ponting	5	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	William L. Exton	4
Henry K. Harrison	2	David Oliver	5
*Sydney Adams	3	Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

BUNNEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	Sydney Adams	4
*Margaret E. Chilton	2	David Oliver	5
Robert D. Marsh	3	*Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.
* 50th peal together.
Rung to mark the restoration of the Church.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Ernest G. Pearce	Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
Robert E. Lester	2	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Mrs. H. B. Schofield	3	Harold B. Schofield	7
B. Gillian Schofield	4	Roderick W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
Rung with congratulations and best wishes to Gillian Schofield on her coming of age. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Tues., April 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Michael J. Howes	Treble	Alice E. J. Lester	5
*Stephen J. Hammond	2	Cecil W. Pipe	6
Robert E. Lester	3	Robin H. Rogers	7
Janet I. Rogers	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Janet I. Rogers.
* First blow of Yorkshire. First of Major as conductor.
A 15th birthday compliment to Stephen J. Hammond.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LIMPSFIELD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Two extents of Oxford Bob, two extents of Reverse Canterbury, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

*Felicity Hamilton	Treble	‡Eric J. Brazier	4
†Carol Wickens	2	Christopher W. Daws	5
†Peter R. Daws	3	Ian Wickens	Tenor

Conducted by Ian Wickens.
* First peal attempt. † First "inside." ‡ First in three methods. First in three methods as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Andover District.)
AMPORT, Hants.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Thurs., April 14, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents of Plain Bob and 21 extents of Grandsire, changed at each quarter peal. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Edward C. Samways ..	Treble	Terry R. Tarrant	4
John Pares	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd ..	5
Frank R. Tonge	3	*Frank C. Rich	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal.
Rung by tower captains belonging to the Andover District.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 25¾ cwt. in D.

Harold B. Schofield	Treble	B. Gillian Schofield ..	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	Frederick A. Munday ..	7
A. William Kirkby	3	Roderick W. Pipe	8
Mrs. H. B. Schofield ..	4	Vernon Bottomley	9
Jeanne E. Bottomley ..	5	S. Barry Schofield	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
Rung to mark the engagement of Gillian Schofield and Roderick Pipe.

SCARBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*Edwin P. King	Treble	Edward Hudson	5
John A. Brown	2	*Stephen Wright	6
William Fay	3	†Bert Sutton	7
*Harold Parker	4	Fred Hodgson	Tenor

Composed by J. Nicoll. Conducted by Bert Sutton.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 50th peal.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., April 17, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*J. Richard Grant	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	5
*Derek J. Swann	2	Alan Sheppard	6
Ronald R. Warford ..	3	Kenneth B. Sissons	7
Edward M. Bradley ..	4	John Potts	Tenor

Composed by P. O. Bixby. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* First peal of Major.

GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., April 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Single Oxford and two different extents each Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob (each called differently). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Miss K. Burchnall	Treble	Harold Denman	4
Miss G. Burchnall	2	Alan Friskney	5
A. Harry Hawcroft	3	Leslie M. Woodhead ..	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BARNSTAPLE, Devon.—At Ashcroft, Braunton Road, Pilton.
On Fri., April 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in C.

Graham C. Paul	1–2	Richard J. Parker	5–6
Rupert A. Clarke	3–4	Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

BARNSTAPLE, Devon.—At Ashcroft, Braunton Road, Pilton.
On Sun., April 17, 1966, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in G.

Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	1–2	Rupert A. Clarke	3–4

Richard J. Parker (cond.) .. 5–6

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Wed., April 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

*†Alan McFall	1–2	*Neil Bennett	7–8
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth ..	3–4	†Robert B. Smith ..	9–10
Peter J. Staniforth	5–6	*†Gerald Moorhouse ..	11–12

Composed by John Worth. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus on handbells. † Completes Kent T.B. from Minor to Maximus "in hand." First of Treble Bob Maximus "in hand" as conductor.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GOSFORTH, Northumberland.—At 3, Salters Road.
On Wed., March 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

John Anderson	1–2	*Rodney Yeates	5–6
Andrew G. Craddock ..	3–4	David J. Marshall	7–8

Eric N. Harrison 9–10
Arranged and conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First of Royal "in hand."

(The St. George's Guild, Jesmond.)
JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 11, Sanderson Road.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1) Single Court, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Reverse Bob, (4) Double Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.

*Pooky Glaser	1–2	Rodney A. Yeates	3–4

†Andrew G. Craddock (cond) 5–6
* First peal. † 50th peal.

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.
On Wed., April 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*Ann Walker	1–2	Rodney A. Yeates	5–6
Andrew G. Craddock ..	3–4	†Roger H. E. Askew	7–8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock.
* First peal. † First of Major. First of Major for the Guild.

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At St. George's Church Hall.
On Thurs., April 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Ann Walker	1–2	Andrew G. Craddock ..	5–6
Rodney A. Yeates	3–4	*Helen E. Dracup	7–8

Arranged by C. W. Woolley. Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock.
* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.
On Fri., April 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Edward J. Beer	1–2	*Christopher T. Osenton ..	5–6
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3–4	*Stuart Sandford	7–8

Composed by W. Hudson. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal in the method "in hand."

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., April 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5–6
Edward J. Beer	3–4	Stuart Sandford	7–8

*J. W. Gander 9–10
Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Wed., April 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Stuart Sandford	1–2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5–6
Edward J. Beer	3–4	*Andrew J. Corby	7–8

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
PRESTON, Lancashire.—At 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood.
On Wed., April 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in C.

J. Barry Pickup	1–2	Richard J. Parker	5–6
Cyril Crossthwaite	3–4	*Philip Crossthwaite	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
* First handbell peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society.)
SWITHLAND, Leicestershire.—At the Tower House.
On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents—10 extents each of April Day, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

Dan S. Pont	1–2	Rupert A. Clarke (cond.)	3–4

Michael W. Brown 5–6
Rung as a birthday compliment to M. W. Brown.

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BIRTHS

SAVORY. — On April 20th, 1966, at the Memorial Hospital, Morristown, New Jersey, U.S.A., to Elizabeth and Roger, a son (Richard Andrew, a brother for Caroline.—42, Sherman Place, Morristown, N.J. 9020

SMITH.—At 185, Westbourne Grove, London W.11, on April 21st, 1966, to Clare and Ian, a daughter, Emily Clare, a sister for Catherine. 9044

ENGAGEMENTS

SPREADBURY—CHINNERY. — The engagement is announced between Sheila Chinnery, of Royston, Yorkshire, and Alan Spreadbury, of Southgate, London. 9018

YOUNG—JARVIS. — The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Young, of Horsham, Sussex, and Diana, only daughter of the Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. H. W. E. Jarvis, of Salisbury, Rhodesia. 9039

GOLDEN WEDDING

MINGAY—CHIPPERFIELD.—On Monday, May 8th, 1916, at St. James' Church, Grimsby, by the Rev. W. T. Jennings, Rector of Skirbeck, Boston, Herbert I. Mingay and Ellen M. Chipperfield. Present address: 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 9024

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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PERSONAL

We have had returned by P.O. marked "Gone away" copies of "The Ringing World" addressed to Mr. R. M. Ashman, of 4, Priory Walk, Drayton Gardens, S.W.10, and Mr. N. D. Robinson, St. James' Avenue, Upton-by-Chester, Chester

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."—Psalm cxxxiii, 1. 9016

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EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—Make a note in your diary. The dedication of the recast, augmented bells will be on Saturday, June 11th at 3 p.m. Bells available after service and evening. Teas will be served.—Joan A. Ranee, Tower Sec. 9017

FECKENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE. — A special Ringers' Evensong will be held on Sunday, May 15th, at 6.30 p.m. Bells from 5.15 p.m. and after service until 8.15 p.m. Refreshments at Rose and Crown after end of ringing. All ringers welcome. 9031

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District. — Advanced practice at Farnborough (8) on Thursday, May 12th, 7.30–9 p.m. 9033

MAY FESTIVAL
KIMPTON, HERTS
SAT., MAY 7th
Bells open from 3 p.m.
Traditional activities begin with crowning of May Queen.
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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Crawley and Sparsholt, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (5) available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Sparsholt bells after meeting, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Lt.-Cdr. G. Wardle, The White House, Littleton, Winchester, by Monday, May 16th. 9038

CANCELLED

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Owing to the A.G.M. of the Guild at Plymouth on May 21st the practice at Exeter Cathedral for that date is cancelled. — G. Skinner. 9055

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Wootton Wawen, May 7th. Bells 3 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names for tea to Alan J. Collings, 3, Rose Gardens, Wootton Hall, Wootton Wawen, Solihull. Special method: College Exercise — P. S. Bennett, Sec. 8962

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening meeting, Wicken, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (5) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special method: Stedman. 8980

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—Meeting, Thorington, on Saturday, May 7th. Striking competition 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. General ringing later. Names for tea to Mrs. A. R. Andrews, Abbey View, Church Lane, Thorington, Colchester 8935

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Quarterly meeting, Aldenham (8), May 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Letchmore Heath Institute. Names, please, to C. Evans, 20, Watling Street, Radlett. Tel. Radlett 5879.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 9013

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS. — Annual meeting will be held at Long Clawson on Saturday, May 7th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Frederick J. Williams.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Quarterly meeting, New Radnor, May 7th. Bells (6) 6–9 p.m. Meeting during evening.—R. J. Preece, Dis. Sec. 9036

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at St. Michael and All Angels', Maidstone, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. M. Groves, 50, Heather Drive, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 8994

LADIES' GUILD.—Meeting at Liskeard, Saturday, May 7th. Ringing commencing 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. Evening ringing at Menheniot from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Burnham, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth. 9003

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster and Preston Branches.—Joint meeting at Scorton on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price 4s. approx.) Names for tea to Mr. S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton, Preston. 8868

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Stickney, Saturday, May 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea only for those who notify me.—D. J. Kilner, 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 8976

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, May 7th. All Saints' (6) tower open 2.30 to 3.30. Service in the Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 in Friars Walk Schools, followed by meeting. St. Modwen's (8) tower open after meeting. All welcome — J. C. 9000

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Broughton on Saturday, May 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. — D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec 9015

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting, Olney, May 7th. Bells (8) from 6 p.m. 8936

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting on May 7th at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. Ringing from 2 p.m and at St. Cuthbert's in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. Arthur Smith, 9, Sighthill Loan, Edinburgh 11. Phone 031—443 3665. 9007

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District — Meeting, Willoughby-on-the-Wolds (6), May 7th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 5. Names for tea to R. Blackshaw, 36, Stratford Road, West Bridgford. Crawford Cup District Round, Cotgrave, on May 14th, at 6 p.m. 8790

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBY ASSOCIATION (Peak District). —Joint meeting, May 7th, at Baslow and Hope. Bells: Baslow (6) 3–5 and 6 p.m.–7 p.m.; Hope (8) 7.30–9 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please. All welcome.—Andrew King and Mrs G. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 8972

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual striking competition at Theberton on May 7th, 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and presentation of shield. Would teams intending to compete please notify Mr. E. R. Goate, 51, Grove Road, Beccles. Names for tea to Mrs. Ralph, The Rectory, Theberton, Leiston, Suffolk. Leiston (8) available during the evening. 8977

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting St. John's, Croydon, May 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath. 8916

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting at Toddington (6), near Winchcombe, May 13th (Friday) from 7.30 onwards. All welcome. 9045

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY — Adjourned general meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Meeting in Rectory Rooms 5 p.m.—J. W. Buxton. 9043

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.,—Practice meeting at Minehead (10) on Saturday, May 14th, at 7 p.m.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—An evening meeting at Henlow (6) on Saturday, May 14th. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. onwards. Sincere welcome to all.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 9029

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, May 14th, North Cave (6) and North Ferriby (6). Bells available: North Cave 2.15 p.m.-4.15 p.m. Service at North Ferriby 4.45 p.m., followed by tea. Business meeting and ringing to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. A. Johnston, 27, Marine Avenue, North Ferriby. 9023

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Annual Festival of the Guild will held on Saturday, May 14th, 1966, at Oxton, Birkenhead, Wirral.

Lunch 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by annual meeting.

Service at 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Church of St. Saviour; the preacher will be the Very Rev. E. H. Patey, Dean of Liverpool.

Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Cost of lunch 5/6 and tea 5/6 or 10/- for both if tickets are obtained before **May 9th** from A. J. Martin, Esq., 28, Glenmore Road, Birkenhead, Cheshire.

Towers open: Eastham (6) 10–11 a.m.; Bromborough (8) 10.30–11.30 a.m.; Port Sunlight (8) 11–12 noon; Bebington (8) 11.30–12.30 p.m.; Oxton (8) 3–4.30 p.m. and aftea tea; Bidston (6) 3.15–4.15 p.m.; Woodchurch (6) 3.15–4.15 p.m.;; other towers by arrangement.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 8903

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Beginners' practice, Spondon, Saturday, May 14th, 2.30–5 p.m. Surprise Major practice. St. Peter's, Derby, Monday, May 16th, 7.30–9 p.m.—Clive A. Thrower, Dis. Sec. 9025

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS. — East Devon Branch. — Annual meeting, Sidmouth, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Church House. Ringing after meeting till 7.30. Branscombe (6) 7–8.30. Sidbury (8) 7.30. Names for tea to P. Davies, 8, Peasland Road, Sidmouth, by Wednesday, May 13th.—R. C. Woodley, Hon. Sec. 9054

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 14th, at Tedburn St. Mary Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Practice after. Numbers for tea to H. Skinner, 38, Fanshore Road, Exeter. 9014

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE.—Eastern District.—There will be a meeting at All Saints', Stranton, on Saturday, May 14th, starting at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Maughan, 57, Belmont Gardens, West Hartlepool, Co. Durham, not later than May 11th.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District. — Meeting, Ickleton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in the old school.—B. D. Threlfall. 9028

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Havering-atte-Bower on May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by further ringing. Service 7.30 p.m. There will be a "Floral Week-end" in the parish on this date. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Branch, 55, Mashiters Hill, Romford. 9009

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting

SATURDAY, MAY 21st, 1966, at DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS

Committee meeting — Abbey Buildings 3.15 p.m.
Service — Church of the Holy Cross, 4.15 p.m.
Tea — Abbey Buildings, 5 p.m.

Tea tickets (3s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) to be obtained from Mr. Hugh Johnson, 33, Badby Road West, Daventry.

Closing date for tickets—Tuesday, May 17th, 1966.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

11.00 p.m.—12 noon.	*Harpole (5), Byfield (6), Dunchurch, Warks (6).
11.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.	Bugbrooke (5).
12 noon—1 p.m.	*Staverton (6), Willoughby (6), *Heyford (6).
2.00 p.m.—3.00 p.m.	*Whilton (6), *Flore (6).
2.30 p.m.—3.30 p.m.	Norton (5), *Braunston (6), *Weedon (8).
2.30 p.m.—4.15 p.m.	*Daventry (10).
7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.	All towers marked thus: *.

E. Billings, General Secretary. 9019

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Minety, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 3–5 p.m. Service at Cricklade at 6 p.m. Bells (5) available 6.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Practice meeting at **Chiddingfold** on Saturday, May 14th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—Mrs. D. Street, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham, Rochester and Tonbridge Districts. —A one-day ringing school will be held at Frindsbury on Saturday, May 14th, commencing promptly at 10.15 a.m. Inclusive cost for tea and a cup of tea at lunchtime will be 4s. Subjects include: (i) How to maintain a band; (ii) Bell control; (iii) Elementary change ringing; (iv) Simple conducting; (v) Maintenance and sound control. Accommodation limited to 60, preference being given to members of the three Districts. Names to Mr. T. Barton, 100, Park Drive, Sittingbourne, by Monday, May 9th, **latest.**—W. D. H 8993

LADIES' GUILD. — Eastern District. — Meeting at Grundisburgh (10) on Saturday, May 14th Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bradfield (6) 6.45–8.30. Names for tea to Mrs C. W. Pipe, Easta. Grundisburgh, by May 11th. No name, no tea.—J. M. Andrews. 8985

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Cartmel on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Dixon, Mere Beck, Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands.—T F. Metcalfe, Branch Sec 9022

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Donington, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to K. R. Davey, 59, High Street, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs, by previous Tuesday. —K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9051

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Dingestow, May 14th Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service 4.p.m. Names for tea by May 9th. please. Also available: Cwmcarvan (6 bells) 2–3.30 p.m. and 6.30–8 p.m.—J S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 8955

LONDON COUUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Mary the Virgin, Church Road, Leyton, E.10, Essex, May 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, High Road, 5 p.m. Ringing after. Names for tea to W. Hazelton, 60, Thornhill Road, Leyton, E.10.—Miss V E. Dupré, Hon. Sec 9030

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Dorchester, Saturday, May 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxford, by Wednesday, May 11th. 9046

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, May 14th. Important: Names for tea to Mr. S. Berry, High Street, Braunston, Rugby, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 9037

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild Festival will be held at FORDINGTON, Dorchester, on Saturday, May 14th.

The Festival Service will be held at Fordington St. George at 2.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon E. B. Brooks. (All clergy attending are invited to be robed.)

High tea at St Osmund's School at 4 p.m. Tickets, 5s., to be obtained from the Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook near Trowbridge, before May 11th.

The annual general meeting will be held in St. Osmund's School, Rothesay Road, at 4.45 p.m.

The Deputy Mayor of Dorchester, Alderman E. L. Hedger, and Mrs. Hedger, will attend tea and meeting. Bells available: Abbotsbury (6) 6.30–9 p.m. only; Bere Regis (6), Frampton (6), Piddlehinton (6), Puddletown (6), Preston (6), Upwey (6), Wool (6), Charminster (8), Cattistock (8) 10–1.45 and 6.30–9 p.m.; Dorchester, St. Peter's (8) 10–2 p.m. and 6.30–9 p.m.; Wyke Regis (8) 6.30–9 p.m. only; Piddletrenthide (5) 10–1.45 p.m. and 6–9 p.m.
W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham, Wilts. (Tel. 2297.) 8956

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Malins Lee on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss D. L. Cooper, 39, Eyton Road, Dawley, Wellington, Salop, by Wednesday, May 11th. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m.—E. Morris. 9032

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts. — Meeting at Misson, Saturday, May 14th. Names for tea to C. Warden, Belmont, Station Road, Misson, Doncaster, by previous Tuesday. 8959

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Penzance Branch.—Meeting at Phillack (8), Saturday, May 14th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Boskinning, Heamoor, Penzance, by previous Wednesday, please. 9008

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—A special evening practice meeting will be held on Saturday May 14th, at St Matthew's, Holbeck, Leeds. The bells will be available from 6.15 p.m. until 9 p.m. The Ringing Master will be Mr. Maurice Thurmott and the practice methods will be Plain Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Maior. All welcome.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9050

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—St. Mary's, Painswick, Glos.—Annual ringers' service, Sunday, May 15th, at 6.15 p.m. Bells (12) open 4.30 p.m. and after service. All welcome.—R. T. Watts, Hon. Sec. 9049

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting and Ringing Festival, Southover (Lewes)
On SATURDAY, MAY 14th

Ringing arrangements:—

Twineham (5) 10.30–11; Henfield (8) 11.15–12; Aldrington (6) 1.30–2; Brighton: St. Nicholas' (10) 2.15–3; The Good Shepherd (8) 2.45–3.15; St. Peter's (10) 3–3.45.

Hurstpierpoint (8) 12.15–1; Keymer (6) 1–1.30; Ditchling (8) 2–2.45.

Burgess Hill (8) 11 15–12; Wivelsfield (6) 12.15–1; Chailey (6) 1.15–1.45; Newick (6) 2–2.30; Barcombe (6) 3.15–3 45.

Buxted (8) 11.30–12.15; Little Horsted (6) 2.30–3; Ringmer (8) 3.15–4. Seaford (8) 3–3.45; Southover bells (10) available 2–4.15 and after meeting.

Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 in Church Hall, followed by business meeting and film show. Names for tea **essential** to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex, not later than Tuesday, May 10th.

For ringing programme, town plan and notes on what to see and where to dine, send s.a.e.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Mid-week practice meeting at Harlington, Thursday, May 19th. Ringing 7 45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9005

DEVON GUILD — A.G.M., Plymouth, Saturday, May 21st. Ringing: Plympton St. Maurice's (8) 11–12.30 and 2–3; Plympton St Mary's (8) 11–12.30 and 1 30–3; Eggbuckland (6) 12–1 and 2–3; Plymouth St. Budeaux (6) 1.30–3; Tamerton Foliat (6) 1.30–3; Plymstock (6) 1.30–3; Plymouth Emmanuel (8) 2–3.15; Plymouth St. Andrew's (10) 2–3.45 and 7–9. Service St. Andrew's 4 p.m. Civic tea 5 p.m. by ticket only. A limited number of tickets are available for visiting Guild members who apply earliest with s.a.e. to: General Secretary, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. Business meeting 6.15 p.m. —D. J Roberts, Gen. Sec. 8975

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Whitchurch, Cardiff, on May 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, by May 16th.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. 9047

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CLERICAL GUILD—RINGING "WEEK"

Complex Itinerary

"HOCK-TIDE" is defined in the dictionary as the second Monday and Tuesday after Easter, during which in olden times some rather odd customs were observed. For some it is now the beginning of the ringing "Week" of the Guild of Clerical Ringers, which goes on to the following Friday. This year Brighton was an excellent centre. Our secretary had found us a small hotel, comfortable and homely, well up to his usual standard. We had several newcomers as well as the usual tally of members who come year after year.

Normally our tours are planned to radiate in three different directions from a strategic centre. This year the track of our outings was as complex as the blue-line of a "way-out" Surprise method, weaving here and there without any apparent order but no doubt in obedience to deep, hidden purpose. By car or coach we went hither and thither along the coastal plain or over the downs to the flat country to the north of Brighton and always it seemed to be raining! Sometimes it drizzled; at others it poured. Accuracy must admit to one really fine morning but on the whole "sunny Sussex" seemed to be just a huge confidence trick. One other feature of this year's tour was traffic congestion. Our coach could never park near the church we were aiming for and we had to walk far more than usual. Memory recalls a long, long trek in very heavy rain at Upper Beeding on a road more like a canal than a highway.

Wealthy Churches

To the professional eye the churches and belfries reflected how wealthy this part of England is. Everything was in apple-pie order with money no object. At one church which shall be nameless. the collections of Low Sunday were £91 and this led to clerical research on the amount of the Easter Offering—£219. At once enquiries were made about the patronage of this particular living! On the rare occasions when the rain stopped we could see the carefully kept villages set in the beauty which draw so many to these parts.

One interesting piece of belfrymanship was seen in new and unusually coloured sets of bellropes. Altogether we found 10 different varieties. The best specimen was a set of deep blue sallies with narrow yellow stripes—very smooth!

Many of the churches had a dumpy assured look often found in Sussex. Their towers were squat with steeples set firmly low down on them. They conveyed a sense of security and endurance. To the delight of those who hate stairs there were plenty of ground-floor rings.

The week's ringing got off to an excellent start at Arundel with a good rise and well-struck course of Cambridge Major. It looked as if this would be the tour of all tours. But for the rest of the week our ringing was like the curate's egg—good in parts. Our first evening ring, at the Good Shepherd, Brighton, was not without incident. No one knew Brighton well and a convoy of cars was soon lost. The leader stopped "to ask a policeman" and got a severe lecture for his pains on stopping on the main road. The law relented enough to direct him up a hill more like Somerset than Sussex to the church. There the electricity had failed. So Double Norwich was rung to candle-light. The clerical mind recognised the sources of light as the ends of altar candles—a good use in our opinion.

Lost Peal Attempts

We had three 10-bell towers on our list and at the first, St. Nicholas', Brighton, touches of Grandsire and Stedman were followed by a half-course of Cambridge Royal—high class stuff for the Clerical Guild. At Southover, too, there was a good effort with well-struck Grandsire Caters followed by Bob Royal. This latter was by way of practice for the peal attempt at St. Peter's, Brighton, the following day. Had this come off it would have been a "first" for the Guild. Unfortunately, though it seemed to be well within the grasp of the band it was lost after half-an-hour's first rate ringing. Better luck next year!

The other peal attempt was Bob Major at Burgess Hill. This was lost after two hours. Five of the defeated band wandered along the main street (in the rain) seeking liquid consolation. As they entered the only hostelry they could find they heard a loud female comment from behind the bar to the effect that "men are — useless." This seemed to be an apt comment on the lost peal. The lady in question was curious about the five strangers invading her pub at 12 m the morning. There were, of course, no dog-collars to be seen. Her guesses varied from income-tax inspectors(sic) to men who had come to see about the road. In order to enlighten her Roger Fry listed the various offices of her clients on the back of a visiting-card of Canon Felstead and handed this to her with due solemnity as the party left. An asonished "My Gawd" rang through the pub. It almost made up for losing the peal.

We rang on a number of good eights of which Arundel, Henfield, Petworth and Hurstpierpoint stand out in the memory. Good bells produced good ringing in the usual methods though Stedman seems to be giving way to Bob Major as the staple diet of the Guild. At Bolney a touch of four-spliced was brought round—a record for the Guild, we believe. By way of contrast a veil of silence must be drawn over our performance on the anti-clockwise eight at Ditchling. There were some very pleasant sixes too with Cowfold outstanding both in the setting of the village and the bells.

Annual Meeting

We took over the hotel lounge for our annual meeting, the ladies of the party being banished to the hotel office. Proceedings followed the usual lines. Preb. Andrews presented a financial statement which showed that our balance was down from £8 5s. 9d. to £7 1s. 5d. The officers were re-elected: President, the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith; vice-presidents, Canons B. F. Sheppard and K. W. H. Felstead; secretary and treasurer, Preb. J. H. B. Andrews. The committee comprises the above with the addition of the Rev. I. J. Richards and the Rev. J. B. T. Homfray . Next year's "week" will have Lincolnshire as first choice with Worcestershire as second. The president moved a resolution of gratitude to incumbents for allowing us the use of the bells and to those who met us at almost every tower. This was passed with enthusiasm because we felt that we were made really welcome.

So to Home

After the last evening's ring at Aldrington the Rev. M. C. C. Melville showed two good films, one of "Great Adventure II" and the other of the dedication of the Washington Ten.

Next morning we packed, paid and set off for our last three towers. Needless to say it was raining. Characteristically, too, we were involved in parking difficulty, this time with a coal lorry. Another pleasant ring and "good-bye" brought to an end a very good Clerical "week."

F. A. S.

"The Greatest All-Rounder in Change Ringing"

Sir Arthur Heywood Memorial Service

THERE was a large gathering at St. Alkmund's Church, Duffield, Derbyshire, on April 23rd to honour the memory of Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., on the 50th anniversary of his death. The Derby Diocesan Association had spared no pains to arrange a festival of ringing on the day, culminating with the service. Some 18 towers were open and two circuits were planned for those anxious to ring in new towers. The service was followed by a buffet tea in Derby and evening ringing at the Cathedral and St. Peter's.

The address at the commemoration service was given by the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, Rector of Darley Dale and president of the Clerical Guild and formerly president of the Lancashire Association. He was well fitted for the responsibility as he is a native of Derbyshire, apart from being one of our most experienced clerical ringers.

"This is an historic occasion and one which will undoubtedly remain in memory for a long time," he said, "for today, on the 50th anniversary of his death, we commemorate one who was probably the greatest 'all-rounder' in the history of change ringing, Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart.

"It is as an 'all-rounder' that I think Sir Arthur deserves the title of the greatest figure in ringing history. There were, even in his day and age, men who rang many more peals. There have been many greater conductors. There have been equally skilled composers. There have been other wealthy men who have given generously of their substance to forward the cause of change ringing. Others were associated with him in the founding of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. I know of none who have been so prominent in so many directions.

"Arthur Percival Heywood was born on Christmas Day, 1849. His youngest daughter, Miss Effie Heywood, has written to me: 'He was always keen on bells as a boy; I think it was when, after his marriage, he went to live at Duffield, that his real love of that church and the bells began.' The Central Council Biography records that he himself began change ringing at Duffield in 1883 and that the following year he was responsible for the installation of the ring of eight bells, the back eight of the present ring of ten, I believe, which were opened on February 23rd, 1884.

FIRST PEAL—FIRST BY ALL THE BAND

"During a ringing career of some 30-odd years Sir Arthur rang 152 peals; a modest total compared with those of keen peal-ringers of the present generation. His first peal was at Duffield on July 26th, 1884, and it was indeed a notable performance. A humble peal of Plain Bob Triples, it was the first peal on the new bells, and also the first peal by all the band—and it was conducted by Sir Arthur Heywood. Incidentally, he does not seem to have been particularly interested in calling peals, although he must have had considerable ability, for he called peals in a variety of methods, including London Surprise Major and Duffield Maximus.



SIR ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, BART.
as a young man.

"It is, I think, fairly obvious that service ringing meant more to him than peal ringing. His daughter writes: 'He was always among the ringers on Sundays.'; and she goes on to say that her earliest recollection of him as a ringer was sitting with him while he had an early supper before going to the weekly practice at Duffield Church.

"Sir Arthur was an engineer of no mean ability, and had his own workshops and an experimental light railway at Duffield. Obviously the scientific side of ringing appealed to his technical type of mind. His daughter says: 'I do not think that music meant a great deal to him; it was the science and problems of change ringing that attracted him.' In the technical field of composition he did indeed become outstanding; his compositions of Stedman, Double Norwich and Bob Major have become, deservedly, among the best-known of all compositions. It is probable that his simple transposition of Thurstans' peal of Stedman Triples has been rung more frequently than any other composition in that method.

HIS VISION—THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

"Well known as was Sir Arthur as a ringer and benefactor at his own church, and also as a composer of peals, he is probably even better known now as the principal founder and first president of the Central Council. Indeed the Central Council owes its existence to the vision of Sir Arthur, to his conviction that ringing societies throughout the country required a central organisation, and to his strength of character and power of leadership, which brought the Council into being in the face of considerable opposition. When he set out to found such a central organisation, Sir Arthur was batting on a very difficult wicket; a wicket made difficult by the general apathy of provincial ringers, by the active opposition of the London societies, who were largely a 'law unto themselves,' and by the aftermath of an abortive attempt to form a 'National Society' a few years previously.

"Writing about the foundation of the Central Council at the time of its golden jubilee in 1941, that talented ringing historian, the late J. Armiger Trollope, stated categorically that there was only one ringer in England who could have founded it in the face of the prevailing opposition, namely, Sir Arthur Heywood; and he did it. Sir Arthur had become president of the Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers in 1886, and he represented that Association on the Central Council from its formation in 1891 until his death in 1916. He was the first president of the Central Council, and up to the time that he died he never missed a meeting.

"As a wealthy benefactor who took a keen interest in the ringing at his own church we may perhaps liken Sir Arthur to Charles A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham Court, Devonshire, but he reached far higher standards as a ringer than Troyte ever attained.

A COMPOSER IN HIGHEST RANK

"As a composer he was in the highest rank, and in this field his name will go down to posterity alongside those of Thurstans and Lates, Hubbard, Annable and Shipway, Johnson and Dains, Reeves and Knights, Craven, Pitstow and the rest of the great composers.

"As a writer on the technicalities of ringing his style was at least the equal of such well-known authors as the brothers Jasper and William Snowdon, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and J. Armiger Trollope.

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"As an administrator and a leader of men Sir Arthur stands in a class by himself amongst ringers.

"So we remember him today: the great all-rounder in the service of ringing. In his service to ringing Sir Arthur was true to his character, for he was a generous benefactor to the Church in many other ways also, and he took an active part in much public and charitable work, notably in the affairs of the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary.

"And what of the man in his home? Here he was an example of the Victorian tradition at its best; a devoted husband and a devoted father to his nine children, yet one who could be strict when occasion required. I like the little personal touch contained at the end of a letter I have received from one of his nephews, who writes:

"'I remember Sir Arthur as the genial head of a large and cheerful family where I used to stay from time to time. He used to show me the two gleaming and beautiful steam engines which supplied power for the house and estate, and he never forgot to press a 5s. piece into my hand when the time came to say goodbye.'

"We meet together today to thank God for the life and work of Sir Arthur Perval Heywood, the greatest 'all-rounder' among the servants of ringing. May his memory be an inspiration to ringers of all ages, an inspiration to press forward without faltering in our united service to the Church and to our Exercise."

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the London County Association was held on February 19th, with the service at St. Clement Danes' conducted by a member, the Rev. W. D. Grainger, and with Mr. H. G. Edwards, of St. John's, Waterloo Road, as organist. Tea and the meeting followed at the Edinburgh Tavern, opposite.

The Master, Mr. C. W. Ottley, who did not seek re-election, thanked the members for the honour bestowed upon him after 44 years as a member. He reported that eight peals had been rung during the year, a smaller number than usual; however, the main duty of members was in Sunday ringing and in this respect he thanked the "Sunday evening quarter peal company" for their efforts. Eight general meetings and two joint meetings had been held and 21 new members elected. A regular monthly week-day practice had been restarted, on the first Thursday in each month, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, at 7.45 p.m.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of the following deceased members: Reuben Sanders (elected in 1914), Joseph T. Dyke, of Chilcompton (1921), and John W. Ward, of Melbourn, Cambs (1939) and also of a non-member, Thomas Thurley, of Chiswick, a great friend of the Association. New members elected were: Mr. and Mrs. Brian Rose (Ruislip), Miss Julie Spurgeon (Chelsea) and Kenneth Ryder (St. Olave's).

The officers for 1966 are: Master, C. M. Meyer; Deputy Master, H. W. Rogers; treasurer, W. G. Wilson; secretary, Miss V. E. Dupré; senior steward, A. F. Udall; junior steward, R. Mitchell; trustees, C. A. Hughes and J. H. Lott; assistant secretaries, Miss M. E. Powell and D. Hewitt; Central Council representatives, A. D. Barker, W. G. Wilson, H. W. Rogers and Mrs. O. L. Rogers

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Despite menacing skies the attendance topped the 60 mark at the meeting of the Biggleswade District at Old Warden on April 9th. Due to unfortunate circumstances it was reported that the District outing would have to be abandoned and an evening meeting at Henlow arranged instead on May 14th.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

Kenneth R. Dunstan Elected New President

THE high standard of handbell ringing enjoyed by the Hertford County Association was in evidence during the service at St. Mary's, Watford, on April 16th, when a touch of Spliced Surprise Major was rung by Mrs. Kathleen Baldwin 1–2, Christopher Woolley 3–4, Roger Baldwin 5–6 and Gerald Penney 7–8. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Downward, and the lesson was read by Richard G. Bell. Ringing during the day took place at Abbots Langley, Bushey Heath, Elstree, Rickmansworth King's Langley, Bushey, Harrow Weald, Watford and Langleybury. Unfortunately the eight at Aldenham were not available as completion of the work of rehanging had been delayed. The prompt efforts of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, however, in repairing a broken gudgeon of the treble at Watford at short notice, enabled the ten to be rung.

A smaller gathering than usual, numbering 125, enjoyed an excellent tea prepared by Mrs. Bell and her helpers before the business meeting was opened by the president, Brian M. Barker. In welcoming members and visitors, the president made special reference to G. William Critchley, the immediate past president, and Mrs. Critchley, who are now living in Middlesex. Also present was Mr. Frank Perrens, the librarian of the Central Council.

The meeting stood in silence in respect to those members who had died during the year; these included Mrs. J. Banfield (associate), Messrs. J. Bray (Baldock), C. V. Hare (Hitchin), L. Seabrook (Abbots Langley) and D. C. Wellington (Hatfield).

The president then presented a life membership certificate to Cecil E. R. Evans, of Aldenham, in recognition of 50 years' continuous membership of the Association.

The more mundane business of the meeting was completed with exemplary despatch; the minutes were accepted without comment and the various reports were taken as read, having been published in the annual report. Even Howard Collings, who as treasurer had produced a profit of over £15, was not asked to comment on his stewardship. New ringing members elected were Jill Gordon, Jill Laud and Michael Eastman (Watford) and Miss H M. Evans (North Mymms). The Rev. J Downward was elected as an associate member.

VISITED EVERY RINGABLE TOWER

Kenneth R. Dunstan (Langleybury) was then elected president for the ensuing year and was duly installed with his badge of office. Mr Dunstan thanked the meeting for their confidence and said that he hoped to visit as much of the county as possible during his term as president. Walter Ayre expressed members' appreciation of Brian Barker's efforts during the past year; these included the major task of ringing in every ringable tower in the Association, which he had successfully accomplished four days earlier.

With one exception all the officers were re-elected as follows: A. Rex Agg (general secretary), Howard Collings (treasurer), C. Anne Agg (peal secretary) and Joyce Dodds (librarian). Harold V. Frost did not seek re-election as assistant secretary, and Mrs. Mary Coburn was elected to office. Brian Barker paid tribute to Mr Frost, who had served the Association with a quiet efficiency for many years in a number of positions including District secretary, librarian, general secretary, president (1962) and as assistant secretary for the past six years. Mr Frost had also compiled a booklet entitled "Ringing in Hertfordshire," which traced the development of the Association from its incention in 1884 and provided a concise history of ringing throughout the county. Some copies of this booklet are still available from the general secretary. There were six candidates for the four representatives to the Central Council and a ballot was necessary. Those elected were Walter Ayre, Brian Barker, Richard Bell and Geoffrey Dodds.

BOUNDARY REORGANISATION

The acquiescent mood of the meeting continued even into the usually controversial resolutions for discussion. There were four motions on the agenda and each received a remarkably smooth passage. The first dealt with boundary reorganisation due to the implementation of the Greater London Act; South Mymms, which was previously an affiliated tower, was now within the county, while Barnet and Monken Hadley were now in the Greater London area. Accordingly it was agreed that these should be regarded as affiliated towers in order that they should retain their affinities with the Association.

The second motion sought to amend the complicated rule governing the tower election of non-resident life members, which stipulated that a major proportion of the band must be members of the Association. The proposition from the Northern District was that two resident members should be able to elect any number of non-resident members prior to a peal attempt, subject to their subsequent ratification. This was carried with hardly a murmur of opposition, thus presenting the Northern District with its first successful resolution for many years.

An administrative measure to elect the Association's representatives to the Central Council in the second year of each three-year term of office was agreed without dissent. Reginald Sheppard then lent weight to the Western District's motion that the Association should invite the Central Council to hold a meeting in the county, extolling the virtues of Hemel Hempstead as a possible venue. This item produced the liveliest discussion, but agreement was reached without difficulty. Walter Ayre, entering his 40th year as a Central Council representative for the Association, was asked to convey the invitation in person to the meeting at Bath.

Any other business included a series of speakers advocating a variety of functions, including the Diocesan Festival in June, a "May Day" event at Kimpton on May 7th, a Flower Festival at North Mymms on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and the handbell section of the St. Albans Music Festival in November. The Management Committee was empowered to use advertisements in the annual report provided that the income was found to be a significant contribution to the ever-increasing cost of publication. Mr. Woolley gave a brief reminder of the inadequacy of bell fund grants before the meeting closed with the customary votes of thanks to all who had worked hard to ensure the success of the meeting.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Southern Branch

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held on St. George's Day at Folkingham and was very well attended, approximately 100 being present from a wide area. The good-going ring of six was made good use of, and methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Canon F. R. Money, assisted by the Rev. R. Worsdall, himself a ringer, who gave the address. Tea was held in the Village Hall, kindly arranged by Mrs. Money and her willing band of lady helpers.

At the business meeting the newly-elected Branch president (the Rev. P. B. Hearn, Vicar of Billingborough) presided. Canon F. R. Money was duly elected as an honorary member, followed by the election of seven ringing members in their teens from Folkingham and neighbouring towers.

Next meeting: Rippingale, on June 25th, when the annual striking competition will take place.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On April 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. W. Coward 1, G. Gaylard 2, T. E. Marks 3, T. A. Cross 4, F. G. Sandy 5, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 6, T. J. Setter 7, R. J. Fox 8. For Evensong.

Letters to the Editor

CHANGE RINGING IN NEWCASTLE AREA

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Arthur's letter criticising my recent articles in "Change Ringing in Newcastle Area," I regret that there were errors and omissions. I did, in fact, suggest that a note at the top welcoming additions and corrections would be reasonable. My main aim in publishing these articles (originally not intended for "The Ringing World") was not to provide a standard work of reference but to present an item of some local interest.

Having said this, I think some more detailed defence is called for. There were three mistakes present due to my own carelessness. If I had been wise enough to get someone like Mr. Arthur to read the articles before publication these could have been avoided. A number of "errors" were in fact where Mr. Arthur himself is wrong (or my views are at least tenable). There are also a few cases of somewhat (a year or two) inaccurate dates and one case where I think I was misled by an apparently reliable source.

Mr. Arthur said that I "relied mainly on hearsay and even guesswork, in certain instances." This is a gross and unjustifiable exaggeration. There are in fact two cases, I think, where I was not quite conscientious enough with my sources and therefore went a bit wrong.

There are various facts which I should have included to make my potted histories more complete. However, in some cases I deliberately avoided giving a list of the prominent ringers associated with a tower. Mr. Arthur (perhaps rightly) considered this a mistake.

Mr. Arthur writes that "it is obvious that your contributor has not made his researches in sufficient depth." On the whole I consider this wrong. I did in fact consult most of the obvious sources and some unobvious ones (such as Somerset House). I spent weeks looking through Association reports; days through all the old "Bell News" copies and some "Ringing Worlds"; I spoke to many of the older ringers; where there were local Ringing Society record books I almost always consulted them. All this was interesting to me; I hope some other Newcastle ringers found the result interesting.

I have also been criticised on the ground that my articles gave too pessimistic on outlook on ringing in Newcastle. There are two sides to this question. On one side there has been (as shown by a graph) a fairly continuous decline in Association membership in this area since the last war; very few towers here ring all their bells to changes on a Sunday. On the other hand, there are quite a few learners about (particularly in the Jesmond band); also the Tyneside peal band is in quite reasonable shape.—Yours faithfully.

R. A. YEATES.

Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne.

OLDEST TO RING FIRST PEAL OF SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—May I add my congratulations to Mr. Harold Wagstaff on ringing his first peal of Spliced Surprise Major at the age of 69. In reply to your inquiry, however, the late George Williams rang his first peal not long before the last war when he was, I think, 82. This was in the four standard methods. —Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

YORKSHIRE EXPERIMENTS

Dear Sir, — While experimenting recently with compositions of Yorkshire Surprise Major, I discovered the following two peals. The first one was produced from one of six different sets of 14 combination courses; although it should be possible to obtain similar peals from the other sets, it seems that with none of them is it possible to connect 23 courses in a round block unless at least one course containing no roll-ups is included. Can anyone confirm that this is so whatever set of combination courses is used, and that in fact 100 roll-ups is the maximum obtainable in this length?

5,152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

M	W	H	23456
2	SS	—	26354
2	S		56243
—		2	63245
SS		—	26345
2	S		46253
—		2	63254
—	—		52436
S	2	3	23465
	—		62435
S	2	3	23456

Contains 100 roll-ups.

5,152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

V	2nds	M	W	4ths	3rds	H	23456
						—	42356
		SS	S				52346
		S	S				42365
		S				3	52364
		S	S			3	36245
		S	S			—	34256
S	S					3	372546
	S		3	S			62534
			3		S	3	372564
S						—	23456

Contains 81 roll-ups, 64 648's and 57 468's, with Queen's, Whittingtons and Tittums; no 82's or 83's.

Yours faithfully,

SIMON HUMPHREY.

Wollaton, Nottingham.

CANTERBURY SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—Having looked up Canterbury Surprise in the Central Council's "Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods" (1949 edition) and then turned to Snowdon's "Diagrams of Standard Methods" (1957 reprint), I am astonished to find that the two do not agree!

Snowdon gives Canterbury Surprise as a seconds place method, but the Central Council's book gives Alnwick Surprise as the seconds place variation and Canterbury Surprise as the sixths place variation of the same method. Clearly both cannot be correct! Could you please tell me which one is wrong—as it would be very awkward indeed if half a band turned up expecting to ring a peal of Canterbury only to find that the other half were ringing what they called Alnwick! —Yours sincerely,

VERNON BEDFORD.

Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

OUTING

ST. MARY'S, BATTLE

Leaving Battle at eight o'clock on Easter Monday, our first call was at Westerham, after a pleasant drive through Ashdown Forest Here Grandsire, Stedman and Yorkshire were rung. St. Mary Cray was our next tower, remembered by some as a somewhat dingy ground-floor belfry. This has recently been transformed into a pleasant upstairs ringing room. Once we were accustomed to the deep set of the bells, Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and London were brought round.

A suitable hostelry was found for lunch before making our way north to the banks of the Thames to ring on the glorious eight at the Chapel of Unity, Gravesend. Our efforts here were not worthy of comment, and rounds for beginners was notably more successful than attempts for Stedman and London! Moving back south to Wrotham (another fine eight), some of our best ringing of the day took place in the form of a course of Plain Bob, a touch of Stedman and a half-course of Cambridge. Our last stop before tea was Snodland, where we were met by the Rector.

Tea was taken at the Flower Bowl Restaurant, Maidstone, following which we arrived at Yalding 15 minutes late. The heavy six (18 cwt.) proved a little too much for some of the youngsters but a good course of London was achieved. Our last call was at Brenchley, where an odd-struck seventh and a tenor up wrong did not help the ringing.

Our thanks to our most obliging driver, Ted Baker, and most of all to 14-year-old David Winchester for courageously undertaking all the arrangements himself and making a thoroughly enjoyable day of it. I. V. J. S.

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AN OLD BELL DISCOVERED

Dear Sir,—Whilst inspecting a sadly disused Early English chapel at Holwell, Herts, I came across the trap door leading to the little turret tower. Inside the turret I found an ancient bell of somewhat unusual shape. As the turret measured only some four feet by four feet and was very dark, it was impossible to photograph the bell. The inscription reads: "ITI. SAPIS. POTAN. DATI. NONE."

I would be very grateful if anybody could shed some light on the origin and date of the bell.—Yours sincerely,

GERALD M. FITZBURGH.

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BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

20th Annual General Meeting

OVER 70 members and friends were present when the 20th annual general meeting of the Derby Diocesan Association was held in Derby on April 16th. During the afternoon ringing was enjoyed at Horsley (6), St. Alkmund's (8) and the Cathedral (10) prior to the annual service conducted by the Association's president, the Provost of Derby (the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes). Wives and families of the local company prepared an excellent tea in the Cathedral rooms, which was free of charge due to an anonymous member of the company covering the cost in celebration of his 30th wedding anniversary—a kind gesture which was much appreciated.

In his opening remarks as chairman of the subsequent business meeting, the president congratulated the Association on the steady but quite considerable progress it had made over the last few years. Although he felt the Derby Diocese was sometimes rather slow at setting an example in clerical matters, when it came to ringing matters the opposite was much more the case. It was, however, all too easy to become complacent and he urged members to continue in making the Association go from strength to strength.

The general secretary, Mr. B. P. Morris, reported that the membership of 405—389 ringing and 16 honorary members—was only one less than last year's record. It was, however, with regret that he recorded the death of two founder members—Mrs. E. Foulk (Duffield), who rang in the first peal of Bob Major by a ladies' band, and Mr. E. C. Gobey (Ilkeston), who was responsible for the Ilkeston variation of Treble Bob.

P.C.C. SUPPORT BELL FUND

In his report on the financial position the general treasurer, Mr. J. C. Woolley, regretted a slight loss of £5 on the year's working. Although the balance of £77 compared unfavourably with that of four years ago (£100) he was confident this gradual decline in the reserves would be halted by the new subscription rates. As usual, the finances of the Bell Repair Fund, as presented by its treasurer, Mr. J. B. Stennitt, were in a much healthier position due to the continued financial support of over 80 P.C.C.'s. Although over £75 had been paid out in grants over the last four years the balance of £350 compared very favourably with that prior to the affiliation scheme (£30).

Reporting on the work of the bell consultants, the secretary, Mr. G. A. Halls, said 1965 had been one of their busiest years yet, with technical help and/or advice having been given to 11 towers, and a grant of £25 having been paid towards the repair of Chellaston bells. The success of the year was undoubtedly at Denby where, with the help of new bearings from Messrs. Taylors, the bells had been rehung, the entire operation of dismantling and rehanging having been successfully carried out by local labour.

OUTSTANDING PEALS

A rather lower peal total (52) than usual was reported by the peal secretary, Mr. D. R. Carlisle. Outstanding peals included non-conducted Yorkshire Royal and the first of London Minor by a local band at Sandiacre. The leading conductor was Gordon Halls, who was also the leading peal ringer with a total of 18, followed by Malcolm Phipps with 14.

Following the education officer's (Mr. D. J. Marshall's) résumé of the instructional activities of 1965, the main event being the Association's first residential course held at Lea Green last November, the various reports and balance sheets were adopted with grateful thanks for all the work which had obviously gone into their preparation.

TRIBUTE TO MR. A. MOULD

On behalf of the company, the peal secretary (Mr. Carlisle) paid tribute to Mr. A. Mould who, after serving the Association most faithfully as Central Council representative for the last 12 years, was not seeking re-election. In recognition of his services he was unanimously elected a vice-president. A tribute was also paid to Mr. Carlisle himself, who after many years as peal secretary was also not seeking re-election this time.

With the addition of Mr. S. Walklate as trustee in place of Mr. Lowe, the other officers were all elected en bloc as follows: President, the Provost of Derby; vice-presidents, Messrs. F. Adams, J. Bailey and A. Mould; secretary, Mr. B. P. Morris, Gable End, 14, Greenway, Ashbourne; trustees, Messrs. H. Taylor and S. Walklate; peal secretary, Mr. D. Friend; treasurer, Mr. J. C. Woolley; Central Council representatives (after a ballot), Messrs. G. Halls, M. Phipps and D. R. Carlisle.

A comprehensive vote of thanks concluded the proceedings. M. P. P.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The spring quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Preston on St. George's Day, the Guild service being conducted by the Vicar, Canon W. J. Smith.

Tea was served in the School Hall to 37 ringers and friends, and the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, presided at the business meeting. Members stood in memory of Mr. Tom Lippitt, formerly tower captain at Cattistock, who died the previous day.

Subject to consent, evening practices will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester (May 21st); Frampton (June 4th); Wyke Regis (June 18th); Upwey (July 2nd); and Little Cheney (July 30th).

BELL THIEVES' HAUL

Nine bells, each weighing more than four cwt., were stolen from a London bell foundry store on May 4th by copper thieves. Four of the bells were awaiting shipment to St. Augustine's, Cashmere Hills, Christchurch, New Zealand. These were of 17th century origin and at one time hung at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Gonville, and Caius College, Cambridge. They were the gift of Mr. Michael Stewart-Smith, a New Zealander, who is managing director of a London perfumery manufacturing company.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On March 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Triples: T. Sheahan (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. Moore 2, H. Moore 3, R. Threadgold 4, C. Barker 5, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, B. Brinkley 8.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

A.G.M. Adopt New Rules for Competitions

THE 1966 annual general meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Callington on March 26th and was very well attended. The president, Mr. Alan Carveth, opened the meeting by ringing the Guild miniature bell, the gift of Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, a vice-president. The Rector of Callington, the Rev. J. J. Broadhurst, led prayers, and silent tribute was paid to the memory of Messrs. W. H. Southeard (a vice-president and former Ringing Master), J. Jasper, R. H. Sandy and W. G. Willey, who had died since the last meeting.

The treasurer, Mr. S. J. Robinson, reported balances of £65 in the general fund and £28 in the badge account. The Ringing Master, Mr. D. Burnett, reported a satisfactory year with festivals held in all Branches and made mention of the method ringing practices of the Truro Branch as a possible example to other Branches. His remarks were endorsed by the Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. W. C. Boucher.

The general secretary, Mr. A. J. Davidson, read the peal secretary's (Mr. D. Docking) report, which stated that 24 peals were rung for the Guild in 1965. Several "firsts" were noted. On behalf of the Central Council representatives, Mr. A. Locke gave a detailed account of the meeting at Northampton, impressing on the meeting the need for increasing sales of "The Ringing World."

The alterations to the Guild Rules, as proposed by the Ringing Master, were passed. These consisted mainly of the abolition of the General Committee, the deletion (with the permission of the Bishop) of the rule forbidding ringing for prizes or certificates, the introduction of the office of Guild Librarian, the raising by 2s. 6d of tower subscriptions and the raising of peal fees and introduction of quarter peal fees for the annual report. Proposals to streamline the Guild officers, to combine the annual general meeting with the Summer Diocesan Festival and to introduce individual subscriptions found no seconders.

All the Guild officers were re-elected except Mr. Docking, who did not seek re-election, and Miss Marion Lidgey of Lelant was elected to succeed him as peal secretary. Mr. H. Lander of Stephen-in-Brannell was elected a vice-president in appreciation of his stalwart work for the Mid-Cornwall Branch. Mr. D. A. Trethewey of the Truro Cathedral band was elected librarian. It was agreed to hold the Summer Festival at Truro Cathedral on July 30th, when the Bishop of Truro will address the Guild. The ringers of St. Austell invited the Guild to hold the 1967 annual general meeting there and this was accepted, the date, fixed by the new rules, to be the first Saturday in March.

An excellent tea followed the meeting and the bells of Callington, Linkinhorne and Stoke Climsland were then put to good use.

A. J. D.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda M. Groves (14) 1, Helen E. Gilbert (16) 2, Rosemarie A. Frith (16, cond.) 3, P. J. Gibson (15) 4, K. Brown (14) 5, T. J. Sheahan (17) 6. Average age 15¼.

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN PINFOLD

"If there be good in that I wrought,
Thy hand compelled it Master, Thine;
Where I have failed to meet Thy thought,
I know, through Thee, the fault was mine."

I feel a great sense of personal loss in hearing of the passing of John Pinfold. Those of us who rang a great number of peals with him know the quiet earnestness and concentration with which he approached any job and how very rarely he made a mistake. He always aimed at ringing a touch or peal without making a mistake and, indeed, it was unusual for him to make a trip. Often at the end of a peal he would say, with a quiet twinkle, "Another clean sheet." He was a very fine ringer. That stern critic, Alfred Paddon Smith, described Jack as a very accomplished performer, and Jafus, that shrewd judge of men and things, once said: "I like John Pinfold's style; he minds his own business and gets on with the job." These were no mean tributes.

As a Ringing Master he stood in the front rank. He had no use for the slacker, and was firm in his condemnation af the latecomer and the indolent. But with the earnest learner he had a great sympathy and infinite patience. His polite inquiry of the visitor: "And what would you like to ring?" concealed his genuine pride in the practices at St Martin's Church. He delighted in the privilege of having around him a company that could offer to the beginner or the accomplished ringer anything he desired to practise. "Tell me what you have looked up," he would say to the rather diffident learner, "and you shall ring it." And he expected his experienced and highly competent colleagues to give of their best in helping the young man or young lady who had come to learn.

Those of us who knew John Pinfold intimately will remember with gratitude the example he set us of gentlemanly conduct, sturdy independence and unobtrusive application to his work He represented all that was best in the older generation of ringers. He learned his change ringing the hard way, but he learned it thoroughly, and applied it with such devotion as to make his contribution to the worship of the Church and to the cause of change ringing an offering of high and lasting value. E. C. S.

MR. W. R. HUGHES

St. Matthew's, Walsall, band has suffered a great loss in the death of Walter R Hughes. He joined the Walsall band and the Staffs Archdeaconry Society in 1902 and was one of the oldest ringers in South Staffs. Owing to ill-health he retired from service ringing in 1964 but continued to pay periodical visits to the belfry and take part in short touches, his last visit being on Palm Sunday, when he said to the writer, "I've just come to see if you want me." He died on April 20th in hospital after being rushed there on April 18th.

Not a great peal ringer, Mr. Hughes rang 59 for the Staffs Archdeaconry Society, mostly rung in the 1930's, after Walsall got its 12 bells in 1929, with T. J. Elton (his brother-in-law) and later Howard Howell as conductors.

The funeral service at St. Matthew's was conducted by the Vicar of Walsall Before and after the service there was half-muffled ringing by his Walsall friends. An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, on April 30th, was unfortunately lost after three hours' ringing.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Hughes and her family. J. S. E.

HESSLE, EAST YORKS.—On April 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Moss 1, K. Gatman 2, R. Horton 3, V. Beaumont 4, R. Hawtree (cond.) 5, Rev. F. Ross 6. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of John C. Haselhurst, churchwarden for over 20 years.

MR. JOSEPH LOVETT

With deep regret his many friends in South Wales and elsewhere heard of the passing of Mr. Joseph Lovett, of Pentre, Rhondda, on Good Friday, after a short illness, at the age of 64.

He was the last remaining link with the famous band at St. Peter's, Pentre, whose performances from the early part of this century to the period just before the last war have never since been equalled by any local company in the area.

"Jos," as he was affectionately known, was one of the band who taught themselves to ring on the grand ring of bells at Pentre, and reached, in those days when Surprise ringing was not the commonplace thing it is today, the heights of ringing the first peals by a local band of Cambridge and Superlative in South Wales. They also recorded many other fine achievements. Considering the relative remoteness of Pentre and the fact that they had no experienced tutor, these were indeed remarkable achievements. How true must be the inscription in the peal book at Pentre, "Perseverance is crowned with success." In all Jos rang 49 peals and all except one were for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

He had not enjoyed the best of health for a number of years and had not been employed since 1941 due to the dreaded miner's disease of silicosis, but this terrible handicap never altered his cheerful nature. He was unable to climb the steps to the belfry in the last few years, but he still maintained his interest in ringing, and nothing gave him greater pleasure than welcoming visitors to Pentre and, after listening to their ringing, partaking of a pint of beer with them at the "Club." A faithful churchman, he maintained a deep interest in St. Peter's all his life.

He was buried at Treorchy on April 14th. His many friends, both in ringing and outside, will miss him deeply, and none more so than myself, who spent many happy hours in his company Our deepest sympathy goes to his widow and family. May he rest in peace.
T. P. E.

MR. HARRY POUNDER

"A remarkable old chap," is how our correspondent recalls Mr. Harry Pounder, of West Hallam, Derbyshire, who died on March 30th, a few days after a stroke.

He learned to ring Grandsire Doubles on one bell more or less by rote and then after an absence of 15 years came back when a new band was formed about five years ago. Harry was then nearly 70 and learned to ring the method properly and also Plain Bob. Last year he managed a touch of Grandsire Triples. He rang in several quarters and was a faithful member of the Sunday service band until Christmas. when his wife became unwell.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Frome Branch

About 40 members and friends made their way across foggy, snow-covered hills to the tiny village of Ashwick, in the heart of the Mendips, for the Branch spring meeting. The resident Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Ridler, conducted Evensong, which followed a well-struck service touch of Double Court.

Immediately after an excellent meal served by the ladies of the parish, the business meeting, under the chairmanship of the Rev. A G. Durston, commenced. Six new members were elected and the date for the corporate Communion at Paulton was fixed for June 12th. and the next meeting, at Radstock, for July 9th.

After a general discussion ranging from the design of clapper muffs for learners to rules of the striking competition. Mr. Ron Beck congratulated the Branch chairman on ringing his first peal, a feat believed to be the first of its kind accomplished by the chairman in his own tower. D. T. H. R.

JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES

One Day Course/Conference at Selby

A STEP towards fulfilling another of the aims of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies took place on March 19th at Selby. A one-day course/conference was held for instructors, tower captains, ringing masters and anyone interested in the training of ringers. The event was the result of a wish expressed by the representatives of the ten societies in Yorkshire comprising the Council. A committee, consisting of Messrs. J. N. D. Chaddock, T. H. Foster and W. F. Moreton, had been formed to organise the course, which was attended by over 70 ringers. They were welcomed in Selby Abbey by the chairman of the Joint Council, Mr. Ted Hudson. He introduced those present to the Vicar of Selby, who opened the proceedings with prayer. The first session was "Teaching Bell Control," and demonstrations of their methods were given by David Johnson, Norman Chaddock and Fred Hodgson. A short but lively discussion followed, covering topics from "which hand to hold the rope end?" to "the use of a dummy tail end"

After coffee at the nearby Hawdon Institute, the course continued with an address by Vernon Bottomley on "The Organisation of One's Own Tower," which was published in "The Ringing World" on April 29th. A very lively discussion followed, finally revolving around the choice of methods to teach learners. It proved interesting to note that the list recommended by Mr. Bottomley was the same as that which Mr. Moreton outlined in his demonstration after lunch. Everyone enjoyed the meal at the Corunna Café.

Back to the belfry, where Wilfrid Moreton selected a band of six ringers to demonstrate "Bell Control to Easy Method Ringing." Showing some of the stages, the progress of the pupil through ringing a tied bell, ringing an open bell in rounds, call changes, to plain hunting, was followed. Particular emphasis on correct striking caused one or two red faces in the demonstrating band, much to the amusement of the others. It was suggested that it was worth "letting the pupil know the numbers" if good striking was the result. The experience necessary for acquiring ropesight must only be given when the pupil has good control and can strike well. Afterwards, in the Hawdon Institute, Norman Chaddock addressed the course on "Ringing Meetings, their Function and Organisation. The Ringing Master's Job." (See page 242.)

After the tea break the course split into small groups for the final session, on "Conducting Standard Methods." Mr. Harold Chant took Spliced Minor; Wilfred Moreton—Grandsire and Stedman Caters; John Gilbert —Plain Bob Minor; Fred Hodgson—Grandsire Doubles and Triples; Henry Fielden—Spliced Surprise Major; Eric Critchley—Stedman Triples; and Norman Chaddock—Plain Bob Major. The groups were scattered in various parts of the Abbey. Later all gathered in the belfry and each group had the opportunity to try something they had covered in their particular session.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Mid-Devon Branch

There was a good attendance at the Mid-Devon Branch quarterly meeting at Teignmouth on April 23rd. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob Triples and Major were rung before the service conducted by the Rev. L. G. Folland (Vicar).

After tea in the Parish Hall Miss Mary Russell presided at the business meeting, when the Vicar was elected an honorary member and two new practising members from Torre were elected. The election of two non-resident members, elected prior to starting for a peal the previous week, was confirmed.

Next meeting: Ipplepen with Broadhempston on July 23rd (subject to permission). A. L. B.

QUARTER PEALS

BANBURY, OXON.—On April 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. M. Stretton 1, C. T. Wightman 2, Mrs. D. Bentley 3, J. E. F. Easley 4, Mrs. M. O. Gillett 5, R. P. Bentley 6, J. Bishop 7, H. H. Alexander (cond.) 8, H. Bishop 9, K. H. Bolton (first quarter) 10. A wedding compliment to Miss Sally Herbert, a member of the tower, and Mr. Jack Cranley.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, with 7, 6, 8 behind): Miss B. Shaw (first quarter) 1, D. Hewitt 2, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 3, D. Bedford 4, A. Faulkner 5, J. W. Litten (first quarter) 6, G. Lonsdale 7, D. Knewstub (first quarter) 8 For Patronal Festival Evensong.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Mark's, Lincombe, on April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Davis 1, D. Orledge 2, C. Quartley 3, J. Nibbs 4, D. Nibbs 5, R. Quartley (cond.) 6. For St. Mark's Festival.

BECKINGHAM, KENT.—On April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. W. Cave (cond.) 1, D. G. Brown 2, A. G. Mason 3, D. E. Beach 4, Mrs. C. Shiers 5, S. A. Nicholls 6, A. R. Ling 7, Miss M. Gordon-Jackson 8. For Evensong.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, P. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, C. Corderoy 5, G. Jeffs 6. Conducting shared by 3 and 5. For Evensong, and to enable Dr. Graham Jeffs to ring his first quarter peal before leaving for Nottingham.

BOURTON, DORSET.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. L. Dunster 1, C. F. Longridge 2, P. Young (first "inside") 3, J. N. Longridge 4, T. F. Collins (first as cond.) 5, N. Lewis 6.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Warne 1, A. Wiffen 2, C. Barker 3, A. Syder 4, Mrs. J. Syder 5, Miss J. Quilter 6, R. Lindsell 7, C. Gillingham (first quarter) 8

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, J. Jefferies 2, E. J. Whiting 3, P. R. Godfrey (first "inside") 4, M. G. Freestone 5, J. F. W. Allen 6. For the marriage of David Hillard Eastmond and Susan Jane Howell. Also on April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lucy Smith 1, Susan B. Baker 2, R. F. Baker (cond.) 3, P. R. Godfrey 4, E. J. Whiting 5, J. F. W. Allen 6. With best wishes to ringer of second, on her visit to Australia.

BRANSCOMBE, DEVON.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Clarke (first on working bell) 1, Miss F. Clayton 2, Mrs. Y. Woodley (first of Minor) 3, K. T. Clarke 4, B. F. Coles 5, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 6.

BRAY, BERKS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Juliet Hall (first of Triples) 1, D. Fowles 2, Wenda R. Harris 3, J. Brooks 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, A. J. Glass 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. First "inside" Triples 3 and 5. For Evensong, and christening of Phillip Edward, son of Rev. and Mrs. D. Strickland.

BROADHEMBURY, DEVON.—On April 15th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: B. Harvey 1, C. Summers 2, T Travers 3, F. Stamp 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Redfern 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stamp, parents of ringer of 4th, on the celebration of their diamond wedding.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Dorothy A. Branson (first quarter at first attempt) 1, R. Chapman 2, Kathleen A. Rivett 3, D. A. Hammond 4, C. M. Payne 5, E. P. Inskip 6, M. J. Marriott (comp. and cond.) 7, R. E. Fowler 8.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On April 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mary Coleman 1, M. J. Staley 2, Sheila Staley 3, K. J Chapman 4, J. G. Mitchell 5 D. G. Pearson 6, R. J. Cowley 7, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 8.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK. — At the Norman Tower, on April 17th, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, A. Ballam 3, J. Stannard 4, P. Everett 5, H. Clarke 6, D Rowlands 7, W. Goodship 8, R. Stannard 9, J. Banks 10. A birthday compliment to A. W. Rolfe.

CALNE, WILTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sankey 1, Joy Watkin (Wigston, Leicester) 2, W. Self 3, E. Dixon 4, S. G. Grant (cond.) 5, R. Saye 6, G. Pluckrose 7, A. R. Saye 8. For the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Knowles, and the 74th birthday of A. R. Saye, who left Calne for Clevedon six years ago.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Thexton 1, G. Hart (first "inside") 2, N. Thomson 3, R. Cooles 4, C. Barnes 5, A. Brown 6, C. Starbuck 7, M. Uphill (cond.) 8. A.M.D.G.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Sutton 1, M. Presland 2, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 3, W. A. R. Chamberlain 4, A. K. Peck 5, D. J. Prescott 6. For Evensong.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Wilson 1, Mrs. M. Goodyer 2, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, J. Porter 5, F. Bishop 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, R. Mitchell 8. A very warm welcome to our ringing friends from Australia, Mrs. Margaret Goodyer and Miss Jennifer Murphy. Also on April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Sprackling 1, Miss S. Davis 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, R. Mitchell (first "inside") 5, J. Porter (cond.) 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, W. G. Wilson 8. For morning service.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, DERBYS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Richardson 1, P. Heywood (first quarter) 2, G. Fanshaw 3, T. Wylie 4, A. G. Kirk 5, A. Richardson (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir A. P. Heywood. Also on April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Richardson 1, P. Heywood 2, R. Evans 3, B. J. Woodruffe 4, M. Bramwell (first quarter) 5, A. Richardson (cond.) 6.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. G. Draper 1, F. E. Fagg 2, R. K. Hawkins 3, Renee Sturgess 4, Gillian M. Boyd 5, J. Gunstone 6, J. A. G. Ball 7, S. A. Scott 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, J. W. Stevenson 10. For Evensong.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On April 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Fray 1, Rosemary Smith 2, K. Baker (first of Kent "inside") 3, A. Perry 4, R. Smith 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6. For Matins.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Gregson 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, R. Moore 3, D. H. Garnett (first as cond.) 4, T. F. Metcalfe 5. Also on April 23rd, 1,260 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: Susan Gregson 1, N. M. Newby (cond.) 2, D. H. Garnett 3, J. E. Dickinson 4, A. Capstick 5, T. F. Metcalfe 6. First in two methods 1 and 3. For St. George's Day.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, Miss M. Jones 2, Carole Wood 3, F. Huckstepp (cond.) 4, L. Sweatman 5, H. Deacon 6, B. Johnson 7, F. Goodearle 8. First in method 3 and 7. Rung on the Queen's birthday.

GUSSAGE, ST. MICHAEL, DORSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. J. Fuller 1, Kathleen S. Fuller 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, D. R. Fuller 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, W. R. Damer 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Pitman, on the birth of a son, Christopher Derek, on March 31st.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. F. Turner 1, Mrs. F. E. Crosier 2, J. Miles 3, S. B. Bell 4, D. Mills 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. For the institution and induction of Rev. F. O. Osborn to the benefice of Great and Little Addington.

HAMPTON, MIDDX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. S. Deason 1, Hilary Essen 2, Lesley Essen 3, Barbara Walpole 4, Alison Wyllie 5, Gillian Leale 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, A. Meadows 8 First on eight for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8. For Evensong.

HEMINGFORD GREY, HUNTS.—On April 14th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: D. Lyon (aged 13, first quarter) 1, A. Hurst (age 15, first quarter) 2, A. Dines (aged 13 first quarter) 3, M. Dines (age 18, first as cond.) 4. First of Minimus by all and first of Minimus on the bells.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Huddleston 1, C. Abbott 2, G. Locke 3, J. Culley 4, R. Huddleston 5, D. Huddleston (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On April 5th, 1,260 Bristol Surprise Major: R. E. Lester 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, Alice E. J. Lester 3, L. R. Pizzey 4, H. W. Eggleston 5, R. H. Rogers 6, C. W. Pipe 7, G. W. Pipe (cond.) 8.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: D. Carr 1, Miss S. Percival 2, P. Rogers 3, G. Mayes 4, M. Major 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): F. H. Andrews 1, Susan Webber 2, Rose Smith 3, P. Gay 4, R. Smith 5. Rung as a compliment to Philip Gay and Susan Webber, on their engagement.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The ringer of the third in the peal at Withyham (page 285) was R. Jean Osbon and not as printed.

Mr. Walter Ayre, who will be entering his 40th year as a Central Council representative at Bath, has been asked to invite the Council to Hertfordshire for its next meeting.

The seven methods rung in a peal of Surprise Minor at Blaydon, Co. Durham (page (249), were Wells, London, Durham, York, Surfleet, Cambridge and Beverley.

The prices of "Sound of Bells" by Edgar C. Shepherd and "The Washington Peal" record are 26s. 6d. each, post free, and not as inadvertently published on page 302.

St. George's Guild of Bellringers, Jesmond, has now its own magazine with Ann Walker and Helen Dracup as editors. Its brightness should make a strong appeal to Tyneside youthful ringers.

The enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Leslie Wilfrid Brown as Bishop of St. Edmundsbury was marked by extensive ringing in his diocese. The peal at Assington was the first on the bells for 29 years.

Featured in a Cambridgeshire paper were four Whittlesford Boy Scouts undegoing their proficiency badge test in campanology. Mr. Brian D. Threlfall was the examiner and all four passed. Also present were Mr. Barry Couzens and Miss Jean Sanderson, who were responsible for training

Mr. John R. Mayne has resigned the office of Ringing Master of the Middlesex County Association and as one of their representatives on the Central Council. He is also resigning from the Records and Methods Committees of the Central Council. His decision was received with deep regret at the annual meeting of the Middlesex Association, the report of which has been crowded out, despite the fact that the editor wrote it.

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THE WASHINGTON "TEN" REUNION

Dean Francis B. Sayre and Rick Dirksen, captain of Washington Cathedral Guild of Ringers, flew to London for the last six days of Washington Cathedral choir's stay in London—singing at Westminster Abbey. They arrived in London on Wednesday, April 27th, and that evening Dean Sayre gave a reunion dinner to the ten English ringers who went to Washington for the opening of the Cathedral bells. There was only one absentee—John Freeman, who was unable to attend.

On the following day Rick travelled to Rotherham and rang his first peal, 5,057 Grandsire Caters. Rick, already a member of the Yorkshire Association, was elected a member of the Sheffield Society of Change Ringers and an honorary life member of Rotherham Parish Church Company of Ringers. He rang extremely well and it was a good peal.

Afterwards the peal band and the remainder of the Rotherham Company with the Rev. Gerald Hollis gathered at the Crown Hotel for a buffet supper and refreshments. It was a memorable occasion during which compliments were exchanged between the local ringers and their young American friend. Rick stayed the night with Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock and returned to London the following day.

FIRST PEAL IN CANADA FOR OVER 20 YEARS

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild has an outpost in Calgary, Alberta. After a gap of over 20 years another peal has been rung in Canada, the first on the bells of Christ Church, Elbow Park, Calgary. This is through the initiative of J. Michael Simpson. Four members of the band had been previously elected members of the Guild, and the tenor and treble ringers were duly proposed and seconded before proceedings started. The peal—Doubles in two methods—was possible through Pat Laycock coming from Edmonton, Peter Mackie from near Warwick, in Calgary temporarily before going to Victoria, B.C., and Christopher Groome, of Huntington, York, and Burton Latimer.

A party was held afterwards at the home of Miss Wendy Nichols, of Randwick, N.S.W., and it was suggested that the peal should be in honour of her engagement. Wendy hopes to get married next December, but before then plans to return to Australia for a few months.

R.A.O.B. CENTENARY

To commemorate the centenary of the G.L.E. Branch of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes an appeal for names for a peal attempt has been made by Mr. Bill Stote of Coventry and Mr. W. A. Theobald of 34, Whitechapel Road, E.1. The attempt will be somewhere in London on Saturday, September 3rd, and any ringing brothers who would care to participate are asked to contact Mr. Theobald. It is also hoped to arrange other convenient peals through local initiative.

The culmination of this year's centenary celebrations in London consists of a family service at St. Clement Danes' on Sunday, September 4th, and although it has not been possible to arrange a quarter peal as it is an "open" Sunday, by kind permission of Mr. E. A. Barnett any ringing brothers visiting London are invited to join in the pre-service ringing.

A TANGIBLE "THANK YOU" TO EDDIE BUCK



Eddie Buck, who has just retired after 13 years as secretary of the Northern District of the Hertfordshire Association, receiving the "thank you" from the members at the District meeting at Baldock on April 30th. It took the tangible form of a portable radio set. Our picture (by Neville Chuck) shows Mr. Ken Dunstan, president of the Association, making the presentation. Mrs. Buck was not forgotten; she received a bouquet from Christine Hutton, a young Baldock ringer.

A company of over 40 was present; Canon Brenchley conducted the service and took the chair for the meeting which followed tea in the Church Hall. Routine business included the election of Peter Rumley (Stevenage) and Ann Trinder (Hitchin) as members.

The heavy eight at St. Mary's Church were rung until 9 p.m. to a variety of methods including London, Mr. Richard Castledine being the capable Ringing Master.

Next quarterly meeting: Knebworth, July 2nd; evening meeting, Barley, June 4th.

THREE BEAMINSTER VETERANS REMEMBERED

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Beaminster on April 23rd marked the end of the life's work of three Beaminster men. Edwin P. Bailey was churchwarden for 40 years and ringer for 56. He was succeeded by his brother, William J. Bailey, who had been a ringer for 36 years and held the office of churchwarden for 11 months. Thomas A. Gunning had been a ringer for 54 years. Grandsire Triples was the method rung by these three ringers, whose attendance at service ringing was wonderfully regular and punctual over a very long period.

A LINCOLNSHIRE WEDDING

The wedding of Miss Helen Hird, a member of Stow-in-Lindsey band, on April 18th at her home church was a ringing occasion. She was married to Mr. J. D. Nicholson, son of a former rector, and as they left the church local ringers saluted them with handbells. Later a quarter peal was rung by ringers from Gainsborough, North Wheatley and Saxilby.

SEVENTY YEARS A RINGER

To celebrate his 70 years as a ringer at St. John the Baptist Church, Buckminster, Leics, Mr. John Dawson rang a long touch with members of his family on April 23rd. Taking part were Mrs. Norah Ward (daughter) 1, Mr. R. Ward (son-in-law) 2, Mr. Dawson 3, Mr. T. Ward 4, Mr. J. T. Ward (grandson) 5, Mr. E. Ward 6.

Mr. Dawson was 86 last Christmas Day, and after the long walk from his home to the church felt tired, but as soon as his hand was on the bellrope he was happy and forgot his weariness. He has lived in the same house for 80 years and has been a widower for 18 years, his faithful dog, Judy, being his constant companion.

Since the age of six he has attended the village church and apart from being a ringer he has been chorister, parish clerk, sexton, sidesman and parochial church councillor. He is the oldest ringer of the Framland Society of Ringers.

AN APPLETON WEDDING PEAL

St. George's Day this year was quite an event at Appleton, Berkshire. A peal of Grandsire Caters was rung as a compliment to Ted Drewitt on his silver wedding anniversary, a compliment to his son John on his wedding, and a compliment to Miss Alex Frost on her wedding; all three are ringers at this famous tower.

Two fairly well-known ringers in this part of the world were invited and accepted an invitation to the wedding of Miss Frost at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and the reception in the famous dining hall. When the peal was first mooted it was emphatically agreed by the conductor and the rest of the band that the two said ringers be omitted from the attempt, and this undoubtedly proved a wise decision, as they arrived at Appleton from Oxford in a very mellow mood and spent quite a pleasant hour in a car listening to some good Grandsire Caters. It is only fair to state that John's Drewitt's wedding and reception was the week before, and a happy time was had by all the local ringers, otherwise definitely no peal.

BROMHAM OUTING

The weather would have sent an Eskimo scurrying for the nearest igloo when Bromham ringers had their outing on April 16th and Buxton was reached in a blinding snowstorm. The morning's towers—St. Mary's, Crich, All Saints', Ashover, and St. Peter's, Fairfield—all stand high among Derbyshire hills. At Darley Dale the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith was away from home but his daughter "did the honours" and had already raised the bells.

Tea was taken at Matlock, where we met an old ringing friend, Mr. R. Bullen, who had rendered great assistance in arranging the outing. A very charming welcome was given by Miss J. M. Allen at All Saints', Ripley, and a typical Derbyshire greeting by Mr. E. Fletcher at the last tower, St. Mary's, Ilkeston. For this enjoyable day we are indebted to the organiser, Derek Hammond, the clergy, local ringers and the coach driver, whose task over the snow-covered roads was not always easy.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TORTWORTH, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G

*Ian P. Cox	Treble	David C. Hawkins	4
*Shirley A. Cox	2	Julian E. Newman	5
Leslie R. G. Taylor	3	Alan F. Lee	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal of Minor. The conductor's 100th peal for the Association. The first of Minor on the bells.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Fri., April 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Gilbert W. Rendell	Treble	Sidney W. White	4
Derek S. Beaufoy	2	Frederick T. Sandy	5
Ronald White	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

Rung half-muffled in memory of William George Delamont, a ringer at this tower for over 50 years. Tenor 8¼ cwt

MERRIOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

H. E. George Jeanes	Treble	Alan W. Robinson	4
Harold Turner	2	Raymond P. Selway	5
Alan W. Best	3	William E. Turner	Treble

Conducted by William E. Turner.

Rung for St. George's Day and a birthday compliment to R. P. Selway, who has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Carol Fernley	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Derek F. Yates	2	Allen Twyman	6
William J. Irving	3	Alan J. Brown	7
J. Anthony Beaumont	4	Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Rung as a welcome to Andrew, a son for Mr. and Mrs. A. Osbaldiston, of Cleobury, Mortimer. Salop.

ROCESTER, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,824 Bristol, 1,440 Cambridge, 1,056 Superlative and 768 London with 98 changes of method,
Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*Gerald Parsons	Treble	*Raymond J. Ballard	5
*Felicity Webber	2	Richard J. Warrilow	6
*Norman Sherratt	3	*Roy Worrall	7
*Harold Dowler	4	Ivor R. Nichols	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.

* First peal of four spliced. First peal of four spliced as conductor

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir Arthur P. Heywood.

DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 15 cwt

*Marian Carter	Treble	David A. Godfrey	4
Christopher J. Jones	2	Harold Worrall	5
John Ryder	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* First peal and first attempt.

HANMER, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt. in F sharp

Keith W. Eaton	Treble	*Leon A. Perry	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	John R. Scott	5
Terence E. Trickett	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First of Minor "inside."

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations, being three extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Dedworth, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and Fortune. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Keith W. Eaton	Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards	4
Frank R. Morton	2	Gerald Parsons	5
John R. Scott	3	David Allman	Tenor

Composed by Frank R. Morton.

25th peal as conductor.

A birthday compliment to John R. Scott.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Ernest J. Gower	Treble	William H. Male	6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Ian C. Maycock	7
Hubert G. Summers	3	Colin Sweeney	8
Ian D. Thompson	4	John K. Foot	9
F. Mark Robottom	5	Geoffrey W. Randall	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and also as a compliment to the Rev. O. C. McDowell Morgan on becoming an honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral. Tenor 24 cwt 3 qr. 20 lb. in D.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
BASLOW, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Anne.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of Kent and Oxford T.B. (six callings) and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt in A sharp.

John Arkwell	Treble	Gladys Richardson	4
*M. E. Hearnshaw	2	Alex Richardson	5
Malcolm P. Phipps	3	Timothy Wylie	Tenor

Conducted by Alex Richardson

* First peal in three methods.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

HORSLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Clement.
On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of the following methods: London Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp

Joseph C. Woolley	Treble	Samson Walklate	4
John S. Dean	2	Harold Taylor	5
Gordon A. Halls	3	David W. Friend	Tenor

Conducted by David W. Friend

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., founder president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

EYAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 85 lb. in A

Mary I. Hildred	Treble	Jennifer E. Pearce	4
Susan E. Thompson	2	Terrence W. Brighton	5
John Hartley	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor for all the band.

Rung to the respected memory of Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart., founder and first president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, on the occasion of the commemoration service for the 50th anniversary of his death, held by the Derby Diocesan Association.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
BRIXHAM, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Norman Mallett	Treble	D. Roy Bould	6
Robert A. Southwood	2	Donald J. Roberts	7
Clive G. Bryant	3	G. William Simmonds	8
Thomas G. Myers	4	*William J. Harvey	9
A. William Myers	5	†Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker Conducted by Norman Mallett.

* First peal on ten bells. † 150th peal. The first peal on the ten bells.

Rung prior to the dedication by the Archdeacon of Totnes of two new trebles, being a Winston Churchill Memorial bell and the Parishioners' treble bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 78 lb. in G.

Alan M. Barber	Treble	Brian B. Hullah	5
David Cubitt	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	Peter Adcock	7
Geoffrey H. Pullin	4	Martin Cubitt	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

HISTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 St. Clement's and 4,320 Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt 1 qr. 25 lb. in A

Peter J. Oates	Treble	Michael W. Carter	4
Henry C. Foster	2	John Hawes	5
*Kathleen A. Jordan	3	Michael Hawes	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Hawes.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GALLEYWOOD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Wed., April 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Peter G. Brown	Treble	*Ian R. Panton	5
Peter J. Eves	2	*James L. Towler	6
Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	3	Joe E. G. Roast	7
*Richard J. Harrison ..	4	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
A wedding complement to Andrew and Claire Hudson, married the previous Saturday at St. Giles', Lincoln. Also as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harrison.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Jennifer M. Andrews ..	Treble	Harry J. Millatt	4
Alan R. Andrews	2	Neville F. Whittell	5
Alfred E. Honeywood ..	3	Edward E. Davey	Tenor

Conducted by Jennifer M. Andrews.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, Glos.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 32 methods, comprising 160 changes each of Apsley, Bristol, Cambridge, Claybrooke, Deben, Derwent, Dublin, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Falmouth, Framley, Hitchin, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, New Gloucester, Norfolk, Otley, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Shoreditch, Superlative, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 159 changes of method.
Tenor 12¼ cwt

Maurice A. New	Treble	*James R. Taylor	5
Brian Bladon	2	*Anthony R. Peake	6
Edward R. Venn	3	†Rev. Roger Keeley	7
Michael J. Hobbs	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in 32 methods. The greatest number of methods to a peal on the bells.

WICKWAR, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of Holy Trinity.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

*Christopher Gibbs ..	Treble	*Kenneth G. Weeks ..	4
William Lampard	2	Brian K. Lewis	5
*†Derek M. Smith	3	Anthony W. Gibbs	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.
* First peal of Minor. † First "inside."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WELWYN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A.

Roger D. R. Brown ..	Treble	Keith J. Walpole	5
Joyce Dodds	2	Geoffrey Dodds	6
Julia A. Fellows	3	Eric Edmondson	7
Gillian M. Brearley ..	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.

ELSTREE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being one extent each of Kent and St. Clement's, and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in C.

Paula Healing	Treble	†Gillian M. Brearley ..	4
*Susan Farnes	2	*Andrew W. R. Wilby ..	5
A. Trevor Hawkins ..	3	Keith J. Walpole	Tenor

Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First in three methods. † First of Minor "inside."

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of The Holy Trinity.
On Mon., April 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Stanley G. Ponting	Treble	*David J. Tubbs	5
Douglas A. R. May	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Richard O. Humphries ..	3	Ronald F. Diserens ..	7
Tom Page	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. David Bentley, curate at this church.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Jill M. May	Treble	John F. M. Maybrey ..	5
Beryl R. Simpson	2	David J. Tubbs	6
Douglas A. R. May	3	Tom Page	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
The first peal of Major on the bells.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
(Northern District)

BALLYLESSON, Co. Down.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*William Porter	Treble	John T. Dunwoody	4
†Aileen E. McAteer	2	Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	5
Rosemary Thompson ..	3	John Lindsay	Tenor

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.
* First peal, first attempt. † First peal "inside" and of Minor.
Rung for the institution of Rev. G. Craig as Rector of this church.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEOPHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 ADELAIDE SURPRISE MAJOR
17-course block reduced. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

Stanley Jenner	Treble	Ann Jenner	5
Lucile M. Corby	2	Robert W. Hinde	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Hilary F. Hinde	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of 1 and 5.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., April 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
Margaret A. Bould	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
Ann Jenner	3	Robert W. Hinde	7
Hilary F. Hinde	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

DOWNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 lb. in G.

Hilary Webb	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	4
*Ian H. Oram	2	‡D. Paul Smith	5
†Peter S. Muchlinski ..	3	*Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of Cambridge. ‡ 100th peal
Rung on the Feast of St. George the Martyr.

EAST SUTTON, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Arthur S. Richards ..	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	4
*Martin A. Gay	2	Norman R. Mattingley ..	5
Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	Ian H. Oram	Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal.

THE LADIES' GUILD.
(North Western District.)

EAST CROMPTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., April 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

Margaret Crossthwaite ..	Treble	*Ann C. Hardman	5
*Hilary A. Horn	2	Margaret Wright	6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	3	Christine Andrew	7
Jane Reynolds	4	Margaret E. Fort	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Maryl R. Crossthwaite.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal by the North Western District of the Ladies' Guild.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sun., April 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 1,280 Rutland, 960 London, 640 Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 110 changes of method.
Tenor 21 cwt 93 lb. in E flat.

Roger I. Kendrick	Treble	Basil Jones	5
*John P. Partington ..	2	*Jeffrey Brannan	6
*Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	3	John H. Fielden	7
Neil Bennett	4	Frederick Shallcross ..	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in ten methods. First peal of Spliced Surprise, and 50th peal, on the bells.

Rung for St. George's Day, and as a wedding compliment to Derek Butterworth and Judith Barlow.

HELMSHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Thurs., April 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, London Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

Christopher L. Watson ..	Treble	*Jeffrey Kershaw	4
Margaret E. Fort	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	5
Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* 100th peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., April 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

Richard Grant	Treble	John M. Jelley	7
Derek Sawyer	2	William J. Root	8
*Monica M. Jelley	3	Brian S. Chapman	9
Mrs. D. Hunting	4	Herrick B. Bowley	10
J. Martin Thorley	5	Russell S. Morris	11
Shirley Burton	6	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUTTERWICK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, College, Hereward, Beverley Surprise, Fulbeck, Single Oxford and Cambridge Surprise
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	Treble	Edwin T. Chapman	4
Joan Gilbert	2	Keith R. Davey	5
Janet E. Hubbard	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

CALGARY, ALTA, Canada.—At Christ Church, Elbow Park.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Peter H. Mackie	Treble	Christopher J. Groome ..	4
Patricia J. Laycock ..	2	J. Michael Simpson ..	5
†Judith M. Midgley	3	*John A. Musselwhite ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. Michael Simpson.

* First peal. † First peal in more than one method. First peal on the bells. First peal in Canada in over 20 years. Believed to be the first peal in North America in more than one method.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. in D.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland ..	6
*Gwen Bidgood	2	Christopher Aldridge ..	7
Ruth E. Havard	3	M. Jack Pryor	8
Thomas Yeomans	4	Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	9
Stephen Fenwick	5	David J. Llewellyn	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal on ten bells.

COITY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being two 240's and 38 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Derek J. Godfrey	Treble	Harold Preece	4
*Christine Brett	2	D. R. Lynn Jones	5
William T. Petty	3	*Nigel V. Hill	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

* First peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Christine Brett.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 23 1966 in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*Patricia A. Copas	Treble	†Geoffrey R. Marchant ..	6
G. William Critchley ..	2	John Hill	7
Carole L. Andrews ..	3	Albert R. G. Twinn ..	8
Claudia A. Critchley ..	4	Dennis Knox	9
Peter N. Felton	5	William H. Coles	Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Kippin. Conducted by John Hill.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Copas on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 HEADSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

G. William Critchley ..	Treble	Dennis Knox	5
Joan Beresford	2	John Hill	6
Claudia A. Critchley ..	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Alick Cutler	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

The first peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., April 20, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt in F sharp.

Henry Tooke	Treble	Harry B. Fuller	5
Albert G. Harrison	2	Thomas E. Spight	6
William Clover	3	Frank C. J. Arnold	7
Wilfred G. Saunders ..	4	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights Conducted by Henry Tooke.

Rung for the 40th anniversary of the first peal on the bells in the same method and same composition. Also in honour on the eve of the Queen's birthday.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

J. Roger Mitty	Treble	John W. T. Hibbert ..	6
Frederick A. H. Wilkins ..	2	Norman H. Leslie	7
Patricia E Hibbert	3	Dennis A. Leslie	8
John Drewitt	4	Brian R. White	9
John H. Napper	5	Edwin Drewitt	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Brian R. White.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr.
On Tues. April 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being two extents Plain Bob and 40 Grandsire.
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

Martin R. Bolton	Treble	Leonard R. Porter	3
John A. H. Betts	2	*Richard Miles	4
Roy H. Jones	Tenor		

Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.

* First peal "inside." First peal as conductor and 25th peal for the Guild.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The All Saints' Society.)

GREAT ADDINGTON, Northants.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being one extent of Double Oxford and St. Clement's and six different extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*David J. Attley (12) ..	Treble	‡John Mills	4
†Mrs. F. E. Crosier	2	*David Mills	5
‡Stephen B. Bell	3	Frank E. Crosier	Tenor

Conducted by Frank C. Crosier.
* First peal at first attempt. † First of Minor "inside." ‡ First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor. First of Minor for the Society.
Rung to welcome Rev. F. O. Osborn, who was inducted to the united benefice of Gt. with Lt. Addington the previous evening.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

LONDON, W.C.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Doreen A. Deverell ..	Treble	Peter M. Wilkinson ..	5
*†Rosamund M. Rawlings	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
E. Jane Sibson	3	*Kenneth Newman	7
Joan Beresford	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Spliced. † 25th peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEAMINSTER, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Annunciation.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-Part. 7th Obs. Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

Edgar C. Shepherd ..	Treble	Charles Quartly	5
Gilbert H. Harding ..	2	Norman G. Knee	6
*Melvyn J. Hiller	3	Frederick S. Slatford ..	7
Arthur J. Scott	4	Joseph T. Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung in memoriam Edwin P. Bailey, William J. Bailey (both churchwardens) and Thomas A. Gunning, all ringers at the above church, and interred during the last eleven months.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker	5
Christine L. J. Mills ..	2	Geoffrey Paul	6
William L. Exton	3	Derek Stainsby	7
R. Brian Mills	4	Richard A. G. Ingles ..	Tenor

Composed by A. G. Driver. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
First peal in the method by all the band except the treble ringer, and for the Guild.
Rung to welcome the Rev. G. J. Halsey as Vicar of the parish.

WARSOP, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in seven methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2 and 3) Kent T.B., (4) Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Susanna Poppleston ..	Treble	Dudley Surman	4
Elizabeth J. Foster	2	Peter R. Humphrey	5
Simon Humphrey	3	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WALSALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORK SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Stuart Armeson	Treble	Neil Donovan	7
Beryl E. Cawser	2	*B. Stedman Payne	8
Jeanne E. Bottomley ..	3	J. Martin Thorley	9
J. Edward Cawser	4	Vernon Bottomley	10
W. Eric Critchley	5	E. Alan Jacques	11
W. Ernest Rawson	6	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Maximus. First of York Maximus by all the band except the ringers of 6 and 7.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BRAMFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, St. Osmund, St. Simon and St. Martin, three extents of Pink's, Old, Grandsire and April Day, two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

David J. Derrick	Treble	Alan R. Walters	3
Simon Christian	2	Roger L. K. Whittell ..	4
		Neville F. Whittell	Tenor

Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.
Rung to mark the enthronement of the new Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Rt. Rev. Leslie Wilfrid Brown, at the Cathedral, Bury St. Edmunds the same day.

OFFTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., April 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Mrs. E. J. Lockwood ..	Treble	E. James Lockwood	4
Gilbert R. Goodship ..	2	Alice E. J. Lester	5
Sandra L. Goodship	3	Robert E. Lester	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Lester
In honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Leslie Wilfrid Brown as Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

ASSINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund, K. & M.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents, viz.: One each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and three Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Ernest J. Smith	Treble	†Robin H. Rogers	4
Mrs. Leslie Mills	2	Leslie D. Mills	5
Evelyn R. M. Cansdale ..	3	Donald L. Mills	Tenor

* First peal. † 25th peal for the Guild. First peal on the bells for 29 years.
In honour of the enthronement of Dr. Leslie Brown as Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., April 24, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Ernest J. Ladd	Treble	Richard Hayes	5
Olive D. Tester	2	Frank I. Hairs	6
Lucile M. Corby	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Judith M. Corby	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
First peal in the method as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	*John W. Blackwood ..	5
*Jeffrey L. Claughton ..	2	*Lewis F. Cobb	6
*David Wilson	3	*William T. Perrins	7
William E. Cheater ..	4	Ronald N. Marlow ..	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* First peal of Pudsey. First of Surprise as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society)
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., April 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 34¾ cwt. in C sharp

John J. L. Gilbert	Treble	John N. D. Chaddock ..	6
Elsie Chaddock	2	Norman Chaddock ..	7
Kathleen M. Higgins ..	3	*Richard S. Dirksen	8
Herbert O. Chaddock ..	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	9
Neil Donovan	5	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal.
Specially arranged to welcome Richard S. Dirksen, Ringing Master of Washington Cathedral, U.S.A., on a short visit to this country.

GOSBERTON, Lincs. — At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Miuutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob (seven callings). Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	Irvin Slack	4
Daphne P. Brown	2	Ian North	5
Christopher A. Moxon ..	3	Robin Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Robin Brown.
A 21st birthday compliment (April 25th) to Daphne P. Brown. Also birthday compliments (April 22nd) to George Thomas Brown and Philip Rupert Brown.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

Arthur C. Berry	Treble	Kenneth B. Sissons ..	6
Arnold Cole	2	John E. Whittall	7
Ronald H. Dove	3	Robin Brown	8
*James W. Belshaw	4	Michael J. Uphill	9
*George Hancock	5	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Royal.

THORNER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HAVANT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

James W. Belshaw	Treble	Arthur C. Berry	5
Arnold Cole	2	Robin Brown	6
James S. Webb	3	C. Barrie Dove	7
Kenneth B. Sissons	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells, and by all the band.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge, two extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	James W. Belshaw	4
Robin Brown	2	Ronald H. Dove	5
Michael J. Uphill	3	Arthur C. Berry	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
Quickest peal of Minor on the bells. The conductor has now called a peal from every bell in the tower.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.
On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: (1) Single Oxford, (2) Single Court, (3) College, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Bob, (6) Reverse Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor size 11 in G.
*Helen J. Henderson .. 1–2 | Robin G. Turner (cond.) .. 3–4
Andrew C. Bolton 5–6
* First peal in seven methods.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.
HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Wed., March 30, 1966, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor size 11 in G.
Maud Austin .. .. .. 1–2 | John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3–4
John Lindsay 5–6
First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Friday, April 22, 1966, in 2 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Oxford Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's Bob, College Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.
Maud Austin .. ..1–2 | John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3–4
*John Lindsey 5–6
* First in seven methods. First in seven methods "in hand" as conductor. First in these seven methods for the Association.

QUARTER PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Johnson 1, R. Joy Watkin 2, R. Smith 3, R. Aldington 4, M. King 5, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 6. Rung by St. John's College, York, Bellringers' Society as a birthday token to the treble ringer.

HORDLE, HAMPSHIRE.—On March 19th, 1,440 Minor (four methods): L. F. Cobb 1, A. W. Fry 2, W. T. Perrins 3, D. Wilson 4, W. E. Cheater 5, J. L. Claughton (cond.) 6.

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On April 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. H. Hurford 1, R. J. Purnell 2, S. A. Read 3, D. C. Hawkins (first of Major) 4, H. L. Parfrey 5, R. E. J. Baker 6, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 7, S. J. Woodcock 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): W. G. Wright 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For the wedding of Miss I. Richardson and Mr. Abbey.

HUYTON, LANCS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. P. A. Goulding 1, D. C. Simpson 2, J. Ridley 3, R. F. Mack 4, G. K. Austin 5, W. R. Birchall (cond.) 6. For St. George's Day.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On April 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. C. Kersey 1, E. G. Pearce 2, Miss M. Newby (first Bob Major) 3, A. J. Munnings 4, J. R. Munnings 5, R. W. Steward 6, R. L. K. Whittell 7, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 8. To mark the retirement of Mr. F. H. Adams, Rector's warden of this parish for 44 years and for many years an honorary member of the Suffolk Guild.

LILLINGTON, WARWICKS.—On April 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. S. Bennett 1, G. W. Randall 2, Susan E. Smith 3, P. C. Randall 4, F. M. Robottom 5, R. E. Tallis, jun. 6, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 7, D. Allibon 8. Rung after the wedding of T. L. Duffy and Miss B. M. Stephenson.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. West 1, F. Williams 2, D. A. Wills (cond.) 3, J. Gatter 4, R. L. Horder (first "inside") 5, P. Gatter 6.

LIVERPOOL, LANCS. — At the Church of Emmanuel, Everton, on April 24th, 1,380 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): B. Veitch 1, D. G. Wilford 2, Julie Lethbridge 3, R. E. J. Dennis 4, M. A. Phillips 5, D. F. Moore (cond.) 6, G. K. Austin 8. To welcome the Right Rev. Stuart Yarworth Blanch as the fifth bishop of Liverpool.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On April 25th, 1,272 Oxford T.B. Minor: Rose Smith 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 2, H. L. Parfrey 3, D. C. Hawkins (first of Oxford T.B.) 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, R. E. G. Smith 6. For the Solemn Eucharist of the Guild of Servers of the Sanctuary.

MARSTON, OXON.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): M. Bolton 1, G. Porter 2, R. Jones (cond.) 3, I. Ross 4, L. Porter 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Phyllis Barnsley.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA. — At St. Paul's Cathedral, on March 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Graeme Heyes 1, David Heyes (first "inside") 2, Helen Henderson 3, Andrew Bolton (cond.) 4, J. Roper 5, T. Goodyer 6. Also on April 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Alf Reeder (first quarter) 1, Mary Cowling 2, G. Heyes 3, R. Turner 4, Barbara Beeson 5, W. B. Pitcher 6, J. Roper 7, A. Bolton (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate Jack and Gwen Roper's silver wedding anniversary this day.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on April 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss H. E. Leleux 1, Miss D. J. Mann 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, A. Leleux 4, R. A. Eldridge 5, G. F. Roome (cond.) 6, D. Fox (cover) 7. For the Easter Festival.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): C. Wyatt 1, T. Smith 2, Cherry Withell 3, P. Lucas 4, I. Ross (cond.) 5, J. Sear (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. D. Dormor, who are leaving shortly for America.

OXFORD.—At St. Mary Magdalen Church, on April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): M. Botton 1, Mrs. J. Todd (first in two methods) 2, Cherry Withell 3, L. Porter 4, R. Jones (cond.) 5, I. Ross 6.

RADLETT, HERTS.—On April 24th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: G. Pettit (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Hunter 2, Miss J. Denmark 3, R .W. M. Clouston 4, B. Denmark (first as cond.) 5, N. Woodward (first quarter) 6. First by an all Radlett band.

RUARDEAN, GLOS. — On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): Howard Meek 1, E. W. Penn 2, R. Chew 3, D. Wilson 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, Harold Meed 6. Rung for the 83rd birthday of Mr. W. Beard, a life member of the Forest Branch.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on April 17th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Lewis 1, R. Bickerton (first in the method) 2, Celia J. Bland 3, G. Penny (cond.) 4, P. Dale 5, P. P. Fells 6. For Evensong.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On April 24th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: F. Lord (cond.) 1, Mrs. J. Finn 2, Miss F. Lacey 3, W. Bains 4, R. J. Lord 5, E. Button (first of T.B.) 6, F. Lacey 7, H. Judd 8. For Evensong.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. F. Longridge 1, N. Lewis 2, P. Young 3, T. F. Collins 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, C. L. Dunster 6. Also same day, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): G. Dennis 1, C. F. Longridge 2, T. F. Collins 3, J. Knight (first quarter) 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, P. Young 6.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On April 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, F. Bird 3, A. Richardson 4, H. W. Watts 5, T. Camp 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. De Boodt, verger.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—On April 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. R. King 1, Susan Heys 2, E. Roughley 3, D. Hackley (first "inside") 4, C. T. Billinge 5, D. A. Davenport 6, C. Bell 7, K. R. Davenport (cond.) 8.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Tuckfield 1, A. Somerfield 2, P. Watts 3, R. Penny 4, R. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Gooding, on the occasion of their diamond wedding.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On April 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Frances J. N. Brown 1, Ruth A. Elmes 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, M. J. Young 5, G. W. Elmes 6, Dr. C. T. Brown 7, J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to Ruth A. Elmes and John W. Blackwood, on their recent engagement.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss J. A. Downing 1, Miss D. J. Mann 2, D. Fox 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, P. Amos 5. A birthday compliment to Miss D. Mann.

WHILTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. F. Webb 1, S. F. Webb 2, J. S. W. Townley (first quarter) 3, R. W. Carpenten (first quarter) 4, H. Haynes (cond.) 5.

WHITCHURCH, Tavistock, DEVON.—On March 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Cann 1, Doris Bray 2, M. J Bray 3, J. Mitchelmore 4, G. E. Mudge 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6. Also on January 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. E. Mudge (first as cond.) and G. Hill (first quarter). First on the rehung bells. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchelmore.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On March 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Ann Evans (first quarter) 1, Marian Baulkwill 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, M. Bangham 4, Elizabeth Zass 5, J. Cooke 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, M. Burn 8. Also on April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Ann Evans 1, A. Bishop 2, Elizabeth Zass 3, Deborah Hopkins 4, Vanessa Rodrigues 5, J. Cooke 6, A. Bagworth 7, M. Burn 8.

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WHITE.—On May 8th, 1966, at Avalon, 60, Lansdowne Road, Studley, Warwickshire, to Bridget (nee Sanger) and Michael, a son, Stephen Michael.

ENGAGEMENT

FAIREY—RICHARDS. — The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fairey, Arborfield, Rosemary Hill Road, Little Aston, and Anthea, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Richards, Oakwood, Lea Marston, Sutton Coldfield. 9035

DEATH

JARVIS.—On April 30th, 1966, at Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital, Mina, the devoted and loving wife of Les and mother of Eileen.—Peace, perfect peace. 9071

PERSONAL

A damaged, empty envelope postmarked St. Albans was delivered and I do not recognise the writing. If reply or action required, please write again.—Jean Sanderson, Melbourn. 9076

"Teach me, and I will hold my tongue; and cause me to understand wherein I have erred."—Job vi, 24.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ANDERSON.—Mr. and Mrs. John E. Anderson are now residing at 106, Meadway, Forest Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne 12.

THE ADDRESS of Record Books Limited, publishers of "Sound of Bells," by E. C. Shepherd, and of "The Washington Peal." each 26s. 6d. including postage, is now 21, Ashburn Place, London, S.W.7. (Correction).

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — 1965 Annual Report, containing 22 compositions, available from the Ringing Secretary, Mr. J. P Partington, 56, Clay Lane, Rochdale, Lancs, price 4s., post free (postal orders, cheques, payable to the Lancashire Association). Invaluable to all tower grabbers and outing organisers as it contains six-figure O.S. grid references of 195 churches. 9082

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—The striking competition will be held at Binegar on Saturday, May 14th, starting at 3 p.m. 9085

16mm. SOUND COLOUR FILM on the building of Washington Cathedral, the installation of its ring of bells and carillon and the dedication services and ringing. Details from N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Rotherham 9063

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Beginners' practice, Spondon, Saturday, May 14th, 2.30–5 p.m. Surprise Major practice, St. Peter's, Derby, Monday, May 16th, 7.30–9 p.m.—Clive A. Thrower, Dis. Sec. 9025

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual striking competition at Oadby, May 14th. Competition 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by adjudication. General ringing afterwards. Extra names for tea to B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 9061

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD SUMMER TOUR
A few places are still available on the canal cruise in Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire, June 25th to July 2nd. Ringing includes a day in Northampton. For details write to E. A. Harrison, 69, Whalley Road, Whalley Range, Manchester 16. 9048

RINGERS' SERVICE will be held at Farmborough, Bath (A.39 Bath–Wells) on May 22nd at 6.30. Ringing at 5.30 and after service. Preacher, the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, of Long Sutton. 9088

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—**The Oswy Street Cup** will be competed for on Saturday, October 22nd. Will interested teams write to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, Notts, for copies of the rules of the contest. 8960

PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS
The new charge for sets of 12 cards (minimum) is 10s. post free. For quarter peal cards second copy, written out in style of a peal is essential. Receipt sent only with stamped addressed envelope. — "Ringing World" Office, Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Ringing competition at Old Brampton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Malcolm Phipps, Sec., 23, Walton Drive, Boythorpe, Chesterfield, **without fail, please.** Reports now available.—M. P. P. 9065

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 14th, at Tedburn St. Mary Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea King's Arms Hotel, Tedburn St. Mary, 4.45 p.m. Practice after. Numbers for tea to G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Polsloe Park, Exeter. 9014

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District. — Meeting, Ickleton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in the old school.—B. D. Threlfall. 9028

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Havering-atte-Bower on May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by further ringing. Service 7.30 p.m. There will be a "Floral Week-end" in the parish on this date. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Branch, 55, Mashiters Hill, Romford. 9009

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Practice meeting at **Chiddingfold** on Saturday, May 14th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—Miss D. Street, Hon. Sec. 9056

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Aspenden, May 14th, 5.30–8.30 p.m.—Peter M. F. Searles, Hon. Sec. 9062

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5), May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Rees, Chess Bungalow, Sarratt. 9068

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Donington, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to K. R. Davey, 59, High Street, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9051

LONDON COUUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Mary the Virgin, Church Road, Leyton, E.10, Essex, May 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, High Road, 5 p m Ringing after. Names for tea to W. Hazelton, 60, Thornhill Road, Leyton, E.10.—Miss V E. Dupré, Hon. Sec 9030

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch (Western Deaneries).—Monthly practice meeting, Intwood, Saturday, May 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Hethersett, 4.45. Hethersett bells after tea. Names for tea to Mr. R. A. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett. 9060

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch —Annual meeting, Dorchester, Saturday, May 14th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxford. 9046

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Guild Festival will be held at FORDINGTON, Dorchester, on Saturday, May 14th.

The Festival Service will be held at Fordington St. George at 2.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon E. B. Brooks. (All clergy attending are invited to be robed.)

High tea at St Osmund's School at 4 p.m. Tickets, 5s., to be obtained from the Assistant Hon Secretary, Mr F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge.

The annual general meeting will be held in St. Osmund's School, Rothesay Road, at 4.45 p.m.

The Deputy Mayor of Dorchester Alderman E. L. Hedger, and Mrs Hedger, will attend tea and meeting. Bells available: Abbotsbury (6) 6.30–9 p.m. only; Bere Regis (6), Frampton (6), Piddlehinton (6), Puddletown (6), Preston (6), Upwey (6), Wool (6), Charminster (8), Cattistock (8) 10–1.45 and 6.30–9 p.m.; Dorchester, St. Peter's (8) 10–2 p.m. and 6.30–9 p.m.; Wyke Regis (8) 6.30–9 p.m. only; Piddletrenthide (5) 10–1.45 p.m. and 6–9 p.m.
W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham, Wilts. (Tel. 2297.) 8956

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Rehallowing of the bells of St. Mary's, Rougham, Saturday, May 14th, at 6.30 p.m. by the Rev. Canon G. Thurlow, who will also give the address. A buffet tea will be served in school from 5 p.m. onwards. Names to Mr. L. Wright, Horringer Road Stores, Bury St. Edmunds. Big rally asked for, as the Canon wants to meet Suffolk ringers. Ringing till 9.30 p.m., as this date coincides with the District's monthly practice.—L. Wright, Ringing Master. 9057

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting and Ringing Festival, Southover (Lewes)
On SATURDAY, MAY 14th
Ringing arrangements:—
Twineham (5) 10.30–11; Henfield (8) 11.15–12; Aldrington (6) 1.30–2; Brighton: St. Nicholas' (10) 2.15–3; The Good Shepherd (8) 2.45–3.15; St. Peter's (10) 3–3.45.
Hurstpierpoint (8) 12.15–1; Keymer (6) 1–1.30; Ditchling (8) 2–2.45.
Burgess Hill (8) 11.15–12; Wivelsfield (6) 12.15–1; Chailey (6) 1.15–1.45; Newick (6) 2–2.30; Barcombe (6) 3.15–3.45.
Buxted (8) 11.30–12.15; Little Horsted (6) 2.30–3; Ringmer (8) 3.15–4
Seaford (8) 3–3.45; Southover bells (10) available 2–4.15 and after meeting.
Service 4.30 Tea 5.30 in Church Hall, followed by business meeting and film show. Names for tea **essential** to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex.
For ringing programme, town plan and notes on what to see and where to dine, send **s.a.e.**

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, May 14th, St. George-in-the-East, 1.30–2.15; St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 2.30–3.30; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 3.45–4.30, followed by service, tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Miss J. S. Smith, Westfield College, Kidderpore Avenue, London, N.W.3. 9097

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—St. Mary's, Painswick, Glos.—Annual ringers' service, Sunday, May 15th, at 6.15 p.m. Bells (12) open 4.30 p.m. and after service. All welcome.—R. T. Watts, Hon. Sec. 9049

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Practice meeting, Swainswick, near Bath (6), Monday May 16th, 7.30–9 p.m.—M. de Jong. 9087

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch. — Meeting, Marshfield, Tuesday, May 17th. Bells (8) available from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—H. Heath. 9083

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Mid-week practice meeting at Harlington, Thursday, May 19th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9005

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—Evening practice to be held at Poynton (6) on Friday, May 20th. Bells available from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.—H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 9091

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Curry (8), May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 9059

DEVON GUILD. — A.G.M., Plymouth, Saturday, May 21st. Ringing: Plympton St. Maurice's (8) 11–12.30 and 2–3; Plympton St Mary's (8) 11–12.30 and 1.30–3; Eggbuckland (6) 12–1 and 2–3; Plymouth St. Budeaux (6) 1.30–3; Tamerton Foliat (6) 1.30–3; Plymstock (6) 1.30–3; Plymouth Emmanuel (8) 2–3.15; Plymouth St. Andrew's (10) 2–3.45 and 7–9. Service St. Andrew's 4 p.m. Civic tea 5 p.m. by ticket only. A limited number of tickets are available for visiting Guild members who apply earliest with s.a.e. to: General Secretary, 84, Westhill Road, Torquay. Business meeting 6.15 p.m. —D. J. Roberts, Gen. Sec. 8975

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Netherton, May 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Names for tea by May 19th, please, to me.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 9064

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at Southchurch, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Shildon bells available 6.30–9 p.m. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. 9092

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Teversall (5) May 21st. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names to J. L. Parker, 2, Milner Street, Skegby (Tel. Sutton-in-Ashfield 2316), by 19th.—E. J. S. 9110

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Eynesbury, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. — M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9106

ESSEX ASSOCIATION — Northern District.—Meeting at Foxearth on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield, Braintree. 9066

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Cirencester Branch. — Meeting, Elkstone (5), May 21st. 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names to Miss E. M. Bliss, Beech Pike, Elkstone, Cheltenham, by May 19th. **No name, no tea.** North Cerney (6) 6 to 7.30 p.m.; Rendcomb (6) 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—R. Wenban, Sec. 9096

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting

SATURDAY, MAY 21st, 1966, at DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS

Committee meeting — Abbey Buildings 3.15 p.m.
Service — Church of the Holy Cross, 4.15 p.m.
Tea — Abbey Buildings, 5 p.m.

Tea tickets (3s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) to be obtained from Mr Hugh Johnson, 33, Badby Road West, Daventry.

Closing date for tickets—Tuesday, May 17th, 1966.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

11.00 p.m.—12 noon.	*Harpole (5), Byfield (6), Dunchurch, Warks (6).
11.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.	Bugbrooke (5).
12 noon—1 p.m.	*Staverton (6), Willoughby (6), *Heyford (6).
2.00 p.m.—3.00 p.m.	*Whilton (6), *Flore (6).
2.30 p.m.—3.30 p.m.	Norton (5), *Braunston (6), *Weedon (8).
2.30 p.m.—4.15 p.m.	*Daventry (10).
7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.	All towers marked thus: *.

E. Billings, General Secretary. 9019

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Meeting at Moreton Valence on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Cups of tea supplied only at Vicarage. Elmore (6) available after business meeting. All welcome.—P. Clarkson, Hon. Sec. 9111

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. — Kimpton, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9075

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Standon on May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. No service. Ringing at Great Hormead in the evening.—D. Kingston. 9100

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Whitchurch, Cardiff, on May 21st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Gentlemen welcome. Names for tea, please, by May 16th.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. 9047

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Bury, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. —Philip A. Mason, Branch Sec. 9095

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Striking competition at St. Peter's, Ashton (8) on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing: Holy Trinity, Stalybridge (8) 2–5 p.m. Competition at Ashton 2.30–5.30, followed by tea in Victoria Street School, Ashton. St. Peter's, Ashton (8) bells available from tea until 9 p.m. Names for tea to J. Brannan, 10, Quickedge Road, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne, by Thursday, 19th. Tel. No. Mossley (M78)2414.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting at Asfordby on May 21st. Ringing 6 p.m.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 9104

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Claybrooke, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Striking contest after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. Payne, Belvedere, Station Road, Ullesthorpe, Rugby, by Wednesday previous. —V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 9080

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Belton, Isle of Axholme, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify Mr. M. Rose, 8, High Street, Belton, Doncaster, by Tuesday previous. 9067

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —N. and E. District.—Barnet, Saturday, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 9090

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch .— Meeting at Pakefield on Saturday, May 21st Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Kindred, Bathford, Pakefield Street, Pakefield, Lowestoft, by previous Wednesday. —N. C. 9058

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on May 21st at 6 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich. 9094

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—The annual general meeting of the Branch will be held at Kingham on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford, not later than May 18th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, East Hagbourne May 21st Bells 2.45. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by 17th, please.—C. Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot 8986

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Pewsey, May 21st. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 9099

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Meeting, Martin, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 17th. 9077

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch and Crewkerne Branch. — Joint meeting, Broadwindsor, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport, by previous Monday. 9072

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting and cup contest, Coddington, Saturday, May 21st. Contest 3 p.m. General ringing in evening. Names for tea to Mr. J. Kirton, Sunnyside Farm, Coddington, Newark, by previous Tuesday, please.—B. N. Reed. 9081

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Practice meeting at St. Peter's, Henley (8) on Saturday, May 21st, 6.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—Winifred Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 9074

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Meeting at Fressingfield on Saturday, May 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to the Rev. Pitts, The Vicarage, Fressingfield, Diss, Norfolk. 9102

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Petworth, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 9103

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Crawley and Sparsholt, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (5) available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Sparsholt bells after meeting, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Lt.-Cdr. G. Wardle, The White House, Littleton, Winchester, by Monday, May 16th. 9038

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at North Elmham on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to E. Howes, Park Farm, North Elmham, Dereham, Norfolk, by previous Thursday.—C. Tovell. 9093

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SOCIETY of ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Preliminary Notice.

The dedication of the Memorial to the late
George H. Cross
will take place at the next quarterly meeting on
Saturday, July 9th
at
St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

9035

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Clare, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. S. J. Twitchett, 3, Station Road, Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk, by May 25th, please. 9079

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 28th, Northiam. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Ringing at Beckley in the evening. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, May 25th.—G. FitzHugh, Dis. Sec. 9086

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 87th annual general meeting will be held on Whit Monday, May 30th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. Annual meeting immediately after in Chapter House. Coffee available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15–10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (cost 6s.). Tea 5–6.15 p.m. (cost 3s.). Ringing, Cathedral, 10–10.45 a.m. and from 6–8.30 p.m. Report books available (3s.), also tickets for annual dinner in Shire Hall, Saturday, October 29th (cost 21s.). Luncheon and tea cannot be guaranteed without tickets obtainable from general treasurer. S.A.E. to P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wednesday, May 25th.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Gen. Sec. 9109

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Festival and A.G.M., Whit Monday, May 30th, Bromyard, Herefordshire. Twelve 6-bell towers. Full details May 20th. 9069

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Holy Trinity, Llandudno, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 9078

LATE NOTICES

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD —Annual general meeting, May 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—A. H. Kemp, Hon. Sec. 9115

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—The A.G.M. is to be held at Doncaster, not Tickhill, on May 28th (joint with Doncaster and District Society). Bells available: Arksey (8) 2.30–4; Bentley (5) 3.30–4.30; and Doncaster (8) 6–9. Make own arrangements for tea. Meeting in Doncaster belfry at 6 p.m. All welcome. New vice-president and a new General Committee representative to be elected. 1966 reports available—with subscription.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 9116

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EDWIN AND OLIVE BARNETT

By Canon Gilbert Thurlow

(President of the Central Council)

THE Exercise is served today by a large and increasing number of brilliant personalities. Outstanding amongst these is Edwin Barnett, who, with Olive his wife, has rendered such signal service as Secretary and Treasurer of the Central Council during these last fourteen years.

As a ringer, his career has been remarkable, indeed. First and foremost, like his father and grandfather before him, he has devoted himself to his own parish church. Saint Paulinus, who proclaimed the Gospel in Kent many centuries ago, must surely rejoice at the way in which the bells of his church at Crayford, rung by the Barnetts and their fellow ringers, proclaim it today. Teddy's father has rung there for sixty-five years, and his grandfather rang there for forty-three years.

Teddy Barnett, born in 1918, rang his first peal at the age of eleven. When he was twelve he conducted a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. By the time he was thirteen he had rung peals of Surprise Major in the four standard methods, and had conducted a peal of Cambridge Major from a working bell. How proud his grandfather must have been of him on that day — the last peal in which Grandfather rang. At fourteen he was ringing peals of Spliced Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal. At fifteen he was conducting peals of Yorkshire and Pudsey, and at seventeen he was calling peals of Bristol. He conducted the first peals ever rung of Painswick, College and Pulford Bob, Erith, Little Bob Royal and Canterbury Pleasure Triples.

On handbells he was equally brilliant and his peals include 6,240 and 13,664 Double Norwich, which is the record. In the field of composition he has distinguished himself by producing many fine compositions, and his knowledge of the subject is immense.

During the last war he served in the R.A.F. and at its conclusion was attached to the Air Ministry. Illness has curtailed his peal ringing activity, but he is still as active as possible in this direction. Meanwhile his services to the Exercise were developing in other directions. He was elected to the Central Council in 1945 as Kent County Association representative, and served on the Biographies, Methods, and Peals Collection Committees.

Apart from this brilliant record — well summarised by Jafus in a previous 'Ringing World' — I, like all Central Council members, have reason to be deeply grateful to Teddy for his work as Secretary to the Central Council. This involves a wide variety of activities. Inquiries about every kind of topic connected with bells and ringing constantly come to him directly or eventually, and invariably receive an expert and courteous reply. There are from time to time financial questions demanding a balanced opinion such as an experienced financier would give. In so varied an institution as the Exercise, there can easily arise questions involving differing personalities, and opposing views each backed by apparently adequate data; all seem to receive a balanced judgment uncoloured by personal feelings.

Teddy is invariably helpful to diocesan and county association secretaries and members during the year previous to the Council meeting in their territory. His bearing all through the Council meetings, of both the Standing Committee and the full Council, and during the other Whitsun events, is most helpful to all concerned. He is never ruffled, never without an answer adequate in itself yet without attempting to dictate opinion — what a town clerk he might make! Even after the President had made an unusually inane remark followed by "I was only trying to clarify the issue" his calm was unruffled. Mailing and minute keeping form a huge task, kindly shared by others.

In all this and much more, he is most ably assisted by Olive — whom he married in 1942, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs and granddaughter of the late Frank Bennett. She has made a major contribution to the success of his work as Secretary, and her knowledge, charm and tact amply match his. Their daughter Jean is following splendidly in the family tradition.

Secretarial activities these fourteen years have meant that they cannot "enjoy" Council meetings as fully as those who can spend Whit Monday and the nearby days ringing and meeting old friends. Whilst the work is carried on in future years by another splendid couple, we look forward to seeing them gaily going about, unfettered by secretarial cares.

Central Council Tributes to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Immediate Past President of the Council:

Few realise the enormity of the duties of a secretary of the Central Council, all of which have been carried out so admirably and with such apparent ease by Mr. E. A. Barnett for so many years. He was a great tower of strength to me during my term of office as president, and I am glad of the opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for all the help so willingly given by both Teddy and Olive.

Mr. John Freeman, vice-president of the Central Council:

I first met Teddy Barnett in 1947 and since then we have become good friends. When we have visited each other's home, peal attempts have been arranged and it says much for his prowess as a practical ringer (about which he is singularly modest) that in about 20 attempts, both in the tower and "in hand," there has been only one failure. Teddy was powerless to do anything on that occasion—I missed a bob!

Mr. F. E. Perrens, hon. librarian:

When Mr. E. A. Barnett became the Central Council's honorary secretary in 1952 I feel certain that he was determined to maintain the high standard of efficiency set by his predecessor, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, and that he has done most successfully throughout his 14 years in office.

Although I have been a member of the Central Council for many years, it is only since I have held office and so had the opportunity of seeing much of the secretary's correspondence that I have realised what a tremendous amount of work is entailed. The Council and the whole Exercise owe a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Barnett and also to his wife who, I am sure, has rendered valuable assistance.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright, legal adviser to the Central Council:

It is only when one comes into close contact with a person that one is able to appreciate his worth. I have met Teddy Barnett on many occasions when dealing with legal matters on behalf of the Central Council and have always found him most co-operative and helpful and it has always been a great pleasure to work with him.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood, life member, former convener of "The Ringing World" committee:

When, some 15 years ago, Albert Walker and I decided to nominate Teddy Barnett as secretary in opposition to the recommendations of the committee appointed to find a successor to George Fletcher, we felt that he was eminently suitable for the job, and his work has shown that we were well justified in our action. He has carried out his onerous duties with efficiency and dignity and has enhanced the prestige of the Council. His attractive wife, Olive, has also endeared herself to all members.

Mr. Harold N. Pitstow, convener of the Broadcasting and Television Committee and honorary auditor to the Council:

I have been associated with Teddy Barnett almost entirely in the work of the Central Council, and chiefly as auditor of the Council's accounts. Here I was able to see the very methodical and accurate way in which he worked. The audit has always been made as easy as possible by the orderly manner in which books and documents were presented.



MR. EDWIN A. BARNETT, Retiring Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, convener of Literature and Press Committee:

I feel that this occasion gives me an opportunity to express my deep appreciation of Mr. Barnett's advice and practical help in the production of "The Sound of Bells." But for him the project would never have been conceived, and without his patient examination of a vast number of recordings we should never have made a satisfactory disc.

Mr. N. Chaddock, convener of the Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee:

I first met Teddy Barnett in a peal in Rotherham in 1936, again in Crayford in 1943.

In the years he has encouraged me in my branch of Council work my early impressions of him have remained. Always efficient and unflurried. We shall miss his calmness and clear judgment but, I hope, continue to enjoy the sincere courtesy which he and Mrs. Barnett have always extended to us.

Mr. Douglas Hughes, honorary treasurer "The Ringing World":

I was dismayed at last year's Council meeting when Teddy Barnett announced his intention to retire from office, for in our association with Council affairs over the last several years both he and Olive have always been so ready with help and advice.

The whole Exercise is indebted to them for 14 years of unselfish devotion to ringing affairs.

Mr. G. W. Pipe, convener of Overseas Committee:

I chiefly remember Edwin Barnett's work during my seven years in Australia. He has always been very enthusiastic about overseas activities and it was due in no small measure to his interest in ringing outside Britain that we were able to appoint an Overseas Committee.

I know, too, of the many letters he used to deal with from these territories before the committee was formed!

Mr. Walter Ayre, chairman of the Peals Analysis Committee:

As a long-serving member of the Council I should like to pay a personal tribute to the work of our retiring honorary secretary — "Teddy" Barnett.

I have served on committees since 1933, so have had somewhat to do with the secretaries during that time. To "Teddy" this was an unwanted job, thrust upon him. This he tackled with sincerity of purpose, enthusiasm and efficiency; kept hard at it by a very capable, hard-working assistant—his charming wife. As a convener I found out he could be a hard taskmaster, for if the report failed to reach him by the correct time, well—I had to do the duplicating myself!!

I am sure my committee will join with me in wishing them both the best of luck in the future, with many thanks for all their work.

Mr. Kenneth Arthur, Durham and Newcastle Association:

"Depositum Custodiæ" was the motto of an R.A.F. unit to which Teddy Barnett and I were both attached for a time during the last war and that precept I think aptly sums up his service to the Central Council. He has truly been a worthy custodian of the reputation of this organisation with its ever-widening influence.

He has not spared himself in his official capacity to support the work of member Guilds and Associations, and I recall with pleasure his attendance at the 80th anniversary celebrations of the Durham and Newcastle Association in Durham Castle in 1957. The man and wife team of Teddy and Olive, with their personal charm and quiet dignity, has contributed largely to the success of all the Council meetings I have attended and I feel privileged to have met under their direction.

Mr. P. M. J. Gray, Australia and New Zealand Association representative:

During Teddy Barnett's secretaryship the strength of ringing overseas has grown and the Council's attention to it has developed correspondingly. The rapid growth of International Outlook in ringing has been remarkable and Teddy has done much to foster it as a frequent correspondent to America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, Africa and many other places. His handling of Foreign Affairs has been attended by the same ease and grace as his handling of Home Affairs.

Mr. F. E. Dukes, hon. secretary The Irish Association:

Ted Barnett was of tremendous assistance to us in Ireland. The way in which he was able to assist the writer with information and advice before and during the Central Council's visit to Ireland in 1958 stamped him as a first-class administrator. This is confirmed in the manner in which he prepared and handled the business for all Council meetings. At all other times he was a wise counsellor and a true friend. Best wishes from his Irish friends in his well-earned retirement and our gratitude for all his help and advice to us in the past.

Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, convener of the Methods Committee:

I am glad to be able to pay tribute to Mr. Barnett and in particular I would refer to our work in presenting the present edition of Rules and Decisions. His technical knowledge coupled to his wide acquaintance of history and personal details of many celebrities made our task most interesting to me.

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Mr. Dennis Beresford, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths:

At Council meetings a standing feature, which will have impressed most members, has been the efficiency of the secretary with his meticulous preparation, attention to detail and knowledge of the Council's Rules and Procedure. The standard of performance which he has set for himself as secretary is exactly that with which he approaches practical ringing, where only his highest personal standard is good enough.

At the many functions to which he has been invited, by virtue of his office in the Council, he has done much to enhance the dignity of his position by his scholarship and detailed knowledge of ringing and ringing history.

We are deeply grateful for his efforts, and in this Society (Cumberland Youths) are particularly proud of his achievements.

Mr. T. J. Lock, convener of the Biographies Committee:

Tom and Kathleen Lock have known Edwin A. for many years, remembering especially the youngsters' peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Crayford (average age 22 years) in 1935 and a peal for their wedding in 1938, when he assured them "I have booked April 23rd, 1988"!

Mr. A. D. Barker, senior member of the Central Council:

Having known four of the five previous secretaries of the Central Council, three of them as personal friends, perhaps I may be allowed to write a few lines about Teddy Barnett, especially as he is the third member of a well-known ringing family with whom I have rung over the last 60 years—Edwin senior, Long Teddy and Young Teddy.

To follow a line of giants of the Exercise, on a task of such magnitude as secretary of the Central Council, was not easy, but he has achieved it with distinction and success, and the members will all be sorry that he has decided to relinquish the post.

Mr. Vernon Bottomley, president of the Yorkshire Association, nominated as honorary secretary of the Council:

It is to be hoped that members of the Council will not expect Teddy Barnett's outstanding qualities of cheerfulness and patience to be inherited by his successor.

Mr. R. S. Anderson, convener of "The Ringing World" Committee:

Although a member of the Central Council during the whole period of Mr. Barnett's term as our honorary secretary, my personal contacts with him were not frequent until I was appointed convener of "The Ringing World" Committee.

I would, however, for myself and members of the committee, pay tribute to the competent way he has carried out the many and varied duties of the office he is now vacating.

Mr. Peter J. Staniforth, Leicester Diocesan Guild:

"Teddy" Barnett to everyone in the Ringing Exercise is a walking "book of knowledge," his meticulous care in putting everything in the right place is akin to that other love of his, namely cricket. Just as he can recognise fluency in a batsman, we have been pleased to witness this guidance in him as secretary of the Council.



MRS. OLIVE BARNETT, The Assistant Secretary.

Mr. P. A. Corby, hon. secretary Kent County Association:

I have known Teddy for 31 years, was best man at his wedding and godfather to his daughter, Jean. As a frequent visitor to his house, where he and Olive have ever made ringers welcome, I have seen at first hand the care and skill they have devoted to the affairs of the Council. As a practical ringer he has few equals on tower- or handbells, and but for a period of ill-health would have achieved even more in this field. He has a wonderful knowledge and experience of the technical side of ringing which, with a fine sense of history and a phenomenal memory, has equipped him superbly to guide ringing affairs, although his modesty and natural charm have tended to divert attention from the massive contribution he has made to the well-being of the Exercise. He deserves our thanks.

Mrs. J. S. King, president of the Ladies' Guild:

As a Central Council member for the last 12 years I have always admired "from afar" Mr. E. A. Barnett's interpretation and command of this most arduous office and feel very sorry that he is unable to continue.

In my opinion he is the most perfect secretary; he has always had the affairs of the Council "at his finger tips" and has conducted himself and the business in hand with quiet dignity and charm. I feel sure he has been a great comfort and support to the various presidents. No tribute would be right or complete without words of thanks to Mrs. Barnett, who has shared so wholeheartedly and graciously her husband's work for the Central Council.

Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson, member of Editorial Committee, "The Ringing World":

Teddy and Olive Barnett have each the inestimable advantage of coming from well-known ringing families. They have each built so well on this foundation that in their own right they have fully earned the high regard of the Exercise.

I know personally how conscientiously all their work for the Central Council has been carried out and, in another capacity, how well Teddy has organised the ringing at St. Clement Danes' since it came into the care of the R.A.F. Following a number of peals, especially handbell peals, I can testify to his ability as a conductor and to his almost perfect style and striking. His invariable courtesy, tact and helpfulness are recognised by us all.

Mr. John Willis, chairman of Kent County Association:

When "E. A. B." was appointed secretary the Kent Association rejoiced. One of their most talented young men had attained high office.

Now "E. A. B." is retiring we can still regard him with pride No one could have shown more efficient devotion to duty.

Mr. W. F. Moreton, secretary of the Yorkshire Association:

Mr. Barnett's friendliness when I first met him at the Exeter Council meeting was typical of the secretary we have been so fortunate to have, and it has been shown by him and his wife, especially to Yorkshire ringers at their annual Snowdon Dinners.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
West Dorset Branch

Netherbury Church, which stands on high ground overlooking the picturesque village, was the venue for the West Dorset Branch meeting on April 16th. The Vicar, the Rev. P. May, conducted the service, and local lady ringers prepared tea in the Village Hall.

At the business meeting tributes were paid to the late Mr. W. J. Bailey, a member of Beaminster tower for 40 years.

Forthcoming events: Combined meeting with Crewkerne Branch, Broadwindsor, May 21st; quarterly, Hawkchurch, June 11th; practices, Thorncombe June 8th, Askerswell June 22nd, South Perrott July 13th. J. D.

LUMLEY, 1966

"Boy Scout, are you willing to learn for one shilling
"To ring? Said the Scouter, "I will."
(With apologies to Edward Lear, "The Owl and the Pussy-Cat.")

A novel feature of the ringing course held at Lumley Castle, Chester-le-Street, on March 26th, was the presentation of a "bob-a-job" Boy Scout as a "guinea pig" for the class in the training of belfry recruits. Scout Stephen Hall had never entered a belfry before but after 40 minutes of intensive, specialised tuition he was handling a bell solo in creditable fashion and had become a prospective probationer for the local tower.

The attendance of 46 members was in sharp contrast with last year's record total of over 100 but this had its compensation in smaller and more tractable classes. Three streams of study were provided for on this occasion: Elementary Grade I for rounds beginners progressing to first steps in change ringing, with Peter Rock and Fred Hodgson as tutors; Elementary Grade II for "plain hunters" progressing to elementary method ringing, tutored by Ted Hudson and Roger Chicken; and an Advanced Grade for the more experienced ringer wishing to study a systematic method for the instruction of recruits, with Kenneth Arthur and Denis Bayles as demonstrators.

Once again we were privileged to enjoy ideal facilities for our project. The historic surroundings of Lumley Castle laid the scene for the introductory lectures and meals, while Bishopwearmouth Church Annexe was the venue for further talks in the Elementary Grades later in the day. Practical sessions for the elementary classes were held in the belfries of Holy Trinity and Bishopwearmouth Churches at Sunderland with a special bus being provided for inter-travel: and the Advanced class had practical demonstrations and ringing practice at Chester-le-Street tower

The full course met together again in the evening for dinner in the Great Hall of the Castle and this was followed by the customary review of the day's proceedings. A verdict of "no complaints" was generally voiced and all agreed that another enjoyable and profitable day had been spent. Appreciation of the organisation of the course was expressed by Mr. W. Tyson, the president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and in reply the Ringing Master recorded acknowledgments to the college authorities and to all the instructors. K. A.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' Church, on May 1st, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: A. Foster 1, R. Wilson 2, S. Thomson 3, R. Yeates 4, R. Heyworth (cond.) 5, Hilary Pardoe 6.

CENTRAL FUND FOR BELL RESTORATION

Dear Sir,—The suggestion made by Mr. D. E. R. Knights in your issue of April 29th that there should be a country-wide bell restoration fund administered by the Central Council was also made by Mr Alan Pink in a letter to me just over a year ago. It was considered by the Standing Committee at Northampton, but the general view was that problems of administration would be very great, even if it were possible to get such a fund going.

I am sure this is right. As a member of the committee of the Kent County Association, which has had a Belfry Repair Fund for over 50 years, I have taken part in a good many discussions on applications for grants from towers in the county in which there has been extreme difficulty in reaching agreement on the amount to be given; so much so in fact that I have begun to wonder whether the best thing would not be to wind up the fund altogether.

That is of course a domestic matter, but the point I want to make is this: If the committee of one Association can go away feeling, as has happened to me, that tower X has been unfairly treated compared with tower Y, how would those administering a centrally-run fund be in a position to determine the relative needs of a tower in Devonshire as against one in Durham? Has the first, on which £10,000 is being spent on a complete restoration but which is in a large and wealthy parish, a greater claim than the second, for which £500 is needed in a village of a few hundred people, many of whom are Non-conformists anyway? One might think the latter, but it then emerges that the wealthy parish has raised large sums only recently for other essential tasks and those responsible fear that local support will not unnaturally be slow in forthcoming: there has always been a strong local band there and the authorities value highly the ringers' efforts, whereas things are very different at the other tower. This is the sort of problem to which we in Kent haven't really found a satisfactory answer, which makes it the more certain that justice could never be done as between Devonshire and Durham.

This would not matter so much if money were forthcoming on the scale suggested by Mr. Knights, when grants could be substantial, but I question if it would be. If there are less than 6,000 ringers ready to pay three shillings a month for "The Ringing World," is it likely that 20,000 would contribute a very similar sum to a bell restoration fund? Perhaps 2,000 would—for a time. Then, as is happening with the Christian Stewardship scheme in my own parish, contributors would fall away and the amount available for distribution would be derisory in comparison with the number of claims.

There is no doubt that in these days ringers ought not to shrug off all responsibility in these matters, but I am certain that a central fund is not the answer.—Yours faithfully,

F. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary, The Central Council.

ESSEX CHURCH BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have recently obtained a copy of "Essex Church Bells" by C. Deedes and H. B. Walters published in 1909 in Aberdeen, together with the original prospectus dated 1907. It appears from the prospectus that publication was limited to 250 copies. I would be interested to know how many of these copies are still in existence. Would those possessing copies please notify me, together with any interesting information as to how they obtained them?—Yours sincerely,

U. W. WILDNEY.
Croft, Edith Road, Kirby-le-Soken, Essex.

Letters

CENTRAL COUNCIL MOTIONS

Dear Sir,—I would like to comment upon the motions to be put to the Central Council at Bath on Whitsun Tuesday ("Ringing World," page 274)

(a) Non-resident membership fees. The word "favours" makes this proposition almost acceptable, but I think that all affiliated Societies are no doubt capable of managing their own affairs in a fair, honest and economic manner.

(b) Peal Fees. Surely the proposal stated in "The Ringing World" is quite meaningless and cannot be submitted as such to the meeting of the Council—how can ". . . the names of those taking part in peals reported in 'The Ringing World' be not published . . .'? Should the proposal not read ". . . reported to 'The Ringing World'"?

However, the acceptance of even a revised proposal of this nature could lead to a ludicrous and possibly an invidious state of affairs In that case, should the refusal of one "offender' to pay preclude publication of a peal as a whole (which would be unfair to the rest of the band), or should the refusal merely preclude the printing of the name of the "offender"? One could then envisage a 12-bell peal rung by one "good boy" only, assisted by 11 blank spaces!

(c) Annual Donations by Societies. I am of the firm opinion that "The Ringing World" should be maintained solely by charging an economic price per copy. It should be evident that any such donation by all affiliated Societies would be merely an indirect method of increasing the basic cost per copy to each member of those Societies—whether that member takes the paper or not!

For example ("Ringing World," page 290). The donation of £21 from the Gloucester and Bristol Association, from (one assumes) 110 members, amounts to approximately **4½d.** per capita! It would certainly ease the task of Association secretaries, treasurers and auditors were we all to pay 1s. per copy, and I am sure it would make life easier for you as Editor.

I would add that whilst this letter is not written on behalf of my own Association, it does reflect the general feeling of opposition to all three motions which was shown at our annual meeting recently.—Yours faithfully,

PHILIP MEHEW.
Hitchin, Herts.

THE ORIGIN OF TENOR

Dear Sir, — I, like many others, have often wondered why the lowest bell in a ring should be called tenor and not bass, and on several occasions have been asked that question. Although Mr. Wilby says he has never heard of a satisfactory explanation, he proceeds to provide one on page 292.

It reminds me of several years ago when a small band of us were trying to learn Grandsire Triples on handbells. (Perhaps Mr. Harold Marcon, now at Loughborough, will remember.) One of our ringers liked to ring the tenor so that he only had one working bell to think about, but very often forgot to put in the covering bell.

A visiting aunt (a teacher) was looking on and asked if she could ring this bell, and with a bit of practice did it quite well. Next time she came to visit she was asked if she would ring the tenor again; she replied "No, I would rather ring the bass, then I can come last every time."—Yours faithfully,

C. V. CADE.
Scothern, Lincoln.

CENTRAL COUNCIL RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Sir,—I have had sufficient response for a coach tour to be arranged on Whit Monday for Council members and friends. This tour will therefore follow the Southern Route as given in "The Ringing World," and a lunch has been arranged. The cost of the coach will be approximately 15s. (less if well supported) and lunch will be 11s.

The Southern Tour will not now be available to "own transport" users and these are asked to take the other two routes. Any who wish to join the coach party should get in touch with me if they have not already done so.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN H. GILBERT.
13, Fenshurst Gardens,
Long Ashton, Bristol.

COMPOSITION OF 1966 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Miles' letter in "The Ringing World" in which he questions the homing course of my "date touch" of 1966 Stedman Triples, I would like to set out the six-ends of this course to clear up any doubts there might be. The calling positions are the standard ones used in the Ringers' Diary.

	4165237			2176354	
	1543672			1625743	
	1537426		S	1657234	14S
—	5714326	3		6713542	
—	5743126	4	—	6735142	4
—	7351426	5	—	7561342	5
	7312564		—	7513642	6
	3276145			5374126	
—	3261745	8	—	5341726	8
—	2137645	9		3152467	
S	2176354	12S	—	3124567	10

Rounds occur at the second change of the last six. Whilst on the subject of date touches it might be worthwhile mentioning that a date touch of Stedman Triples is impossible for next year, 1967, unless a non-standard start is made to the changes. If a standard start is used, then rounds will have to appear as the third change of a quick six. The two previous rows will then be 2135476 and 2314567, which are, of course, the two rows rung at the start of a standard course in the method.

Perhaps an expert in the field of composition in this method would like to prepare a touch using a non-standard start, for example in the middle of a "slow" six. The possibilities are endless.—Yours sincerely,

MARTYN MARRIOTT.
Edinburgh.

IN MEMORY OF MR. G. J. CÆSAR

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. John C. Eisel's letter, it seems to me that the footnote to the peal rung at Chigwell on March 12th is a perfectly legitimate one. Notwithstanding the fact that it was rung three days too early, it seems to me that the gentleman in question is quite worthy of our remembrance and that, contrary to your correspondent's statement, he did nothing but good for the inhabitants of this island.—Yours faithfully,

B. R. DOUGLAS.
University College,
Gower Street, London.

SEND, SURREY.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Strudwick 1, C. K. Hill 2, R. Collins 3, J. Collyer 4, P. J. Privett (cond.) 5, Miss V. Martin 6. In memory of W. A. Goldstone.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sheila Goacher 1, Jean Horton 2, N. Davidson 3, M. Davies (cond.) 4, J. Taylor 5, C. Woods 6. For St. George's Day.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Southwell Guild's Good Year for Restorations

THERE was a very good attendance at the 20th annual general meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild held at Southwell on April 30th. During the afternoon the president, the Bishop of Southwell (the Rt. Rev G. D. Savage) was in the Minster and spent some time chatting to members. He also attended Evensong conducted by the Provost (the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood) but was unable to attend the business meeting owing to a previous commitment.

The business meeting, which followed an enjoyable tea prepared and served by members and friends of the Newark District in the Trebeck Hall, was presided over by the Guild chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter. He opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to all members and visitors present, including the president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, Mr. B S. Payne, and Mr. and Mrs. John Segar, now resident at Skegness.

A minute's silence was observed for six members who had passed away since the last annual meeting, namely Mr. E. D. Priestley (North Collingham), Mr. M. Ward (St. Peter's, Nottingham), Mr. E. C. Thrale (Newark), Mr. A. T. Whitworth (Ruddington), the Rev. D. A. G. Brinn (Kirkby-in-Ashfield) and Mr. R. Lucas (Warsop).

The annual report having been in circulation for some time, it was resolved to take all the reports as read.

PEALS TOTAL 111

The Peal Committee reported that 111 peals had been rung during the year, a decrease of 10. Nineteen members rang their first peal and five conducted their first peals. It is interesting to note that only nine of the 20 who rang their first peals in 1964 have rung peals for the Guild in 1965, and only four of the nine who conducted their first peals in 1964 also conducted peals in 1965. There were 29 different conductors and 136 ringers, 108 of whom are resident members. The leading conductor was Mr. G. A. Dawson (29), followed by Mr. W. L. Exton (20).

Three half peals were rung during 1965, and quarter peals number 134, Kirkby-in-Ashfield leading with 37, from Holme Pierrepont (20) and Gedling (14).

RESTORATIONS

The hon. general secretary (Mr. W. L. Exton) in his report gave details of bell restoration undertaken during the past year. St. Peter's, Nottingham, have been completely rehung in a new frame and augmented to 12: Willoughby-in-the-Wolds' have been augmented to six, a new treble having been given by Mrs Millard in memory of her late husband, Canon Millard, who was Vicar for over 30 years and was responsible for the rehanging of the bells in a new frame in 1939: Coddington bells have been rehung in a new frame and augmented to six, the new treble being donated by the Barron Bell Trust.

Mr. W. L. Exton also reported that the efforts of the Guild Committee to increase the income, and subsequently the donations made from the Bell Repair Fund, had borne fruit. Donations from the Parochial Church Councils and private means amounted to £96 6s., the ringers themselves had raised £75 2s. 7d., making a total of £167 6s. 1d. when all the expenses had been met. From this a donation of £50 had been made towards the restoration and augmentation at Coddmgton

The retiring officers were thanked for their services to the Guild during the past year and re-elected to serve again for 1966.

One new vice-president, the Rev. C. J. Young (Kirkby-in-Ashfield) and three new ringing members H Mabbott and D. Neale (Newark) and P. Elkington (Balderton)—were unanimously elected. The Rev. D. Leaning (Warsop) was appointed chaplain to the Mansfield District.

A proposal to amend the Guild Rules, to give the hon. general secretary 14 days' notice prior to the annual committee meeting instead of one month's notice prior to the annual general meeting of all nominations and amendments to rules, was proposed by J. C. Clarke and seconded by Mrs. C. W. Reed. This was carried, there being one vote against.

CENTRAL COUNCIL GOING TO NOTTINGHAM

The hon. general secretary reported that the Central Council had accepted the Guild's invitation and would be holding their annual meeting at Nottingham in 1967. In consequence of this the annual general meeting of the Guild in 1967 would be held in the Bingham District.

Advance notice was given of a proposed ringing festival and dinner/social, this to be held at Derby on September 16th, 1967, and to be organised and run by the Guilds and Associations which originally comprised the old Midland Counties Association.

Under the heading "Any Other Business," Mr. H. T. Rooke said that a peal had been rung at Warsop the previous Wednesday as an 87th birthday compliment to Mr R. T. Flint. The hon. general secretary was instructed to write and send the Guild's congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Flint.

Mr. John Mayne Retires from Office

MR. JOHN R. MAYNE, the Ringing Master of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, announced at the annual meeting at Uxbridge on April 30th that he was not prepared to stand for office as Ringing Master or as a representative of the Guild on the Central Council. He was also resigning his membership of the Records and Methods Committees of the Central Council

The announcement had been previously conveyed to the Standing Committee and was received with regret by the company present. Also retiring from the Central Council was Mr. F. W Goodfellow. They were both thanked by Mr. T. J. Lock, who described their work as most helpful.

Earlier, Mr. Mayne presented his report as Ringing Master and said 1965 had been what one might term a steady year. "We need not congratulate ourselves too much but if we maintain our standard we shall be doing something." A most happy innovation in the South and West District was the introduction of a series of practice meetings in evenings, which had been most successful.

There were two nominations for Ringing Master in succession to Mr. Mayne—Mr. W S. Deason and Mr. T. J. Lock. Election speeches were permitted by the chairman, Mr D. Fowles, in the absence of the president, the Rev. G C. Taylor A ballot resulted in the election of Mr. Deason. The re-election of the other officers was automatic. Mr. F W. Goodfellow continues as treasurer. Mr. T J. Lock as hon secretary, Miss Ruth M Foreman assistant secretary, Mr. Maurice Hodgson hon. auditor, Mr. C. A Parsons librarian, Messrs. A. Cutler, F. W. Goodfellow and T J. Lock trustees. Central Council representatives elected were Messrs F T. Blagrove, J. Lock, G. W. Critchley and Miss R. M. Foreman Mr. Critchley formerly represented the Herts County Association on the Central Council, but owing to the rearrangement of boundaries he now lives in the area of the Middlesex Association. He thanked the meeting for permitting him to continue his membership of the Central Council

LOSSES BY DEATH

Proceedings started with remembrance of losses by death. These were F. A. Barker (Finchley), W T. Beeson (Cranleigh), P. Cook (Bolton), G. H Cross (Chardstock), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (Caistor-on-Sea), G. D. Ingham (Sunbury), H. Ive (Ruislip), F C. W. Knight (Ramsgate), Rev. S G. W. Knight (Edmonton), R Sanders (Streatham), W. H. Southeard (Truro), A. J. Thurley (Chiswick), F. A. Vincent (Harrow Weald), J. W. Ward (Melbourn) and J. Wheadon (Wilmslow).

The accounts, presented by Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, showed an excess of payments over receipts of £32 2s. 1d. The Bell Restoration Fund had a balance of £90 16s. 11d. From this fund grants of £25 were passed for Cranford, Pimlico and Upper Clapton. Higher subscriptions came into force this year and should improve the financial position.

The hon secretary's report stated that 17 District meetings and six joint meetings had been held. Sixty-three new members were elected, 101 quarter peals rung in 34 towers and 54 peals. The peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 23 methods rung at Headstone Lane contained the greatest number of Surprise Major methods rung on handbells, John R. Mayne being the conductor.

The 500th peal at St. Mary's, Willesden, was recorded in December and this number was only exceeded by the towers at Crayford, Erith and Loughborough Bell Foundry Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. D. Gray (Upper Clapton) and Mr. and Mrs. W. Woodgyer (Cranford) upon their golden wedding anniversaries, and Mr. A. Cutler was thanked for his 26 years' faithful and devoted service as Ringing Master of the North and East District.

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HALF PEALS

BRINKLOW, WARWICKS.—On April 9th, 2,520 Doubles (Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury): Julie Hopkins 1, L. A. Whewall 2, P. M. Edgson 3, J. G. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, A. J. Bellamy 6. For the Festival of Easter.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On April 30th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: Diane Wickens 1, Carol Wickens 2, D. Nicholson 3, J. Nicholson 4, E. Brazier 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Stacey 1, G. Charman 2, L. Warner 3, D. Stacey 4, H. Arthur (cond.) 5, A. Tidy 6. First quarter on the bells 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Patricia A. Walker (first quarter) 1, Pauline M. Kingston (cond.) 2, I. C. Lambert 3, Daphne Webb 4, M. D. Chown 5.

ASH, SURREY.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Sharpe 1, Miss J. V. Reyner 2, Mrs. A. J. Smart 3, M. E. Denyer 4, D. P. Elsmore 5, P. G. Sherwood (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): E. A. Stevinson (cond., 780 Grandsire) 1, J. H. Payton (cond., 480 Plain Bob) 2, Miss R. Weal (first "inside" two methods) 3, T. J. Wellen 4, H. J. Rossel 5, Miss D. Cullen (first quarter) 6.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Vivienne Smith (first quarter) 1, P. Lock 2, Valerie Stephens 3, G. Roberts 4, D. Roberts (cond.) 5, A. Garbett 6. Also on April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Vivienne Smith 1, A. Garbett 2, Valerie Stephens 3, W. Simmonds 4, P. Lock 5, G. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, L. Burton 8. 25th quarter together 4 and 7. For Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On May 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Hutton (first of Major) 1, E. Fearn 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, S. Hutton 4, E. Buck 5, A. Buck 6, J. Dear 7, M. Orme (cond.) 8.

BERKHAMPSTED, HERTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. N. Whitfield (first attempt) 1, Doris V. Sennitt 2, G. A. Rees 3, J. Lawson 4, R. E. Sheppard (cond.) 5, K. Sheppard 6.

BICKER, LINCS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Key 1, S. Fovargue 2, R. Reynolds 3, N. B. Fovargue 4, J. P. Morris 5, W. B. Dawson 6, P. Reynolds (cond.) 7, R. Howard 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Jack Petch, of Boston.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Freeston 1, Mrs. R. Reynolds 2, R. Stephenson 3, R. Freeston 4, W. E. Clarke 5, W. B. Dawson 6, P. Reynolds (cond.) 7, T. Freeston 8. A farewell to Canon E. K. Ellis on retirement. Also on April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Freeston 1, Mrs. R. Reynolds 2, R. Stephenson 3, A. Freeston 4, W. E. Clarke 5, W. B. Dawson 6, P. Reynolds (cond.) 7, T. Freeston 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Jack Petch.

BRANDON, SUFFOLK.—On May 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob: J. Y. Parker 1, J. A. Underwood 2, A. F. Ballam 3, L. Sharpe 4, E. Bishop 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Norris 1, Miss S. Woolley 2, C. Cook 3, Miss M. Carruthers 4, J. Southey 5, L. North 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, D. Murphy (first quarter) 8.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On March 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Corcoran 1, Dorothy E. Beamish 2, W. J. Day 3, G. A. Bell 4, M. Trevor 5, Muriel J. Mason 6, J. Draycott (cond.) 7, D. Dale (longest length) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Muriel J. Mason.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Pickering 1, R. Collins 2, L. Ward 3, Miss J. Collins 4, G. Coldman 5, P. J. Privett 6, D. G. Blows (cond.) 7, K. Mumford 8. First "inside" 3 and 4.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Bushell (first quarter) 1, P. Schafle 2, D. Cobb 3, D. Whent 4, K. B. Good (cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On April 30th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: A. Brown 1, C. G. Barnes 2, Miss C. Snelling 3, N. Thomson 4, C. M. Foster 5, K. Taber 6, N. G. T. Steere (cond.) 7, R. C. Stevens 8.

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND. — On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. P. W. Taylor 1, K. M. Price (first as cond. on tower bells) 2, M. Whalley 3, W. Kenyon 4, J. Whalley 5. First of Doubles by all.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On April 23rd, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: S. Leabury (first Kent) 1, C. Payne 2, Ann Chettle 3, R. Lucas 4, E. Chapman 5, R. Coley 6, T. Smith 7, R. Cowley (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On April 14th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, D. F. Murfet 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, M. J. Dyer 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. A 25th wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. Martin, of Swavesey.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Durston (cond.) 1, Sandra Weaver 2, P. Gould 3, R. Weaver 4, Bob Hawkins 5, E. Green 6. For Early Communion. Also on April 25th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew: Caroline Robbins (first quarter) 1, Sandra Weaver 2, R. Hawkins 3, R. Weaver 4, Jennifer Durston (cond.) 5, E. Penney 6. First in the method by all the band For Evensong.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Ward (first quarter) 1, Dawn Colcombe 2, Jean Warner 3, J. Bailey 4, J. King (cond.) 5, H. Colcombe 6. For Evensong.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Butcher 1, W. Nash 2, P. L. Hughes 3, A. T. Poulton 4, F. W. Oakley 5, R. I. Brewer 6, J. J. Webb (cond.) 7, C. E. Biggs 8. First on eight 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. H. C. Eves.

KERESLEY, COVENTRY.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Allport 1, H. Folwell 2, C. Stowe 3, N. Stowe (cond.) 4, Thelma Bowcutt 5.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lorna V. Cull (first quarter) 1, Frances Dodds 2, Julia A. Fellows 3, A. R. Wilby 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, Anne Wells 6. First of Doubles 3 and 4. For evening service on Kimpton May Festival Day.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shelagh R. Collins 1, E. Howes 2, F. Sutton 3, W. W. Cousins 4, R. Newson 5, C. Cousins 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 8. For Evensong.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. M. Newby 1, D. M. L. Nicholls 2, M. W. Whalley 3, J. Whalley 4, W. Kenyon 5, K. M. Price (first of Minor as cond. on tower bells) 6.

LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.—On March 27th, 1,440 Doubles (three methods): Miss C. Thompson 1, J. Tonks 2, Miss A. Whaley 3, H. P. Thompson 4, A. Walker (cond.) 5, R. Jackson 6. First in three methods 2 and 3. Also on April 3rd, 1,440 Doubles (four methods): Miss C. Thompson 1, J. Tonks 2, Miss A. Whaley 3, A. Walker 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, J. Stephenson 6. Also on April 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Lees (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Whaley 2, A. Walker 3, H. P. Thompson 4, J. Tonks (cond.) 5, J. Stephenson 6. All for Evensong.

LONG ASHTON SOMERSET.—On April 22nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 1, J. Brain 2, R. J. Bowden 3, Diana M. Chapman 4, P. J. England (first in the method) 5, E. T. Lee 6, M. J. Horseman 7, P. Bridle 8. Rung to mark H.M. Queen Elizabeth's 40th birthday, and also a compliment to the ringers of 4 and 8, on their engagement.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carol Wickens 1, N. Elliott 2, K. G. Game 3, E. Brazier 4, A. P. Cannon 5, H. Burton 6, I. Wickens (cond.) 7, G. Wickens 8. In honour of the Queen's birthday.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. Travers 1, A. Crabb 2, D. Salter 3, F. Stamp 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, F. Lane 6. First in three methods 1, 4 and 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 1st, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): B. Butcher 1, Mrs. Myrtle Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Anderson 1, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 2, W. Moore 3, P. H. Langton 4, A. Palmer 5, D. Feek 6. For Morning Prayer.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On March 27th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. M. Hickman 1, B. Madeley 2, F. Price 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, W. H. Tyler 6, R. G. Edwards 7, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Price 1, Miss P. Mant 2, M. J. Soper 3, R. Fraser 4, T. Pink (cond.) 5, W. Bradbrook 6, C. King 7, W. Langley 8. For evening service, and as a farewell compliment to Miss Penny Mant.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On April 17th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Kent): A. M. Pettitt 1, Paula Healing 2, D. Digby 3, Susan Farnes 4, A. T. Hawkins (cond., Kent) 5, B. B. Hullah (cond., St. Clement's) 6.

OLD WHITTINGTON, DERBYS.—On April 16th, 1,440 Morning Exercise Thirds Place Delight: Mrs. S. Lawrence 1, S. Lawrence 2, G. Newman 3, L. Gascoyne 4, T. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. Else 6. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir Arthur Heywood.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 17th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Triples: W. Ward 1, Liz Sandwell 2, G. Sandwell 3, F. May 4, R. Tomlin 5, D. Belcham 6, A. House (cond.) 7, G. Blower 8. Rung for Evensong.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Surprise Minor (four methods): L. F. Cobb 1, D. Wilson 2, W. T. Perrins 3, A. W. Fry 4, J. L. Claughton 5, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 6. Also on April 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Ruth A. Elmes 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, W. T. Perrins 3, G. W. Elmes 4, J. L. Claughton 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, L. F. Cobb 7, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 8.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Margaret Crossthwaite 1, D. MacCormick 2, C. Watson 3, R. Palmer 4, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 5, E. Boumphrey 6, S. Anderton 7, J. Jolleys 8. First in method 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to S. Anderton and for the 30th wedding anniversary of J. Jolleys.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTS. — On April 2nd, 1,350 Doubles (eight variations): Miss R. Blackshaw 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, M. W. Harrison 3, S. Humphrey 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Rumley 1, W. Brown 2, L. Cooper 3, H. Wittering 4, S. Gullick 5, W. Lawrence (cond.) 6, D. Gullick 7, W. Munson 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. S. Clark.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS.—On April 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Corinne M. Dickson (first quarter) 1, Heather A. Alford 2, Barbara F. Banks 3, A. K. P. Poole 4, J. M. Elaine Dixon (cond.) 5, J. R. Poole 6. Rung after a wedding, for a silver wedding anniversary. Also on April 15th, 1,380 Spliced St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor: A. K. P. Poole 1, J. R. Poole 2, Heather A. Alford 3, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 4, A. G. Rowson 5, M. C. E. Hodge (first on the tenor) 6. Rung by the Abingdon School Campanological Society.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Celia Chandler 1, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 2, Susan Moxon 3, Katharine Burchnall 4, Eleanor Rose 5, R. Beresford 6, A. Parsons 7, H. Hawcroft 8. For Evensong, and a farewell to Captain Jasper, C.A.

WETHERSFIELD ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. Campbell 1, Mrs. J. Poulter 2, Rev. J. B. Macgowan 3, Miss C. Patey 4, R. Threadgold 5, F. Marshall 6. First quarter 1 and 3. For St. George's Day.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.—On April 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Bailey 1, Dawn Colcombe 2, Jean Warner 3, H. Colcombe 4, B. White 5, R. Fentiman 6, J. King 7, A. Luxford (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung for the wedding of the Rector's daughter.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On April 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: F. Sharp 1, G. Markwell 2, R. P. Turnill (first "inside") 3, D. F. Murfet 4, B. B. Hullah (cond.) 5, A. Yarrow 6.

WILTON, WILTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Audley Trimby 1, Helen A. Hobbins 2, C. F. Haines 3, A. A. Newman 4, A. F. Haines 5, R. Haines (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Kiddle.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On St. George's Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: G. Edmans 1, F. Vickers 2, R. A. Vickers 3, J. W. Hall 4, M. Jamieson 5, H. Wood 6, W. Yates 7, G. Holland (cond.) 8. In memoriam Canon G. Dixon, president of Central Bucks Branch, O.D.G.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Winifred Mellin 1, R. Dorking 2, T. Monk 3, J. Warner 4, S. W. Butler (cond.) 5, H. Dorking 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Harry E. Evers, on the day of his funeral.

WONERSH, SURREY.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. G. T. Steere 1, R. C. Stevens 2, Miss C. Snelling 3, N. Thomson 4, C. M. Foster 5, A. Brown 6, K. Taber (cond.) 7, C. G. Barnes 8.

WOOKEY, SOMERSET.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Cook 1, Miss P. Sturdy 2, E. F. Hancock 3, M. H. Gregory 4, V. Roberts 5, D. Huddleston (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate 50 years of service to ringing by W. Cook, who started in this church.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Basingstoke District

When the Rev P. W. R. Kennedy, Vicar of Heckfield, was a curate at St. Mary's, Southampton, he learned to ring. Being now incumbent of a church with bells he has, with an enthusiastic captain, assembled a band of ringers. Hence it was decided that the Basingstoke District would hold their spring meeting there.

After the afternoon ringing the Guild Office was taken by the Vicar, who in his address drew an analogy between a Christian returning to the Faith and a ringer returning to the Exercise.

A traditional sumptuous tea enabled the ringers to live up to their county nickname! The business meeting was conducted by the District chairman (Canon F. A. Sanders). Four new members (Peter and Timothy Mart and Richard J. Wilson of Basingstoke, and Miss Hamblyn of Yateley) were elected, and discussion of the proposed District boundary revision was aided by the attendance of a member of the Boundary Commission.

A presentation was made to Mr. J. Chesterman, who recently retired after 21 years as District secretary, having, as the chairman observed, followed in the footsteps of, inter alia, the distinguished ringer the Rev. C. D. P Davies.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

South West Branch

An afternoon of good ringing and warm fellowship was provided when the South West Branch held a meeting at the rugged moorland church at Whitchurch. The six bells have been recently rehung and are manned by a band of young and enthusiastic ringers. The Branch officers—Messrs. T. G. Myers (chairman). D. R. Bould (Ringing Master) and R. A. Southwood (secretary)—rang a touch of Grandsire Doubles on handbells during the service conducted by the Vicar. A "high tea," provided by the ladies of Whitchurch, followed.

Preb. J. H. B. Andrews, president of the Guild, presented Guild certificates to the Misses Lynn Murkin and Linda Le Tissier and Robert Stead (Emmanuel, Plymouth), Mrs. R. J. Southwood (Plympton St. Mary) and G. Myers (St. Andrew's, Plymouth). Professor R. J Brocklehurst (Newton Ferrers) and B. Knight and S. G Pearce (Stoke Damerel) were elected to membership. Evening ringing was at Whitchurch and Tavistock.

Autumn meeting: Modbury, October 1st.

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OBITUARY

MR. FERNLEY G. PEARSON

The death has occurred under tragic circumstances of Mr. Fernley G. Pearson, aged 29.

On Easter Saturday, when returning from a motor cycle scramble, the motor cycle combination he was driving was in collision with a car at Gara Bridge, between Plymouth and Dartmouth, and he was fatally injured.

Fernley learned to ring at St. Saviour's, Dartmouth. Last year he married Miss Christine Dodridge a member of the newly-formed Devon Branch of the Ladies' Guild, and went to live at Ebford, near Exeter. Both he and his wife became regular members of the Clyst St. George band. Fernley was a very keen ringer and with his wife regularly attended branch and practice meetings, where he will be greatly missed. A. E. R.

MR. JACK PETCH

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. Jack Petch, of Boston, Lincs. After 15 months of a very painful illness he passed away at his home on April 7th at the age of 51.

Jack first learned to ring at Wisbech and came to work in Boston at the age of 23. Joining the Boston ringers, he soon found himself a great asset to the tower. A good back-ender and a good striker, his place will be hard to fill.

A large number of ringers and friends attended the funeral service in Boston Stump. He was liked by all who knew him. The deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and son. W. E. C.

MR. HARRY M. WHITE

St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, has lost its oldest ringer by the death on April 26th of Mr Harry M. White. He was 79 and had been a ringer for over 60 years. He was also associated with the choir for many years, which he joined at the age of 12.

Harry learned to ring as a pupil of the late Henry James Tucker and rang a few peals He always enjoyed an occasional quarter. A devoted servant of the belfry, he had been a former secretary and took a pleasure in arranging the annual outings. Many of the peal boards in the belfry were his handiwork and were made at his own expense. Well liked by everyone, he could always be relied upon to give a helping hand.

For the funeral service at St. Michael's Church on May 4th the bells were rung fully muffled The committal service was at Enfield Crematorium. As a fitting tribute to his memory the bells were rung half-muffled to 1,260 Grandsire Triples, those taking part being: K. Westwood 1, R. Hayden 2, H. Watts 3, F. Bird 4, P. Warboys 5, A. Richardson 6, D. H. Kingston (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8. Well done, thou good and faithful servant. F. B.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The Central District quarterly meeting at Stradbroke on April 23rd was attended by District members and visitors from a wide area. Ringing in the afternoon was followed by a short service of welcome conducted by the Rev H. K. Florance. Tea was taken at the local café, followed by the business meeting. Ringing continued throughout the evening.

Next quarterly meeting at Barking has been postponed for one week to July 30th.

5,184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By BRIAN V. MOUNTJOY

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34265			—	—
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BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to the six who rang their first quarter peal at Holme Lacy, Herefordshire, on April 27th.

Mrs. Angela Newing and John Norris arranged a successful week's tour, despite the rain, in Derbyshire, starting on April 16th. Headquarters were at Matlock.

A performance without parallel in the art of handbell ringing was the peal of 5,120 Spliced Surprise Major in 25 methods rung by the Bushey band on May 2nd and 3rd. We understand that this was the zenith this intrepid band set themselves. They deserve warm congratulations on their achievement.

Nottingham University had a most successful day exploring the towers of Rutland on March 19th. "Bob" of Uppingham was the organiser, and after ringing there the Rev. and Mrs. Woodward provided the 13 thirsty ringers with quantities of tea and biscuits.

The Ancient Society of College Youths' "Out of Town" meeting at Gloucester was most successful, some 70 members attending the business meeting These came from Yorkshire, Lancashire, Birmingham, Bristol, Kent, Bedford, South Wales and over 30 from London.

Mr. A. P. Cannon is the new Master of the Surrey Association in succession to Mr. F. E. Collins. At the annual general meeting on May 7th it was decided to invite the Central Council to Croydon for its 1968 meeting and to hold its next annual meeting at Guildford Cathedral, the headquarters of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

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RANG FOR PARENTS 70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The peal rung at Rogate, Sussex, on May 4th, was specially arranged to mark what must be a very rare occurrence. Mr. and Mrs. E. Munday, of Rogate, were celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary and their only surviving son, Mr. Jack Munday, was one of the participants in the peal, this being the tower in which he learned to handle a bell. Mr. E. Munday was a churchwarden of St. Bartholomew's, Rogate, for 20 years and was succeeded in that position by one of his sons and, currently, by a grandson.

The members of the band were most hospitably entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Munday after the peal, and were interested to see the very many messages of congratulation which had been received including those from H.M. the Queen, the Lord Chancellor and numerous dignitaries of the Church.

BELLS FOR SALE

According to the "Manchester Evening News" the three bells at St. Mary's Church, Haughton Green, Denton, are for sale. They weigh four, five and six cwt The Rector, the Rev. David Smethurst, states: "We plan to sell them for the highest price we can get. As scrap they are worth about £150." Our Rhodesian friends might be interested.

ROCHESTER STRIKING CONTEST

St. George's, Gravesend, with 14 faults, won the striking contest of the Rochester District held at Shorne on April 23rd. Closely behind them were Halling (15 faults) and Eastchurch (24). Other competitors were Frindsbury, Tunstall, Northfleet, Newington and Rainham. Mr. H. E. Audsley, of Crayford, and Mr. M. L. Howe, of Maidstone, were the judges and the winners received a cup donated by Mr. Edward Beer.

SOUTHWELL HAD 63 FOUNDER MEMBERS

To mark the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the Southwell Diocesan Guild a ringing festival and dinner will be held at Newark on June 11th. The Guild was founded in 1946 with the splitting into three of the Midland Counties Association. At the end of the first year Southwell Guild had a membership of 231, representing 37 towers in three Districts. Membership has now reached 484 with 63 who can claim founder membership. Two additional Districts have been formed and there are 66 towers.

DEVON RINGERS IN TAUNTON AREA

Mr. Aubrey Bennett organised a successful day's tour for members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers in the Taunton area on May 7th. The help of Mrs. E. S. Powell and Mr. A. H. Reed, who were with the party, in arranging the tour was much appreciated.

Towers visited were Sampford Arundel; Bradford-on-Tone, where a well-struck six-score of Stedman Doubles was tape-recorded; Bishops Hull; Norton Fitzwarren; Staplegrove; West Monkton; Ruishton; Holy Trinity, Taunton, where the bells were found to be a novelty; and Ashbrittle.

The lunch interval was spent at the Cross Keys Hotel, Norton Fitzwarren. The ringing was in Doubles and Minor methods.

BARKING BELLS

From Barking, Suffolk, we have received encouraging news Regular practices started again last October and there are four married couples who ring regularly for services. Dr. S. Harrison writes thanking Suffolk Guild friends for their help, as without them the band would not have been able to progress as it had.

The following poem, written by a villager after the augmentation to six by Alfred Bowell, might interest ringers who have visited the tower.

One evening when I rambled
Across Mount Lay for choice,
I stopped and listened to the bells.
"My dears, you have a different voice
Since to the founders you have been."
Their melody was grand and gave a charm
As it echoed around the Ladies' Walk
Then on to Bungeon's Farm.

You are the voice of the past, I cried,
For their tone was strong and good.
And then I rambled on again
Until I in God's acre stood.
Then from the tower the bells rang out
No uncertain sound they gave.
And then I wished the dead could hear
As stood I near a grave.

Ring out ye bells of Barking,
Over meadow, field and tree,
For when you ring you still will bring
Old memories back to me.
Just one more thing I wish to add
And think you will agree,
That Barking without bells and rooks
Can never, never Barking be.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

At the annual general meeting held on April 27th in Clare College the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. J. Ridgman (Queens'); treasurer, B. D. Threlfall (Trinity); Master, S. P Darvill (Downing); secretary, E. N. Thomas (St. John's); librarian, R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel).

25 YEARS LATER

Behind the quarter peal rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. Martin, at Hemingford Abbots, there is the story of a war-time disappointment. The bride was then, owing to Government restrictions, denied wedding bells, although she was an ardent church worker. Her father, grandfather and brother-in-law were then members of the local band.

HIS FIRST OF YORKSHIRE

The peal of Yorkshire rung at Rayleigh on May 7th enabled Frank May to realise a long ambition, for althongh having rung several quarters in the method he had never been successful in his attempts for a peal. On this occasion the peal very nearly never started, as owing to a computer breaking down one member of the band was unable to leave work in time to reach the tower for the scheduled start. However, Jim Laker is to be thanked for coming to the rescue at 15 minutes' notice and very ably ringing the treble, thus enabling Frank to score his peal of Yorkshire.

FAREWELL AT MAIDSTONE

On Thursday, May 5th, the All Saints' ringers said a sad farewell to their captain, Leonard Mannering, on his retirement to Folkestone. He was presented with a clock, suitably engraved, for his past services to the tower, and Mrs Mannering was given a box of chocolates. Len has been the captain for the past 15 years and will be difficult to replace. He joined the band in 1917, when at this time his father was the captain. The new captain, who was elected at the meeting, is Thomas Cullingworth.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The following officers have been elected by Reading University Society for the session 1966–67; Master, Ronald E. Stillwell; secretary, Maurice G. Ingram; treasurer, Graham J. N. Colborne; lay members, Mary E. Marshall and Margaret A. Wilson. All correspondence should be addressed to: The Society of Change Ringers, The University, Reading, Berks.

The annual general meeting on May 4th was quite well attended. A full day's outing into Sussex at the end of the present term and a dinner on December 3rd are planned. Other Universities are requested to bear this latter date in mind. M. A. W.

TWERTON RINGERS WERE WELCOMED

In their day's tour in West Somerset on April 23rd Twerton-on-Avon ringers were welcomed by local ringers in eight of the nine towers visited which, our correspondent considers, added to the enjoyment of the day

Bishop's Lydeard bells were better than anticipated although "the tower rolls." Combe Florey bells (6) were described as a lovely ring in a lovely church with an equally lovely setting. West Bagborough bells were quite tough to ring, and Crowcombe bells (6, anticlockwise) are a majestic ring needing careful striking. Long draughts were experienced at Over Stowey and Nether Stowey, and the Rev. E. F. W. Awre and his daughter, Rosemary, joined in the ringing at the latter tower. There were two fine rings at Holford and Watchet, and the tour ended on the pretty five at Sampford Brett.

5,120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
(25 methods)
By JOHN R. MAYNE

23456	M	W	H	Methods
54632	—	—	3	East., Linc., Elf., Bris., Bris.
63542		—	—	Elf., Pains., Rut.
56342			—	Ux., Lang., Wat.
35642			—	High., Yorks., Ux.
64352		—	—	Lon., Ald., Act.
36452			—	Eal., Hit., Eal.
43652			—	Wem., Sup., Lind.
25364	—	—	—	Lind., Puds., Lon.
62534			—	Berks., Rad., Ash.
56234			—	Leath., Camb., Leath.

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Rung at 5, Moat Close, Bushey, on handbells, May 2nd and 3rd, 1966.

SOUTHAM RURAL DEANERY TOUR

To honour the 10th anniversary of the appointment of the Rt. Rev Cuthbert Bardsley as Bishop of Coventry.

ALL FOR THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LADBROKE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., April 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods/variations, being six extents each of Clifford's Pleasure Ryton, St. Miles, Winchendon, Little Aston, Southrepps Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr 18 lb. in F sharp

*Harry Reeves .. .. .. Treble	*Richard M. Andrews .. 3
Stephen F. Royal 2	John F Thorne 4
Robert W. Sherriff .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.
* Most methods/variations to a peal.

SOUTHAM, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Wed., April 27, 1966 in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Robert J. Edden .. .. Treble	†Stephen F. Royal 5
*Robert W. Sherriff 2	*Terence G. Hill 6
*John F. Thorne 3	Peter S. Bennett 7
*Richard M. Andrews .. 4	‡Michael Hill .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Peter S Bennett
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples ‡ First peal.

PRIORS MARSTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard
On Fri., April 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Childwall Bob (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F

*Richard M. Andrews .. Treble	John F. Thorne 4
Anthony J. Cox 2	Stephen F. Royal 5
†Terence G. Hill 3	Robert W. Sherriff .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F Royal.
* First peal of Minor. † Most methods to a peal.

NAPTON-ON-THE-HILL, Warks.—At the Church of St. Lawrence
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2 and 3) Kent T.B., (4) St. Clement's Bob, (5) Childwall Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F

Anthony J. Cox .. .. Treble	Terence G. Hill 4
Alice E. J. Lester 2	John F. Thorne 5
Stephen F. Royal 3	*Richard M. Andrews .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F Royal.
* First peal of Minor "inside."

HARBURY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., May 3, 1966 in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Double Court, (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's Bob (6) Childwall Bob, (7) Plain Bob Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb in G

*Delphine Holman .. .. Treble	‡Richard M. Andrews .. 4
†Judith A. Ashby 2	Stephen F. Royal 5
Richard J. Danby 3	Robert W. Sherriff .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F Royal.
* First peal. † Most methods "inside." ‡ Most Minor methods "inside."

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Treble 18¼ cwt.

Leonard J. Fox .. .. Treble	John W. Stephenson .. 6
Michael C. Austin 2	Robert J. Chapman 7
John H. Crampion .. 3	George W. Cecil 8
Raymond G. Cousins .. 4	John Armstrong 9
*Anthony M. Faulkner .. 5	Frank V. Gant .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by John H. Crampion
* First peal of Stedman Caters

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. E. Groves' Variation of J. J. Parker's 12-Part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb in F sharp.

*John H. Thompson (14) Treble	*Ian P Cox (15) 5
Julian E. Newman 2	Thomas W. Harris 6
*Robin L. Coles (15) .. 3	Alan F. Lee 7
†David A. Burt 4	*Michael J. Hawkins (16) Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Russell Kinsey.

BITTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 53 methods, comprising 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnsbury, Benington, Bristol, Cambridge, Campsall, Cherwell, Chester, Claybrooke, Cray Deben, Derwent Dublin Eastcote, Elford, Falmouth, Framley, Hanbury, Hitchin, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire Lindum, London Maulden, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northolt, Otley, Painswick, Pudsey, Pyrford, Radlett, Ramsey, Richmond Rutland, Scawthorpe, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Thorne, Tring, Trowbridge Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, with 159 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*Diana M Chapman .. Treble	James R. Taylor 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2	†Brian Bladon 6
Michael J Hobbs 3	‡Victor Griffin 7
†Anthony R. Peake 4	*Peter Bridle .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by W Eric Critchley Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 25th peal together. † 225th peal together ‡ First of Major in 53 methods The greatest number of methods to a peal on the bells and for the Association

COMPTON BISHOP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents each of Union and Reverse Canterbury, six each Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin ten Grandsire.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

John Chapman .. .. Treble	Stanley Lewis 4
Marjorie Legg 2	John Walton 5
John Coombs 3	Kenneth Gatehouse .. Tenor

Conducted by Marjorie Legg

KILMERSDON, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Jennifer A. Durston .. Treble	Peter C Gould 4
Henley Hawkins 2	*Alan F. Lee 5
Gilbert R. Pomeroy .. 3	Robert J. Hawkins .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan F Lee
*150th peal. First peal on the bells for 15 years and since being rehung by John Taylor and Co

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D

Alan A. Potts .. .. .. Treble	*John R. Bibby 7
John E. Bibby 2	Basil Jones 8
Frank Osbaldiston 3	†Ivor Nicholls 9
Harold C. Lonyon 4	Edward Jenkins 10
C. Kenneth Lewis 5	‡Brian Harris 11
John Worth 6	Robert B Smith .. . Tenor

Arranged by Brian Harris Conducted by Robert B Smith.
* First peal of Maximus. † First of Surprise Maximus. ‡ 600th peal. The conductor's 100th 12-bell peal.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Anne P Smith and Edmund R. Wilkinson, both ringers at Marple.

MOTTRAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels.
On Sat. April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt

Michael Platt .. .. .. Treble	Kenneth Davenport .. 5
Sidney Hough 3	Philip G K Davies 6
Margaret Wright 3	Neil D. Lomas 7
Denis Mottershead 4	Jeffrey Brannan .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

WILMSLOW, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Bartholomew.
On Sat., April 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of York Surprise London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise Oxford Treble Bob Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Christine Andrew .. .. Treble	Philip G. K. Davies 4
Neil D. Lomas 2	Dennis Latham 5
Denis Mottershead 3	Jeffrey Brannan .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan

SUTTON, Macclesfield, Cheshire.—At the Church of St James.
On Mon April 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods: One 720 each of Capel, London Scholars, and two 720's each of Kingston and Oxford T.B. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

Edna M. P. Lawton .. Treble	Hilary L. Horn 4
*David Salter 2	Peter William Horn 5
Charles William Lawton 3	Anthony William Lawton Tenor

Conducted by Charles William Lawton.
* First peal of Treble Bob in more than one method.
†Rung in memoriam J. W. L. Slack.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

FREES, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent St. Clement's, and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

John Ryder	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst	4
Michael Thomson	2	Christopher J. Jones	5
Harold Worrall	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

BOSLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and three extents each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A

*Keith W. Eaton	Treble	*John R. Scott	4
*Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	Gerald Parsons	5
A. Doreen Edwards	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal in three Minor methods.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., April 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.

Kenneth Lawson	Treble	Rodney A. Yeates	6
C. Duncan Davis	2	George S. Deas	7
Anne Lawson	3	James Crowther	8
Enid Lawson	4	Michael Maughan	9
Dennis A. Bayles	5	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Iris Thomson and John E. Anderson, who were married earlier this day at St. James' Church, Benwell.

ALLENDALE, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Mon., April 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

C. Duncan Davis	Treble	Rodney A. Yeates	5
Ann Lawson	2	Eric N. Harrison	6
Enid Lawson	3	James Crowther	7
Kenneth Lawson	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. F. Ross and Miss R. Baily on their engagement. Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

HEXHAM, Northumberland.—At the Abbey Church of St. Andrew
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt

C. Duncan Davis	Treble	James Crowther	5
John E. Anderson	2	George S. Deas	6
David J. Marshall	3	Michael Maughan	7
William G. Wilson	4	Eric N. Harrison	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONGSTANTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., April 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*Mary E. Elmes	Treble	*Anthony K. Fortin	5
Peter Woollven	2	*Graham W. Elmes	6
*George E. Bonham	3	Philip Mehew	7
*Ronald J. Snack	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal in the method

EATON SOCON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., April 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Robert D. Bellamy	Treble	George E. Bonham	5
*Mary E. Elmes	2	*Anthony K. Fortin	6
*Graham W. Elmes	3	Philip Mehew	7
*Ronald J. Snack	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 300th peal of Surprise ((9 Maximus, 19 Royal, 196 Major and 76 Minor).

HUNTINGDON.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., March 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb

*T. Raymond Garret	Treble	George E. Bonham	4
J. Richard Hough	2	Peter Woollven	5
Albert J. Davey	3	Harold S. Peacock	Tenor

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.
* First peal, first attempt. The ringer of the fifth has now "circled the tower."
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. T. W. Nesbitt on completion of two years as Rector of this parish; also with best wishes for the future to G. W. Massey, R.A.F., upon leaving the area

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

*James Laken	Treble	Christopher K. Cooper	5
Alfred J. House	2	Dennis A. Hewett	6
Donald Cobb	3	Dennis Ellisdon	7
*Frank C. May	4	Ian R. Panton	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Dennis Ellisdon.
* First peal in the method.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 26 cwt.

Albert M. Tyler	Treble	John Brain	7
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	David J. Forder	8
Arthur H. Reed	3	Richard J. Bowden	9
Allan Tubb	4	Patrick J. Bird	10
Arthur C. Berry	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	11
Michael J. Thomas	6	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNBOROUGH, Hants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 992 London, 768 Bristol, 1,664 Cambridge and 1632 Superlative, with 104 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 6 cwt. 57 lb. in B flat.

Jessie M. Kippin	Treble	Thomas H. Francis	5
*Beryl R. Simpson	2	Frank W. Lewis	6
Peter J. Joyce	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Robert C. Kippin	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin
* First peal of Spliced. First of Spliced on the bells.

HORSELL, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 2,160 Kent Treble Bob and four 720's Plain Bob.
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

*Peter J. Privett	Treble	†Alan D. Flood	4
Roy Collins	2	Dennis G. Blows	5
*Christopher K. Hills	3	E. John Wells	Tenor

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal in two methods. † First of Minor.
An 80th birthday compliment for Chris Spiers.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Celia J. Bland	Treble	Geoffrey Dodds	5
Joyce Dodds	2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	6
Roger D. R. Brown	3	Gerald Penney	7
Keith J. Walpole	4	Antony R. Kench	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., May 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

H. George Hart	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Kenneth R. Dunstan	2	Vernon Green	6
*Sara K. D. Woolley	3	Roger Baldwin	7
†David Burbidge	4	Christopher W. Woolley	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* Firste peal of Surprise "inside." † First peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., April 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*Joan A. Hayward	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Christopher T. Osenton	6
Martin L. Howe	4	*John W. Gander	3
Frederick J. Cullum	Tenor	Herbert E. Audsley	7

* First peal in the method
Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Leonard Mannering	Treble	Colin A. Tester	5
Olive D. Tester	2	W. Arthur Riddington	6
John A. Howard	3	Christopher T. Osenton	7
Frank H. Hicks	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
First peal of Major on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to Leonard Mannering, captain at the tower, who has been a member of the band since 1918.

LEWISHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*Paul S. Royds-Jones	Treble	Robin R. Churchill	5
†Jennifer Brown	2	Gerald W. Reynolds	6
Dr. David G. Hollis	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Roger D. Bailey	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
* First peal of Major. † First "inside."

PETHAM, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being seven 240's and 28 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr.

*Jacqueline A. Stewart	Treble	‡John B. Keeler	4
†Patrick A. Harrisson	2	Eric T. Eades	5
*Keith I. Davis	3	*William Epps	Tenor

Conducted by Eric T. Eades.
* First peal. † First in method. ‡ First "inside." First as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., April 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

John Gibbons	Treble	David C. Walker	5
Michael Platt	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Margaret Wright	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Kenneth Davenport	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., May 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 19 cwt.

Hazel Schofield	Treble	Peter J. Malloch	5
Christine Andrew	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Margaret Wright	3	Giles B. Thompson	7
Michael Platt	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

FARNWORTH, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Thurs., May 5, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt

Roger I. Kendrick	Treble	Geoffrey R. Gardner	5
Kenneth R. Davenport	2	Dennis Latham	6
*Joyce Grainger	3	Denis Mottershead	7
William Birmingham, jun.	4	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."
Rung to mark the 21st birthday of Joyce Grainger and her engagement to Geoffrey R. Gardner.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
HASELBECH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Roger S. Starbuck	Treble	William A. Lacey	5
Malcolm E. Wade	2	Samuel J. Haines	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Martin Green	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
First peal in the method as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Denis.
On Mon., April 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

James A. D. Woolford	Treble	Harry Barnes	4
William H. Dale	2	Leslie H. Squires	5
Richard A. Hunt	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
A birthday compliment to Jean F. Woolford, also to Mrs. Catherine M. Emson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnes.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.
On Mon., May 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160 blocks and one 720 in the following seven methods: Bourne, York, Beverley, Durham, Surfleet, Ipswich and Cambridge.

Roger W. Powell	Treble	Alan J. Frost	4
Edward D. Elderkin	2	Timothy G. Pett	5
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	Roger D. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
Rung as a compliment to Pauline Fennell and James Dingley on their recent engagement. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
ALL RUNG AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
On Tues., March 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 RUGBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Joseph W. Cotton	Treble	*Arthur E. Rowley	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	*Dan S. Pont	6
Derek P. Jones	3	*G. Ronald Edwards	7
Gordon H. Lane	4	*Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones
* First peal in the method.

On Tuesday, March 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 STRATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Joseph W. Cotton	Treble	*Arthur E. Rowley	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Derek P. Jones	6
*Edwin Deakin	3	*Dan S. Pont	7
Gordon H. Lane	4	*G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal in the method.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Dan S. Pont	2	Derek P. Jones	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	Arthur E. Rowley	8
Rupert A. Clarke	4	R. Kingsley Mason	9
*Gordon H. Lane	5	Edwin Deakin	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

On Tues., April 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
*Roland Beniston	2	†Arthur E. Rowley	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	†Gordon H. Lane	8
†Rupert A. Clarke	4	R. Kingsley Mason	9
David F. Moore	5	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by G. Ronald Edwards. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Royal. First of Little Bob Royal. First in the method as conductor.
The composition contains the 6th. 48 courses in 6ths place, 24 of them being 8790 courses and 24 7890 courses; also all the 658790 and 657890 courses.

On Tues., April 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

B. Stedman Payne	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Richard J. Clifton	2	*Arthur E. Rowley	7
Roland H. Cook	3	Derek P. Jones	8
David F. Moore	4	R. Kingsley Mason	9
*Gordon H. Lane	5	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Royal in the method. 400th peal as conductor.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD—Continued.

On Tues., April 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

G. Ronald Edwards ..	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Richard J. Clifton	2	*Arthur E. Rowley	7
Derek P. Jones	3	Samuel J. Haines	8
Rupert A. Clarke	4	B. Stedman Payne ..	9
*Gordon H. Lane	5	R. Kingsley Mason ..	Tenor

Composer unknown. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Royal in the method. 400th peal on tower bells as conductor.

On Tues., May 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, viz.: 1,760 Cambridge, 1,760 Yorkshire, and 1,600 Lincolnshire with 84 changes of method.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	Samuel J. Haines	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	G. Ronald Edwards ..	6
*Gordon H. Lane	3	R. Kingsley Mason	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise in three methods.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 EVESHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

*Christopher I. Rowson ..	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke ..	6
W. Bertram Kynaston ..	2	Sydney M. Bailey	7
Eric Sutton	3	Giles R. Shedden	8
Valerie Willard	4	George W. Holland	9
Michael Hatchett	5	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*Joyce I. Barton	Treble	Dennis Knox	6
†Robert H. Newton	2	Roy Woodruff	7
‡Robin J. Lee	3	David A. Cornwall	8
John Young	4	Richard E. Dean	9
Derek Francis	5	L. Joseph Young	Tenor

Composed by M. J. Morris. Conducted by Dennis Knox.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Caters. ‡ First of Grandsire.

CAVERSHAM, READING.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., April 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Stephen J. Franklin ..	Treble	G. Robert Mordaunt ..	5
John G. Pusey	2	Richard Wharton	6
*Henry Rossall	3	Anthony P. Foster	7
Christopher I. Rowson ..	4	Roger M. Heyworth	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Roger M. Heyworth.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., April 23, 1966 in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 53 methods, comprising 96 each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnsbury, Benington, Bristol, Cambridge, Campsall, Cherwell, Chester, Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Derwent, Dublin, Eastcote, Elford, Falmouth, Framley, Hanbury, Hitchin, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Maulden, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northolt, Otley, Painswick Pudsey, Pyrford, Radlett, Ramsey, Richmond, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Thorne, Tring, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, with 158 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Maurice A. New	Treble	Brian Bladon	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Edward R. Venn	7
*John R. Mayne	4	James R. Taylor	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of 53-Spliced Surprise Major. First peal of 53-Spliced for the Guild.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Mon., April 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt.

Charles Coles	Treble	Frederick W. Soden	5
Christopher C. Clarke ..	2	Frank Reed	6
Brian W. Hall	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Peter J. Heritage	4	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by D. Kay Alkins.
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELLINGBOROUGH, Northants.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in D.

Roger W. Smith	Treble	Alan A. Paul	5
Shirley Ruddlesden	2	Graham C. Paul	6
Barry E. Saunders	3	Malcolm J. V. Chown ..	7
Richard J. Danby	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Conducteqd by Graham C. Paul.

GAYTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., April 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
In 47 methods, viz.: (1) Fulbeck, Plain, Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure, Wavertree, St. Clement's, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Lytham, College, Double, Childwall and London Bob. (2) Oxford, Sandal, Capel, Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure T.B. (3) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Morning Star T.B. and Disley Delight, (4) Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London, Lightfoot, Wearmouth and Netherseale Surprise. (5) Chester, Carlisle, Munden, Cunecastre Surprise and Glastonbury Delight. (6) Surfleet, Hexham, Durham, York, Berwick and Beverley Surprise. (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne Surprise, with 143 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

James Linnell	Treble	Alan A. Paul	4
Barry E. Saunders	2	Charles E. Truman	5
Roger W. Smith	3	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.
First peal in 47 methods for all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BROUGHTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., April 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Pamela E. Key	Treble	*Eric Young	5
Albert H. Lawton	2	Ian Friend	6
Barnabas G. Key	3	†William Harris	7
E. Marion Key	4	William Watkins	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal in the method "inside." † First in the method.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BULWELL, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Souls.
On Sun., May 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

John R. Pratchett	Treble	Royston Blackler	5
Richard A. G. Inglis ..	2	Peter R. Humphrey ..	6
Elizabeth J. Foster	3	Simon Humphrey	7
Susanna Poppleston	4	George A. Dawson ..	Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey. Conducted by George A. Dawson.
Rung as part of the centenary celebrations of St. Mary's C. of E. Primary School, Bulwell. Also a welcome to the Bishop of Southwell, the Rt. Rev. Gordon Savage, D.D., who preached at Evensong.

WARSOP, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Easter Day, April 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

Douglas H. Rooke ..	Treble	Herbert T. Rooke	4
*Richard Spencer	2	Frank Cooke	5
Malcolm Foster	3	David Whetton	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal.
Rung for Easter.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations, being three extents each of Grandsire, Newborough, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Seighford. Tenor 12 cwt.

W. Gordon Marsh	Treble	*Ruth Blackshaw	3
Robert D. Marsh	2	*David Oliver	4

*Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor
Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
* 25th peal together.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Tues., April 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 11 methods/var., viz.: three extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, seven Plain Bob, six Grandsire and 240 Morris's
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

H. Geoffrey Wells	Treble	Maurice W. Harrison ..	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	David Oliver	5
Margaret E. Chilton ..	3	F. William Midwinter ..	Tenor

Conducted by Margaret E. Chilton.
First as conductor in 11 variations/methods.

WARSOP, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., April 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being a 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

A. Catherine Rooke .. Treble	Frank Cooke 4
James T. Rooke 2	Frederick Flint 5
George Challans 3	Herbert T. Rooke .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Roland Flint on his 87th birthday. He was for many years a ringer and verger at this church.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ROGATE, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Wed., May 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., two extents of Cambridge Surprise and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

A. Patrick Cannon .. .. Treble	Cyril F. Low 4
Gillian A. Leale 2	Robin G. Leale 5
Ernest J. Munday 3	William S. Deason .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
Rung to celebrate the 70th wedding anniversary on this day of Mr. and Mrs. E. Munday, of Rogate, parents of the ringer of the third.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
and
THE GUILD OF RINGERS OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.
(Portsmouth Cathedral.)
PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St, Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

Arthur E. Hoodless .. Treble	Alan A. Buswell 4
George Love 2	K. Paul Gilliver 5
Ernest Treagus 3	Geoffrey J. Gammon .. Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
First peal on the back six.
Rung to congratulate Thelma and Neville Haile (former Cathedral captain) on the birth of a daughter, Catherine Emma, on April 14th,

WARNFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of Our Lady of Warnford.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

*Maureen J. White .. .. Treble	Charles E. Bassett 4
Ramon A. Stone 2	Patrick Page 5
Betty J. Daysh 3	John H. Hunt .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal of Minor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
KIDDERMINSTER, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., April 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Frederick G. Handley .. Treble	*Robert Edwards 6
Clifford Skidmore 2	Peter J. Stretton 7
Peter L. Bill 3	Brian J. Luff 8
Michael J. Fellows 4	Martin D. Fellows 9
John C. Eisel 5	Edward W. Colley .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal on ten bells.
For St. George's Day and as a compliment to Martin D. Fellows on his 21st birthday. Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

David Atkins .. .. .. Treble	John Potts 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	Ronald J. Warford 6
M. Susan Jackson 3	Edward M. Bradley 7
Alan Sheppard 4	Kenneth B. Sissons .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Kenneth B. Sissons.
First in the method by all the band. Believed to be the first in the method for the Association.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Idle.
On Sun., May 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

*Douglas P. Mayhew .. Treble	Frederick A. Munday .. 5
Stephen R. Munday .. 2	Peter M. Dawson 6
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 3	Sam Longbottom 7
S. Barrie Schofield 4	Harold B. Schofield .. .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.
* First peal.
Rung half muffled in memoriam Thomas Hill, a ringer at this church for over 50 years.

NORTHOWRAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Graham K. Smith .. .. Treble	Richard D. Gibson 5
Ronald Ducker 2	Kenneth B. Sissons 6
M. Susan Jackson 3	J. Henry Fielden 7
*Robert C. Hawtree 4	Fred Ross.. .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
* First blows in the method. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

(York Minster Society)
HUNTINGTON (by invitation).—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*S. Francis Chapman .. Treble	R. Joy Watkin 4
Christina Faulkes 2	George Pluckrose 5
Rodney Smith 3	†Derek J. Jones .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Jones.
* First peal. † First in the method.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
MARPLE, Cheshire.—In the belfry of the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall 1–2	Robert E. Smith 5–6
Neil Bennett 3–4	*John A. Booth 7–8

Composed by J. Nicholl. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Mon., May 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 8¼ Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 25 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Ealing, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London and Uxbridge, and 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Ashtead, Berkshire Cambridge, Eastcote, Highgate, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 149 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

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

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
This is the greatest number of Surprise Major methods yet rung to a handbell peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Cyril S. Jarrett 1–2	Edward J. Beer 7–8
Christopher T. Osenton .. 3–4	Stuart Sandford 9–10
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5–6	Frank J. Matthews 11–12

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Bernard F. F. Groves.
First peal of Grandsire Cinques "in hand" by all the band and for the Association. Tenor size 15 in C.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Sun., April 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Cyril S. Jarrett 1–2	Edward J. Beer 5–6
*Herbert E. Audsley .. 3–4	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7–8
Stuart Sandford 9–10	

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal in the method "in hand." Tenor size 15 in C.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Tues., May 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 25 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Ealing, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London and Uxbridge, and 160 each of Acton, Aldenham, Ashtead, Berkshire, Cambridge, Eastcote, Highgate, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 149 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

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

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal of 25-Spliced Surprise Major on handbells for the Association.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
GAINSBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At 19, Gainus Avenue.
On Thurs., April 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Geoffrey R. Parker 1–2	A. Robin Heppenstall .. 5–6
*Margaret A. Parker 3–4	*Peter A. Sharp 7–8
Jack L. Millhouse 9–10	

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Royal on handbells.

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PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Final of Horsley Cup Contest, Horsley, May 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—D. J. Marshall. 9135

RINGERS' SERVICE will be held at Farmborough, Bath (A.39 Bath–Wells) on May 22nd at 6.30. Ringing at 5.30 and after service. Preacher, the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, of Long Sutton. 9088

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Week-end course at Moor Park College, Farnham, July 15th–17th.

Topics to be covered include tower maintenance, methods, composition and conducting.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, North Curry (8). May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 9059

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Practice meeting, St. Benedict's, Glastonbury (6), Saturday, May 21st, 7 p.m. 9141

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District. — Practice meeting, Atherstone, May 21st, 6 to 7.30 p.m.; Mancetter, 7 to 9 p.m. 9136

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Netherton, May 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please, to me.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 9064

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at Southchurch, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, May 21st. Ringing 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Shildon bells available 6.30–9 p.m. Names for tea to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham. 9092

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Eynesbury, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. — M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9106

ESSEX ASSOCIATION — Northern District.—Meeting at Foxearth on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield, Braintree. 9066

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Stroud Branch. — Monthly practice, Bisley, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please.—E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud. 9137

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD —Annual general meeting, May 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—A. H. Kemp, Hon. Sec. 9115

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District. — Kimpton, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9075

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Standon on May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. No service. Ringing at Great Hormead in the evening.—D. Kingston. 9100

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Evening practice meeting, St. Botolph's, Shepshed, on May 21st. Bells (8) 4.30 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Superlative.—Pat Farmer, Dis. Sec. 9139

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Belton, Isle of Axholme, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify Mr. M. Rose, 8, High Street, Belton, Doncaster. 9067

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —N. and E. District.—Barnet, Saturday, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 9090

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Eastern Branch .— Meeting at Pakefield on Saturday, May 21st Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Kindred, Bathford, Pakefield Street, Pakefield, Lowestoft.—N. C. 9058

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD — Newark District.—Meeting and cup contest, Coddington, Saturday, May 21st. Contest 3 p.m. General ringing in evening. Names for tea to Mr. J. Kirton, Sunnyside Farm, Coddington, Newark, please.—B. N. Reed. 9081

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Practice meeting at St. Peter's, Henley (8) on Saturday, May 21st, 6.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—Winifred Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 9074

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Meeting at Fressingfield on Saturday, May 21st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 Names for tea to the Rev. Pitts, The Vicarage, Fressingfield, Diss, Norfolk. 9102

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Petworth, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 9103

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on May 24th at 8.15 p.m Practices: May 24th, St. Paul's Cathedral; May 31st, St. Mary-le-Bow; June 7th, St. Andrew's, Holborn: June 14th, Southwark Cathedral.—J. G. A. Prior. 9124

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Practice meeting at St. John the Divine (10), Leicester, May 24th, at 7.30 p.m. All grades catered for, from Doubles to Royal. Everyone very welcome. — Ron Hughes, Sec. 9130

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening meeting, Rothley (6), Wednesday, May 25th. Ringing 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9113

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Weston-super-Mare (8), on Saturday, May 28th, at 7.30 p.m.—M. Legg. 9126

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Smart, Okemead, Hutton Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot (Aldershot 25710), by previous Wednesday.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 9125

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod, Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—M. E. Fort. 9128

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Batley, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Lawrence Sheard, 20, Suffolk Avenue, Carlton Grange, Batley, by previous Friday, please. 9146

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Lubenham, on Saturday, May 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Husbands Bosworth not available.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 9150

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at North Elmham on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to E. Howes, Park Farm, North Elmham, Dereham, Norfolk, by previous Thursday.—C. Tovell. 9093

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Evening meeting at Iver (8 bells) on Saturday, May 28th. Ringing 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague, Hon. Sec. 9073

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District. — Meeting and Cup Contest, Cuckney (6), Saturday, May 28th. Contest draw 2.30 p.m. sharp. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing for all. Teas must be reserved; names to me, please, by Wednesday, May 25th as Peasholm, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Nottingham.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 9127

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Meeting at Clare, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. S. J. Twitchett, 3, Station Road, Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk, by May 25th, please. 9079

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 28th, Northiam. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Ringing at Beckley in the evening. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, May 25th.—G. FitzHugh, Dis. Sec. 9086

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—The A.G.M. is to be held at Doncaster, not Tickhill, on May 28th (joint with Doncaster and District Society). Bells available: Arksey (8) 2.30–4; Bentley (5) 3.30–4.30; and Doncaster (8) 6–9. Make own arrangements for tea. Meeting in Doncaster belfry at 6 p.m. All welcome. New vice-president and a new General Committee representative to be elected. 1966 reports available—with subscription.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 9116

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Teas.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9148

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 87th annual general meeting will be held on Whit Monday, May 30th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. Annual meeting immediately after in Chapter House. Coffee available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15–10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (cost 6s.). Tea 5–6.15 p.m. (cost 3s.). Ringing, Cathedral, 10–10.45 a.m. and from 6–8.30 p.m. The following towers will be available from 3–6 p.m.: Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Terling (6), Great Leigh (5) and from 6–9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Gallevwood (8), Boreham (8), Writtle (8), Little Baddow (5). Report books available (3s.), also tickets for annual dinner in Shire Hall, Saturday, October 29th (cost 21s.) Luncheon and tea cannot be guaranteed without tickets obtainable from general treasurer. S.A.E. to P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wed., May 25th.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Gen. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Summer Festival, June 4th, 1966

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Egham, Chertsey ..	10.00–11.30
Chobham, Ottershaw ..	11–12.30
Horsell	11.30– 1.00
Send, Ockham, Old Woking ..	2.00–3.30
Weybridge, Esher ..	3.00–4.00
Hersham	3.30–4.30
Service and tea, Hersham ..	4.30
Hersham	6.00–7.00
Thames Ditton, East Molesey ..	6.30–8.00
Oatlands Park, Walton	7.30–9.00

Names for tea to Mrs. K. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames, by June 1st. 9134

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Bentham on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. until 7.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. T. Gerrard, 150, Thornton Road, Morecambe, not later than Tuesday, May 31st.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ANNUAL FESTIVAL, WHIT MONDAY, MAY 30th, 1966, AT BROMYARD

Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by the Annual General Meeting. Names for tea (3/6) to me by Wednesday, May 25th, 1966.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

ROUTE 1	ROUTE 2	Times
Cleobury Mortimer:	Bodenham:	10.15–11.45 and 7–8.30.
Tenbury Wells:	Stoke Lacey:	11. 15–12.45 and 7–8.30.
Clifton-on-Teme:	Pencombe:	12.15– 1.45 and 6–7.30.
Whitbourne:	Bredenbury:	1.15– 2.45 and 6–7.30.

ROUTE 3

Mathon: 10.30–11.45 and 6.30–8 p.m. Cradley: 11.30–12.45 and 6.30–8 p.m. Suckley: 12.30–1.45 and 6.30–8 p.m. Bromyard 1.15 p.m.–3.15 p.m. and after tea until 7 p.m.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Practice meeting at Piddington on Saturday, June 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 9105

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch. — Four-bell meeting, Winterbourne Zelstone, Saturday, June 4th, 3–4 p.m. Tarrant Keyneston 4.15–5.15; Shapwick 6.45–7.45. Own tea arrangements or local cafe. 9108

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, Hordle (6), June 4th, 3–4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 4.45. Lymington (8) in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Lewis, Cottesmore, Everton Road, Hordle, Lymington, Hants. 9144

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Astley (6), June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall; also Arley Kings (6) from 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. J. Stanier, Dis. Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester, not later than June 1st. 9138

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Holy Trinity, Llandudno, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 9078

LATE NOTICE

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Gotham (5), Saturday, June 4th, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Barton (6) 6 p.m. onwards. Names for tea to Miss S. Poppleston, 25, Hambledon Drive, Wollaton Road, Nottingham. 9151

QUARTER PEALS

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on May 1st, 1,306 Stedman Cinques: R. C. Stevens (cond.) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Miss C. Snelling 3, E. W. Razzell 4, R. Davies 5, G. H. Humphries 6, G. Fisher 7, N. Brown 8, I. M. Parry 9, K. Taber 10, F. E. Collins 11, A. Brown 12. First of Stedman Cinques 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. By the local band for Evensong.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. T. Locke (cond.) 1, E. Hancock 2, S. Dabinett 3, R. Moore 4, R. Skeet 5, N. Attwell 6, D. Dabinett 7, M. Parsons 8. First quarter 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On May 1st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. Perry (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Smith 2, A. Perry (cond.) 3, K. Baker 4, R. Smith 5, J. Coombs 6. For morning service, and a birthday compliment to J. Coombs.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Joyce (first on eight) 1, R. C. Kippin 2, S. Reed (first quarter) 3, Mrs. B. Simpson 4, Mrs. J. Kippin 5, G. S. G. Joyce 6, H. Reed (cond.) 7, W. W. Wright 8.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. R. Wilby 1, A. Day 2, Susan D. Cowan 3, Mary A. Coburn 4, J. D. Painter 5, T. J. Southam (cond.) 6, F. C. Jacklin 7, C. Hewitt 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam George Curl, sometime ringer and for many years verger at St. Nicholas', Harpenden.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Rummery 1, E. Baker 2, S. G. Waters 3, W. Gorringe (cond.) 4, H. Pope 5, E. H. Kemp 6, J. Brown 7, E. West 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. Jarvis, wife of L. W. Jarvis, of local band. Funeral this day.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On May 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Knipe 1, K. G. Game (cond.) 2, A. J. Bull 3, C. M. Foster 4, C. Dalton 5, W. Dunn 6, A. T. Shelton 7, W. Inwood 8, J. Euston 9, Joan Hanning 10. For Evensong.

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"THE CHIEF COUNTY FOR RINGERS"

By Gwilym Salmon, Hon. Secretary Bath and Wells Diocesan Association

In making its way to Bath for its 1966 meeting, the Central Council will be following in the footsteps of visitors from times immemorial. Indeed, tradition has it that Bath was the "Aqua Sulis" of the Romans in 863 B.C. The attraction was, of course, the Hot Springs which still provide half a million gallons of water every day, all at a temperature of 120 F.

Much later, during the era of Beau Nash, the city became a meeting place for society. It became fashionable to have a house in Bath as well as in London. Not only did people go to cure their aches and pains—they also went to be seen, to entertain and to find suitable sons-in-law. It was in this period that Bath prospered. In a city full of beautiful buildings and churches the Royal Crescent and the Circus are architectural gems. Built in the 18th century both are perfect examples of Georgian grandeur. Lansdown and Camden Crescents, two other such terraces, afford magnificent views over the city. The Abbey was started in 1499, superseding a Norman Cathedral that provided the link with Wells, just twenty miles away. The See of the Diocese was established at Wells in the year 900 but was transferred to Bath in 1077 when this Norman Cathedral was completed. In 1139, as work on Wells Cathedral progressed, the Diocese was given the title of Bath and Wells, the Bishop later moving back to Wells to live in a moated palace where his successors have remained to this day.

In saying "Come to Bath" the Association is therefore asking you to come to the Bath and Wells and that, in effect, means "Come to Somerset." Apart from a small area of Dorset around the village of Trent the Diocesan and County boundaries coincide. Somerset has much to offer. Compare the calm of Bath and the serenity of Wells with the gay holiday atmosphere of Minehead and Weston-super-Mare. the ruggedness of Mendip and the impressive cliffs of Cheddar and Burrington with the quiet lanes of the Vale of Blackmore and Taunton Dene. Go to the Isle of Avalon around Glastonbury with its associations with King Arthur and on to the rolling hills of the Quantocks, the Brendons and the splendour of Exmoor. Christianity first came to Britain at Glastonbury. It was not so long ago that the sea extended inland beyond this point and it is said that Christ, as a boy, set foot at Pilton, only five miles away, when he accompanied Joseph of Arimathaea on a trading trip. The last battle fought on English soil was cruelly decided at nearby Sedgemoor and, just a little further on, Alfred burnt the cakes.

Much of the splendour of the Somerset churches is due to the flourishing wool trade that existed around the 15th century. The accent has changed now to dairy farming but it is on record that, as recently as 100 years ago, the tenor bell of Wells Cathedral was tolled all through the night to guide the shepherds down from Mendip for the annual fair. This fair is still held although it has removed to the isolated village of Priddy at the top of the hill. The old world charm of Mells and the sudden appearance of Batcombe or Chewton Mendip as you drop from the hills linger long in the memory as do the splendid towers of the two Episcopis on the Somerset plain. One could dwell at length on this subject but suffice to say that we are proud of the towers and the glorious bells that are our heritage and we sincerely hope that you, as Council members and friends, will make the best possible use of them.

The Diocesan Association was founded, like the Council, in 1890. The first annual report states that the inaugural meeting was held at Highbridge with a ringing festival following at Taunton. By January, 1891, there were 194 members of whom 23 were honorary. Performing membership today stands at 1,759 and says much for these pioneers who worked so hard. Of these men, to whom we owe so much, Mr. John Pugsley, of Minehead, is still with us.

Change ringing flourished, even in the early days. Several peals were rung and it is interesting to note that all the early performances were of Grandsire Triples. It was some time before a peal of Doubles crept in and, strangely, this was followed by a peal of Bob Triples. The Bath and Dunster areas set the pace but it was not long before a capable band grew up at Taunton. A natural and friendly rivalry developed over the years between Bath and Taunton. Both bands made notable strides and it became something of a race as the Bath men endeavoured to ring a peal of London before the Taunton people scored their Bristol. Another band that developed in the 1930's was the well known "Wednesday" band that met in Central and North Somerset, setting a tremendous standard in striking and dedication.

Many personalities have emerged over the years but, surely, the late Mr. J. T. Dyke stood head and shoulders above them all. Mr. Dyke was General Secretary of the Association from 1926 until 1953. Such was his capacity for the job that, when he handed over the reins, his work was divided between three others. His name and deeds were legion in the Diocese and he was viewed in awe by the youngsters of the day. It was he who organised the "Wednesday" band referred to earlier. Mr. Dyke served the Central Council well for many years. He was associated with the preparation of the Beginners' Handbook, he took an active part in the work of "The Ringing World" Committee until ill health forced him to retire and was an Honorary and eventually a Life Member.

A few years ago the Association took serious and drastic steps to get its silent bells ringing. All parochial Church Councils with rings of bells were asked to pay an annual affiliation fee of not less than 10s. 6d. Over 200 councils have responded. With this additional income the Association is able to make realistic grants to restoration funds and an advisory service, in the capable hands of Mr. H. J. Sanger, is used extensively.

Come, then, to the Bath and Wells and be welcome for, as John Betjeman so aptly says, "Over orchards and elms and willows, wherever you are in Somerset, you can hear church bells for this is the chief county for ringers."

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Central Council's Visit "An Honour and a Privilege"

FROM THE MASTER OF THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The visit of the Central Council to Bath at Whitsun has been eagerly anticipated by the Bath and Wells Association ever since the "Ringing World" informed us that our invitation to come to Somerset had been accepted. Such a visit is always an honour and a privilege for the host Association, and Bath and Wells is no exception in this. I would therefore like to extend a sincere and hearty welcome to the Council on behalf of all our members.

The Bath and Wells Association was founded in May, 1890, with the object of "recognising the true position of ringers as Church Workers, encouraging ringing for Divine Service and cultivating the art of Change Ringing," and for just over 75 years we have striven to give practical expression to these objects. It will be clear from this that we are wholly in sympathy with the aims and objects of the Central Council, and that you have our support in all that you are trying to do for the Exercise.

We feel we have much to offer to members of the Council in Bath and the surrounding countryside, and we have tried to make arrangements which will ensure an enjoyable and worthwhile visit. Bath is a truly noble city with many centuries of civilised history, going back to Roman times and beyond. It is also splendidly equipped for such a conference as yours. In addition, there are many fine towers within easy reach and in beautiful surroundings.

Given reasonable weather, therefore, it should be possible for you all to have an interesting and enjoyable week-end. In the unlikely event of your ringing proving too exhausting, or your business too wearisome, you can always "take the waters" of Bath, and go home rested and refreshed.

Welcome to you all.

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THE REV. H. F. WARREN,
Master of the Association.

The Rev. Henry Warren was born in 1921 and has lived all his life in Somerset. He was ordained in 1948, and after serving a curacy at Weston-super-Mare (where his ringing made considerable progress under the care of George Prescott) he moved to his present parish, Exford, in 1953. During his time there he has been instrumental in having the six bells recast and rehung.

He is one of a family of eight sons and, like most of them, he was taught to ring at Binegar by his father, the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, also, at one time, Master of the Bath and Wells Association. Mr. Warren has rung four peals, but for some years health reasons have precluded anything longer than quarter peals. He is married and has two little boys, whom he hopes to teach to ring in due course.

THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Mr. Gwilym Salmon, the general secretary, and Mr. Eric Naylor, the hon. treasurer, have done much of the "on the spot" preparations for the Central Council visit.

Gwilym has been ringing some 20 years and started in 1946, shortly before his National Service. Upon his return he took up change ringing and he owes much for his early progress in the art to Mr. Percy Hull, of Dinder, near Wells.

His first peal, Grandsire Doubles, was rung at Ashcott in 1951, for the Festival of Britain. The same year he became secretary and leader of the Wells Society. His peals total about 160 with just 100 for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

He became treasurer of the Diocesan Association in 1957 and general secretary in 1960. A bank official, Mr. Salmon is employed by the Westminster Bank at their Queen's Road, Bristol, branch.

QUE QUE, RHODESIA.—On April 17th, at the Church of St. Luke, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 1, Monica Blagrove 2, H. Earle (first quarter) 3, Vincent Field 4. First quarter peal on the bells and presumably first quarter of Minimus outside the British Isles.

THE ARRANGEMENTS

Headquarters will be the Fernley Hotel, North Parade, Bath.

Holy Communion, Abbey, Tues., 7.30 a.m.

Council meeting, Pump Rooms, Tues., 10 a.m.

Civic reception, 4.45 p.m.

Social evening, Pump Rooms, Tues., 7.30 p.m.

A GUIDE TO RINGING

Saturday, May 28th

St. Michael's w. St. Paul's	(8)	6.30– 7.30 p.m.
Newton St. Loe	(6)	6.30– 7.30 p.m.
Corston	(8)	7.00– 8 p.m.
Twerton	(8)	7.30– 8.30 p.m.
Keynsham	(8)	8.00– 9 p.m.

Sunday, May 29th

Dunkerton	(6)	10.30–11.15 a.m.
Kelston	(6)	10.00–11.00 a.m.
St. Michael's w. St. Paul's	(8)	10.00–11.00 a.m.
St. Mary's, Bathwick	(8)	9.30–10.20 a.m.
		5.30– 6.30 p.m.
Twerton	(8)	8.30– 9.15 a.m.
		10.15–11.00 a.m.
		5.30– 6.30 p.m.
		7.30– 8.00 p.m.
Batheaston	(6)	8.30– 9.00 a.m.
		5.30– 6.30 p.m.
Newton St. Loe	(6)	9.30–10.00 a.m.
		3.30– 4.00 p.m.
Corston	(8)	10.30–11.15 a.m.
		6.00– 6.30 p.m.
Keynsham	(8)	10.30–11.00 a.m.
		5.30– 6.30 p.m.
Bath Abbey	(10)	5.00– 6.30 p.m.
St. Matthew's, Widcombe	(6)	5.30– 6.30 p.m.
Bathford	(6)	5.30– 6.30 p.m.
St. Mark's	(6)	5.30– 6.30 p.m.
Wells Cathedral	(10)	1.30– 3.30 p.m.
Evercreech	(10)	10.00–11.00 a.m.
		5.30– 6.30 p.m.
Chewton Mendip	(8)	9.15–10.00 a.m.
		5.30– 6.30 p.m.

Monday, May 30th

Wellow	(6)	7.00– 8.00 p.m.
Barhampton	(6)	7.00– 8.00 p.m.
Batheaston	(6)	7.30– 8.30 p.m.
Bathford	(6)	8.00– 9.00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 31st

Bath Abbey	(10)	6.30– 8.00 p.m.
St. Mary's, Bathwick	(8)	7.00– 8.00 p.m.

TOURS— Whit Monday, May 30th

Northern (own transport)		
Chew Magna	(8)	9.30–10.15
Long Ashton	(8)	10.30–11.15
Wraxall	(8)	11.30–12.15
Yatton	(8)	1.30– 2.30
*Wrington	(10)	2.45– 4.00
Blagdon	(8)	4.15– 5.00
†Chewton Mendip	(8)	5.30– 6.30
Central (own transport)		
Wells, St. Cuthbert's	(8)	9.45–10.45
Glastonbury, St. John's	(8)	11.00–11.45
Taunton, St. Mary's	(12)	1.00– 2.15
Bishops Lydeard	(8)	2.30– 3.15
Bridgwater	(8)	3.30– 4.30
Wedmore	(8)	5.30– 6.30
Southern (by coach only)		
Evercreech	(10)	9.30–10.45
Wincanton	(8)	11.00–11.45
Milborne Port	(8)	12.15– 1.00
Yeovil	(10)	2.15– 3.30
Queen Camel	(6)	3.45– 4.45
Ditcheat	(8)	5.30– 6.30

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RECORDS MARK THE 75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

RINGERS filled the Quire of Wells Cathedral for the service that preceded the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Association on Easter Monday. The service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Wells (the Ven. I. J. de Bouley Lance) assisted by the Master (the Rev. H. F. Warren). The lesson was read by the Dean of Wells (the Very Rev. D. Edwards) and the address was given by the Bishop of the Diocese. In a tribute to the work of ringers, the Bishop said that we had gathered together to renew, review and reshape. Developing these themes, he referred to the broadcasting of Evercreech bells on Sunday mornings and, speaking of the young people he met in ringing circles, thought that many incumbents would be well advised to build their youth fellowships around their belfries. A collection amounting to £10 17s. was given to the Cathedral to assist with every-day expenses.

Lunch followed at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, where the Master welcomed the Bishop, the Dean, the Archdeacon and the Vicar of Wells. (the Rev. R. MacIntyre). Reference was made to the fact that the Association went to each Branch in turn and that it would probably be 11 years before a similar visit was made to Wells.

In opening the business with prayer, the Master asked members to stand in memory of the following who had died in 1965: Miss Emm, Messrs. B. Bond, J. T. Dyke, A. Lane, C. Pearce, H. Price and W. E. Stiles. Visitors were welcomed from Bristol, Berkshire, Middlesex and Sussex.

READJUSTMENTS IN SUNDAY RINGING

The Master, in his review, spoke at length about a new development in the life of the Church that was affecting ringing by the growing popularity of the Family Communion and the shifting of the emphasis of the main service from Matins at 11 a.m. to this service, usually held at 9 or 9.30 a.m. This resulted in a readjustment of ringing times and he was extremely disturbed to hear of two cases where bands had refused to ring. "We must remember that the arrangement and the timing of services is a matter for the incumbent and his P.C.C. and, as members of the Church, we should accept their decisions loyally, even if it means the reorganisation of our Sunday habit."

Mr. G. Salmon, the general secretary, reported progress in Surprise ringing, three Branches now holding regular practices. Youth was getting special attention at Bath and Bridgwater and a three-day gathering of young people from all parts of the Diocese was taking place in Wells the following week-end. Of all the activities that would be pursued, more names had been submitted for the bell ringing group than any other. Instruction continued in several towers, although the Association was sorry to lose the services of Mr. John Owen in this connection Bridgwater Branch reported that four towers previously silent were now ringing.

To mark the 75th anniversary of the Association in 1965, members had asked that a commemorative dinner be held. Unfortunately the booking of a hall had been left far too late. A sub-committee had been formed and a hall had been booked for 1966.

The secretary referred to the deaths of Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. H. Price. Mr. Dyke had been secretary of the Association from 1926 until 1953 and its position today was largely as a result of his drive and example. Mr. Price had been a well-known figure at Yatton and in the Chew Branch and his outings were an institution.

The secretary closed his remarks by stating that he had now left the Diocese and might well move further afield. In the circumstances he felt that he should now give formal notice of his intention not to seek re-election, if not this year then certainly at Easter, 1967.

1,759 PERFORMING MEMBERS

Presenting the balance sheet, the treasurer (Mr. E. Naylor) reported a new record of 1,759 performing members. Towers that had paid an affiliation fee of not less than 10/6 numbered 209. For the second year running the general fund had shown a greater expenditure than income. The rising cost of the report was causing concern and the committee had revised the layout. This was an experiment that would test the balance sheet as well as members' reactions to the change from the traditional style and, if not successful, a rise in subscriptions must be inevitable. Affiliation fees transferred to the Bell Fund amounted to £137 16s. and a donation had been made from that fund to Banwell. The balance of the Bell Fund was £303 13s. 3d. and that of the General Fund £207 12s. 11d. The approximate value of investments was £333.

Mr. H. J. Sanger, the Diocesan Adviser on the Care of Bells, spoke of visiting 11 towers during the year. In addition, three towers had been dealt with by correspondence. Much had been done and he was particularly pleased with the work now being carried out at Banwell. Mr. F. Sharpe had been called in in 1964 and his recommendations were being followed. This was in some ways contrary to the original advice of the architect and the Association was most grateful to Mr. Sharpe for so successfully making his point. Mr. Sanger concluded his report by drawing members' attention to the state of their belfries. He said that action taken promptly and the seeking of guidance from the right quarter could go a long way towards keeping the bells ringing.

PEAL RECORD

The request for commemoration peals for the 75th anniversary, stated Mr. G. W. Massey (peal secretary), had resulted in a record of 111 peals. Of these, 17 had been rung specifically for the anniversary. Two were of 5,075 changes, one being as Wells Cathedral by invitation of the Dean, and the other at Evercreech rung by officers of the Association and specially composed by James Topp. Quite by coincidence, peals had been rung in 75 towers during the year.

Ringers participating in peals numbered 296, 42 had taken part in their first and 146 their first in a new method. There were 45 conductors, although only four of these were new. Leading peal ringers were D. J. Hunt with 20 and T. A. Cross with 19. D. J. Hunt was also leading conductor, having called 13 peals. George Prescott had called 11. The overall total of peals rung for the Association was 3,152. Of personal milestones reached, Mr. Prescott's 200th peal for the Association deserved special mention, as he joined a very select band headed by the late J. T. Dyke.

The Rev Dr. F. Pollard moved the adoption of the reports "en bloc" and thanked the officers for their work. Mr. L. Derrick seconded and the motion was carried with acclamation.

The meeting then passed on to the election of officers, the following being elected for the ensuing year: Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren; general secretary, Mr. G. Salmon; treasurer, Mr. E. Naylor; Diocesan Adviser on the Care of Bells, Mr. H. J. Sanger; assistant adviser, Mr. W. H. Kingcott; peal secretary, Mr. G. W. Massey; auditor, Mr. S. A. Read. Messrs. J. Gilbert, A. Reed, H. J. Sanger and the general secretary were elected as Central Council representatives for the next three years.

Referring to the forthcoming meeting of the Central Council at Bath, the general secretary said that they were greatly honoured that the Council had accepted the Association's invitation. This would be its first ever visit to Somerset and he hoped that all would make the Council most welcome.

Under any other business, Mr. W. A. Osborn asked if any tangible memorial had been decided for Mr. Dyke. The treasurer replied that a donation of £5 5s. had been given to the restoration fund of Downside Church, where Mr. Dyke was buried, and Mr. Beck spoke of a pair of inscribed candlesticks that had been placed on the altar.

The Central Council representatives were voted their usual £20 expenses, and it was decided that the expenses incurred by the Master in attending the meeting at Bath be paid. Mr. Reed proposed and Mr. S. G. Coles seconded that the secretary be given an honorarium of £15.

A week-end course in ringing was mooted by Mr. Gilbert. He realised that the Association had a very heavy year before it and that it might not be feasible at this time but he did consider that such a course should be borne in mind for the future.

PEAL BOOKING FEES

Mr. Heymann reminded the meeting that last Easter Mr Massey had announced his intention of proposing an alteration to the rule concerning peal booking fees. As yet nothing had been said and he wondered what had become of the proposition. Mr. Massey stated that he had decided not to proceed, as he felt that he was in the minority.

A question concerning peal ringing in Lent drew forth considerable comment. Mr. Sanger, in associating peal ringing with personal pleasure, felt quite strongly that ringers should abstain. Although there was no rule, such ringing should be firmly discouraged. The Rev. C. Marshall felt that it was purely a matter of self-discipline, while Mr. Osborn thought that it was really up to the incumbent concerned. Mr Massey argued Mr. Sanger's point, saying that all ringing should be to the glory of God. He reported, as peal secretary, that a large number of peals had been rung in Lent this year although a high proportion of these had been by visiting bands.

Mr. R Dean, of Ilton, thanked the Association for the grant of £50 made to his tower's augmentation fund last year and reported on progress made.

In thanking all who had helped to make the day such a success Mr. Massey referred to the most impressive service at the Cathedral and the welcome received. He spoke of the able way in which the Master had conducted an arduous meeting and thanked all incumbents and tower correspondents who had made their bells available.

Tea followed and members then dispersed. Every tower in the Glaston Branch was open at some time during the day.

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NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICK. — On Easter Day, 1,300 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Julie Hopkins 1, W. C. Budd 2, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 3, P. M. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh 5, Lynda Hopkins 6.

Letters to the Editor

MOTIONS BEFORE THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Dear Sir,—I am sure, Mr. Editor, that you will be as gratified as I am that two of the three motions to be considered by the Central Council at Bath are evidence of the wish of the members of the Council to help "The Ringing World" with its finances. They should produce interesting debates, but they are presumably published now ("Ringing World," April 29th, 1966), with the Agenda, so that ringers may think about them and express their views to their representatives.

I don't feel very strongly about the proposal in motion (b) that names of peal ringers be not published except after payment to "The Ringing World" of 6d. for each person taking part, except that I doubt whether it is worth all the time and effort involved. At the present rate about £12 a week could be hoped for. But I suspect that the enthusiasts who arrange and conduct peals would in the end get left so often with paying the whole of this, in addition to postage, telephone charges, Association booking fees, peal cards, contributions to the tower fund, etc., that the number of peals rung each week would drop. What happens if some of the band pay and some won't? Does the peal get published with gaps? Who deals with the number of small amounts sent in and the inevitable correspondence about them? And what happens to you, sir, when one gets printed without the cash? If "The Ringing World" Committee has to pay for all this there won't be much change.

But I am more concerned with the principle behind motion (c)—inviting affiliated Societies to contribute not less than three guineas for representation annually towards the cost of maintaining "The Ringing World."

Is it necessary? The accounts for 1965 will show, as you foreshadowed recently, that it is not necessary at present. To ask people for money when it is not necessary is likely to get a very lukewarm response.

Is it enforceable? Definitely not. On the contrary, any Association which wishes to contribute can do so, and certain of them already do. As with the individuals who also send contributions, acknowleged weekly in "The Ringing World," I believe that the greatest value of this is the thought that those contributors really feel that the paper is their paper, and of their own volition they want to help it.

What would be the effect on the Council? Certain Associations might well decide that, to reduce this call on their funds, they should reduce their representation on the Council. Would this be a good thing? I doubt it, and so, I know, do others. And would not the Council lose favour, so hardly won over many years, by telling Associations what to do with their funds?

I suggest, sir, that if and when "The Ringing World" reaches the stage when its income and expenditure get out of balance and its reserves are depleted, the Council, which owns it, will have to provide the necessary funds from its other pockets, if necessary replenishing those pockets by increased subscriptions for membership, or increased prices of its publications. Happily, thanks to the efforts of a valiant few, those days are a long way ahead. The finest way to ensure that they never arrive is, I suggest, a 10 per cent. increase in circulation. If members' efforts and Associations' efforts were directed to this end, this should easily be practicable. —Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

Ruislip.

RHYTHM IN RINGING

Dear Sir,—I read carefully Mr. Wilfrid Moreton's article "On Teaching Rhythm" (see "The Ringing World," October 3rd, 1958) before writing my own "On Teaching Ropesight" ("The Ringing World," March 18th, 1966). I think Mr. Moreton's suggestions excellent, and felt that my article was complementary rather than in any way contradictory to Mr Moreton's, because Mr. Moreton was dealing with rounds and call changes and I was dealing with plain hunting. By dealing with one aspect of change ringing I did not wish to imply that teaching rhythm should be ignored; far from it!

Teaching entirely by rhythm presupposes a good band and would be similar to teaching a blind person. It would be interesting to know of the progress of blind ringers. Those I have met have not progressed far, though their striking is good if the other bells are in the right place! Also I doubt whether many average good ringers ring entirely by rhythm —how many of our Surprise peal bands could ring their peals blindfold? The top-class ringer can, but this is a far cry from the average learner. I doubt whether much progress can be made in change ringing without ropesight, so that it is at least "a key to all method ringing" if not "the key."

Does Mr. Moreton think that it is a good idea to have ringers face the wall (or blindfold) at some stage in their training so that they ring entirely by ear? I would suggest that this should be tried after they have achieved ropesight, and not as a means of achieving it, though I doubt whether any but the most able would manage. I think also that the method of teaching ropesight which I advocated (following a certain number of bells) by its emphasis on position would more easily lead to ringing by rhythm (when the place must be noted) than the other methods which I was criticising for other reasons.—Yours sincerely,

P. G. K. DAVIES.

Bilston, Staffs.

PEALS IN ANNUAL REPORTS

Dear Sir,—The cost of printing the annual report is generally the largest financial burden with which most Associations have to cope. In most cases the list of peals rung for the Association forms a substantial part of the report.

In an attempt to cut the cost of printing reports and at the same time provide additional income for "The Ringing World," would it be possible to operate the following system?

(i) Standardise paper sizes used for report printing.

(ii) "The Ringing World" press print a list of peals rung for a particular Association during the year, using the same type as was used to print the peals in "The Ringing World."

(iii) Each Association buy a printed set of peals from "The Ringing World" at the end of each year to bind with locally printed sheets to form the final report.

Perhaps we could have some comment from those acquainted with the economics of printing.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID W. FRIEND.

Chaddesden, Derby.

Our printers' quote: Cost of 100 sheets consisting of four pages of peals, five peals to a page (i.e. 20 peals), standard page size 8¾in. x 5¼ in.: peals reproduced direct from "The Ringing World," £4 17s. 6d.; 500 ditto, £6 5s.—Ed.

AN OLD BELL DISCOVERED

We regret we have been hoaxed again over "An Old Bell Discovered." Mr. A. R. Agg, general secretary of the Hertford County Association, informs us that there is no Gerald M. Fitzburgh connected with ringing in Hitchin or the surrounding district, nor is there such a name in the local telephone directory.

It has, however, enabled a very large number of readers to point out the lack of vigilance on the part of the Editor. Some have done this very wittily. M. Peterson, of Loretto School, writes that the discovery was a primitive type of bird trap used for catching gulls or boobies. Now that the trap door is open he will find if he looks in again that a booby from the Guildford area has been successfully caught.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE

Dear Sir, — I would be grateful if Mr. Gerald M. Fitzburgh, of Hitchin, would come and assist with another difficult inscription.

Outside Merryfield House, my old home, there is a large stone with an iron ring on the top. The stone is reputed to have come from Italy, and it inscribed "Toti Emul Esto." Mr. Fitzburgh will need to bring an old rope with him.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. SMITH.

Witney, Oxon.

FIRST HEARD OVER 30 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter re old bell on page 308 of "The Ringing World," I can assure Mr. Fitzburgh that his find is far from unique and is of no antiquity or value. Metal utensils, bearing similar inscriptions, have been "found" widespread over the country in recent years—the first I heard of one was over 30 years ago. I would suggest that he applies to his local sanitary inspector for the interpretation of the inscription. I am sorry to note his ignorance of his native language.—Yours truly,

EDWIN R. GOATE.

Beccles.

IN 1946 AT THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Dear Sir,—The letter about the discovery of an old bell reminds me that in October, 1946, "Hampshire Chronicle" published a letter by Mr. I. P. Standing, of The Willows, Otterbourne, Hants, who had found a bronze vessel on the sea shore on the Isle of Wight with a similar inscription. He said the inscription was low Latin and though not readily interpreted could mean "Except to the wise I hold not emptiness."

After some research, however, I think a better version would be "The wise will fill me."—Yours faithfully,

JOHN HILL.

Wellington, Somerset.

THE 1958 EXAMPLE

Dear Sir,—It would seem that you, sir, are as fond of the occasional leg-pull as is the editor of the "Hampshire County Magazine." During the course of 1958 this magazine published a letter describing the original discovery of the receptacle mentioned by Mr. Fitzburgh, when it was washed up on Highcliffe beach and caught the eye of a correspondent on April 1st. After close inspection he assigned it to the role of a Roman cooking vessel, and suggested two possible translations:

(a) "Except to the wise I hold not emptiness."

(b) "Except being emptied of wisdom, I hold not."

Yours faithfully,

D. C. JACKSON.

Eling, Hants.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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LETTERS—Continued

SOMETHING FOR BEGINNERS

Dear Sir,—I have recently compiled and had printed a pocket notebook for the use of the boys in our Society here. In content it resembles the Ringers' Diary but contains only such information as I have found relevant and useful. I have compiled the notebook with the following aims in view:

(i) To provide our boys with a tough booklet of good quality material which will last them the full term of their membership here.

(ii) To provide easy reference to charts of those methods which I have found most instructive.

(iii) To provide incentive for advancement by the compiling of personal records.

The notebook is in no way designed to replace verbal instruction, only to supplement it, which is why I have not included many points which I have found best imparted by word of mouth at practice and which look damnably technical in print It is for the beginner just progressing from rounds and although geared specially to our needs here it might prove useful to beginners in general and school societies in particular.—Yours faithfully, JOHN L. QUEEN.

Shebbear College,
Beaworth, North Devon.

1,966 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Martyn Marriott has corresponded with me about the date touch by him which was published in "The Ringing World" on February 4th (page 88). We did not want to send a lot of figures to "The Ringing World" but the touch appears to be in order.

However, in my opinion, the notation of the Homing Course was rather odd; and I submit that, to the less experienced conductor of Stedman Triples, the method of setting out this course would have been clearer if it had followed the lines of Going off Courses, Turning Courses and Homing Courses given for Stedman Caters or Cinques when they are of abnormal length.

This particular Homing Course would then read:

3 . 4 . 5 . 8 . 9 . 10s . 12s . 14 . 15 . 16 . 18 . 20

Rounds at the second row of the last six.

Yours sincerely,
Carbis Bay. H. MILES.

JARROM SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—I should be interested to know how Jarrom Surprise Minor came by its name, as it is the current spelling of my name in Leicestershire. If composed by a Jarrom I should like to know which one is a ringer. I have, I think, all the Leicester family, which is the oldest branch, back to 1580, and a probability which is near certainty back to a Geraum of Digeaewro (Diseworth) of 1206.

The spelling has not only varied over the centuries, but even between brothers, four of whom in the 16th century called themselves Jarram, Jarom, Jerome and Jerram respectively! So I hope the ringing expert of Leicester, if he exists, will not feel hurt if I claim him as a "cousin"! Perhaps someone will let me know. C. F. JERRAM.

Pengwedhen, Helford,
Helston, Cornwall.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 28



ROGER W. SMITH
Peterborough Diocesan Guild

Once again the Peterborough Guild is represented in this series by another of its young members.

Roger W. Smith was born on July 31st, 1948, at Rothersthorpe, Northamptonshire. He is now at Northampton Grammar School, where he has obtained his G.C.E. in nine subjects at "O" level. Roger is hoping to take four "A" levels this coming summer.

At the age of 12 he had his first ringing lessons at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Rothersthorpe, as a pupil of Kenneth D Perkins It was not long before he became a member and regular Sunday service ringer at this tower. With the help of many friends too numerous to mention this brilliant youngster progressed rapidly and about a year after his first lesson he scored his first peal. This was when he rang the treble to a peal of seven Doubles methods at Kistingbury on November 11th, 1961, conducted by George E. Roome.

In just over four years Roger's peal total has reached 140 Of these he has conducted two single-method Doubles peals, the first being St. Nicholas Doubles at Stamford-on-Avon on December 7th, 1963. An ambition to take part in a peal of eight-spliced standard methods has already been fulfilled.

Roger's collection of peals includes 15 single-method Doubles (13 of which were first in the method), 60 (I.P.C.) Doubles methods, 34 Spliced Surprise Minor methods and 14 Spliced Surprise Major methods (all record performances for the Peterborough Guild). His single-method peals include London and Pudsey Surprise Royal and 16 different Surprise Major methods.

This excellent record for one so young does great credit to the Peterborough Guild and the many friends who have helped him in so many different ways and of these perhaps Alan and Graham Paul should receive special mention. An interesting point in this story is the fact that a "Paul" has taken part in practically all of Roger's peals.

Well done, Roger and the Peterborough Guild. May the success of both continue for many years!

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Julius Cæsar Commemoration

Dear Sir—We write in response to the letter of Mr. Eisel, on page 260, concerning the in memoriam peal for G. J. Cæsar.

Mr. Eisel's suspicions are confirmed by the conductor, Mr. R D. Bailey, that it was in fact Gaius Julius Cæsar in whose memory the peal was rung. We wish to make it quite clear that so far as we are concerned, the first thing we knew about the motive of the peal was when we saw it in "The Ringing World." As theological students and ordinands, we deprecate the idea of ringing for this purpose which, we regret to say, was premeditated.

At the same time we beg to differ with Mr. Eisel that Mr Cæsar's visits to this country were hardly occasions for rejoicing. One only has to look at his achievements in bringing civilisation to Gaul to realise that had he not come we—and Mr. Eisel—might still be wearing woad. Perhaps Mr. Eisel might have pointed out that the wording should have been, strictly speaking, "In Memoriam C. Iulii Cæsaris."

We assume that Mr. Eisel **objects**, as we do, from religious motives, but we feel that one of the worst things a churchman can do is to appear **appalled** over trifles, particularly those which do not concern him.—Vale,

JOHN PLADDYS.
DAVID L. CAWLEY.

King's College, London.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

Central Council invited to Croydon in 1968

THE highlight of the Surrey Association's annual general meeting on May 7tn was when the meeting voted unanimously in favour of inviting the Central Council to the London Borough of Croydon for their 1968 meeting. Mr. W. Parrott told members that a number of plans had been made. Accommodation would be provided by a new hotel now under construction and the Fairfield Halls would be provided free of charge by the Croydon Council for the meeting.

Held this year at St. John's, Croydon, the annual general meeting attracted over 80 ringers from a wide area. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. Henderson and the organ played by Mr. Stevens, the father of the new tower captain there.

The committee's report commented on the number of quarter peals rung in 1965—a record number, 226. Attendances at District meetings had been disappointing, especially in the Southern District, where there was a 30 per cent. decline. The treasurer, Mrs. K. Chilcott, reported that the balance on General Account had dropped by £52 10s. 9d., mainly due to the purchase of a duplicator The Belfry Repair Fund now stood at £240 4s. 11d. and a collection taken later realised a further £4 1s.

The Association library was reported to be in a poor condition as a result of dampness in St. John's, Redhill, tower. Mr. K. Game advised members that the best way to avoid more damage was for them to borrow the books more often. Only one book had been on loan during the year. The meeting agreed to the library being moved to Kingston upon Thames. Thanks were expressed to Mr. W. E. Oatway, who kindly presented the library with a bound copy of the 1965 "Ringing World."

After the election of new members, the election of officers for 1966 was attended to. Mr. F. E. Collins handed over the chair to Mr. A. P. Cannon, and he thanked the members for his last year of office. He had been connected with the Association for over 40 years, in which time he had seen many changes. He welcomed the influx of younger ringers into the Exercise and congratulated them on the standards they were attaining Officers elected were as follows: Master, A. P. Cannon: hon. secretary, W. Parrott: hon. treasurer, Mrs. K. Chilcott: hon. assistant secretary, C. H. Cook: auditor, M. V. Chilcott: and liaison officer to the Guildford Guild, W. H. Jackson.

Mr. Cannon thanked the retiring Master for the immense amount of work he had done for the Association in conducting tower surveys and encouraging high ringing standards. The venue chosen for the 1967 annual general meeting was Guildford Cathedral.

The first motion on the agenda concerned the amalgamation of the posts of secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Chilcott proposed this because she felt that there was too much duplication and this could be avoided. Mr. N. Bagworth seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. Mr. N. Steere proposed and Mr. W. H. Jackson seconded that committee members elected in January at the District's annual general meetings should be allowed to join the retiring committee at their meeting prior to the May annual general. The motion was carried. It was proposed to raise the non-resident life membership subscription to 10s., but after lengthy discussion the meeting voted overwhelmingly against it. Mr. W. H. Jackson proposed that a dinner be held in 1966 or 1967 at which members could have an opportunity to meet socially. Mr. N. Steere seconded and advised members to vote for this only if they intended to attend the dinner. The voting showed that members were in favour of a dinner being held, and it was left to the committee to decide when and where it should take place

Finally, in view of the number of changes that had been made in the rules in recent years it was proposed that a new edition be printed: the meeting agreed. Members then listened to a striking competition between the Northern and Southern Districts. Mr. A. P. Cannon adjudicated and the winners were the Northern District by 49 faults to 71. He congratulated the participants on the high standard of ringing.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A feature of the quarterly meeting of the Bicester and District Branch at Bicester on April 30th, attended by the Master of the Guild (Canon C. Elliot Wigg), was the number of school-age recruits who were elected to membership. These were from Middleton Stoney (four), Ludgershall (four) and Brill (two). Recruits are always required, and those interested should contact local ringers or the incumbent. The reopening of Middleton Stoney tower was also announced.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon W. H. Treble), Mr. F. Sharpe read the lesson and the Rev. J. W. Larter preached an excellent sermon. Mr. C. Smith was organist. Tea was served by Mesdames Hunt, Blackman, Purnell and Baggett.

Mr. Christopher Mew's 100 Peals

With a peal at Cranford on May 7th, Mr. Christopher F. Mew, of Putney, completed his century of peals. The variety is indicated by the following list: Minor 1 (conducted 1), Minor 26 (22), Major 49 (20), Royal 3 (1), Doubles 4 (3), Triples 12 (8, three silent), Caters 5 (2) Total 100 (conducted 57), three silent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

For the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association at Maulden on May 7th 11 towers were open during the day for ringing spread over a period of seven hours, with plenty of methods to suit everybody.

After an excellent tea the company was welcomed at the business meeting by the president, Mr E. A. Ruston, who was re-elected president. There was an addition to the vice-presidents—Mr. H. B. Whitney, in recognition of his work connected with the annual report over many years. Mr. A. Smith was re-elected general secretary and treasurer. Mr. P. Mehew peal secretary, Mr. J. Long librarian, Mr. C. E. Jeffries auditor, Mr. H. D. Harris and Mr. A. J. Smith trustees. Messrs. A. E. Rushton and J. H Edwards were elected as Central Council representatives. Leighton Buzzard was selected for the 1967 annual general meeting.

After discussion, the Boundaries Committee's recommendation to equal out the number of towers in each District was carried. It was proposed on behalf of the General Committee that any member over 65 years of age could, if he so wished, pay a reduced subscription of not less than 2s. 6d. The meeting felt that most people would want to continue with the full subscription, but it might help in some circumstances.

Small committees were appointed to look into the investing of the Belfry Repair Fund: formulate rules for a striking competition: and for enlistment of a band of people willing to help any Association church with the maintenance of its bells and any other aspect of campanology.

The three motions before the Central Council were discussed. It was felt that each Society should have enough conscience to keep non-resident life membership fees within a reasonable limit, and this motion should not, therefore, be necessary. Regarding "The Ringing World," it was felt that the paper should not be subsidised but an all-out effort be made to get more readers, especially postal subscribers.

The vote of thanks was proposed by the president, who thanked the clergy for the use of their bells, Mr. M. J. Lockey and the ladies of Maulden for tea and arrangements, and the officers for their work during the year.

COLLEGE YOUTHS VISIT GLOUCESTER

THE Ancient Society of College Youths were fortunate in the weather for their annual "out of town" meeting, which this year was held in Gloucester on May 7th in bright sunshine for most of the day. In the morning members gathered from all over the country in the beautiful old-world little town of Painswick, where the 12 fine bells were put to good use in a variety of methods. This was followed by an excellent lunch at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Gloucester, at which 52 members and friends were present.

Ringing at Gloucester Cathedral was unfortunately curtailed when the clapper of the sixth bell broke; but we were kindly permitted to ring instead on the eight bells at St. Mary-de-Crypt. Tea was generously provided by Mr. Leslie Barry, and then some 70 members and friends crowded into the vestry of St. Mary-de-Crypt for a short business meeting presided over by the Master, Mr. J. D. Rock.

The Master welcomed members and visitors mentioning especially Mr. C. Rouse, the secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and said how pleased he was to see such a large attendance. He expressed the thanks of all the members to Mr. Leslie Barry for having organised the day so splendidly, and thanked also the incumbents and captains of towers in which they had rung, and the Dean of Gloucester for having given them permission to ring

During the meeting tributes were paid to the life and work of John Pinfold, and members observed a short silence. Mr. C. Rouse welcomed the College Youths to Gloucester on behalf of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. He said how pleased he was that the Society had come to Gloucester and expressed the hope that members had had an enjoyable day. In conclusion, the Master said that it was clear that everyone had enjoyed coming to Gloucester. "When we have found a good place to have an enjoyable meeting," he said, "why shouldn't we stick to it? Speaking informally, I hope you'll invite us to Gloucester again in a few years' time."

The day finished with more ringing at St. Mary-de-Crypt and Cheltenham. To attend this most enjoyable meeting, members came from Yorkshire, Lancashire, Birmingham, Bristol, Kent, Bedford, South Wales with over 30 from London. W. T. C.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Concern was expressed at the annual general meeting of the Leeds and District Society by the secretary (Mr. Ian North) at the poor attendance at most meetings, although membership numbers were good. This was evident that day by only 20 turning up on a sunny afternoon at St. Chad's, Headingley, with afternoon ringing at Chapel Allerton. However, full advantage was taken of the bells with touches of Minor, Triples and Major.

New and old members whose membership has lapsed will be welcome at the next meeting at Batley on May 28th.

Mr. Harold Chant new Barnsley President

Mr. Harold Chant, who for 36 years has been hon. treasurer of the Barnsley and District Society, was elected president at the annual meeting at Barnsley on May 14th. Mr. Christopher Moxon is the new treasurer and Mr. J. W. Buxton continues as hon. secretary.

South Kirkby was in the news. Five members from this tower were elected to membership, an evening meeting is to be held there on June 18th to help them, and it is likely to be the venue for the shield contest. A trip to London is being arranged by Mr. Eric Stainrod. Mr. A. D. Birch presided, and Mr. C. Moxon proposed the vote of thanks.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN PINFOLD

The news of the death of John Pinfold, at the age of 76, came as a great shock to the members of the St. Martin's Guild.

John commenced to ring when a boy at Emscote, near Warwick, where his father was a ringer. When John was still in his teens, the celebrated ringer John D. Matthews, a printer by trade, went to live in Warwick, and it was from him John received early tuition in change ringing.

John Pinfold also became a printer, but found it necessary to travel to Birmingham each day (a distance of 25 miles) to find suitable employment in the trade. The difficulties of travelling and the time occupied therein were factors which caused John to give up ringing for some 16 years, and it was not until the war-time ban on ringing was lifted that he returned to offer his services to ringing.

By this time John had moved to reside in Birmingham and quickly became one of the foremost peal ringers in the St. Martin's Guild. To learn a new method was no trouble to him, and his ringing was most reliable. He seldom made a mistake and he was a good striker.

John filled the office of Ringing Master of the Guild for several years with infinite tact and efficiency, and earned the respect of every member. He was a most punctual member of Birmingham Cathedral and St. Martin's Sunday service bands, by whose members his regular presence will be greatly missed.

At the funeral service, which took place at Lodge Hill, Selly Oak, the Worcestershire Association was represented by Mr. W. B. Cartwright, and the following members of the St. Martin's Guild were present to pay their last respects to a good friend and a fine ringer: Messrs. N. J. Goodman, B. D. A. Woolley, H. H. Fearn and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fearn.

HIS PEALS

Doubles.—1. Total Doubles 1.

Minor.—Cambridge 5, Treble Bob 4, Plain Bob 2, London 1. Total Minor 12.

Triples.—Stedman 15, Grandsire 9, St. Clement's 1. Total Triples 25.

Major.—Cambridge 73, London 59, Yorkshire 59, Lincolnshire 46, Rutland 40, Bristol 29, Double Norwich 21, Superlative 18, Plain Bob 8, Pudsey 7, Painswick 4, Belgrave 3, two each of Treble Bob, Ipswich, Ashtead, Gainsborough, Quinton, one each of Little Oxford, New Cambridge, Somerset, Hinton, Aldenham, Radnor, Hitchin, Hallam, Jersey, Vauxhall, Chilton, Peterborough, Premier, Birmingham, Tring, Warwickshire, Cornwall, Belvedere, Southgate, Trowbridge, Crewe, Ealing, Staffordshire, Ashton-under-Lyne, Ribblesdale, Moseley, Bordesley, Kendal, Withyham, Oxhey, Erdington, Bushey, Cassiobury, Truro, Darlington, Lindum, Colmore, Norfolk, Ramsey, Barnet, Bromford, Xanthus, Catesby, Valbourne, Desmonde, Olton, Witton, Icknield, Calthorpe, Wembley, Bedford, Zetland, Dorchester, Aylestone, Deritend, Digbeth, Aldridge, Umberslade, Jaffrey, Uxbridge, Weatheroak, Queslett, Bournville, Clarendon. Spliced: Four methods 17, six methods 11, eight methods 5, ten methods 1.
Total Major 475.

Caters.—Stedman 28, Grandsire 5.
Total Caters 33.

Royal.—Cambridge 53, Yorkshire 29, London 10, Pudsey 5, Plain Bob 2, Lincolnshire 2, Solihull 2, Oakham 2, one each of Belgrave, Rutland, New Cambridge, Albanian, Prittlewell, Pontefract, Lindsey, Painswick, Birmingham, Warwickshire, York, Langley, Staffordshire, Saltley, Spliced (two methods).
Total Royal 120.

Cinques.—Stedman 123, Grandsire 1, Erin 1.
Total Cinques 125.

Maximus.—Cambridge 36, Yorkshire 14, two each of Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Prittlewell, one each of Belgrave, Albanian, Lindsey, Birmingham, Solihull, Pontefract, Spliced (two methods). Total Maximus 63.

Grand total.—854.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

THE annual festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Oxton, Birkenhead, on May 14th. Despite coinciding with the Cup Final, which was of particular interest to Wirral people, some 80 ringers were present for lunch and 120 for tea. This year it was decided to reintroduce a full-day festival, which was the custom a number of years ago. The day was perfect for the occasion and ringing in the morning was enjoyed at Eastham, Bromborough, Port Sunlight and Bebington. Non-ringers visited the beautifully preserved village of Port Sunlight.

Lunch at the Parish Hall, Oxton, comprised grapefruit, chicken main course, fruit flan, cheese and biscuits and coffee—all for 5s. The annual meeting followed and lasted from 2.07 to 3.08; a reduction in time of over 50 per cent. This year the officers were given a vote of confidence in that they were all re-elected, with an additional post of Press reporter, which has been in existence for the past 11 months but needed to be ratified by the meeting.

The date of the annual dinner and dance was given as October 15th and will be held this year at Bowdon Assembly Rooms. A promise was made that speeches would be cut to a minimum.

The meeting ratified the motion put forward by the Standing Committee for discussion at the Central Council this Whitsun. Discussion also took place on the other motions on the Central Council agenda, so the representatives know the general feeling of the Guild on these motions.

CATHEDRAL BELLS APPEAL

The general secretary, Mr. Henry O. Baker, presented the report on the Guild's effort towards the Cathedral bells. So far the Guild has raised £540 of the £1,000 that is being guaranteed. Members were urged to raise the remaining £460 as soon as possible. They were warned that when the Guild's effort was completed, they were being made responsible for organising the general appeal throughout Cheshire for the remaining money. No definite figure could be given for this amount at present.

It was reported that educational courses held so far had been extremely useful and would be continued. A donation of £5 was approved towards the cost of repairs to bell fittings at Northwich tower. The design of the Master's badge was agreed upon with one minor alteration.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Alex Martin and the Wirral ringers for their excellent arrangements.

Ringing was then enjoyed at Oxton, Bidston and Woodchurch. The service was held at St. Saviour's, Oxton, at 4.30 p.m. and the preacher was the Very Rev. E. H. Patey, Dean of Liverpool, who gave a very interesting sermon (despite the fact that he was wondering what the Cup Final score was!). Tea followed.

The Master of the Guild, Mr. John Worth, asked if a "full-day festival" should be held next year, and those present were unanimously in favour. In 1967 the meeting will be held at Macclesfield. Ringing continued after tea at St. Saviour's, Oxton, followed by handbell ringing outside the local, and then the journey home, those "from the hills" arriving home at midnight. R. B. S.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Despite the Biggleswade District's misfortune in not being able to hold an outing, the evening meeting at Henlow proved to be a great success, with an attendance equalling that of many full meetings.

Mr. L. Bywaters catered for all tastes as Ringing Master, with plenty of rounds for the many young people who have started ringing from Potton, Biggleswade and Northill.

Next meeting: Potton, June 11th. L. E.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Two well-known Sydney ringers, Sue Wright and Clare Masefield, are on a working holiday in New Zealand, reports "Ringing Towers."

Mr. Simon Humphrey has completed the circle as conductor at Wollaton Church, Notts, with a quarter peal of Merton and Morning Star Treble Bob on April 24th.

Correction.—The footnote to the peal of Doubles rung at Audlem (page 313) should be: Conducted by Frank R. Morton, and not as printed.

The footnote to the peal of York Maximus at Walsall on April 23rd should read: First of York Maximus by all the band except the ringers of 6 and 11.

The Hertfordshire Association are inviting the Central Council for 1971, and not as was inadvertently stated in "Belfry Gossip" on page 311.

A reward for their enthusiasm in their efforts to progress in method ringing was when the local band at Eling, Hants, rang their first as a band of Minor (Little Bob).

Barnet ringers, by their quarter peal of Grandsire on May 1st, scored three first quarters and two firsts of Doubles. A happy day for Roy Adcock, who was celebrating his 21st birthday, and also for the conductor, Mr. P. M. Cuckson.

All Saints', Parramatta, N.S.W., rang for 144 weddings in the year ending March 31st. They raised $1,600 during the year and the halfway mark in the tower's fund for recasting bells is now behind them. Bob Ferris is still captain, with Ralph Clark as his deputy.

Only six ladies attended the Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild at Grundisburgh on May 14th. If this non-attendance trend continues serious consideration will have to be given to disbanding the District, although membership is continuing at almost the same level.

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QUEEN MOTHER IN NEW ZEALAND

Christchurch Cathedral bells played a prominent part in the visit of H.M. the Queen Mother. To mark the occasion a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on April 24th. Her Majesty attended morning service at the Cathedral, and Grandsire Caters was rung as she arrived and also when she left. This ringing was broadcast by the N.Z.B.C.

For Evensong ringing the local band was delighted to welcome to the tower Her Majesty's personal bodyguard, Chief Inspector Richard Sumner. He enjoyed ringing Grandsire Caters and also a touch of Plain Bob Major with Christchurch ringers. Afterwards some of the ringers were the Chief Inspector's guests on board the Royal Yacht "Britannia."

OXON TRIBUTE TO LIVERPOOL'S BISHOP

In honour of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. S. Y. Blanch as fifth Bishop of Liverpool, a quarter peal of Doubles was rung at Eynsham, Oxon, where he was Vicar from 1952 to 1956. This was his only parish as Vicar, and he visited it on March 8th to be presented with a gold pectoral cross by the churchwardens on behalf of the people of Eynsham. The design of the cross was taken from the lid of a mediæval stone coffin believed to have been the resting place of an Abbot of Eynsham. The bells were rung before and after the presentation.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY STRIKING CONTEST

Six teams entered for the first eight-bell striking contest promoted by the Society and held at Christ Church, Coseley. The judges were Messrs J. Alan Ainsworth and Charles Webb of Birmingham, and in addition to the actual striking a proportion of the marks was given for a good rhythm. The test piece was either a plain course of Grandsire Triples (selected by five teams) or a bob course of Plain Bob Major.

The winners were Little Aston (6½ faults out of 100), followed by Lichfield Cathedral (26¾) and Penn (27¼). Other towers which entered were Cannock, Stafford and St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.

Bilston bells were also available in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holden and local ringers were thanked for their contribution to the success of the function.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

This quarter's "Irish Bell News" opens with the story of the resuscitation of Dublin University Society of Change Ringers. This was due to the keenness of three members who, when they entered St. Patrick's Cathedral belfry, their knowledge of ringing was nil. Later they were to be the first Master, Anthony Vere-Hodge, and the secretary, Miss Ann Sadler. The third founder was Miss Marilyn Bernard-Smith, who left the College last June and was married in October. Anthony and Ann leave this year.

New officers are: Miss C. E. Hall, secretary, who hails from Hillsborough, Co. Down; Miss Helen M. Hubert, Master, from Southern England. The president is the Rev. Professor F Vokes, a ringer, whose son has advanced to Surprise Maximus in the Midlands. Great helps in training are Colin A. Lewis, lecturer at the National University, and Charles Reede, of the St. Patrick's Society.

HIGHEST HONOUR FOR MR. W. C. WEST

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild at its annual festival and general meeting at Dorchester on May 14th elected Mr. W. C. West, of Melksham, Wilts, as the new president of the Guild.

Having reached the age of 71, Mr. West decided to give way to a younger man after having been associated with the secretary and treasurer's department for 25 years. The first nine years he served as assistant secretary and then for 16 years was general secretary.

Another appointment from which he has resigned is that of one of the Guild's Central Council representatives, a position he has held since 1945. The Rev. Roger Keeley succeeds him. The new general secretary is Mr. J. T. Barrett, 120, Gerrards Green, Beaminster, Dorset.

The Editor would like to acknowledge his indebtedness to Mr. West for the mutual understanding and helpfulness that has existed since their first meeting at Norwich, when they were both, so to speak, "new boys."

BRAMFORD'S WELDED TENOR REDEDICATED

At Evensong on Ascension Day the welded tenor bell at Bramford, Suffolk, was rededicated, the work having been carried out by Mr. Nielsen, of Vejle, Denmark. Of the 300 or so bells he has welded this is the first to be used for English change ringing. There is another bell in England he has welded—the tenor at Little Hallingbury—but this is hung dead for chiming only. Unhappily it has recently cracked again.

The back five at Bramford are probably the only complete ring from the foundry of Miles Graye I cast in 1632. They are considered tonally superior to most others cast in the same period.. When the tenor cracked it was decided that rather than recast such an historically important bell, it was worth while experimenting with welding. The cost of repair will be upwards of £250. About £18 duty was charged. The ringers' opinion of the bell is "splendid." Time alone will tell whether this is a satisfactory method of repair.

21st ANNIVERSARY PEAL

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Melksham, Wiltshire, on May 7th, was arranged to mark the 21st anniversary of the peal of Grandsire Doubles at North Bradley, on May 8th, 1945, to proclaim the termination of hostilities in Europe. On that occasion three of the Yorkshire band rang their first peal, viz.: F. S. Slatford, L. E. Hitchins and E. J. Hitchins. D. E. Lee, ringer of the treble, also rang his first peal in 1945—Plain Bob Minor, in the same tower.

Mr. E. J. Hitchins, the conductor, would like to associate with the peal the names of Mr. P. W. J. Harding, tower captain at North Bradley, who taught these four, then schoolboys, to handle a bell and ring methods, Mr. Ronald Harding and the late Mr. A. Roy Harding, who took part in the two 1945 peals.

A COUSIN TO GLASGOW

Regarding the peal of Clyde Surprise Royal rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, Mr. Neil Bennett (the conductor) informs us that the name was chosen because of the method's similarity to Glasgow Surprise Major. It is not, however, an acceptable extension of the latter and hence the name of Glasgow could not be used.

TWYFORD PEALS

In 1965 a ringing venture was mooted by Geoffrey K. Dodd and other Winchester Guild ringers to attempt peals at the four Twyfords, With favourable answers, it was planned to attempt Twyford, Leics, on April 30th and the following three on May 7th. Then came a bombshell. Permission for Twyford, Berks, was withdrawn as permission had been given to another band. (Their attempt lasted only 20 minutes!)

Some compensation was permission to make an attempt at Loughborough Bell Foundry on April 30th. But to reach there for a 9 a.m. start the car had to leave at 4.45, picking up en route. A peal of Bob Royal was rung in just over three hours, probably not quite up to the Leicester times for the bells. In the afternoon two attempts were necessary for the Leicester Twyford peal. Cambridge was stopped by one of the lady cleaners to enable her to get her mop from the ground-floor belfry, and a peal of Minor in two methods rung.

A week later the band met at Twyford, Hants, at 8 a.m. and a good peal of Bob Major was brought round in 2 hours and 50 minutes. The last peal here was rung 21 years ago, before the bells were rehung. At 2.30 p.m. that afternoon the long draught at Twyford, Bucks, was being tackled and, despite two interruptions, another good peal was scored in 2 hours and 50 minutes, which was thought by the local captain to be the first on the bells. And so with a 100 per cent. success and the promise of a peal at Twyford, Berks, later in the year, we feel well satisfied with out week's ringing, writes G. K. D.

GRANDSON'S GOLDEN WEDDING COMPLIMENT

On the four bells at St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, Lincoln, a quarter peal of Bob Minimus in which his grandson, Kevin, took part, was rung on May 8th in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert I. Mingay, of Grimsby. Mr. Mingay was a well-known ringer, being attached to St. Andrew's, Grimsby, for 25 years, but had not been able to ring for 25 years.

Kevin had his first lesson in handling a bell on February 1st and his grandfather expressed doubts as to whether he would be sufficiently competent to ring the quarter. This challenge only increased his determination and at the end of the quarter he was congratulated on reaching the standard in so short a time.

A peal attempt on May 7th in honour of the occasion at Grimsby was also successful.

RANG ON HIS 80th BIRTHDAY

Mr. Chris Spiers celebrated his 80th birthday on Sunday, May 1st, by ringing for morning service at St. Mary's Church, Horsell, Woking, where he has rung regularly, apart from the war time, for 44 years. Previously he was ringing for 20 years at East Meon, Hampshire, where he learned to handle a bell, thus completing 64 years in the two belfries.

A peal was rung in his honour on the day before his birthday by some of his friends in the Guildford Diocesan Guild and, on the actual day, in his own tower, a quarter peal of Doubles. The ringers of Horsell presented him with a copy of "English Cathedrals."

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
EARDISLAND, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., May 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Leslie Evans	Treble	Michael P. Moreton	5
John D. Rock	2	D. Paul Smith	6
Robert W. Hinde	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Alan J. Frost	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
First peal of Spliced on the bells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
TRING, Herts.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Walted Lee	5
*Robert D. Bellamy	2	Anthony K. Fortin	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	C. Martin Press	7
Ronald J. Snack	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal of Surprise Major "inside."
Compliments to Ruth Elmes and John Blackwood, and Gillian Schofield and Roderick Pipe on their recent engagements.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Brian Schofield	Treble	Jeffrey Brannan	5
Christine Andrew	2	Frederick Shallcross	6
Sidney Hough	3	Neil D. Lomas	7
Alan Twyman	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by T. Worsley (No. 3). Conducted by D. Mottershead.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
TYSOE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Fri., May 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 43 methods/var.: Stedman and Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Dedworth, Primrose, Buttercup, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Wallflower, Marston, Tichborne, St Osmund, St. Ambrose, St. Remigius, Horsley, Church Gresley, St. Simon, Eynsham, Elford, St. Albans, St. Martin, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Paul, St. Nicholas, Lapley, Shareshill, St. Giles, Winchendon, St. John, Ryton, St. Miles, Folke, Cadbury, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Seighford, Kennington. Tenor 12 cwt. 18 lb. in F

*Anthea R. Sparshott	Treble	Stephen F. Royal	4
Peter C. Randall	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Anthony J. Cox	3	John F. Thorne	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.
* First peal.
Most methods/variations to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., May 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp

David Kingman	Treble	Gladys Richardson	4
*Susan E. Davis	2	Timothy Wylie	5
M. Elizabeth Hearnshaw	3	Alex Richardson	Tenor

Conducted by Timothy Wylie.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Cyril A. Wratten	Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon	7
Gillian M. Hussey	2	Philip M. J Gray	8
*Diana M. Chapman	3	†John C. Slater	9
Roger M. Heyworth	4	John H. Gilbert	10
D. John Hunt	5	Stephen Ivin	11
Trevor A. Cross	6	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by P. Border. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Maximus.

SOUTH CERNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Wed., April 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5760 DOUBLES
In 48 methods/var., viz.: Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps Pleasure, St. Columba, Clifford's Pleasure, Campion, Little Aston, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Thomas, Lapley, Nuffield, Shareshill, Winchendon Place, St. Miles, St Luke, St. John, Wadham, Ryton, St. Remigius, Church Gresley, St Chrysostom Horsley, St. Richard, St. Cleer, St. Osmund, St. Ambrose, St. Patrick, St. Ninian, St. Werburgh, St. Felix, St. Martin, St Paul, St. Peter, St. Leonard, Magdalen, Austrey, St. Simon, St. Alban, Cassington, Eynsham Somerville, Elford, Plain Bob, Kennington, Old Bob, April Day, Hudibras, Seighford.
Tenor 11 cwt.

Herbert L. Cooke	Treble	Michael E Stracey	4
Bruce Wakefield	2	Roland T. Wakefield	5
William F. Scudamore	3	Ernest H. Jefferies	Tenor

Conducted by William F. Scudamore.
Greatest number of methods/variations, and longest length on the bells.

ELMORE, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Stuart Holtam	Treble	David Pobjoy	4
Peter Clarkson	2	*Roy Nicholas	5
Vivian Deane	3	†Leslie Barry	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie Barry.
* First peal. † 350th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth, also for the christening of his daughter. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., May 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of London, Primrose, Surfleet and Beverley and three of Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Frank Reed	4
Brian W. Hall	2	Bertram J. Coggins	5
*Michael E. Stracey	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal of Surprise.

MEYSEY-HAMPTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., May 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 11 methods, seven extents, viz.: (1) Double Bob and Fulbeck, (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Ernest H. Jefferies	Treble	Roland T. Wakefield	4
William F. Scudamore	2	Michael E. Stracey	5
Brian W. Hall	3	Frank Reed	Tenor

Conducted by Frank Reed.
First in 11 methods by all except the conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HEREFORD.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*P. Preece	Treble	†P. L. Hughes	4
H. Johnson	2	F. Reynolds	5
W. Kitson	3	S. Bowyer	Tenor

Conducted by F. Reynolds.
* First peal † First "inside."
Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Johnson (ringer of 2nd), for 60 years a ringer.

TALGARTH, Breconshire.—At the Church of St. Gwendoline.
On Sun., May 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 7½ cwt

William G. Smith	Treble	Austin T. Wingate	4
Mrs. E. C. Chandler	2	Robert A. Hatcher	5
George T. Cousins	3	John W. Hope	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam David H. (Dai) Bennett, a ringer at Talgarth over 40 years, Northern District Captain 15 years, and treasurer of the Guild. Also former Ringing Master and secretary of the Swansea and Brecon Guild.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KEELE SOCIETY.
KEELE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., May 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in G sharp.

*Christina L. Salengre	Treble	Felicity Webber	4
Philip C. Kimber	2	Anthony P White	5
Jeremy A Tandy	3	Michael J. Robinson	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J Robinson.
* First peal attempt.
Rung as a compliment to Susan Webber and Philip Gay on their recent engagement.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., May 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G

Herbert E. Audsley	Treble	Frederick J. Cullum	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	W. Arthur Riddington	6
Bernard F. L. Groves	3	Christopher T. Osenton	7
John W. Smith	4	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Wed., May 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CLYDE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Neil Bennett	6
Christine Andrew	2	Neil D. Lomas	7
Basil Jones	3	Jeffrey Brannan	8
Peter J. Wycherley	4	Derek Butterworth	9
Tudor P. Edwards	5	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
First peal in the method.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

*Susan Gregson	Treble	Nicholas M. Newby, jun.	5
James E. Dickinson	2	Alan Capstick	6
†Kevin Price	3	David H. Garnett	7
Nicholas M. Newby	4	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
* First peal. † First peal on tower bells and of Major.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs — At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Wed., May 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-Part (7th Obs.). Tenor 12 cwt.

Margaret E. Fort	Treble	Norman Tompkins	5
Roy Parkinson	2	Joseph Thornley	6
*Thomas Hobson	3	John Ashcroft	7
Charles Brownlow	4	Arnold Critchley	Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft
* First peal in the method "inside."
A compliment to the tenor ringer and Mrs. Critchley on the birth of their son, David.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Fri., April 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Derek P. Jones	2	Dan S. Pont	6
Rev. M. C C. Melville	3	R. Kingsley Mason	7
Rupert A. Clarke	4	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
The composition contains all 7568 and 7468 courses, and the 6th 12 courses home.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Ronald Chafer	Treble	Frank G. Bloomfield	5
Jack Bray	2	C. Aubrey Harrison	6
George E. Feirn	3	Arthur Pashley	7
John H. Parker	4	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Jack Bray.
Rung with the band's best wishes to mark the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mingay.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANGYNWYD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Cynwyd.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents Plain Bob and 40 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Raymond J. Mayle	Treble	Harold Preece	4
D. R. Lynn Jones	2	D. Walford Davies	5
William T. Petty	3	*Cyril Phillips	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
* First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. M. J. Mainwaring on his induction as Vicar of the parish.

CLYDE SURPRISE ROYAL
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

CHURCH GRESLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS. George and Mary.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores in seven methods: Ten Grandsire, eight Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, six Plain Bob, six Southrepps, four Clifford's Pleasure, four April Day and four Kennington. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

*James A. Roe (12)	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	3
William F. Woodward	2	Derek P. Jones	4
†David Perry	Tenor		

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal attempt. † First attempt "inside."
Rung for the Patronal Festival as part of the Gift Day programme on St. George's Day.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

HOPE, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Cynfarch.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents (10 callings) and one Pitman's 240.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*Margaret A. Price	Treble	*Charles Bowley	4
†Dr. E. Velma Woodcock	2	*E. Malcolm Jones	5
*John R. Williams	3	Harry A. Price	Tenor

Conducted by E. Malcolm Jones.
* First peal, first attempt. † First "inside" of Doubles.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LONGTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 ERDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*Madeleine McCallion	Treble	*Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	*†Raymond J. Ballard	6
*Felicity T. Webber	3	*Paul Atkins	7
*F. Hector Bennett	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal in the method. † 75th peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROUSHAM, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Leonard and James.
On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and three extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

Pamela E. Powell	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke	4
Charlotte A. Bennett	2	Ernest G. Jones	5
Diana Reeves	3	*Robert A. Reeves	Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Reeves.
* First peal of Minor as conductor.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*Hilary Osborne	Treble	Edward D. Patching	4
*Susan M. Holden	2	T. Geoffrey Holden	5
James F. List	3	Peter G. Holden	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Holden.
* First peal of Minor.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues	Treble	†G. Robert Mordaunt	5
Paul A. Brand	2	Richard Wharton	6
*John M. Preston	3	†Roger M. Heyworth	7
Rodney A. Yeates	4	Anthony P. Foster	Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson Conducted by Anthony P. Foster.
* First peal of Major "inside." † 25th peal together.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FINEDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Sheila J. Staley	Treble	*Kevan J. Chapman	5
*Eric J. Chapman	2	Richard J. Cowley	6
†Murray A. Coleman	3	Frank E. Coales	7
*Edward C. Buckby	4	Denis G. Pearson	Tenor

Arranged by Murray A. Coleman. Conducted by Denis G. Pearson.
* First peal in the method. †100th peal.
Rung as a tribute to Canon J. C. Gill, Vicar of Finedon since 1958, on his retirement.

THE RHODESIAN GUILD

SALISBURY, Rhodesia.—At the Cathedral of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sun., April 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES AND MINOR
Being three extents of Plain Bob Minor and 24 of Plain Bob Doubles.
Tenor 8 cwt.

*Penny Hughes	Treble	†James R. Milford ..	4
Monica Blagrove	2	††Kenneth S. Cross	5
†Richard Hedges	3	Frank T. Blagrove ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal. † First peal of odd and even. ‡ First "inside."
Rung in thanksgiving for the completion of the interior of the Cathedral, and as a farewell to Monica and Frank T. Blagrove.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., May 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Norman J. Goodman ..	Treble	John A. Anderson	7
Gillian M. Hussey	2	J. Alan Ainsworth	8
James Insley	3	Peter J. Stretton	9
George E. Fearn	4	D. John Hunt	10
Michael J. Fellows	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	11
David J. Purnell	6	Ralph G. Edwards ..	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Mon., May 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Henry H. Fearn	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Muriel Reay	2	Michael J. Fellows	8
Norman J. Goodman ..	3	George E. Fearn	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	John A. Anderson	10
J. Alan Ainsworth	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
Martin D Fellows	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
Arranged for the inauguration of the University of Aston in Birmingham and rung immediately following a service of dedication and thanksgiving.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MELKSHAM, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E

Donald E. Lee	Treble	Charles P. Quartley	5
Frederick S. Slatford ..	2	Norman G. N. Knee ..	6
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Laurence E. Hitchins ..	7
Charles F. Andrews ..	4	Eric J. Hitchins	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Eric J. Hitchins.
* First peal of Yorkshire as conductor.
The ringer of the 4th has now "circled the tower."

NETHERAVON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

*Peter Fay	Treble	*Wilfred Pearce	4
Peter J. Bushell	2	*Allan E. Cook	5
Derek S. Beaufoy ..	3	*Percy C. Fay	Tenor

Conducted by Derek S. Beaufoy.
* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LEIGH, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B* and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*Ruth A. E. Fairbrother	Treble	*Frank Beech, jun.	4
*Jennifer M. Beech	2	*Edward R. Fairbrother ..	5
Ian Friend	3	Richard J. Warrilow ..	Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.
Rung as a compliment to Janet Fisher and George E. Morrall on their engagement.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., May 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 11 methods/var., viz.: Two extents Grandsire and four extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford and April Day. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*Rosemary Preston	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
Robert D. Marsh	2	David Oliver	4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor
Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
* First peal. Met one short for Minor.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Tues., May 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

W. Gordon Marsh	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	4
Robert D. Marsh	2	Maurice W. Harrison ..	5
*Neil Handley	3	David Oliver	Tenor

Conducted by David Oliver.
* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.
The compliments of the band to Mr. Brian Wakefield and Miss Wendy Joan Marriott, married at St. Edmund's, Holme Pierrepont, on Saturday, May 7th, 1966. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

REDGRAVE, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Wed., May 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (five different callings). Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

Albert G. Driver	Treble	Albert G. Harrison ..	4
Janet I. Rogers	2	Harry B. Fuller	5
*Owen P. Claxton	3	Robin H. Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.
* First peal attempt. 25th peal as conductor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STREATHAM, London, S.W.—At the Church of the Immanuel.
On Sun., May 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Frank E. Darby	Treble	Michael J. Uphill	5
A. Patrick Cannon	2	Richard C. Stevens	6
William D. Granger	3	William J. Arniwright ..	7
John W. Euston	4	Frederick E. Collins ..	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by William J. Arniwright.
First peal as conductor and first peal for 18 years.
Rung for Evensong. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's, two of Grandsire and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

*L. Ann Gasson	Treble	*Christopher F. Mew ..	4
*Julie S. Armstrong ..	2	Alan R. Millidge	5
Alison M. Mann	3	Brian J. Bull	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Reginald F. Crook ..	Treble	Denby P. Murduck ..	6
Roger B. Pike	2	‡Bradley Murduck	7
*Christine Mills	3	Reginald W. Rex	8
David L. Wilcox	4	Philip Murduck	9
†Brian M. Mills	5	†Geoffrey K. Dodd ..	Tenor

Composed by H. Tucker. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Royal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal on ten bells. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb in F.

Claudia A. Critchley ..	Treble	David J. Forder	6
Anthony D. Sansom ..	2	Peter J. Joyce	7
Michael Hatchett	3	George E. Thoday	8
G. William Critchley ..	4	David P. Hilling	9
Robert A. Partridge ..	5	Michael J. Thomas	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTHSMOUTH GUILD.
LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Monday, May 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MAY DAY DOUBLES
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Penelope A. Goddard	Treble	Frank S. Tonge	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	Reginald F. Crook	5
Terry R. Tarrant	3	John W. Cheney	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal in the method.

Three Twyford Peals.

ALL RUNG FOR THE WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.
TWYFORD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

Bradley Murduck	Treble	Reginald W. Rex	4
Denby Murduck	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Philip Murduck	3	Reginald F. Crook	Tenor

Composed by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

TWYFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in G.

Michael J. Thomas	Treble	Philip Murduck	5
Bradley Murduck	2	Reginald F. Crook	6
Denby P. Murduck	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Roger B. Pike	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal on the bells since rehanging in 1949 and first since 1945.

TWYFORD, Bucks.—At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Graham N. Coleborne	Treble	Denby P. Murduck	4
Bradley Murduck	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Reginald F. Crook	3	Philip Murduck	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
BADSEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 1,152 each of Bristol and Yorkshire, 960 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 864 Rutland, with 75 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Ann Jenner	5
Mrs. J. Thomas	2	Doris E. Colgate	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
Hilary F. Hinde	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., May 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Hilary F. Hinde	Treble	Judith M. Corby	5
Lucile M. Corby	2	Doris E. Colgate	6
Ann Jenner	3	Stanley Jenner	7
Diana M. Frost	4	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
MIDDLEHAM, Yorks.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Alkelda.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

James Thorley	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
Jeanne E. Bottomley	2	Gibson Jackson	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	Vernon Bottomley	7
Kathleen M. Higgins	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

OTLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 20 lb.

Percy Whitaker	Treble	Douglas Thorp	5
J. William Horner	2	John J. Taylor	6
*Brian Haigh	3	Jeffrey J. Cooper	7
William Dixon	4	Allan Wear	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Allan Wear.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mrs Grace Elvidge (grandmother of the ringer of the 7th) on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Gerald Moorhouse	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	*Alan F. Scholfield	7–8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal "in hand."

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., May 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
*C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Composed by John W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Double Norwich on handbells.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Wed., May 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1–2	Cyril A. Wratten	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Hugh N. Evans (cond.)	7–8

First peal of Major as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
On Tues., May 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5104 SPLICED MAJOR
Comprising Plain Bob, Little Bob and Gainsborough Little Bob with 176 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	*Peter A. Sharp	5–6
*Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse	7–8

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Spliced Major "in hand."

CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.
On Fri., May 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,944 London, 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative and 640 Bristol with 112 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

A. Robin Heppenstall	1–2	John Freeman	5–6
George E. Feirn	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse	7–8

Composed by E. C. S. Turner. Conducted by John Freeman.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major "in hand" by all and for the Guild.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
On Tues, May 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR
Comprising Wellington Little Court, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob and Plain Bob, with 37 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	Peter A. Sharp	5–6
Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse	7–8

Arranged by George E. Feirn. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
First peal of six-Spliced Major "in hand" by all except the conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society)
WOODHOUSE EAVES, Leicestershire.—At 1, Nanhill Drive.
On Sun., April 24, 1966, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor size 11 in G.

Dan S. Pont	1–2	Rev. M. C. C. Melville	5–6
		Rupert A. Clarke (cond.)	3–4

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At 9, Richmond Road.
On Mon., May 9, 1966, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven independent 720's. Tenor size 14 in D.

David R. Chambers	1–2	Mary C. Poyner	3–4
		Harry Poyner (cond.)	5–6

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Worcestershire.—At No. 29.
On Mon., May 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor size 13½ in E flat.

Vivien Barnes	1–2	Joseph D. Johnson (cond.)	5–6
Mrs. J. Thomas	3–4	*Maurice E. Newman	7–8

* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Maurice E. Newman on his 15th birthday.

HALF PEALS

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on April 19th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: T. Newlands 1, R. W. Sweet 2, D. Rennolds 3, Mrs. M. L. Taylor 4, Miss G. M. Hussey (cond.) 5, J. C. Slater 6, J. F. Pedler 7, D. J. Hunt 8.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On May 1st, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: I. Armstrong 1, A. N. Pearce (first "inside" and longest length) 2, Susan E. Thompson 3, A. C. Banton (cond.) 4, Jennifer E. Pearce 5, T. W. Brighton 6. For Evensong.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 8th, 1,296 Hull Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Amanda Powell 2, Carol Cousins 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve (first in method "inside") 6. First in method 2 and 3. Rung for Home Guard service. Also 1,260 Minor, for Evensong.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): G. Wilcox 1, G. Edwards 2, K. Eaton 3, L. Perry 4, J. Scott (cond.) 5. First quarter in four methods by all the band. For Evensong. Also on April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Allman (first of Minor) 1, G. A. Edwards 2, F. R. Morton (cond.) 3, K. W. Eaton (first of Minor "inside") 4, L. A. Perry 5, J. R. Scott 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On May 9th, 4,260 Stedman Triples: J. Orme (first in method) 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, E. Fearn 3, R. Trebilcock 4, E. Buck 5, M. Orme 6, I. Dear (cond.) 7, R. Castledine 8. Also on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Pettet (first in method) 1, D. Salisbury 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, C. Harwood 4, E. Buck (cond.) 5, J. Dear 6, M. Orme 7, S. Hutton 8.

BARNET, HERTS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Paternoster 1, Mrs. M. Paternoster 2, Miss P. Mant 3, R. Derry 4, P. M. Cuckson (cond.) 5, E. Paternoster 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. First of Doubles 3 and 4. To mark the 21st birthday of Roy Adcock (a local ringer).

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Marie Wilson 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, M. G. Godwin 3, M. D. Barsby 4, J. R. Perkins 5, P. G. Chambers 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (eleven methods): D. S. Johnson 1, S. Christian 2, A. R. Walters 3, R. J. Southgate 4, R. L. K. Whittell (cond.) 5. For Evensong, and as a belated Confirmation compliment to ringers of 1 and 2.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church, on May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Pauline Bligh-Cheesman 1, Diana Boyce 2, Elizabeth Emmett 3, M. Gilbey 4, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 5, D. B. Williams 6, M. G. Zobel 7, B. Mozley 8. By U.B.S.C.R. First of Stedman Triples for all except the conductor.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's, on May 8th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Helen F. Roberts 1, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 2, Gillian M. Brearley 3, B. Mozley 4, M. Gilbey 5, B. Walter 6. First of Stedman Doubles 1, 3, 4, 6. By U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On April 22nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. S. Haywood (first in method) 1, Miss G. Spurgin (first in method) 2, Miss L. Mills 3, B. G. Clampin (first in method) 4, Miss E. Cansdale 5, D. W. Brooke 6, I. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. Leslie Brown as Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Also on April 24th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: B. S. Haywood (first in method) 1, Miss G. Spurgin (first in method) 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, L. D. Mills 4, Mrs. L. Mills 5, B. G. Clampin (first in method) 6, D. W. Brooks (first in method) 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8. For Matins.

BURFORD, OXON.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Westmacott 1, B. W. Hall 2, T. W. Timms 3, J. J. Westmacott 4, W. J. Dixon 5, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 6, F. Reed 7, Mrs. K. E. Hall 8. Rung for the christening of Karen Hockedy, granddaughter of F. W. Soden (local ringer).

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—At St. Giles', on April 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. A. Thomas 1, J. W. Rea 2, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3, L. C. Way 4, M. T. Sprackling 5, J. E. Cannell 6, W. G. Wilson 7, J. W. Smith 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, A. J. Hampton 10. For Evensong, and also to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the foundation of Wilson's Grammar School by Edward Wilson, Vicar of Camberwell.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alice Ward 1, Hannah Penfold 2, Marion Dallison (cond.) 3, G. Charlton 4, K. Dallison (first of Minor) 5, A. J. Bull 6. First of Minor as conductor. A compliment to the Rev. C. R. Attenborough and Mrs. Attenborough, rung on the eve of their departure from Capel.

QUARTER PEALS

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On May 8th, 1,306 Stedman Cinques: W. Newman 1, Mrs. M. A. Wratten 2, W. A. Farmer 3, Miss V. Willard 4, I. Goulter 5, C. T. Burridge 6, F. G. Nurden 7, Miss F. Fairbank 8, T. Boreham 9, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 10, E. T. Newbury 11, R. Newman 12. By the Sunday service band prior to a memorial service for Canon Goodliffe, a former Rector.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.—On April 24th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. N. Dunn 1, Miss L. Stevens 2, P. Perry 3, J. H. G. Gardner 4, N. F. Reeve 5, R. G. T. Bennett 6, C. H. Ward 7, R. H. Idle (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the visit of Her Majesty the Queen Mother to Christchurch.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): I. Parker (first quarter) 1, Ann Blatcher 2, Jennifer Payne 3, J. C. Parker 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, A. Chandler (first quarter) 6.

CHERITON, KENT.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dilys M. Eastmead (first in method) 1, Mary Munt 2, Pamela A. Court (first in method) 3, Rachel J. Sinden 4, W. C. Chandler 5, A. C. Eastmead (first of method "inside") 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, ringers of this tower.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Good Friday, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): James Roe (12, first quarter) 1, R. Cotton 2, J. W. Cotton 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Perry 5. Rung fully muffled for Our Lord's Passion prior to morning service. Also on April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods), by the same band for Matins.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (12 methods/var.): Janet Pink 1, R. Fisher 2, Pamela Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. For Evensong.

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan A. Hayward 1, P. D. J. Beal (first as cond.) 2, P. J. Jackson 3, H. Gardner 4, P. Wilkinson 5, G. Griffiths 6. For Communion.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia E. Hibbert 1, C. J. Hibbert 2, Mrs. M. C. Hibbert 3, E. T. Sneller 4, Eileen M. Wilson 5, J. W. Wilson 6, J. W. T. Hibbert (cond.) 7, H. R. Wells 8. To congratulate the Rev. D. P. King, on his appointment as Rural Dean to the Newbury Deanery.

EASTRINGTON, E. YORKS.—On May 2nd, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Miss G. Burchnall 1, Miss K. Burchnall 2, J. J. Taylor 3, A. H. Hawcroft 4, G. F. Terry 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Mitchell.

ELING, HANTS.—On May 2nd, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: Anne Buchanan 1, Mrs. G. D. Northway 2, Ruth Jackson 3, T. Matcham 4, J. Hartless 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6. First of Minor by a local band.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Mrs. E. J. Coode 1, K. Small 2, R. Clarke 3, E. J. Coode 4, G. Clarke (cond.) 5, F. Hurrell 6, P. Clarke 7, T. Culver 8. For Evensong. Also for the wedding on April 16th of Celia M. Lawrence and John F. Sims, both members of the local band.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On April 26th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods and var.): T. Gregory 1, D. Floyd 2, Mrs. P. Pimm 3, A. E. Hicks 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. To celebrate the enthronement of Stuart Yarworth Blanch, former Vicar, as fifth Bishop of Liverpool.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Piper (first of Triples, aged 13 years) 1, Miss J. Bowen 2, E. G. Baker 3, W. Gorringe (cond.) 4, A. H. Kemp 5, P. Harrisson 6, S. G. Waters 7, E. West 8.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Rothera 1, Ruth Foreman 2, Dianne Gazeley 3, W. Knight (first of Grandsire Triples) 4, R. Moore 5, J. Porter 6, G. Ellis (first of Triples as cond.) 7, G. Norris 8. Rung for Parish Communion, at which the preacher was the Bishop of London.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): Penelope Fertis 1, A. K. Fortin 2, M. Sceeney 3, R. Snack 4, G. R. Shedden 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. R. F. Hanbury and Miss Philippa R. Lowes, married this day at Cuckfield.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On May 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. P. Crouch 1, Mrs. J. Bills 2, P. J. Privett 3, J. Bills 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, S. Crouch 6. A compliment to Mr. Chris Spiers, of this tower, on his 80th birthday.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Matthew's, on April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Hancock 1, Miss M. Newby 2, R. C. Kersey 3, B. Aldous 4, C. Taylor 5, C. Aldous (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 4. Rung to welcome the new Bishop of Bury St. Edmunds.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL E. YORKS.—At Holy Trinity on May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (7 methods, on the back six): F. G. Reed 1, J. R. Joyner 2, A. Bridges (comp. and cond.) 3, G. W. Randall 4, D. V. Stipetic 5, H. N. Pickering 6.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods/var., with 1, 2 leading and 8 covering): Susan Rogers 1, Helen Lattimer 2, Norma Riley 3, Barbara Sawden 4, T. N. Kedge 5, G. M. Cox (cond.) 6, G. Lightfoot 7, D. Haines 8. First quarter 1, 2. Most methods to a quarter 3, 4, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

LINCOLN.—On May 8th, at St. Mary-le-Wigford Church, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: K. Mingay (first attempt) 1, I. R. Marshall (first "inside") 2, J. Clarke (cond.) 3, A. W. Froggatt 4. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Mingay, grandparents of the ringer of 1.

MATLOCK, DERBYS.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Paulson 1, Ann Chettle 2, G. H. Paulson 3, Ann Smith 4, T. Wylie (cond.) 5, Rev. St. John Smith 6, C. Bradshaw (covering) 8.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Cribley 1, L. Barry (cond.) 2, D. Pobjoy 3, V. Deane 4, R. Nicholas 5, S. Holtam 6. Rung after the baptism of Sarah Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Nicholas.

OXFORD.—At the Cathedral, on April 29th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: W. F. Judge (cond.) 1, J. R. Chaundy 2, B. R. White 3, P. Heritage 4, N. I. Allnatt 5, R. M. Heyworth 6, A. P. Foster 7, P. A. Brand 8, E. J. Smith 9, F. A. H. Wilkins 10, V. Griffin 11, F. A. White 12. A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret Smith, daughter of the ringer of the 9th.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Johnston 1, C. Curtis 2, F. Hunt 3, D. Howe 4, H. Hollocks (cond.) 5, R. Chambers 6.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.—On April 21st, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: T. R. Simmons 1, D. Heighton (cond.) 2, M. Cubitt 3, G. Pullin 4, R. Duesbury 5, D. P. Mortlock 6, J. Cox 7, P. Adcock 8. A compliment to Miriam and Jack Clover, on the birth of a daughter (Hazel Margaret) April 14th.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On May 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Muriel Reay 2, Merryn Hutchings 3, B. D. A. Woolley 4, C. A. S. Webb 5, T. J. Warner (cond.) 6, R. J. Cann 7, P. D. Warren 8, C. W. Bragg 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On May 1st, 1,250 Rutland Surprise Major: E. Short 1, Marguerite Battram 2, H. Scott 3, J. Thorley 4, H. Wagstaff 5, E. Dalingwater 6, W. E. Critchley 7, R. E. Price (cond.) 8.

STOW-IN-LINDSEY, LINCS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Brightmore 1, Miss P. Bull 2, Mrs. P. Crosby 3, Mrs. E. Gray 4, T. A. Gilbert 5, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss H. Hird and Mr. J. D. Nicholson, immediately after their wedding.

TEVERSAL, NOTTS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): E. Chambers 1, A. S. Smithson 2, J. L. Parker 3, B. A. Richards (cond.) 4, W. Riley 5. For Flower Festival.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Sally Palmer 1, Mary White 2, Maureen White 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. For Matins.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Maundy Thursday, 1,440 Cambridge S. Minor: Miss A. C. Rooke 1, Miss L. Shaw (first quarter) 2, R. Chambers (first in method) 3, F. Cooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Cherriman 1, Jean Horton 2, E. R. Rapley 3, C. R. Longhurst 4, R. Banner 5, L. Stilwell (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Greenfield.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Goodwin 1, I. M. Robertson 2, Susan Lukes 3, C. J. Eden 4, Margaret Newton 5, C. F. Pocock (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

WEXFORD, IRELAND.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. McGregor 1, Miss H. M. Hubert 2, D. H. T. Taylor (first quarter) 3, C. R. P. Broughton 4, P. W. Brown 5, C. J. Reede 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, H. H. Brown 8. First of Triples 1 and 5.

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OSENTON—KING. — The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Osenton, of Halling, Kent, and Lesley-Anne, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. King, of Snodland, Kent. 9168

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Preacher:
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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Special general meeting, Wednesday, June 8th, 9.15 p.m., in St. Andrew's Vestry, to discuss the alteration of the rule concerning the notice to be given before meetings. 9191

THE TWO NEW TREBLE BELLS for **Hathern Parish Church** will be dedicated by Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Leicester at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21st. All are welcome and the bells will be available for ringing after the service. Light refreshments at a moderate charge will be served in the Church Rooms.

VETERANS' MEETING. — St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London, June 18th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 9181

WITTERSHAM, KENT.—As from May 23rd, 1966, the bells of the Parish Church are unavailable due to removal and subsequent recasting/rehanging in new frame. — Mrs. Denne, Tower Secretary, 11, The Street, Wittersham. 9172

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — **Striking Competition,** Willingham (6), Saturday, June 4th, start 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by results, etc. General ringing 6.30–8.30. Names for tea, please. to G. A. Lucas, 11, Fen End, Willingham, Cambs. 9119

MEETINGS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.— Evening meeting at Moreton-in-Marsh on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) 6 p.m.–7.30 p.m. or later if required.—L. C. Dowdeswell, Sec. Tel. Stow/Wold 350. 9165

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — Farnham District.—Meeting at Ash on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Smart, Okemead, Hutton Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot (Aldershot 25710). — Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 9125

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Evening meeting at Iver (8 bells) on Saturday, May 28th Ringing 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague, Hon. Sec. 9073

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.— Meeting at Clare, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. S. J. Twitchett. 3, Station Road, Clare, Sudbury, Suffolk, please. 9079

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District —The A.G.M. is to be held at Doncaster, not Tickhill, on May 28th (joint with Doncaster and District Society). Bells available: Arksey (8) 2.30–4; Bentley (5) 3.30–4.30; and Doncaster (8) 6–9. Make own arrangements for tea Meeting in Doncaster belfry at 6 p.m. All welcome. New vice-president and a new General Committee representative to be elected 1966 reports available—with subscription.—M King, Hon. Sec. 9116

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting. Walpole St. Andrew, Whit Monday. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Teas.—J Fox, Dis Sec. 9148

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 87th annual general meeting will be held on Whit Monday, May 30th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. Annual meeting immediately after in Chapter House. Coffee available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15–10.45 a m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (cost 6s.). Tea 5–6.15 p.m. (cost 3s.). Ringing. Cathedral, 10–10.45 a.m. and from 6–8.30 p.m. The following towers will be available from 3–6 p.m.: Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Terling (6), Great Leigh (5) and from 6–9 p.m.: Great Baddow (8), Gallevwood (8), Boreham (8), Writtle (8), Little Baddow (5). Report books available (3s.), also tickets for annual dinner in Shire Hall, Saturday, October 29th (cost 21s.) Luncheon and tea cannot be guaranteed without tickets obtainable from general treasurer. S.A.E. to P. J Eves. 8, Lordship Road, Writtle. — P W. Saltmarsh, Gen. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Meeting, Cranfield, Saturday, June 4th. Bells (5) 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5. All welcome.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham (8) on June 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—M. Thomson, Hon. Sec. 9177

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Bidford-on-Avon, June 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. More ringing after tea, when it is hoped that Welford bells will be available. Names for tea to District secretary. Special method: Lincolnshire Surprise.—P. S. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon. Telephone 5701. 9156

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch. — Practice meeting on Saturday, June 4th, at St. David's, Exeter. Bells 7–9.—G. Skinner, Branch Sec. 9179

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Evening meeting, Barley (6), Saturday, June 4th. Bells 6 p.m. Please help a new local band. Also practice at Norton (8), June 2nd, 7.30 p.m.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 9160

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Summer Festival, June 4th, 1966
RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Egham, Chertsey ..	10.00–11.30
Chobham, Ottershaw ..	11–12.30
Horsell	11.30– 1.00
Send, Ockham, Old Woking ..	2.00–3.30
Weybridge, Esher ..	3.00–4.00
Hersham	3.30–4.30
Service and tea, Hersham ..	4.30
Hersham	3.00–4.30
Thames Ditton, East Molesey ..	6,30–8.00
Esher	7.00–8.30
Oatlands Park, Walton	7.30–9.00

Names for tea to Mrs. K. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames, by June 1st.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.— — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Kirkham Parish Church, Kirkham, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 9149

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Markfield (6), June 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Teo 5, followed by meeting. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea to J. Wardle, 180. Main Street, Markfield, by Wednesday, June 1st. please. A big welcome to everybody.—Ron Hughes. Sec. 9129

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— S. and W. District.—Business meeting, Saturday, June 4th. Ringing: Stanwell 3–4.15 p.m. East Bedfont 4.15–5 p.m. Tea, meeting and evening ringing at E. Bedfont. Please try to support this meeting.—W. S. Deason. 9162

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Kingsley on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. Carnwell, 16, Dovedale Road, Kingsley, Stoke-on-Trent, by previous Wednesday.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 9190

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wavendon on June 4th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to R. W. Sear. 37, Buckingham Road, Bletchley by June 1st. 9143

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting, Marston Trussell, Saturday, June 4th. Names for tea to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 9194

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Northampton Branch.—Practice meeting at Piddington on Saturday, June 4th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost. 69, High Street, Pitsford, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 9105

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Wellington Branch.—**Please note change of date and place of quarterly meeting** to Wilby on Saturday, June 4th. Names for tea to Mr. T. Smith, 97, Valley Road, Wellingborough. 9185

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch. — Four-bell meeting, Winterbourne Zelstone, Saturday, June 4th, 3–4 p.m. Tarrant Keyneston 4.15–5.15; Shapwick 6.45–7.45. Own tea arrangements or local cafe.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch— Meeting, Hilperton (6), June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea. — A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. 9187

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Broad Hinton (6), June 4th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Canon H. V. White, The Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon, Wilts. 9174

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Campsall, Saturday, June 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names, please, to Rev. H. Lee, The Vicarage, Campsall, Doncaster, before 1st.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9192

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Annual cup contest at Barlborough, near Chesterfield, Saturday, June 4th. Draw at 3 p.m. Entry fee 2s. 6d. per team. Test piece, 360 changes of Minor or Doubles. All teams welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Heeley, 3, Manor Road, Barlborough, Chesterfield, by June 1st.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Gotham (5), Saturday, June 4th, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Barton (6) 6 p.m. onwards Names for tea to Miss S. Poppleston. 25, Hambledon Drive, Wollaton Road, Nottingham. 9151

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Evening practice meeting, Saturday, June 4th at St. Mary's, Balcombe **(not Turner's Hill).** Bells 6–8 p.m. All welcome.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 9182

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Astley (6), June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall; also Arley Kings (6) from 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. J. Stanier, Dis. Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester, not later than June 1st. 9138

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Shield Contest at South Kirkby, near Pontefract, on Saturday, June 11th. Open to all members Six-bell. Four members from one tower. Entrance fee, 10s., sent to James W. Buxton, 21, Roydhouse, Shelley, Huddersfield. Tea: Please notify Mrs. M. Fox, Maswin, Barnsley Road, South Kirkby, Pontefract. Both names to be in not later than Saturday, June 4th. 9176

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Practice meeting at Workington, Saturday, June 11th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. L. Boumphrey, 35, Brigbourne Drive, Seaton, Workington, by June 6th. 9171

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, June 11th, at Betchworth (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own picnic tea. Evening ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m. 9158

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W District. — Meeting at Downham, June 11th. District heat of ringing competition 3 p.m., followed by general ringing until tea at 5 p.m. Bells available again after tea. Names for tea to D. Belcham, 45, Louvaine Avenue, Wickford. 9170

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Appledore, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Paddon, Ivy Cottage, 12, The Street Appledore, by Thursday, June 9th.—A. P. S. B. 9120

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch. —Ringing meeting at Merthyr Tydfil (8) on Saturday, June 11th, commencing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry, Glam (Tel. Rhoose 494), by June 6th Note: No business (except for election of new members) unless members give a week's notice. Excellent opportunity to try these recently restored bells. Ringing must finish at 7 p.m. 9189

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting at Hollesley (8) on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please bring own food; cups of tea will be provided. Ringing in the evening until 9 p.m. **Please note:** Meeting at Hollesley and not Holbrook and Stutton as in the Suffolk Guild of Ringers Report. — W. Lockwood, Dis Sec. 9184

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Badsey (8), June 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting Names for tea to W. J. Newman, Manor Farm, Hinton, Evesham, by previous Tuesday, please. 9147

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—**Change of date.**—Annual meeting to be held at Thorner (8) on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. and after tea (5 p.m.) and the meeting, at which the main business will be the election of officers. Names for tea to Mr E. Hartley, The Laurels, 33, Main Street, Thorner, by Thursday, June 2nd.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9180

LATE NOTICES

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District. — Practice at Yorktown, Whit Monday, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. All welcome. 9195

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Central Branch) and LADIES' GUILD. — Joint meeting, Walesby, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service and meeting 4.15. Bring your own tea.—G. R. P. 9196

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"OVER TO YOU"

Sermon by Canon Gilbert Thurlow,
President of Central Council at the rehallowing of the bells at Rougham, Suffolk, May 14th, 1966.

John 20: 21. "As the Father sent me, so I send you."

I am so grateful for the invitation to this church today, in this, the diocese where I first learnt to handle a bell and to ring rounds.

A newish book by the Bishop of Guildford, Dr. Reindorp, is called "OVER TO YOU." It is about their new Cathedral. Now the Cathedral is built, it stands as a challenge to all concerned **to use it** for God's glory and their own joy and peace.

When the Dean of Westminster preached at the 900th anniversary of the founding of Westminster Abbey a few months ago he began simply with the words "AND NOW WE FACE THE FUTURE."

These three brief sentences are like three mighty strokes on a bell. Challenging all who hear — Over to you; and now we face the future; as the Father sent me, so I send you. . . . . .

There has been, time and time again in this ancient parish, a day when "Over to you" was the order. Maybe a thousand years ago Saxon men built a church here and it became the place where men began to proclaim the Christian faith here, the place where men began to come to dedicate their lives to the service of God and other people. Then seven hundred years ago a stone church was built. "Over to you" it was again! A grand building, commanding that people see how grand a thing is the Christian life.

Then, at last, five hundred years ago those two splendid men, John Tillot and Robert Drury, built this tower. They hung in it a bell cast, perhaps, by John Bird of London about 1415. Three others were hung there also and again the order was "Over to you." So they repeated in their way what Christ had done in His way. They left people a life to live as ringers, and they left them bells to ring. "Now we face the future" was the thought in their hearts as they left their personal share in the history of this place completed. And the future was faced, courageously as ever. Many sad, depressing things happened. Our great Abbey nearby at Bury St. Edmunds, to which this church of Rougham belonged, was reduced to ruin.

The ancient services were done into the then modern English — what a blow to the people who didn't like change and new ideas!

Then wicked Will Downing came, perhaps, and smashed up lovely windows which Rougham people had erected and treasured. Never mind! They faced the future with courage.

William Manning, your churchwarden in 1661, got John Darbie of Ipswich to cast you two bells. He cast you another in 1678. Then you were so pleased with yourselves when you got Tom Osborn of Downham to cast your new tenor in 1790 that you put the words Venite Exultemus on it — words to remember every time you sing Matins.

Other worries came. Napoleon. Hitler. Each time there were people who thought all was coming to an end and there was no future to face, and "Over to you" and Jesus' words at Easter were going to lead us nowhere. But here we are! All's going wrong today as usual! We are wasting money seeking the moon when we cannot run the earth properly. Our humanists vigorously plug the idea that Christianity is played out and that, because they don't happen to believe it, it should not be taught.

Far fewer people come to church now that there are easier things to do. "Why ring bells or repair and play the organ or bother about the choir when you can sit in an armchair with television?"

So the devil deceives his dupes. But there's a vast amount to say on the right side, just as much as at any time since Rougham first had a church. The church is becoming reunited more sincerely than it has been these last thousand years. The Church is looking outside itself to the people around, far more than it has for generations past, to see how it can serve them even though they don't believe the Gospel. The Church is bringing its worship and men's everyday life together more sincerely than it has for centuries. All sorts of new ideas keep appearing, in the way of giving publicity to the Church's faith and life. The very failure of a world apart from Christ to live in peace is a tremendous testimony to the Gospel as the one means of lifting men's hearts to the one true way to live.

"Over to you"! Your renewed bells await your ringers. Whenever a ringer leaves this place look upon it as a challenge to get another one to take his or her place. The bells are here again and you can't ring them by pressing a button — thank God! You can only do it by getting

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting and Festival at Fordington St. George

BETWEEN 150 and 200 ringers from all parts of the far-flung Diocese of Salisbury converged on Dorchester and its nearby Church of Fordington St. George on May 14th, on the occasion of the Guild's Annual Festival.

Some 14 towers throughout Dorset were available for ringing and full use was made of these facilities.

The magnificent Church of St. George was practically full for the Guild service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon E. B. Brooks). Attending the service was Mrs. E. L. Hedger (Deputy Mayoress of Dorchester). Miss Evelyn Kingman kindly acted as organist and the lesson was read by the Master (the Rev. R. Longridge). Robed clergy present included (in addition to the Vicar and the Master) the Revs. R. G. Chaffey Moore, Roger Keeley, R. H. L. Clarke and the Ven. E. Seager (Archdeacon of Dorset). The chairman of the Dorchester Branch (the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth) was in the congregation.

A stirring address was given by the Archdeacon, who said that bells, service and worship had been connected since earliest times. They were also part of the English scene, and though silent through years of persecution, in later times rang out to call people to church. He made a powerful appeal to ringers to ring for the glory of God and not for personal ambition, and live their lives as a harmonious peal both in a parochial and a wider sense.

A collection was taken and given to the Edwards Memorial Fund. Due to a misunderstanding, the traditional touch on the handbells had to be omitted, and this was the occasion of some regret. A further disappointment was when it became known that the scope of ringing at St. George's was somewhat limited owing to a crack having developed in the tenor. The service, however, was most impressive and none could have left without a feeling of enhanced fellowship and brotherhood.

A meat tea was served in the splendidly appointed St. Osmund's School, at which Ald. E. L. Hedger and Mrs. Hedger (Deputy Mayor and Mayoress) were guests of honour.

The annual meeting followed with the Master as chairman. The Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, as chairman of the host Branch, welcomed the company, and the Master introduced Ald. Hedger, who gave a civic welcome to the Branch. He was thanked by the Rev. Brinkworth, who also paid tribute to Canon Brooks and his helpers, as without their co-operation the meeting could not have been held. Mr. Dukes briefly replied.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. C. West) and unanimously approved. The company stood in silence in memory of those who had passed away during the year. In his report, Mr. West noted the steady advance in the quality of peal ringing, and suggested that more time should be given to instructing new conductors, of whom there was a scarcity throughout the Guild area. A statement of accounts showed that despite an expensive year there was a surplus on working of £6. It was adopted unanimously with thanks to the hon. auditors (J. S. Weeks and C. F. Andrews).

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP

To the great regret of all, Mr. West then announced his wish to retire from office after 16 years as general secretary, having previously completed nine years as a Branch secretary. Paying tribute to him, the Master said "the measure of his success as general secretary is that during his reign—an inflationary period if ever there was one—the subscription has only increased by 1s., the membership has increased to well over 1,000, the Guild reports have continued to be issued free to every member and a satisfactory balance maintained in the bank." On behalf of the Guild Mr. C. W. H. Powell (chairman of the West Dorset Branch) presented Mr. West with a cheque for £32 10s. as a mark of gratitude and esteem. Mr. West suitably replied.

A résumé of Branch activities was then given by the Master, who reinforced the hon. secretary's appeal for the training of more conductors.

The election of officers resulted in the Rev. R. Longridge being unanimously confirmed as Master, and to fill the office of president, vacant for a year since the death of Canon Carew Cox, the choice fell on Mr. West, who was elected with acclamation. Obviously moved by the unexpected honour, he promised to do his best to follow in the path of his illustrious predecessors. Mr. J. T. Barrett was elected as hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. F. Slatford was confirmed as assistant hon. secretary, the committee being re-elected en bloc. Messrs. C. Knight, H. Burry and G. Amor were elected as hon. life ringing members.

A grant of £15 was made to Compton Bassett and one of £5 to Horsley for repairs to their bells and belfries.

There was a long discussion on the advisability of obtaining different quotations for the supply of badges, and a suggestion by the Calne Branch of forming a catering committee for future meetings. On show at the head of the table was a massive flagon given to St. Peter's (Dorchester) ringers in 1676 by one Edward Lester, no doubt for their liquid refreshment. Its home now is in the Dorchester Museum, being brought out on this special occasion.

In concluding the meeting the Master thanked Mrs. Brooks and her helpers for preparing and serving the meal, and everyone who had assisted in making the day such a success. The journey homewards was broken for ringing at many a lovely old church whose towers were still open for the enthusiast, and the smiling Dorset countryside echoed with their music until a late hour. So ended another memorable festival.

W. A. E.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Over 70 ringers attended the spring festival of the Penzance Branch held at Phillack on May 14th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. M. A. Thomas, and afterwards the ladies of the church provided a very ample tea, for which we expressed our thanks.

The business meeting followed, with the presentation of long-service certificates. It has been suggested that the autumn festival be held on October 8th, possibly in the Helston area.

Other towers open were Carbis Bay, Gwinear and Lelant. M. C.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

THE president, Mr. B. Worthington, made the long journey from Ponteland, Northumberland, to attend the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Guild at Burton-on-Trent on May 7th. He congratulated the Guild on another successful year, and in thanking the officers said one of the most hard-working was Mr. G. H. Lane, of Kingsbury, Warks, and another who could not be thanked enough was Mr. J. W. Cotton, the devoted Guild secretary.

The secretary in his report spoke of the loss the Guild had sustained by the deaths of Miss Foulk (Duffield) and Mr. K. Taylor (Coleshill). Twelve resident and eight non-resident members joined during the year, the total membership being 16 honorary and 124 ringing. Thirty-five peals were rung, two members ringing their first. Mr. D. P. Jones was the leading conductor with 18 peals, and the hon. secretary the leading ringer with 36, followed by R. J. Clifton, 29. Leading non-residents were Mr. A. E. Rowley (32), G. R. Edwards (20) and D. S. Pont (20).

1966 OFFICERS

Mr. B. Worthington was re-elected president; the Rev. W. V. G. Griffiths, Vicar of Burton, vice-president; Mr. R. A. Welton, chairman; Mr. G. H. Lane, Ringing Master; Mr. J. W. Cotton, hon. secretary; Mr. J. H. Brittan, hon. treasurer. Standing Committee: Messrs. J. K. Smith (Winshill), G. L. Roobottom (Sudbury), D. P. Jones (Church Gresley) and Mr. W. J. Leach (Burton) together with the officers of the Guild.

The meeting concluded with the president proposing a vote of thanks to those responsible for the tea, the vice-president for so willingly conducting the service and his appropriate address in which he said the art of ringing took a lifetime to perfect, and many people appreciated the ringing of bells, not least among them those who were ill, infirm or otherwise prevented from attending the services of the church. The Vicar of All Saints (the Rev. J. M. Innes) was also thanked for the use of the modern ring (tenor 21 cwt.) in his church before the service.

The evening ringing was at St. Modwen's.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

The meeting of the Lewisham District on the recently rehung bells of St. Mary the Virgin's, Hayes, on April 23rd, attracted 48 members and friends to the excellent tea provided by Miss Hilda Oakshett, Mrs. Smith and helpers. The Rector (the Rev. F. Mitchell) preached an interesting sermon at the service and also presided at the meeting, when nine practising members and one non-resident member were elected. Ringing ranged from rounds and call changes to London and a course of Downe Minor.

Next meeting: Shoreham, July 23rd.

Ashford District

At the detached tower at Brookland on Romney Marsh said to be built from timber washed up in the 15th century, the Ashford District held a successful meeting on May 7th attended by 40 ringers. The Rev. Mr. O'Connor conducted the service and a sumptuous tea was arranged by Mr. G. Velvick. Evening ringing was at New Romney (8) but some visited "a collector's piece" at Fairfield (3).

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bell Repair Fund Inaugurated

THE hosts for the annual general meeting of the Lancashire Association, held at Westhoughton on April 30th, were the Bolton District and they carried out their duties splendidly—even the weather was kind, with glorious sunshine all day. There was plenty of good ringing available from 11 a.m. onwards, and eventually all converged on Westhoughton.

The new president (Canon A. Hodgson, of Goosnargh) preached at the service in St. Bartholomew's Church. In a "down to earth" address he reminded the congregation that they could not successfully separate the secular from the spiritual. All their activities, even a drink at the local, should be to the glory of God. He also implored the ringers present to remember the outside world when they rang peals.

About 150 sat down to tea and the president was in the chair for the annual meeting. In his opening remarks he referred to the passing of Mr. Peter Crook, who always extended the welcome when the Association came to the Bolton District. Good wishes were received from a former president, the Rev. F. F. Rigby, who is now Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENT

The newly-elected vice-president, Mr. Nicholas M. Newby, of Kirkby-in-Furness, who has been a member for 40 years, took his place. He succeeds Mr. C. Crossthwaite, who was given a really hearty "thank you" for his work. The general secretary, Mr. F. Reynolds, was returned unopposed, and the representatives to the Central Council are now Messrs. A. Capstick, C. Crossthwaite, J. P. Partington and F. Reynolds.

The various reports and the balance sheet, which showed assets of £770 4s. 2d., the excess of income over expenditure during the year being £118 10s 4d., were accepted without comment. The recommendation of the committee that a bell repair fund be started was also accepted. Arrangements have been made for an annual dinner to be held at the Victoria and Station Hotel, Preston, on October 29th

POINTS FROM THE REPORTS

The general secretary's report gave the following losses by death: Mrs. A Hague (Blackpool), Joseph Jackson (Bispham), James Marsh (Aughton), Thomas Metcalfe (Dalton), Harry Partington (Heywood), Canon Rimmer (formerly of Ulveston) and Thomas Sayer (Ribchester). Thanks were expressed to the Branch secretaries for their sterling work, and particularly encouraging was the increase in activity in the Lancaster Branch.

The Ringing Master (Mr. J. P. Partington) stated that 164 peals (12 on handbells) were rung during 1965, consisting of Maximus 7, Cinques 4, Royal 8, Caters 11, Major 71, Triples 19, Minor 29 and Doubles 3. Two-hundred-and-six resident members (22.3 per cent.) took part and 37 rang their first peal. Leading conductors were Derek Butterworth 26, Cyril Crossthwaite 17, and leading peal ringers Derek Butterworth 51, Cyril Crossthwaite, P J. Crossthwaite 43, Tudor P. Edwards, Margaret E. Fort, Jeffrey Kershaw, Richard S. Starkie 28.

An unusual feature was the ringing of the first peals on the bells at two churches. At Liverpool Cathedral a peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung in January and a peal of Maximus in November. The other church was St. Mark's, Preston, where the bells were installed in 1874. Two long lengths were rung—both of Yorkshire Surprise, at Accrington—the 17,248 being the longest peal yet rung for the Association.

Proceedings concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to all concerned in the success of the meeting. Several towers were open and ringing was carried on until quite late. Altogether a very enjoyable meeting.

The Rector of Market Deeping (the Rev. David E. Davies), in a letter thanking those who rang at his church for the Parish Flower Festival, states: "We always welcome visiting teams and are most pleased to offer them any facilities."

CANON THURLOW AT ROUGHAM (SUFFOLK) REHALLOWING

THERE was hardly a vacant seat in the spacious Church of St. Mary, Rougham, near Bury St. Edmunds, on May 14th at the rehallowing of the bells after overhaul by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough.

The Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Jarrold, has been at Rougham but a few years and in that time has been active in getting general repairs and renovations carried out. It is such a parish as Rougham where these things might easily slip behind because the church is large and the parish scattered; in fact the only buildings near the church are the rectory, the school and two cottages, the main centres of habitation being well away.

GROUND FLOOR RING

The six bells have been put back in the same frame, which was put in by George Day and Sons, Eye, Suffolk, in 1895. All have been retuned, the pre-Reformation bell (4th) one-eighth turned and fitted with a new cast iron canon-retaining headstock at a cost of around £700. The actual hanging was done by Arthur Fidler. Local builders have put in almost a new floor under the bells and new trap doors.

Ringing is from the ground floor so it is a long draught, as the tower is large and tail as if it should have eight bells! While the bells were at the foundry Mr. John P. Fidler was televised with them and quite a lengthy film was later broadcast by the B.B.C.

Described by partakers as "marvellous," tea was provided at the nearby school, then came some handbell ringing and the service. Leslie Wright, lately District chairman and now District Ringing Master, and Richard Rose, former District Ringing Master, met everyone at the door. The service was of familiar pattern and the lesson was read by George Pipe, Guild Ringing Master.

For the actual rehallowing, Mr. Wright handed a rope to Captain David Armstrong, one of the churchwardens, who handed it to Canon Gilbert Thurlow, and he, after prayer, handed it to the Rector. Then a course of Plain Bob Minor was very nicely rung by the church's ringers The address was given by Canon Thurlow and appears on the front page of this issue.

EASY TO RING

At the end of the service an extent of Grandsire Doubles was rung, then bands of ringers from far and wide followed in quick succession to try the bells out, Mr. Wright being in charge. Canon Thurlow took a rope for a touch and afterwards expressed his pleasure at the way his bell behaved. Other ringers, too, remarked on the ease of ringing It was good to see Andrew Beckwith, the general secretary of the Suffolk Guild, back again with rope in hand after his spell in hospital.

Inside and outside the church the bells sounded well, echoing the description of Rougham's then five bells as given in White's "Suffolk" of 1883—"sweet-toned."

Though all concerned have done so well to get done what has been done and are to be highly congratulated, the general appearance of the church and its surroundings, and the sound of its bells, just beg for two more trebles—it is a real set-up for an octave Perhaps we shall see this one day—let's hope it will not be very long. The active band of ringers deserve it.

CLAUDE RUSH

The Holme Hale and Necton band of ringers on Monday, May 16th, rang a quarter peal of Bob Doubles, half-muffled, as a tribute to the late Rev. L G. Dennis, for seven years Rector of the combined parishes of Necton and Holme Hale. Mr. Dennis had always been most helpful to both local and visiting ringers.

THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Presentation of President's Badge

THE tenth annual meeting of the Guild was held at Newcastle on Tyne on May 7th and, considering the distance members had to travel, the attendance was good. All regions were represented. The ringing programme was very well organised and the ringing was up to standard.

During the business meeting, held in the Cathedral library, Mr. S G. Martin, secretary of the Joint Committee, British Railways Staff Association, presented the Master's badge of office. This is in the form of a pendant, with a gold finish, and suspended from a ribbon collarette. Mr. Martin, referring to the Joint Committee's unanimous agreement to this gift, mentioned the committee's new approach to the various activities within the Association, and also that more help for the cultural side of the members was being anticipated.

Members stood in silence as a tribute to the late Mr. W. Hollands.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. F. Hodgson, of Darlington, was elected Master of the Guild, and Mr. J. A. Hoare re-elected secretary and treasurer; Mr. J. E. Brough and Mr. F. R. Morton were re-elected auditors Regional Masters elected: London Midland, Mr. S. Foskett, Nottingham; Western, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Swindon; North Eastern, Mr. B. Sutton, York; Southern, Mr. C. A. Bassett, Wadhurst; Eastern, Mr. F. A. Staveley, Doncaster

It was agreed that the elected Master of the Guild should take on the office after the general meeting. The proposal that the office be held for two years was lost.

As the Guild accepted the rules of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, in full, it was proposed that the hon. secretary should apply for affiliation to the Council.

The Guild will visit Reading for the 1967 annual general meeting some time in April or May, and Brighton for the autumn meeting. Six new members were elected.

Mr. Martin was asked at the next Joint Committee meeting to express the thanks of all members for the generous gift of a badge to the Guild. J. A. H.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The South Western District's meeting at Havering-atte-Bower on Cup Final day was part of the programme for the floral week-end. Ringing aspirations finished about 4 p.m. when the clapper of the fifth crashed. It was a case of retiring to the village green and ringing handbells and listening on the transistor to Wembley. Permission to visit the difficult five at Navestock was obtained. Technical men found that the tenor here might easily part company with the wheel. For those wishing to try their strength it was rounds on 1, 2 and 4.

Minimus with the tenor covering was rung for the service at Havering. This was combined with a musical evening. There were the Barkingside/Walthamstow handbell band and a local guitar group. Dennis Ellisdon gave an introductory talk on Grandsire before his band reeled off two courses of Triples. There was soup and rolls in the Village Hall before taking leave of our very kind hosts, writes our correspondent.

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people to work together. Whenever anybody shows any interest in ringing here remember my three quotes today—"Over to you," "Now we face the future," "As my Father sent me so I send you."

Don't let people groan about "how wonderful things used to be and how sad they are today." Today, like yesterday and tomorrow, sees a great mingling of good bad and indifferent. See that you treasure the good and hand it on, in training ringers, in interesting people, in ringing, in the bells, in the church of which they are part; above all, remember we are on the side of God, the power which sustains the universe, our Father, who sent us to do these things.

Letters to the Editor

C.C.C. ADVOCATE CENTRAL RESTORATION FUND

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to hear that the Standing Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers thinks that Mr Knight's suggestion of a central fund for bell restoration presents too many administrative difficulties to be practical. I find it difficult to believe that ringers would be so jealous and so parochially minded as to make such a fund impossible. I fully appreciate the difficulties which Mr. Barnett has found with the Kent repair fund; but I wonder whether some of these have sprung from the very fact that this is a local affair and would be diminished rather than increased if it were organised on a national level. Obviously any repair fund must face the sometimes invidious task of deciding between the relative claims of different parishes; but the experience, for instance, of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust would seem to show that it is a good deal easier for a central committee of national standing and prestige to weigh the various claims objectively than it is for a local committee, which is inevitably more subject to local pressures and suspicions

This is a matter of some urgency. In the past, bell ringers have been able to take it for granted that the very expensive equipment of their craft would be provided without cost to themselves; and parishes have been able and willing to do this in return for the benefit they have received They are still willing: but they are becoming less and less able, for they are hard put to provide the necessities of worship, and are having to forgo luxuries, however desirable. The continued popularity of bell-ringing is evidence of the great pleasure it gives to those who practise it; and I am sure that they would be willing to make some such small contribution as Mr. Knight suggests to ensure its continuance.—Yours faithfully,

JUDITH G. SCOTT,
Secretary,
The Council for the Care of Churches

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S RAILWAY

Dear Sir,—In his interesting account of Sir Arthur Heywood on April 22nd Mr. E. C. Shepherd refers to his well-known 15in. gauge light railway at Duffield Bank and the number of visitors it attracted during and after its construction. Among these were the Duke of Westminster and his agent, who wanted a more convenient means of transporting coal, building materials, etc., from the railway station to Eaton Hall some two or three miles away. After much persuasion Sir Arthur agreed to construct a similar line for them.

In the late 1920's or early 1930's I read this in one of my son's "Meccano Magazines," which gave a long and interesting description (almost a specification) of the Eaton Hall line and the two engines (one of which was named "Katie"), also the ingenious methods Sir Arthur employed in laying the track, which had to cross several streams and three roads.

When the Central Council met at Chester in 1925 many members visited Eaton Hall and were given trips on the line by the late Mr. H. W. Wilde.

Unfortunately the Eaton Hall Light Railway no longer exists and I saw in (I think) "Country Life" a few years ago that "Katie" and her sister were acquired by the Ravenglass and Eskdale Light Railway.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford.

ST. PHILIP'S CATHEDRAL IS AMONG THE 500-PEAL TOWERS

Dear Sir, — I notice on page 325 that the "500th peal at St. Mary's, Willesden, was recorded in December and this number was only exceeded by the towers at Crayford, Erith and Loughborough Bell Foundry." May I be allowed to correct this statement? Well over 500 peals have been rung in the tower of Birmingham Cathedral. In fact Mr. George E. Fearn has recently recorded his 500th peal in this tower and he has by no means stood in all that have been rung there.

I believe the first recorded peal at St. Philip's is the first one in the peal books belonging to St. Martin's Guild. This was a peal of 5,040 Bob Major, rung on Monday, September 16th, 1755, by the Society of St. Martin's Youths in 3 hours and 57 minutes.

The band stood as follows: John Thompson 1, Joseph Thompson 2, William Thompson 3, John Archer 4, Abraham Fletcher 5, Samuel Brooke 6, Humphrey Peck 7, Andrew Peak, William Smith, 8

A fair number of peals were recorded at St. Philip's between this peal and the commencement of Mr Fearn's 500. in the tower —Yours faithfully,

A. M. REAY.

Northfield, Birmingham.

EXPERIMENT WITH YORKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Humphrey's experiments with Yorkshire in his letter to "The Ringing World," May 13th, page 308, but unfortunately the first peal is false. It contains the courses with course heads 53246 and 36542, which because of the f.c.h.'s 36254 and 42653 are false with each other in two places, the 2nd and 3rd leads.

I should be interested to know if the other peal has been checked and, if so, how it was done, because it seems to me that the number of f.c.h.'s with the tenors parted must be very large. I was pleased to see that Mr. Humphrey has since published a true peal of Yorkshire containing 100 roll-ups.—Yours sincerely.

TIMOTHY G. PETT.

London, W.C.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

The Stafford Archdeaconry Society propose to increase its annual subscription to 4s. for those over 18 The entrance fee will remain at 4s. 6d. for the first year. Those under 18 will pay 3s. per annum.

This was announced by the hon. secretary at the meeting in the unspoilt village of Church Eaton on May 7th. The striking competition will be 240 changes in any method for the six-bell test, and 224 in any method, odd- or even-bell, for eight-bell teams. The six-bell test will be at Trysull on June 11th, and the annual general meeting at Lichfield on June 18th.

Eight new members from Bushbury, seven from Stretton, near Burton-on-Trent, and one from Codsall were elected. A welcome visitor was Mr. Richard C. Ingram, Master of St Martin's Guild Thanks were expressed to the Rector (the Rev. R. C. Corliss) for conducting the service, and Mrs. Corliss and her helpers for the tea enjoyed by a company of over 70.

OBITUARY

THE REV. BRIG. D. V. KENNEDY

The picturesque Cotswold village of Broadwell, near Stow-on-the-Wold, is mourning the loss of its popular Rector, the Rev. Brigadier D. V. Kennedy. Ordained in 1956, he served his title at Stow-on-the-Wold and in 1960 was appointed Rector of Broadwell. He was most popular as Rector and the Church of St. Paul saw several great improvements, notably the new heating installations and the restoration of the five bells in 1963, when they were rehung and retuned. He was an honorary member of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

As a mark of respect and last tribute, the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch rang the bells half-muffled for Sunday morning service on March 15th. The following day a memorial service was held, which was followed by 720 Grandsire Doubles rung with the bells half-muffled by G. R. Harper 1, L. C. Dowdeswell 2, V. W. Rigg 3, L. Joynes 4, A. Shillam (conductor) 5.

L. C. D.

Mr. D. H. BENNETT

The sudden death on May 1st of Mr. D. H. Bennett, captain of the Talgarth, Brecon, ringers for the past 15 years, was a great shock not only to his own tower but to the Swansea and Brecon Guild "Dai," as he was known to a wide circle of friends, was a founder of the Guild, which he represented on the Central Council from 1939 to 1950. He was secretary and treasurer of the Northern District and the last office he held was treasurer of the Guild.

At the funeral all Districts were represented, and the bearers were the Talgarth ringers. The bells were rung half-muffled by members from Swansea, Brecon, Glasbury and the Hereford Guild. A peal was rung on the Talgarth bells on Sunday, May 8th. J. A. H.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The St. Albans District held their meeting on May 21st in Kimpton, and during the afternoon methods up to London and Norwich were rung on the six bells. A short service followed, led by the Rev. K. Martin, and about 30 ringers sat down to tea in the hall.

New members elected at the business meeting were G. Pettit, N. Woodward and R. Read Radlett), Julian Duggan (St. Peter's, St. Albans) and N. Blamire-Brown (Tewin). The secretary reported the anonymous gift of a District peal book A short list of rules governing these peals was approved. Miss Julia Fellows was nominated to write up the peals, and it would be helpful if conductors could confirm peals with her after they are rung.

The District's plan of practice meetings was discussed, the first meeting having already been held at South Mymms. Mr. Graham Sillis thanked the District on behalf of South Mymms and assured them it had certainly been a help to their band in particular. The next meeting is at Essendon on Tuesday, June 7th.

Under "Any other business" Mr. Geoff Dodds, the Central Council representative for the District, asked for opinions on how the District felt to the motions to be debated at the Central Council meeting. One surprising fact that came to light is that practically every member of the District took "The Ringing World" instead of the usual trend of one copy per tower. J. A. F.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Four of the local ringers were elected members when the Southern District met at South Lopham for the first time on May 7th. About 40 members and friends enjoyed ringing on the fine old six recently restored after many years of silence. Mr. A. Foreman was congratulated on his work in training a local band. It is largely due to him that these bells have been rung for a service every Sunday since their dedication last June.

The Rev. S. Collins, Rector of Bunwell, conducted the service as the Rector (the Rev. C. Beevers) had just returned from hospital. Mr. Nolan Golden (president) read the lesson.

Next meeting: Pulham St. Mary.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Devon Branch at its meeting at Liskeard, Cornwall, on May 7th, decided that local members at future meetings should wear a name badge in order that visitors might know whom to ask for assistance.

Mrs. Boobier presided and the news was received with deep regret that Mr. Fernley Pearson (husband of Mrs. Christine Pearson, a local member) was killed in a road accident on Easter Saturday A letter of sympathy and a wreath were sent.

Seven new members were elected. The October meeting will be at Exeter and not Bideford Evening ringing was at Menheniot (6).

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

A warm welcome was received by the Guild from the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Gibson) and ringers of St. Peter's, Sowerby, at its meeting on May 7th. The hill-top village resounded to the ringing of Stedman, Plain Bob, Cambridge and Woodbine, as did the church itself with the hearty singing at the service. The presence of Mr. Cyril Sutcliffe, a founder member of the Guild and previously a staunch ringer at St. Peter's, was noted with pleasure.

New members elected were Messrs. Michael Holmes and Alan Bennett (Kirkheaton) and Stephen Lumb (Sowerby). At Mr. Lord's invitation an extra meeting at Bradshaw was arranged and the Vicar of Kirkheaton gave invitations to his tower on May 21st and Whit Tuesday.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A positive measure of the keenness and enthusiasm now prevailing in the Marlborough Branch was shown on May 21st, when the monthly meeting was held at Pewsey. Over 30 members attended, this being the largest gathering for some time. Ringing was under the direction of the Ringing Master (the Rev. R. Keeley) and the Guild service was conducted by the Rector (Canon E. S. Wakefield).

Tea was served by ladies of the parish, who were thanked by Mr. F. Read (vice-chairman). Ringing was resumed after tea in most of the standard methods W. A. E.

WITH ANGELA IN DERBYSHIRE



From left to right: Norman Wright, Jean Warner, Paul Treble, John Norris, Bernard Stone, Wendy Treble, Bernard North, Angela Newing, Ivor Pett, Stella Rice, Peter Newing and Ann Godfrey.

Headquarters for the 1966 Week, which started on April 16th, were at Matlock, but there had been ringing on the journey up at Sheepy Magna, Leics, and Burton-on-Trent. Sunday was a full day—8 a.m. Communion, Matins and lunch at Lichfield, where in the afternoon we joined the Cathedral band for service ringing, and Evensong at Matlock with service ringing.

Rain, sleet and snow made conditions unpleasant on Monday. Places visited were Eyam, where a hiker joined us for Grandsire Doubles, Dore, Hope (first course of method of the week, Dronfield Surprise Major, rung here), Castleton, with its attractive lamps and homemade sallies, and Tideswell, the Cathedral of the Peak, covered with two inches of snow.

Duffield Major was rung at Duffield on Tuesday and the afternoon and evening spent in Derby, the day's ringing ending at the Cathedral practice After ringing at Fairfield, Buxton, and Chapel-en-le-Frith on Wednesday, the day was free. Some climbed Kinderscout (2,088 feet) and others "bagged" Manchester Town Hall. The meritorious performance on Thursday was Bristol on the heavy eight at Youlgreave and there was good ringing at Wirksworth and Alton, Staffs.

Friday proved another wet day with ringing at Ashover and on the delightful six at Clay Cross, where we enjoyed good striking. The beautifully restored church at Bolsover and joining the local practice at Chesterfield to ring a course of Cambridge Royal are other memories. Ilkeston and Loughborough Parish Church were Saturday's towers.

Among those who visited us during the week were Peter Small, Christine and Edward Mould, Judith Atkinson, Jane Blacker, Frances Fairbank and John Dodd. Our thanks go to Angela Newing and John Norris for arranging the tour, and local ringers and clergy for their welcome to Derbyshire.

S. G. R. and N. J. W.

St. David's Guild's Competition

Eight teams took part in the annual competition of St. David's Diocesan Guild at St. Florence, Pembs on May 7th, when Mr. Frederick Sharpe was again the adjudicator. Each team had to raise the bells, ring 120 changes and lower in peal.

Mr. Sharpe thought the standard of ringing was not so good as in past years and the rise and fall were the undoing of most teams. He suggested that the competition might consist of method ringing if only to improve the standard of striking.

The competition was won by Llanelli assisted by two borrowed ringers (33 faults); St. Florence, who had been ringing less than two years, were second (35 faults); and Tenby (40) third. Pembroke entered two teams and also Cardigan and there was a "scratch" team.

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ST. LUKES (CHELSEA) TOUR

BY 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 16th, eleven ringers had converged on the Linden Hotel, Shrewsbury, our headquarters for the annual week's ringing tour, this year held in Shropshire.

On Sunday morning we joined the local ringers at St. Mary's and then St. Chad's. In the evening the time of service coincided so we split into two bands for ringing and rounded off the day by building up our strength in the Dun Cow, opposite the hotel.

The tour, organised by Miss Veronica Dupré and Mr. Michael Wycherley, was planned to cover the county and by 9.30 a.m on Monday we were heading northwards through pouring rain to Prees (a pleasant easy-going six), where we were met by that old friend of "Ringing World" columns, E. V. Rodenhurst. It was still raining when we arrived at Whitchurch (a heavy-going eight, hung high up in a very tall tower). Those who rang the 7th here suffered a gale-force breeze coming through the now empty shaft for the flag-pole. After lunch we moved on to Ellesmere (a peculiar sounding eight) and finally to Oswestry (the best eight of the day).

Tuesday was another cold, wet day but, nothing deterred, we set off for Condover, which has one of only two complete octaves in the county by Briant of Hertford. The cross-country run to Westbury proved the downfall of one car load, which returned to Shrewsbury to point itself in the right direction. However, once assembled in the warm belfry, we rang for about half an hour. Worthen was the next tower (a light six), and finally Berriew, Montgomeryshire, our only ring in Wales The fast, light eight were much enjoyed and it is interesting to note that the local ringers number about 30, which for such a small place is remarkable.

MOMENTOUS LUNCH

The weather changed to snow on Wednesday. Coalbrookdale (the only other ten in the county) was the first stop, and here some of the Shrewsbury ringers joined us. Afterwards we found St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth; there is a beautiful eight here. Lunch proved to be momentous, not only from the gastronomic point of view, but also because "Jafus" was nearly captured by a sprightly local lady getting ready to celebrate her 80th birthday! We left them toasting each other in champagne and went to ring at St. Mary's. By now the weather had cleared up and we were able to enjoy the beautiful countryside on the way to Church Stretton (8) before returning home.

On Thursday, cheered by the sunshine, we headed for Clive Here the magnificent, thundering Taylor six (25¼ cwt.) were raised singly, and a quarter of Bob Minor was lost. Stanton-on-Hine Heath bells (a light six recently rehung) were put to good use, however. After a splendid lunch in the village pub we carried on to Hodnet, with its easy going eight, and Market Drayton, where the bells go beautifully, though the sound has a habit of disappearing!

Rain set in on Friday morning as, after collecting "E.V.R." we moved south to Stanton Lacy. John Lott and Kathleen Baker joined us here, having journeyed up from London. Ludlow was the next stop, and though the climb (137 steps) is tough, the bells are worth it. They need ringing carefully, however, and we did not do justice to them. After lunch we moved on to Stokesay (a light six which turn over slowly). Clun was our last tower and here we scored a quarter peal of Stedman Triples.

Backed by a large contingent of Shrewsbury ringers and the Stimsons from Leicestershire, we set off on Saturday for Atcham (a light ground-floor six which go well but have a long draught). Our next ring was on the eight at Wellington, and then we drove to Dawley (6), where we had lunch before ringing. On then to Madeley, which possesses a nice little eight which can be tapped along. Our final ring of the tour was at Much Wenlock (a delightful eight). The last evening was most pleasantly spent in the company of the Shrewsbury ringers.

Methods rung on the tour included Grandsire Doubles to Cinques, Plain Bob Minor to Royal, Kent T.B. Minor to Maximus, Oxford T.B. Minor and Major, Cambridge Minor and Major, Yorkshire and Superlative Major, St. Clement's, Double Court Minor and Double Norwich.

Our very grateful thanks are due to the clergy and the local ringers who met us and, above all, to the Shrewsbury ringers who entertained us most hospitably. M. R. W.

OUTINGS IN BRIEF

The finest bells experienced by 14 members from St. Mary's, Scarborough, and St. Lawrence's, Sculby, on their first outing of the year (April 23rd) were at Norton-juxta-Malton. Other towers visited were Kirby Moorside, Hovingham and Helmsley. A violent thunderstorm greeted the party at Scarborough.

Organised by Barrie Hendry, All Saints', Harpole, Northants, ringers spent a day in North Bucks on May 7th. Best ringing was at Linslade. The Norman architecture at Stewkley was much admired and the fine eight enjoyed. A few hair-raising moments occurred at Winslow through the ropes hitting the low beams.

The Axbridge Branch of the Bath and Wells Association had a most enjoyable day on May 7th at Dartmouth. The steamer was boarded at Totnes and Dartmouth was reached via the River Dart. Ringing was at St. Saviour's, St. Petrox's and St. Clement's, Dartmouth. High tea at Babbacombe preceded a journey along the coast to ring at St. Michael's, Teignmouth.

Nottingham University Society last term had an outing into Rutland. Included in towers visited was Uppingham, the home tower of "Bob," who organised the day. Thanks were accorded to the Rev. and Mrs. Woodward, who provided quantities of tea and biscuits for 13 thirsty ringers. Billesdon was an amusing lower with six ropes placed extremely close together and two more in other corners Ringing also took place at Melton Mowbray (Leics), Oakham, Preston, Glaston, Ashby-Folville and Sileby.

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The peal of Minor in three methods at Great Addington on April 23rd was rung for the All Saints' Society, Great Addington, and not for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

In the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Caversham on April 18th the ringers of the sixth and seventh were Anthony P. Foster and Robert A. Partridge respectively, and not as printed. Our correspondent apologises.

COWBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

SIX members of the Cowbridge School Society went on this year's ringing tour of the Banbury area. These were Old Boy Ellis Thomas, now of the Cambridge University Guild, the present Ringing Master, Chris Ricketts; David ("Ken") Barrington; Robert MacPherson; Paul Morgan and myself. We were joined by two guests, Miss Susan Harber, of Howell's School, Llandaff and Llandaff Cathedral, and Miss Catharine Havard, of Penarth County Grammar School and Sully. Last year we wanted to call ourselves Cowbridge "Grabber" School, but this year it seemed that "Glamour" might be better! We hired a self-drive minibus and, on Tuesday, April 12th, set out for Sulgrave, Northants, and the excellent Manor Guest House run by Mr. and Mrs Argent there, our base for the tour.

On the way up we rang at two towers, Brockworth, near Gloucester (6, 13 cwt.), and Bourton-on-the Water (8, 12¼ cwt.). At the latter, with local ringer Mr. Phillips standing in, we managed Grandsire Triples successfully. One of the nigh spots of the tour came that evening, when we joined the flourishing local band at Adderbury for practice night. Here the beautiful church and tower have a glorious ring of bells (8, 24 cwt.) well worthy of their setting. We were most kindly welcomed and took part in the rise, in call changes, in Yorkshire Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain and Little Bob Major and in the fall.

After Adderbury we almost thought that the rest of the tour would be an anti-climax, but this was not so On each of the next two days we had eight towers, all good bells, some really excellent, some a test of our handling capabilities. At all the towers we began and ended with a rise and fall in peal. The methods we rang were: Doubles—Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and St. Nicholas; Minor—Cambridge Kent, Kent and Oxford and Plain Bob; and where we had local ringers standing, the methods referred to above plus Oxford Bob Triples, Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal.

The Society's second annual dinner was held that evening at a Banbury Chinese restaurant. (N.B., if you can handle a bell you can handle chopsticks.) Then on Friday, April 15th, we were, with regret, wending our homeward way. We had two towers—the first was Burford (8, 17¼ cwt.) where, with local ringer Mr. W. J. Dixon, we did some of the best ringing of the tour on bells which, in the modern idiom, are "fab"; finally at Caldicot, Monmouthshire, the incumbent, the Rev Roy Hallett, and two of his band joined us for ringing on the rather difficult but good eight (13 cwt.). The last fall of the tour, a good "catch in Queens." and it was all over for this year.

We sincerely thank all incumbents for granting us the use of their bells, and the local ringers who met us. We thank Chris Ricketts also for his splendid planning and organisation which made such a full programme viable.

IOLO DAVIES.

Frome Branch's Striking Competition

Participants in the first striking competition promoted by the Frome Branch, and held at Binegar by permission of the Rev. Martin Langley on May 14th, ranged in age from 12 to 85. Ten teams from six towers competed and eight considered it safer to keep the tenor in sixths place for the test piece, though the first team to perform did not realise that the tenor was wrong stroke until the second attempt had started. Considerable concentration by all teams resulted in 1¼ hours of good striking, after which an excellent tea was served in the village hall.

The judge, Mr Albert Tyler, of Bristol, placed the top three teams as follows:—Frome "B" 21 faults, Chilcompton "A" 23, and Midsomer Norton 27. Proposing a vote of thanks, Mr. G. Massey especially mentioned the competition committee, Mr. Ron Beck and Mrs. Horseman, who assisted Mr. Max Heymann in making the day a memorable one for the Branch. All present felt that this successful function should be repeated next year. D. T. H. R.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 14th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Beverley, Surfleet): B. J. Bull (150th quarter) 1, Alison M. Mann 2, W. H. Jackson 3, E. Godfrey 4, N. G. Steere 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6. Also on May 15th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (Primrose and Cambridge): Amanda Powell, first of two Surprise.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. V. Chilcott 1, Mrs. J. Chilcott 2, Mrs. D. E. Parsons 3, Mrs. R. I. Parsons 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, J. Chilcott 6, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 7, R. I. Parsons 8.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on May 1st, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Avril Ivin 1, Linda Ellison (first in method) 2, Kathleen Rivett 3, R. J. Sharp 4, R. Churchill 5, K. H. Fleming 6, B. North 7, S. Ivin (cond.) 8. Rung with the best wishes to Colin and Jean Payne, on the birth of a son (Brian Michael).

BERROW, SOMERSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Horsey (first quarter) 1, S. Lewis 2, P. Horsey (first of Minor, first of Plain Bob) 3, B. G. Williams 4, R. J. Ballam 5, P. J. Hall (cond.) 6. To mark the birth of Stephen Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael V. White.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On May 18th, at All Souls' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Kenyon 1, J. F. Wood 2, J. W. Kay 3, W. Johnson 4, R. Parkinson 5, A. Critchley 6, C. Brownlow (cond.) 7, C. A. Moss 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. B. Webster.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen E. Gilbert 1, Linda M. Groves 2, Rosemarie A. Frith 3, B. G. Brinkley 4, P. J. Gibson 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary A Frith (conductor). Both for the Festival of Church Treasure.

BUCKLEY, FLINTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Burdett 1, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 2, D. E. Collins 3, M. H. Hodgkinson 4, R. J. Palmer 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, G. Parting 7, J. W. Bull 8.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diane Wickens 1, Penelope Raine 2, Carole Wickens 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela J. Green (first quarter) 1, N. I. Bridges 2, A. E. Hicks 3, Hilary Osborne (first of Minor "inside") 4, D. Floyd (cond.) 5, J. F. List 6. For the 16th birthday of Angela Green.

CLAPHAM COMMON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. H. Netherton 1, Rosemary J. Cotton (first "inside") 2, Sandra C. Thexton 3, P. Hatmil 4, B. J. Imber 6, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 7, T. Farmer 8. First of Minor by all except conductor. A 20th birthday compliment to Bernard Imber.

EAST ARDSLEY, YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Newbould 1, A. Holliday (first quarter) 2, Patricia Lockwood 3, C. Naylor 4, A. Clifton 5, I. North (cond.) 6.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Rogation Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Reeve 1, J. Yorke-Parker 2, W. Ivings 3, D. Reeve 4, N. Watson 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6, H. Ivings cover.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On May 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Sandra C. Thexton (first on ten bells) 1, Doreen A. Deverell 2, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3, J. W. F. Rea 4, L. C. Way 5, A. J. Hampton 6, D. L. Cawley 7, J. Pladdys 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, J. A. G. Harvey 10. For Evensong.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Alison I. Walker (first quarter, age 12) 1, Helen M. Simpson (first "inside", age 13) 2, Caroline E. Tyler (age 15) 3, P. Mary Beach 4, D. J. Beach (cond.) 5, G. G. Knighton 6. For Evensong, and first birthday compliment to Jonathan D. Beach.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on May 15th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Caroline Gibbs 1, C. W. Munday 2, Hilda Oatway 3, Sally Parrott 4, T. Skelton 5, F. A. Munday 6, R. Fentiman 7, R. D. Mills 8, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 9, P. Munday 10. First of Caters 1 and 5. Also on May 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Sherwood 1, R. Green 2, Carolyn White 3, Diane Street 4, Janet Cleeve 5, K. Williamson 6, D. Tubbs 7, P. Smart 8, D. Blows (first of Caters as cond.) 9, J. Collier 10. First of Caters 2 and 5. For the dedication of the North Garth and library.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Ainsworth 1, Miss R. C. Russell 2, Mrs. M. P. Barron 3, S. W. Barton 4, C. A. Barron (cond.) 5, E. Spence 6, J. N. Lindon 7, T. Russell 8. For Evensong, and the birthday of Molly Barron.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Venton 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Rosemary Weal 3, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 4, J. H. Payton 5, T. Phillips 6, T. J. Wellen 7, R. G. Burford 8. First Triples 3 and 7. For Ascension Day Choral Evensong.

HEVER, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss C. Cheseman 1, R. Everest 2, P. Everest 3, H. Butcher 4, R. Hayes (cond.) 5, R. Collins (first quarter) 6. For joint four parish Evensong.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On May 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Kewell 1, R. Crocker (first quarter) 2, P. Furniss 3, P. Taylor 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, F. Kewell 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. V. Gant 1, C. E. Wright 2, J. Fowler 3, S. Penfold 4, C. Pain 5, J. McDonald 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, P. Over 8. For Matins.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, YORKS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on back six): P. Church 1, F. Reed 2, H. Falkner 3, A. Bridges 4, H. Pickering 5, D. Stipetic 6. Rung on the 10th anniversary of the death of George F. Williams, Ringing Master of Holy Trinity for 35 years.

ILTON, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Welch 1, R. Dean 2, A. Drayton 3, C. Gratton 4, A. Rowsell (cond.) 5, B. Burns (first quarter) 6. For Easter Sunday service, and the completion of the Bell Fund.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hawkshaw 1, G. K. Smith 2, C. Holmes (first in method) 3, K. Kirk (cond.) 4, A. B. Cooper 5, M. J. Wilson 6. For Evensong.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Powell 1, G. Millsom 2, H. Evans (cond.) 3, H. R. Hayden 4, R. W. P. Kirby 5, J. Ryman 6. Rung for Evensong, to welcome the Bishop of Reading and to mark the last occasion on which the bells were rung before removal for retuning.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Judith Brooks (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. A. Birch (first as cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

RATBY, LEICS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. Root 1, G. Hurd 2, G. Taylor 3, H. Spencer 4, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 5, R. Taylor 6, G. Barnes 7, G. Root 8.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on May 13th, 1,584 Londinium Surprise Maximus: A. Diserens 1, Marilyn C. Smith 2, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 3, J. Manley 4, J. N. Diserens 5, F. R. Scott 6, M. Ingram 7, F. W. Lewis 8, J. H. Ward 9, D. P. Hilling 10, R. C. Kippin 11, C. H. Kippin 12.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): D. Martin 1, P. R. C. Williams 2, S. Seymour 3, S. R. Curnow 4, E. H. Langley 5, R. Hart 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, P. R. White 8. First for 6 and 8. In honour of the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seymour.

ST. MARY BOURNE, HANTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Taylor 1, M. Green (first "inside") 2, B. J. Hodgson 3, B. Oakes 4, A. Green (first as cond.) 5, B. Doe 6. First quarter 1, 3, 4 and 6. Also on May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Taylor 1, P. Furniss 2, A. Green (cond.) 3, B. Oakes 4, F. Rich (first quarter) 5, B. Doe 6.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On May 9th, in the belfry of St. Mary's Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Pickup 1—2, C. J. Easton 3—4, S. Wright (first as cond.) 5—6. First quarter "in hand" for all.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On May 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Monica Phillips 1, Rachel Saggs (first "inside") 2, Sylvia Knight 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, A. Bourner 6.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pat Dennett 1, Janet Thornton 2, W. Ratcliffe 3, J. Miller 4, P. Else (cond.) 5, D. Crossland 6. For Confirmation service.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St. Margaret's, on May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Hughes 1, W. Rawlings 2, C. Ottley 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, C. Kippin 5, M. Meyer 6, J. Phillips 7, D. Randall 8. Rung during H.M. the Queen's procession to welcome the President of Austria.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On May 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Green (first in method) 1, Carolyn White 2, Janet E. Cleeve 3, G. K. Williamson 4, W. Savile 5, D. Blows 6, D. Tubbs (first in method as cond.) 7, J. Collier 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Wilfred Williams has now rung a 12-bell peal in 60 different towers.

Mr. G. R. Parker is the new secretary of the Central Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

When Robert E. J. Dennis rang his 25th peal for the University of London Society on May 21st it was his 25th with Timothy Pett.

There was a strong Australian flavour about the North Mymms outing as the party included Margaret Goodyer, Jennifer Murphy and Ron Russ until tea time.

St. Mary's bells, Lichfield, are not now considered safe for ringing and will not be available for the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society's annual general meeting on June 18th.

The quarter at Beddington on May 8th was an alliance between the Chilcotts and the Parsons. Each family supplied two brothers with their respective wives.

The Royal Society of Cumberland Youths have another jewel in their diadem of success—the first peal of eight-spliced rung silent and non-conducted.

Mr. J. Brannan writes that the long length of Bristol rung at Mottram on April 16th was incorrectly given as 5,088. It should have been 5,120, since the composition is an irregular three-part.

The seven male members in the peal at Bolsover on May 13th would like to congratulate the lone female ringing her first peal, Linda Shaw is very small in stature, but very big hearted, and rang perfectly.

Mr. Walter Ayre conducted the peal at Barton-on-Humber as a welcome to the daughter of Michael and Roseann Crowder. This peal makes the fifth generation of the Crowder family for which he has rung a peal.

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SHEBBEAR RINGERS VISIT LIVERPOOL

The first team from Shebbear College, North Devon, had a very successful week-end trip to Liverpool on April 29th–May 1st, the main objective being the Cathedral bells. On Sunday morning the party attended the Battle of the Atlantic Commemoration Service and in the afternoon ascended the belfry, where ringing and sightseeing proved quite an experience. Some had the privilege of ringing the 82 cwt. tenor and there was a detailed comparison between it and that of Exeter Cathedral. Three of the party joined in a course of Plain Bob Maximus.

On the Saturday there was ringing at Much Woolton, Knutsford (where a set of handbells was collected) and Wallasey. On the long trek home service ringing took place at Penkridge, Shebbear being reached at 1 a.m.

This is a busy term for the Society, which now has 50 members. Numerous quarters and two peals are planned; an outing in the Torbay area on June 26th; a fete on July 21st; and other fund-raising activities to enable the much-overworked bells at St. Michael's, Shebbear, to be rehung within the next 12 months.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At the annual general meeting of the Nottingham University Society on May 11th Mr. Paul L. Taylor was unanimously re-elected honorary president and also the three vice-presidents. The committee for 1966–67 session will be: Master and chairman, I. V. J. Smith; secretary, D. R. McLean; treasurer, Miss A. Harris; steeplekeeper, J. G. Hallett. It was afterwards realised that a precedent had been created in the Society's history, as the committee consists entirely of Sussex ringers.

It was decided that in future the annual dinner be held on the last Saturday in February.

"YORKSHIRE" AMBITION FULFILLED

Mrs. F. W. (Margaret) Goodyer, on holiday to see her parents in this country, will now be able to return to her home in Australia having fulfilled a ringing ambition, to ring a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major: this was accomplished at Harrow Weald. Although it was a "long awaited" peal, a broken rope and a broken clapper stopped her only two previous attempts.

TOWER CAPTAIN LEAVES

With much regret the ringers of Essendon, Herts. said goodbye to their tower captain, Mr. Fred Bamford. He was indeed a pillar of the Church, having been a ringer and chorister since 1923 and verger since 1941. He has now left for Cromer, Norfolk, and the whole District join in thanking him for years of devoted service and wishing him farewell.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

At the annual general meeting held on May 17th the following officers were elected for 1966–67: Master, N. W. H. Simon; secretary, Miss P. Bligh-Cheesman; treasurer, M. A. Gilbey; tower secretary, M. G. R. Zobel.

All correspondence should be addressed to the officer concerned at: The Students' Union, Queen's Road, Clifton, Bristol 8.

NEW RECORD IN SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

A new record in Spliced Surprise Major was established at Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts, on May 21st with a peal in 64 methods, conducted by Anthony R. Peake. Mr. John R. Mayne was the umpire for this great performance and the whole of the ringing was recorded. Members of the band were Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 1, Edward R. Venn 2, Michael J. Hobbs 3, Brian Bladon 4, Anthony R. Peake 5, James R. Taylor 6, Victor Griffin 7, Peter Bridle 8.

GOOD NEWS FROM REDRUTH

For over 52 years Harold Seymour and his brother Stanley have been ringing regularly at St. Euny's Church, Redruth, Cornwall, and the 40th wedding anniversary of Harold and his wife was an occasion for ringing. A quarter of Grandsire Doubles was successfully accomplished by the Sunday service band with the addition of the conductor.

We hear that good progress is being made with method ringing at Redruth and it is not exceptional to have over 20 learners in the ringing chamber on practice nights.

VICAR STOOD GUARD WHILE FIRST PEAL PROGRESSED

The first peal on the bells of Mitcheldean, Glos, since their rehanging by John Taylor and Co. two years ago, was accomplished on May 14th. Prior to that the bells had been unringable for 25 years, the last peal being rung in the mid-30's.

So anxious was the Vicar (the Rev. E. W P Ainsworth) that the first attempt on the new bells should be a success that he "stood guard" in the churchyard throughout the ringing ready to receive any complaints from parishioners on the spot!

The Vicar has learned to ring in the last two years and the local captain was a member of the band. After the peal the band were very hospitably entertained at the Vicarage by Mr. Ainsworth.

TACKLING A SUFFOLK UNRINGABLE

Hadleigh Modern Secondary School gave a performance entitled "City and Countryside" on May 14th in aid of the restoration of Kersey, Suffolk, bells. About £2,000 is required to restore these bells, which are a six with a tenor of 14 cwt. and are classified in "Dove's" as unringable. Previous to the school's effort £400 had been raised. The village is holding another festival.

"THE TUNING UP"

Writing to express appreciation of Bernard Groves' handling of the 32 cwt. tenor to London Major at All Saints', Maidstone (not 22 cwt. as given on page 331), Mr. W. A Riddington writes: "What better way could there be for getting 'tuned up' for one's wedding on July 23rd."

Will the Peals Analysis Committee and the Surrey Association kindly note that no peal was rung at Immanuel Church, Streatham, on May 8th, as reported on page 347.

CONGRESS OF CARILLONNEURS

About 20 carillonneurs were reunited in Blois on May 4th and 5th for their first congress since 1956. They were of several nationalities—French, Dutch, Belgian, with three delegates from the U.S.A., including Professor Percival Price, of Michigan University.

Blois was chosen for its central position on the Loire, and for its Basilica of Notre Dame de la Trinité, with a fine carillon of 48 bells. This church dates from the end of the last war (consecrated in 1949) and the carillon is said to be one of the finest in Europe, an achievement of the Paccard foundry of Annecy (Haute-Savoie). In the 50-metre high tower there are 44 fixed bells, tuned chromatically, plus the four bourdons (heaviest 5,600 kilogrammes), which are swung electrically for services. Monsieur Delapierre, the carillonneur, gives concerts every Sunday between April and November.

Welcomed by local dignitaries, and very comfortably lodged in the local hostel, these carillonneurs met to discuss their own particular problems with regard to their form of the campanological art—casting and tuning., differences in keyboard, etc. In addition, there were four concerts, given by carillonneurs from Paris, Dunkirk, Dijon, Pontmain, Seclin, Amsterdam and Malines (Belgium), which included sacred music, local compositions and works of Beethoven, Bach, Dvorak, Schumann and Grieg.

As one who had formerly known only the milieu of change ringing, I found it a wonderful experience to widen my horizons in this way, and to find that the ringing world is much larger than we in Britain tend to think. Also, it was very gratifying to see how much these people already know about our way of ringing bells, and they were very interested to learn more about it with the aid of my tape recordings.

N. A. C.

ANOTHER YORKSHIRE TUNE-RINGING SCHOOL

Another Yorkshire school to take up tune ringing is Hunshelf Secondary Modern School, Chapeltown, near Sheffield, who are using the old set of about 50 bells belonging to adjacent Ecclesfield Grammar School. Their team of five girls and five boys practise twice weekly, the tunes being written out in a number and letter system.

Their first public performance was last December, but recently they have been very active providing musical interludes between school plays on May 6th and 7th and again at the official opening of the school on May 14th, despite the absence of three members at Wembley.

LIKE FATHER

Another young ringer to find his way into the quarter peal columns is Keith Scudamore, aged 10 years, the son of P.-Sgt. W. F. Scudamore, of Cirencester, where he is a regular Sunday service ringer. He first learned to handle a bell at Lydney at the age of eight, and is now found trying his hand in methods up to Caters. His first quarter was in Doubles on Easter Sunday, and he has now set his sights on a peal before his 11th birthday.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
NOTTINGHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

Andrew N. Stubbs	Treble	David J Purnell	7
Alan F. Thirst	2	George E. Thoday	8
Peter Border	3	*Christopher H Rogers	9
John Freeman	4	Alan R Patterson	10
William A Theobald	5	John S. Mason	11
Antony R Kench	6	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Wilfred Williams
* 100th peal. First peal of Maximus on the bells. The conductor has now rung a 12-bell peal in 60 different towers

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., May 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Wilfred Williams	Treble	Antony R. Kench	6
William A. Theobald	2	*Christopher H Rogers	7
Alan F. Thirst	3	Alan R. Patterson	8
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	George E. Thoday	9
Kenneth J. Hesketh	5	David P. Hilling	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Wilfred Williams
* First peal in the method. Tenor 18¾ cwt

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EAST HARPTREE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Laurence
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods/variations being five extents of Plain Bob, seven of Dedworth, 10 of Rev. St Bartholomew and 20 of Grandsire
Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

John H Thompson	Treble	Robin L. Coles	4
Shirley A Cox	2	Ian P Cox	5
Alan F. Lee	3	Michael J. Hawkins	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F Lee.
First peal on the bells since April, 1930.

LONG SUTTON Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity
On Thurs., May 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 17 cwt 1 qr 22 lb

Trevor E. Marks	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	4
Gilbert W. Rendell	2	Rev. C. J. B Marshall	5
Frederick G. Sandy	3	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
OLD WARDEN Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St Leonard
On Thurs., May 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of St Clement's, Double Oxford, Kent T.B. Oxford T.B., Cambridge, Plain Bob and Single Oxford.

*Jill K Orme	Treble	Martin Major	4
Alan S Smith	2	Bernard G North	5
Anthony H. Smith	3	C. Michael Orme	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith
* First peal. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.
FILTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 14 1966, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B flat

Henry Taysom	Treble	Richard W Sweet	4
*David C. Haslum	2	Andrew Howard	5
Gillian M Hussey	3	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal.

DYRHAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter
On Mon., May 16 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Gillian M. Hussey	Treble	Richard W Sweet	4
*Trevor Newlands	2	†David Rennolds	5
†Linda Slade	3	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by David Rennolds
* First peal on six bells and "inside." † First of Minor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr 23 lb.

Derek Yates	Treble	John Booth	6
John E Bibby	2	C. Kenneth Lewis	7
John Worth	3	Edward Jenkins	8
Harold C. Lonyon	4	Basil Jones	9
John R. Bibby	5	Robert B Smith	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by John Worth.

BUNBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Boniface.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 3 qr. 11 lb

*Leon A Perry	Treble	John E Brough	5
*Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	*John R Scott	6
Frederick S Sutton	3	Gerald Parsons	7
*Terence E. Trickett	4	Frank R Morton	Tenor

Composed by W Shipway. Conducted by Frank R Morton
* First peal of Major First of Major as conductor

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Fri., May 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods, being five extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob Kennington, April Day, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew and two extents of Northrepps
Tenor 6 cwt 6 lb in G.

*Gary Bickerton	Treble	Frank R Morton	4
James S Baker	2	Terence E Trickett	5
Frederick S. Sutton	3	Gordon K Green	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R Morton.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. W. S Walker, on his leaving to take up the living of St. Barnabas, Bromborough

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
ALLESLEY, Coventry.—At the Church of All Saints
On Tuesday, May 17 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Sixth place bobs. Tenor 12 cwt in G.

*Clare F. Dolphin	Treble	†L. Michael Callow	5
†Ian C. Maycock	2	†Hubert E. Ashley	6
†Edward Holdsworth	3	Ernest J Gower	7
†Ian D Thompson	4	Peter Border	Tenor

27 course block reduced. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First in the method.

SHILTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 26 methods: (1) College Exercise Norbury Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B (2) London Scholars' Pleasure Kingston, Sandal and Capel T.B (3) College Bob IV Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight. (4) St Albans, Wragby Neasden and Charlwood Delight (5) York, Durham, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Doubl Oxford and Thelwall Bob. (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt 3 qr. 20 lb in B flat.

F. Mark Robottom	Treble	*Stephen F Royal	4
Peter C. Randall	2	Robert W Sherriff	5
Anthony J. Cox	3	Peter S Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S Bennett
* 25th peal Most Minor methods to a peal for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.

HONILEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St John the Baptist.
On Fri. May 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 11 methods/variations viz: (1) Stedman (2-3) Wychbold, (4-5) Dedworth (6-9) Winchendon (10-13) St Simon, (14-17) St Martin (18-20) Grandsire (21-23) April Day, (24-26) Clifford's Pleasure, (27-34) Rev Canterbury Pleasure (35-42) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 4 lb in A.

E. Anthea M. Sparshott	Treble	†Shirley E. Jones	3
*Paul S Reading	2	Peter C Randall	4
Anthony J. Cox	Tenor		

Conducted by Anthony J. Cox.
* First peal of Doubles † First of Doubles "inside." First as conductor.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
BAKEWELL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat April 23 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 1 qr 16 lb in E

Barrie Bateman	Treble	Alan G Kirk	5
Gillian M Fanshaw	2	Malcolm P Phipps	6
Gladys Richardson	3	Alex Richardson	7
Timothy Wylie	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J Woodruffe
Rung for the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir Arthur P. Heywood.

BOLSOVER, Derbys.—At the Church of SS Mary and Lawrence.
On Fri. May 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt

Herbert T. Rooke	Treble	Robert M Chambers	5
Edward Mould	2	†David G Barnes	6
*Linda D. Shaw	3	Harold Wagstaffe	7
Dennis Cooper	4	Alan R Keller	Tenor

Composed by J E Burton Conducted by Alan R Keller.
* First peal first attempt † First peal "inside."
Rung on the eve of the wedding of Miss Diane Turner, a local ringer, and Mr. John Tranter.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C

Donald E. Cobb	Treble	John H. Crampion	7
Michael C. Austin	2	Frederick W. Ellis	8
*Ian L. Dear	3	Frank V. Gant	9
*Andrew J. Slade	4	Robert J. Chapman	10
Peter D. Chapman	5	Alfred J. House	11
Dennis Ellisdon	6	Dennis A. Hewitt	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Donald E. Cobb.
* First peal of Cinques.
Rung to mark the 906th anniversary of the consecration of the Abbey Church.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Redcliffe.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 4 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	David P. Hilling	7
Ronald F. Diserens	2	Ralph Edwards	8
Robert C. Kippin	3	Noel J. Diserens	9
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	John H Fielden	10
Tudor P. Edwards	5	Frederick Shallcross	11
John Manley	6	Rev. Roger O Fry	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

MITCHELDEAN, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 6 lb.

George T. Cousins	Treble	Allan A. Paton	5
Peter Clarkson	2	Leonard Edwards	6
Frances Fairbank	3	William F. Scudamore	7
*Peter Gould	4	Cyril A. Wratten	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal of Major. The first peal on the bells since their restoration in 1964.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASHTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb in F.

*Beryl Astridge	Treble	A. Patrick Cannon	5
†D. Valerie Perrott	2	†Tony Skilton	6
†Caroline Gibbs	3	§Roy D. Mills	7
‡Felicity Hamilton	4	*John L. Hayns	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by John L Hayns.
* First peal. † First peal at first attempt ‡ First peal on eight bells, first "inside." § First of Bob Major. First as conductor 1,075th peal for ringer of fifth

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

KILNDOWN, Kent.—At Christ Church.
On Sun., April 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, comprising one extent each of Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Frank Pattenden	Treble	Reginald E. Lambert	4
Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	5
Robert T. Lambert	3	S. Geoffrey Waters	Tenor

Conducted by Peter M Wilkinson.
Rung to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the church, dedicated at Easter, 1841; and as a compliment to the Rev. T. W. P. Johnson, B.A., on his 21 years in the parish.

HIGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle, (2) London, Cunecastre and Wells, (3) Annable's London and Hull, (4) Northumberland and Carlisle, (5) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Ipswich and Primrose, (7) Hexham, Berwick, Beverley, Durham, York and Surfleet, with 102 changes of method.
Tenor 6 cwt.

Ian H. Oram	Treble	*Tony Lewis	4
Mary S. Taylor	2	Ralph Bird	5
John Faircloth	3	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* First peal in 24 methods.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

FOXTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being four extents of Oxford T.B. and three of Kent T.B.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Robert Binley	Treble	Edward Guy Slater	4
Dr Ron Adams	2	Raymond H. Martin	5
Judith K. Morris	3	Edward W. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
First of Treble Bob Minor for all the band.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Friday, May 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr 2 lb.

Geoffrey Bromfield	Treble	Jack Bray	5
*Pamela A. Gill	2	W. Arthur Crowder	6
Robert T. Harrison	3	Michael W. Crowder	7
Ronald Chafer	4	Walter Ayre	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since restoration.
A welcome to Deborah Ann, daughter of Michael and Roseann Crowder and granddaughter of W. Arthur Crowder. Also an 80th birthday compliment to the eldest sister of the conductor.

ERANT BROUGHTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Harry Barnes	Treble	William H. Dale	4
Ronald S. Russell	2	*Frederick Derry	5
James H. Musson	3	James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* 50th peal of Minor.

HORBLING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. in B flat.

Harry Barnes	Treble	*Philip C. Pitchford	4
Ronald S. Russell	2	Frederick Derry	5
Walter Tomlinson	3	James A. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* 50th peal.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANTRISANT, Glamorgan.— At the Church of SS. Illtyd, Gwynno and Tyfodwg.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Susan Harber	Treble	Robert MacPherson	5
John Alexander	2	James Clatworthy	6
Iolo Davies	3	James Barrington	7
*Paul Morgan	4	Christopher Ricketts	Tenor

Composed by J. M. H. Hunter Conducted by Christopher Ricketts.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung in remembrance of Robert E. Coles.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

HACKNEY, E.—At the Church of St. John-at-Hackney.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Pitstow's.
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	Timothy G Pett	5
Diana M Frost	2	Roger D. Bailey	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	Richard O. Humphries	7
Edward D. Elderkin	4	Alan J. Frost	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

BRAY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part.
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Roger D. Bailey	Treble	Gerald W Reynolds	5
*Robin R. Churchill	2	Marcus P. Barton	6
Robert E. J. Dennis	3	Richard O. Humphries	7
Timothy G. Pett	4	David L. Cawley	Tenor

Conducted by Richard O. Humphries.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung as a compliment to John Porter and Dorothy Beech, who were married at Ewerby, Lincolnshire, this day.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., May 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 OAKINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr 25 lb. in A.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	Dennis Knox	5
Joan Beresford	2	G. William Critchley	6
Thomas J. Lock	3	Robert C. Kippin	7
Alick Cutler	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
The first peal in the method.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., May 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Elsie K. Hart	Treble	H. George Hart	5
*Margaret E. Goodyer	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	John R. Mayne	7
†Joan Hooton	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
* First tower bell peal. † First peal in the method.

PINNER, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Donald E. R. Knights	Treble	J. Richard Castledine	5
G. William Critchley	2	Jack S. Dear	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Frederick R. Scott	7
Alick Cutler	4	*J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
* 200th peal.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
CHEADLE, Staffordshire.—At the R.C. Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., May 14, 1965 in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*Patricia M. Mills	Treble	Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Gerald Parsons	6
†Madeleine McCallion	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
†David J. Midgley	4	Paul J. Atkins	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise "inside."
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. D. R. Whalley.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft.
On Sun., May 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5191 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt 99 lb. in C.

David Heighton	Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin	7
Nolan Golden	2	John A. Cox	8
*Angela Wright	3	David Cubitt	9
H. William Barrett	4	Martin Cubitt	10
Clifford Bird	5	David E. House	11
†J. Barry Pickup	6	Peter Adcock	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal on 12 bells. † 200th peal.
Rung as a compliment to John A. Cox, who leaves shortly for a tour of duty at El Adem, Tunisia.

HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.
On Fri., April 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*Janet Dagley	Treble	†Desmond P. Mortlock	5
Leslie F. Bailey	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	6
Martin Cubitt	3	David E. House	7
Angela M. Wright	4	Peter Adcock	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples.

OAKINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
34-38.6-56-36.14-34.5-34-1
8th place Le. 14263857. 4ths place bobs.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
BEESTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Richard C. L. Brown	Treble	Edmund Shuttleworth	5
*Robert C. Woodward	2	Simon Humphrey	6
Peter Woollven	3	Ian V. J. Smith	7
David R. Ingram	4	John W. Coleman	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
A birthday compliment, May 11th, to Edmund Shuttleworth.

GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*Ann Harris	Treble	Ian V. J. Smith	5
*Simon Humphrey	2	Edmund Shuttleworth	6
David R. Ingram	3	Roger Baldwin	7
*John G. Hallett	4	Richard C. L. Brown	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
* First peal of London. First of London for the Society.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in A,

John W. Coleman	Treble	Paul W. Webb	5
*Ann Harris	2	Edmund Shuttleworth	6
*†John G. Hallett	3	*Ian V. J. Smith	7
*Richard C. L. Brown	4	*Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Composed by F. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † 25th peal. First of Spliced Surprise Major for the Society.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
PEMBROKE, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Philip C. Rogers	Treble	†John F. I. Turney	5
J. Arthur Hoare	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	6
Mary E. Pryor	3	David J. Llewellyn	7
Raymond J. Hosking	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise Major. First of Major on the bells.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
TURNER'S HILL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sun., May 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 Pudsey and Superlative, and 416 Lincoln, with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Sheila M. Dobbie	Treble	Edwin A. Barnett	5
Joan Beresford	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Ronald F. Diserens	3	Stanley Jenner	7
Derek E. Sibson	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Rung silent and non-conducted.
Umpire: Robert C. Kippin (Ancient Society of College Youths).
First peal of eight Spliced rung silent and non-conducted.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
WEST BRIDGFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes ,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

John W. O. Miller	Treble	Christine L. J. Mills	5
R. Brian Mills	2	Peter K. Else	6
Jane Blackler	3	David Stainsby	7
Susanna Poppleston	4	Royston Blackler	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Royston Blackler.
Rung to mark ten years of ringing on the bells

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., May 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Philip Mehew	8
Norman J. Goodman ..	3	Peter J. Stretton	9
John R. Insley	4	Clifford A. Barron	10
John C. Eisel	5	Peter Border	11
Michael J. Fellows	6	*George E. Fearn	Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* 500th peal on the bells. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
PATSHULL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., May 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

*Stanley W. Illidge	Treble	Philip R. Johnson	4
†Christine Slater	2	Philip G. K. Davies	5
Elizabeth Timmins	3	Richard B. Dorrington ..	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Anthea Richards and Michael W. Fairey, Ringing Master of this Society.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS.—At the Church of All Saints and St. Mary.
On Mon., May 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent Oxford T.B. and two extents each of Kent T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 lb.

Sydney Adams	Treble	David Oliver	4
Robert D. Marsh	2	William L. Exton	5
Ruth Blackshaw	3	Maurice W. Harrison ..	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.
First peal on the bells since augmentation to six.
Dedicated by the Rev. A. H. Hayward on May 8th, 1966.
Rung to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Canon H. Millard, Vicar of this parish 1906–1942, and to whose perpetual memory this new treble bell is dedicated.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHIPLEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In two methods, being six extents of Grandsire and 36 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

Janet Hazeldine	Treble	Derek Slater	4
*E. Ann Godfrey	2	James D. Nelson	5
†Ian M. Robinson	3	*Allan J. Monks	Tenor

Conducted by James D. Nelson.
* First peal. † First of Doubles.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry Leslie Curtis, who died on April 30th, 1966. He was gamekeeper on the Knepp Castle Estate for over 30 years and grandfather of the conductor.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Thurs., April 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAITHNESS SURPRISE MINOR
Four different extents and a 2,160. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb in B flat.

Edmund J. Morris	Treble	J. Arthur Hoare	4
Gwyn I. Lewis	2	John M. Hughes	5
Raymond J. Hosking ..	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Guild.
In memoriam Mr. J. Lovatt, of Pentre, Rhondda.

NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Thurs., April 28, 1966 in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GLAMORGAN DELIGHT MINOR
Seven extents Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in B flat.

Harry Boyce	Treble	John F. I. Turney	4
Raymond J. Hosking ..	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
J. Arthur Hoare	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal in the method.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., May 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Sixths place bobs. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Roderick W. Pipe	Treble	Brian J. Luff	5
*John R. Insley	2	*John C. Eisel	6
*James Insley	3	*Norman J. Goodman ..	7
*Michael J. Fellows ..	4	*J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

27 course block reduced. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal in the method.

GLAMORGAN DELIGHT MINOR
x 36 x 16 x 12 x 1236 x 34 x 56. l.h.=16–56342.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BITTERNE PARK, Southampton.—At the Church of the Ascension.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*Heather J. Hinton	Treble	*Margaret F. Coombs ..	4
*Beryl J. Cross	2	Dennis B. Brown	5
*Deborah N. Maggs ..	3	*Pamela J. Coombs ..	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis B. Brown.
* First peal attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local Sunday service band.
Rung for Ascensiontide.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HALIFAX, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Joyce M. Sharp	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Jack L. Millhouse	2	Harold F. Gibson	8
*Delia M. Heppenstall ..	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	9
A. Robin Heppenstall ..	4	J. Henry Fielden	10
*Richard A. G. Inglis ..	5	Geoffrey Paul	11
†Peter A. Sharp	6	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Maximus. † 250th peal.

HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 7 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 13440 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	Christopher J. Royal ..	5
Richard W. Sweet	2	John E. Whittall	6
James W. Belshaw	3	Robin Brown	7
P. John Hall	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
Longest length by all the band, on the bells and in the county.

GREAT COMBERTON, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sun., May 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Grandsire, Kent T.B., Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, Southrepps and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

Richard Bateman	Treble	*Christopher J. Royal ..	4
*P. John Hall	2	*James W. Belshaw	5
C. Barrie Dove	3	Arthur C Berry	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in seven methods.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

David Nichols	Treble	Norman V. Harding ..	4
Richard J. Tibbetts	2	Rodney H. French	5
John S. Seager	3	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., May 13, 1966, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 1,800 Grandsire, 3,240 Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary Whalley	3–4
*Kevin Price (cond.)	5–6		

* First of Minor in two methods.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycoch.
On Sun., April 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

Edmund J. Morris	1–2	J. Arthur Hoare	5–6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3–4	John M. Hughes	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycoch.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 7616 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

Raymond J. Hosking	1–2	J. Arthur Hoare	5–6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3–4	Edmund J. Morris	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
An attempt for 13,440.

HALF PEAL

KEYWORTH, NOTTS.—At 5, Meadow Drive, on May 15th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: Christine L. J. Mills 1—2, B. M. Buswell 3—4, W. L. Exton 5—6, R. B. Mills (cond.) 7—8. Longest length "in hand" 1—2, 5—6, 7—8.

DATE TOUCH

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On May 14th, 1,966 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, cond. 1; 700 Grandsire, cond. 3; 666 Stedman, cond. 5): A. J. Davidson 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, A. P. Smith 3, H. Miles 4, F. M. Bowers 5, W. R. Curtis 6.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): M. E. Hall 1, H. Sutton 2, J. Thomas 3, F. S. Sutton (cond.) 4, S. Sutton 5, G. Emerton 6. For Rogation service.

ALBURY, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. S. Kent 1, Mrs. L. G. Goodman 2, E. Howe 3, E. White 4, G. C. Goodman (cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 3. First quarter on the bells since augmentation and rehanging.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire): P. Elkington 1, P. Holmes 2, Beryl N. Reed 3, C. W. Reed (cond.) 4, P. Wakefield 5, B. E. White 6. For Evensong.

BARTON STACEY, HANTS.—On May 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Furniss (first quarter) 1, R. Crocker 2, M. Green 3, P. Taylor 4, A. Green (cond.) 5, C. Ball 6.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Hinton 1, Miss M. F. Coombs 2, Miss D. N. Maggs (first as cond.) 3, D. B. Brown 4, Mrs. B. J. Cross 5, Miss P. J. Coombs 6. For the wedding of Valerie Alpin, a local ringer, the previous day. Also on March 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. J. Hinton (first "inside").

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Thurlby Delight Doubles: S. Price 1, Sandra M. Pitman 2, B. W. Pocock 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, Janet A. Fawcett 6. First in the method for all. For Evensong.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Bloxsome 1, G. Simmonds 2, A. Ruck 3, F. Stephens 4, C. A. Wratten 5, J. Cully (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Weston 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, H. Eplett (cond.) 5, D. Stephens 6. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. D. Stephens.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary-without-the-Walls, on April 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. B. Close 1, D. E. Collins 2, D. Robinson 3, M. H. Hodgkinson 4, G. Parting 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 7, J. W. Bull 8. For Mothers' Union Deanery service.

DINTON, WILTS.—On May 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Brown 1, Helen A. Hobbins 2, N. Skelton 3, D. Briggs (first quarter) 4, A. A. Newman 5, R. Haines (cond.) 6.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On May 16th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. N. Longridge 1, J. L. Claughton 2, D. Wilson 3, A. T. Collins 4, W. E. Cheater 5, W. T. Perrins 6, L. F. Cobb 7, R. N. Marlow (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7.

EBRINGTON, GLOS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Povey (first quarter) 1, H. Hart (cond.) 2, A. Diston 3, C. Righton (first quarter) 4, J. Nicholls (first quarter) 5, D. Drinkwater 6. A compliment to the Rev. F. M. Hookham, who is retirinf.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. E. Collins 1, Mrs. G. H. Randles 2, J. W. Griffiths (cond.) 3, M. H. Hodgkinson 4, G. H. Randles 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, R. J. Palmer 7, G. Parting 8. First of Surprise 1 and 4.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Miss J. Hunter 1, P. Perkins 2, P. Wood 3, C. Hardy 4, E. Webb 5, F. Roper (cond.) 6, M. Hunter 7. First quarter 1 and 7. In memoriam Philip W. French, for 65 years a chorister and bellringer here.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Warren 1, A. Richardson 2, W. Chandler 3, P. Taylor 4, I. Campbell (first quarter) 5, Miss D. Robotham 6, B. Watson (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. Rung for Evensong on Ascension Day.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On May 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane M. Wilsher (first quarter) 1, R. J. Mann 2, W. J. Ridgman 3, B. Horrell (cond.) 4, A. E. Ling 5.

QUARTER PEALS

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On May 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Price 1, Dr. E. V. Woodcock 2, M. Price 3, C. Bowley 4, E. M. Jones (cond.) 5, M. Williams 6.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Booth 1, J. Jessup (first quarter) 2, A. Stokes 3, J. P. Walter 4, J. R. Wood 5, D. C. Walker (cond.) 6.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Wimlett (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Tarrant 2, C. Perry 3, J. Wimlett (first "inside") 4, T. Tarrant (cond.) 5, W. Mulford 6. Arranged by W. C. Perry (captain). For the silver anniversary of the Rev. L. F. Wright.

KINGSBURY, MIDDX.—On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Pike 1, R. Parnell 2, Sue Ellis 3, Ruth Foreman 4, G. Ellis (cond.) R. Blow 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. For Evensong. Rung half-muffled in memoriam two parishioners who had died the preceding week.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara A. Taylor (first quarter) 1, C. Holmes 2, G. K. Smith (cond.) 3, K. Kirk 4, F. C. Hobson 5, A. B. Cooper 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell tribute to the Rev. J. W. M. Howat.

LINTON, HEREFORDS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. B. Brewer (first quarter) 1, Ann Butcher 2, A. Brewer 3, R. I. Brewer 4, F. E. J. Reynolds (cond.) 5, J. J. Webb 6.

LITLINGTON, CAMBS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sanderson 1, F. Harper 2, A. Mynott 3, B. Horrell 4, W. Newman 5, G. Bonham (cond.) 6. To welcome the birth of a daughter to W. Newman.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on May 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Janet Crane 1, J. L. Hayns 2, Sally Parrott 3, R. D. Mills 4, A. D. Elsmore 5, I. L. Dear 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, M. C. Austin 8, F. W. Ellis 9, R. E. Fentiman 10. For Evensong, by the Society of Roving Ringers. Also at St. Clement Danes', on May 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: S. Penfold 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Fowler 3, C. E. Wright 4, F. G. Richardson 5, F. V. Gant (cond.) 6, C. Pain 7, A. Grainger 8, G. Cecil 9, J. W. Stephenson 10. For Matins. Also same day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Starbuck 1, N. Thomson 2, Mrs. E. M. Bagworth 3, N. S. Bagworth (cond.) 4, C. Barnes 5, Rev. A. Clayton 6, J. Hatchell 7, R. Dennis 8.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On May 1st, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Mrs. L. Mills 1, D. J. Reeve (first in method) 2, F. J. Payne (first in method) 3, Miss E. Cansdale 4, T. Chinery 5, F. Poulson 6, L. D. Mills 7, D. L. Mills (cond.) 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 8th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): B. Butcher 1, D. B. Cox 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. M. Copley 6. For Evensong.

NECTON, NORFOLK.—On May 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. G. Heyhoe 1, Mrs. F. A. M. Heyhoe 2, S. H. Waterfield (cond.) 3, W. J. Bailey 4, H. Bennett 5, R. R. Harmer 6. In memoriam the Rev. L. G. Dennis.

NORTH RAUCEBY, LINCS.—On April 15th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): G. J. N. Colborne (cond.) 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, C. F. Baxter 3, E. C. Cole 4, H. R. Woods 5.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. D. Morgan 1, Susan M. Holden 2, T. G. Holden 3, N. Bridges 4, J. F. List 5, P. G. Holden (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation service, at which two members of the tower—Annette List and Penelope Turner—were confirmed, and as a birthday compliment to Annette.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Kennard 1, M. Clewes 2, J. Lawley 3, C. R. Tandy 4, B. Wootton 5, P. Bill (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 5.

PENYFAI, GLAM.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Evans 1, R. J. Mayle 2, D. R. L. Jones 3, H. Preece 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5. Rung in memoriam Mrs. Mary P. Lody.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On May 8th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. W. Myers 1, T. G. Myers (cond.) 2, J. C. Mitchelmore (first on 10) 3, Mrs. J. Smith 4, J. W. Perkins 5, G. E. Mudge 6, H. F. Myers 7, D. F. Wheeler 8, A. W. Myers 9, D. R. Bould 10. For Evensong.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On May 7th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Eve (first of Major) 1, Mrs. B. Sadler 2, D. Sloman 3, Miss P. Halliwell 4, P. Sadler 5, B. Sadler 6, H. H. Furminger 7, P. Salmon (cond.) 8. For lay readers' admission service.

PORTSMOUTH.—At St. Mary's, Portsea, on May 8th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Cope 1, Mrs. M. Page 2, Mrs. B. Hunt 3, A. Burbidge 4, G. Gammon 5, L. Duguid 6, P. Page 7, J. Hunt (cond.) 8. First in method 4 and 5. For Evensong, and as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Matthews, a member of the tower.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Butcher 1, E. W. Penn 2, F. Oakley 3, How. Meek 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, Har. Meek 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. J. Wood and Mr. R. Weaver, for many years chorister and organist.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. Holroyd 1, Margaret Goodyer (first of Yorkshire) 2, Elsie Chaddock 3, Tessa Hollis 4, N. Donovan 5, S. Armeson 6, N. Chaddock 7, J. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Arranged for Mrs. Margaret Goodyer, of Sydney, Australia.

SALISBURY, RHODESIA.—On April 10th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Penny Hughes (first quarter) 1, Frances Pellatt 2, R. Hedges 3, J. Milford 4, Monica Blagrove 5, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 6. For Easter.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On May 1st, 1,272 Kent Minor: Miss V. Vincent (first of T.B.) 1, Miss G. Thomas (first of T.B.) 2, Mrs. J. Gray 3, D. Bentley 4, J. Keddie 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and St. Philip's Day.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Ingram 1, A. Print 2, G. Ingram 3, R. Chapman 4, F. C. Lyne 5, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 6, R. C. Steed 7, F. Kinchin 8. A compliment to Mr. V. B. Hunt, on appointment as Vicar's warden.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Sangwin 1, A. E. Bissat 2, E. Nunn 3, W. H. Trewin 4, H. Heard 5, B. G. D. Vince (first in method) 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, J. W. Sangwin 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Sangwin and C. Sangwin.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On May 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Kay Tremeer (first of Treble Bob) 1, Deborah Hopkins 2, Lesley Read 3, M. J. Uphill 4, D. M. Hughes 5, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 6.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Elliott (first attempt) 1, Mrs. J. Sharpe (first of Minor) 2, Mrs. H. Smith 3, W. J. H. Parker 4, M. J. Smith 5, H. Smith (cond.) 6. For Christian Aid Week.

UPCHURCH, KENT.—On May 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. G. Huckstepp 1, Brenda Foster 2, Sylvia Knight 3, H. Deacon 4, N. J. Davies 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Jones (first of Minor) 1, Miss M. Legg 2, D. J. Gay 3, R. J. Ballam 4, G. Prescott 5, P. J. Hall (cond.) 6. To mark the birth of Stephen Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael V. White.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Laura Grindrod 1, June Whitcher 2, D. Hawkins 3, M. C. Austin 4, I. L. Dear 5, H. Duncan 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, M. B. Jefferyes 8. For Evensong.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On May 8th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Elizabeth A. Webb 1, D. M. Smith 2, E. Ovens 3, K. G. Weeks 4, W. Lampard 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. First of Kent for all except conductor.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On May 18th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor: Maureen White 1, Mary White 2, Betty Daysh 3, R. A. Stone 4, P. Page 5, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 6. Rung for the Ascension, and a birthday greeting to Peter Brian Cooper, nephew of R. A. Stone, born May 13th.

WENTWORTH, W. YORKS.—On Good Friday, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): R. Nalliah 1, A. King 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, T. Cairns 6. For united service of devotion. Also on Easter Day, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): For Evensong. Also on April 23rd, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): Half-muffled after the memorial service to Col. W. J. Landon.

WEOBLEY, HEREFORDS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. C. Williams 1, L. H. Preece 2, M. M. Turner 3, T. Bound (cond.) 4, L. Morley 5, T. Pugh 6. A tribute to Mr. R. A. Farmer, who recently retired after 50 years' service as a ringer at this church.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Sheldon 1, M. F. Edwards 2, R. C. Ingram 3, E. J. Franklin 4, Beryl Park 5, J. W. Belshaw 6, A. H. Fitter (first of Triples as cond.) 7, R. Weekes 8. First of Triples 1, 5 and 8. For Evensong.

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BIRTH

CORBY. — On May 25th, 1966, to M. Roselyn (née Crewe) and R. Gordon, a son, David Edward. 9227

ENGAGEMENT

PLUCKROSE—WATKIN. — The engagement is announced between George, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Pluckrose, of 12, St. Michael's Close, Lyneham, Wilts, and Rosemary Joy, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J R. Watkin, of 46, Holmden Avenue, Wigston Magna, Leicester. 9197

DEATH

BRAGG.—On May 26th, 1966. In Farnham Hospital after a road accident at Aldershot the previous afternoon, Mary, the second daughter of Major E. J. and Mrs. Bragg, of 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, aged 19 years. 9222

PERSONAL

"Jesus answered, Verily verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit."—St. John iii., 5 and 6.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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329th ANNIVERSARY DINNER
The 329th anniversary dinner will now be held at the Albert Restaurant, Albert Embankment, London, S.E.1, on Saturday, November 5th, 1966, and **not** at Bridge House Hotel. Full details later.
—J. G. A. Prior. 9213

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — **Striking Competition,** Willingham (6), Saturday, June 4th, start 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by results, etc. General ringing 6.30–8.30. Names for tea, please, to G. A. Lucas, 11, Fen End, Willingham, Cambs. 9119

FINEDON, NORTHANTS. — Outing and peal organisers please note. Until further notice all further correspondence should be addressed to Mr. E. J. Chapman, 22, Sibley Road, Finedon, Wellingborough, Northants. 9205

FLOWER FESTIVAL,
Folkingham, near Sleaford, Lincs.
Ringing arrangements: Bells (6), 11 cwt. in F sharp. Sat., June 18th, 6–9 p.m. Sun., 19th, service by Bishop of Southampton; ringing 6–6.30 p.m. Mon., 20th. practice, start 7 p.m. All welcome.—J. R. Worsdall, Curate.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET. — Club Day, Monday, June 6th. Ringing 7–9 p.m. All ringers welcome. 9225

NUTFIELD, SURREY. — Next practice, Monday, June 13th, thereafter each Monday 7.30–9 p.m.—Capt. A. R. Clarke, 16, Bayfield Road, Horley. Horley 4711. 9212

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE
Ringers' Service
SUNDAY, JUNE 12th, 1966
at
St Bartholomew's Church
Ringing 5.30 p.m. for 6.30 Evensong.
Preacher:
The Rev. Canon F. W. Cocks.
Refreshments and ringing after service. All welcome. 9159

ST. MARY REDCLIFFE, BRISTOL. — As and from June 1st, 1966, all communications relative to the use of the bells should be sent to Miss Y. Matthews, 25, Guildford Road, St. Annes, Bristol 4. Peal attempts for 1966, '67 and '68 have now been allocated. 9193

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—As from June 3rd, practice night at St. Mary's Parish Church will be on **Fridays** from 7–9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—G. E. Bonham. 9202

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
20th Anniversary Dinner and Ringing Festival
SATURDAY, JUNE 11th, 1966
Dinner to be held at the Robin Hood Hotel, Newark. Tickets 22s. (limited number only) available from Miss M. E. Chilton, 80, London Road, Newark-on-Trent, Notts (dinner secretary).
Ringing arrangements: North Muskham (6) 10.45–11.30; Sutton-on-Trent (8) 11–12; Elston (6) 12–1; North Collingham (6) 1.30–2.30; South Collingham (5) 1.30–2.30; South Scarle (5) 1.30–2.30; Winthorpe (6) 2.30–3.30: Coddington (6) 2.30–3.30; Barnby-in-the-Willows (6) 3.30–4.30; Balderton (8) 4–5; Newark-on-Trent (10) 5–6 p.m. 9140

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—There will be no practice on Wednesday, June 15th.—H. Stocks, Tower Sec. 9216

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MEETINGS

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—Correction: Practice meeting on Friday, June 3rd, at St. David's, Exeter. Bells 7–9.—G. Skinner, Branch Sec. 9179

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Bidford-on-Avon, June 4th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 More ringing after tea, when it is hoped that Welford bells will be available. Names for tea to District secretary. Special method: Lincolnshire Surprise.—P. S. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon. Telephone 5701. 9156

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Evening meeting, Barley (6), Saturday, June 4th. Bells 6 p.m. Please help a new local band. Also practice at Norton (8), June 2nd, 7.30 p.m.—C. M. Orme Dis. Sec. 9160

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, June 4th, at Emmanuel, Southport. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Christ Church, Southport, bells (8) 6 p.m. 9220

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Summer Festival, June 4th, 1966
RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Egham, Chertsey ..	10.00–11.30
Chobham, Ottershaw ..	11–12.30
Horsell	11.30– 1.00
Send, Ockham, Old Woking ..	2.00–3.30
Weybridge Esher ..	3.00–4.00
Hersham	3.30–4.30
Service and tea, Hersham ..	4.30
Hersham	3.00–4.30
Thames Ditton. East Molesey ..	6,30–8.00
Esher	7.00–8.30
Oatlands Park, Walton	7.30–9.00

Names for tea to Mrs. K. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames, by June 1st.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Business meeting, Saturday, June 4th. Ringing: Stanwell 3–4.15 p.m. East Bedfont 4.15–5 p.m. Tea, meeting and evening ringing at E. Bedfont. Please try to support this meeting.—W. S. Deason. 9162

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wavendon on June 4th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to R. W. Sear, 37, Buckingham Road, Bletchley 9143

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Annual cup contest at Barlborough, near Chesterfield, Saturday, June 4th. Draw at 3 p.m. Entry fee 2s. 6d. per team. Test piece, 360 changes of Minor or Doubles. All teams welcome Names for tea, please, to Mr. C. Heeley, 3, Manor Road, Barlborough, Chesterfield.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Evening practice meeting, Saturday, June 4th at St. Mary's, Balcombe **(not Turner's Hill).** Bells 6–8 p.m. All welcome.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 9182

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting of June 4th is **cancelled.** A special meeting will be held at Petersfield on June 25th instead. Bells 3. Committee meeting 3 in St. Peter's Hall. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 and business meeting follows. Numbers for tea to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton, by 20th. Tel. Locks Heath 2404. 9211

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Practice meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Kingsbury (Church Lane, Blackbird Cross, N.W.9), on Monday, June 6th, 7.30–9 p.m. 9207

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Monthly meeting will be held at Potton on June 11th from 3 p.m. Business meeting in church before tea at 5 p.m. Help this young band, please. 9219

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Monthly meeting, Roos (5) and Patrington (8), Saturday, June 11th. Bells available: Roos 2.30–4.30 p.m.; Patrington 6.30–9 p.m. Service and tea at Roos. Names for tea (important) to Mrs. K. V. Cook, Alpha, Rectory Road, Roos, by previous Thursday. 9203

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting Saturday, June 11th, at Betchworth (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own picnic tea. Evening ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m. 9158

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District — Meeting at Downham, June 11th. District heat of ringing competition 3 p.m., followed by general ringing until tea at 5 p.m. Bells available again after tea. Names for tea to D. Belcham, 45, Louvaine Avenue, Wickford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Meeting at Goodrich, June 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—J. J. Webb, Dis. Sec. 9215

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3	St. Cecilia	2	3	11	Tenor	Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Gordon Osborne — Vicar. Colin Hill—Rector.	6	0	9 in C.
4	St. Barnabas	3	0	25					
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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Business meeting, Benington, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss B. Harris, Buckhurst, Benington, by Friday, June 10th latest.—P. M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 9231

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Appledore, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. L. Paddon, Ivy Cottage, 12, The Street Appledore, by Thursday, June 9th.—A. P. S. B. 9120

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting at Boughton Monchelsea, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. A. Lamb, 12, Park Way, Maidstone. 9183

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting, St. James', Bristol (10), June 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. de Jong, 6, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol. 9209

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, June 11th, at Hawkshead. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Shuttleworth, Hawkshead Hill, Hawkshead, near Ambleside.—T. F. M. 9229

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn and Preston Branches.—Joint meeting at Samlesbury, Saturday, June 11th. Names for tea, please, to Miss P. H. Gardner, Beyond, Potters Lane, Samlesbury, Preston, by Wednesday, 18th. Preston-Blackburn New Road buses 150, 152.—B. Tomlinson and L. Walmsley. 9195

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Healey on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 9224

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Joint meeting with the Melton District, Saturday, June 11th. at Queniborough. Gaddesby (6) open 2 p.m.–3 p.m.; Quemborough (6) 3 p.m.–4.15 p.m. Service Queniborough 4.15 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) to Mr. D. Lowe, 22, Barkby Road, Queniborough, Leics, by Wednesday, June 8th. Queniborough available after meeting. 9186

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Central Branch) and LADIES' GUILD. — Joint meeting, Walesby, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service and meeting 4.15. Bring your own tea.—G. R. P. 9196

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A.G.M., Padbury (6), Saturday, June 11th. Bells 2.45. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to J. W. Hall, 44 Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks, by June 8th. 9217

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting at Polebrook, June 11th. Names for tea to A. H. Hinton, Police Station, Warmington, Peterborough, by June 7th. 9214

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Ringing meeting at Merthyr Tydfil (8) on Saturday, June 11th, commencing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry, Glam (Tel. Rhoose 494), by June 6th Note: No business (except for election of new members) unless members give a week's notice. Excellent opportunity to try these recently restored bells. Ringing must finish at 7 p.m. 9189

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Hawkchurch, Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 9208

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY —The six-bell striking competition has been arranged for Saturday, June 11th, at Trysull, near Wolverhampton. Draw 3 p.m. Please send confirmation of entries to me as soon as possible. Test piece: 240 changes of any Doubles or Minor method. Regret no refreshments available.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting at Hollesley (8) on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please bring own food; cups of tea will be provided. Ringing in the evening until 9 p.m. **Please note:** Meeting at Hollesley and not Holbrook and Stutton as in the Suffolk Guild of Ringers Report. — W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 9184

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Midhurst, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify for tea.—R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Badsey (8), June 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to W. J. Newman, Manor Farm, Hinton, Evesham, by previous Tuesday, please. 9147

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—**Change of date.**—Annual meeting to be held at Thorner (8) on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. and after tea (5 p.m.) and the meeting, at which the main business will be the election of officers. Names for tea to Mr. E. Hartley, The Laurels, 33, Main Street, Thorner, by Thursday, June 2nd.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion at Paulton, Sunday, June 12th, 8 a.m. Names for breakfast to Mr. V. Savage, 49, Church Road, Peasedown-St. John, Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Witney, Tuesday, June 14th, from 7 to 9 p.m. 9221

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Striking competition and quarterly meeting at Capel, June 18th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting after competition. Newdigate bells in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Penfold, 6, Greenside, Capel, Dorking, Surrey, please.—M. M. 9240

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — By-meeting at Swanscombe, Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to E. O. Newbury, 94, Broomfield Road, Swanscombe, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton, Hon Dis. Sec. 9218

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Meeting at Canford, June 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea followed by cricket match. All welcome. Names for tea to Mr. H. Pitman, 40a, Knighton, Canford, Wimborne, by June 15th. 9239

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Annual general meeting at Lichfield on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3–4 p.m.; St. Michael's (6) 3–4.15 p.m.; St. Chad's (4) 3.30–4.15 p.m. All available during the evening after the meeting, together with Alrewas (8). Service in Cathedral choir stalls 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Church Hall. Seating limited to approx. 100 only, so numbers for tea as soon as possible, please, to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs, at very latest by June 15th. Tel. Lich. 4539. Members attending but not able to have a seat for tea are asked to support the business meeting.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec.

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Summer meeting at Hull on Saturday, June 18th. Ringing arrangements: Hessle (6) 10.30–12; Kirk Ella (6) 11–12.30; Cottingham (8) 12–1.30; Hedon (8) 2.15–4.15, Hull, Holy Trinity (12) 5–6.30; Beverley Minster (10) 6–7.30; Beverley, St. Mary's (10) 7–8.30. — Geoffrey W. Randall, Hull University Union. 9200

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Bromsgrove (10) 3 p.m., Saturday, June 18th. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. C. L. Hawkins, Lansdowne, Chapel Street, Bromsgrove, by Thursday, June 16th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. 9223

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, June 18th, at Hemingbrough. Bells available 2.30, Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough, near Selby, by Wednesday, June 15th.—R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9204

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LATE NEWS

The sympathy of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and beyond has been extended to Major and Mrs. E. J. Bragg, of Aldershot, in the tragic death of their second daughter, Mary. While cycling to work on Wednesday afternoon Mary was knocked off her bicycle by the door of a car she was passing being opened. She fell on her head and fractured her skull. She died early next morning in Farnham Hospital. Mary was 19 years of age, a bell ringer and Sunday School teacher and beloved of a wide circle of friends.

LATE NOTICES

BIRTHS

LAMPARD — On May 22nd. 1966, at Bristol Maternity Hospital to Rita (née Webb) and Bill (formerly of St Peter's Cathedral Adelaide, Australia), a daughter. Helen Elizabeth.—10, Crane Close, Warmley, Bristol 9236

STREETER.—On May 25th, 1966, to Freda (née Hankey) and Alan of Highfields Bletchingley, Surrey, a son—Karl David, a brother for Alison Jane. 9237

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MISCELLANEOUS

ALDERSHOT PARISH CHURCH.—There will be no practice on Friday, June 3rd. 9241

MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at Creswell on June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **without fail**, please, to Mr. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts. Tel. Creswell 370. Special methods: Double Oxford and Yorkshire Surprise. — Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 9235

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by Tuesday, 7th. 9233

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting Byfield, Saturday June 11th. Preston Capes in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Byfield, Rugby, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 9238

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice at Battersea on June 11th, 7.30–9.30 p.m. Look up Ealing. — B. Bull, Assist. Sec. 9232

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting July 2nd. Committee meeting 1.30 p.m. Service St. Mark's, Exeter, 3.30 p.m. Tea (5/6) 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (with cash, please, and s.a.e.) to Mrs. P. Burnham, Ranchi, 60 Above Town, Dartmouth by Thursday, June 16th. Bells availablye: Littleham, Newton St. Cyres 9.45–10.45; Buckfast Abbey 9.45–11.15; Withycombe Raleigh Bramdford Speke 10.30–11.30; Rewe 11–12; Lympstone 11.15–12.15; Broadclyst 11.45–12.45; Clyst St. George 12–1; Pinhoe 12.30–1.30; Topsham 12.30–1.30; Exeter, St. Thomas' and St. David's 1.45–3 St. Mark's 2.30–3.30 Heavitree 6.15–7.15; St. Petrock's 6.45–7.30; Cathedral 6.30–8.30. 9234

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RECORD-BREAKING BATH

FIGURATIVELY speaking, a roseate hue seemed to spread itself over the many and varied activities of the Central Council at Bath this Whitsun. The first visit to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association in 75 years seems almost incredible when the richness of Somerset in towers and mellow bells is remembered. There seemed to be pent-up in the warmth of the welcome and hospitality 75 years of goodwill. No wonder the Council of 1965 will go down to posterity as a record-breaking gathering. The attendance of 158 members at the Council meeting eclipsed last year's figure of 140; peal ringing was fantastically successful with 13 scored out of 14 attempted by Tuesday; and where in the country could the final social gathering be held against such an historic background—a hall overlooking a Roman bath with its turgid brown water!

The happiness of this gathering, blessed by the sunniest week-end of this year, was no haphazard achievement but the outcome of careful planning. The Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren, who lives some 70 miles from Bath, had three trusty lieutenants to share in detailed arrangements. They were Mr. Gwilym Salmon, the general secretary, who lives at Wells; Mr. Eric Naylor, who started ringing at Rainham, Kent, in 1944, and has lived at Bath since 1951 and upon whose shoulders fell the on-the-spot arrangements at Bath; and finally Mr. J. Gilbert, who dealt with peals and towers. We should like to reiterate the thanks expressed to them publicly at the meeting.

But 1966 will be remembered as the end of an epoch. For 14 years Mr. Edwin A. Barnett has been secretary to the Council: now he is no longer in office. He inherited from Mr. G. W. Fletcher a model set-up of procedure which he has adhered to. Within this period there has been a mellowing of outlook. The Council seems to have departed from a "Thou shalt not" attitude to ringing generally, with due regard to basic principles, and recognises to the full that Guilds and Associations are masters of their own affairs. This was to be seen in a motion before the Council of endeavouring to have a uniform non-resident life membership subscription. The idea was completely out of favour. There has been no irritating bureaucracy emanating from the Council during Mr. Barnett's régime and absence of that sharpness in debate that rankles and pierces beneath the skin. Apart from his trained approach to secretarial duties, Mr. Barnett has served as a watchdog of the Exercise, never hesitating to write to improve public relations. The three years' freedom from office are richly deserved, and there is no question that at the end of the new triennial period, when a change in leadership occurs, his name will not be passed over lightly.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bottomley received a hearty welcome when they mounted the platform to act as observers to the role they have been elected to play for the next three years. We think it is to the advantage of the Exercise that a major office of the Council should be held in the North of England. Yorkshire and Lancashire have worthily shared in the big advance in ringing during the last three or four years. We admire the courageous way they are endeavouring to stimulate interest by the creation of the Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies, thus bringing about a unity and friendship towards the parent body. There is talent in the North that could well be employed on a national level. The present generation might well produce some Jasper Snowdons to give a lead to the present age.

Overseas activities were given due prominence at Bath in two ways. Mr. F. T. Blagrove, who has recently returned from Salisbury, gave a survey of ringing conditions today in Africa, and secondly there was the presentation to the Council of a very handsome book entitled "Australia, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." Inside is inscribed:

> "Presented to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers by St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Bell Ringers, Melbourne, Australia, as a token of our appreciation for the visit of a team of English bell ringers during September, 1965, on the tour known as Great Adventure II. May the friendship and enthusiasm created by this visit endure, and may the future bring many more Great Adventures to us both."

The gift was handed to the president by Mr. T. J. Lock. It was indeed a pleasure to hear Canon Thurlow congratulate Mr. Lock on the success of Great Adventure II and listen to the applause of the Council. Another overseas incident was the ringing of a peal at Crewkerne by members of the Australia and New Zealand Association of Bellringers. Change-ringing has now a chain of friendship encircling the world.

The meeting was a long one, necessitating an evening session. The main topic was "The Ringing World." This will be reported upon in full in our next issue, which will be one of 24 pages.

The Central Council Bathed in Sunshine at Bath

FIRST VISIT TO BATH AND WELLS IN 75 YEARS — RINGING AND BEER — BIGGEST EVER ATTENDANCE — CANON THURLOW RE-ELECTED FOR FINAL PERIOD — MR. VERNON BOTTOMLEY WELCOMED INTO OFFICE — TANGIBLE APPRECIATION OF MR. AND MRS. BARNETT'S WORK

THE happiest memories will be associated with Bath in the annals of the Central Council, where the 69th annual meeting was held on Whit Tuesday. A smiling Somerset countryside greeted the members as they toured a county rich in towers on the Sunday and Monday.

Proceedings on the Tuesday started with Holy Communion at Bath Abbey, which was largely attended Bishop E. J. Wilson, Assistant Bishop, was the celebrant and he was assisted by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Preb. Geoffrey Lester, Rector of Bath Abbey, and the Rev. H. F. Warren, Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

The business meeting was held in the Pump Rooms. The Mayor (Ald. R. Purdie) gave an official welcome, and the Assistant Bishop and the Master spoke respectively on behalf of the Diocese and the Bath and Wells Association On the platform Canon Thurlow presided and with him were the vice-president (Mr. J. Freeman), the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. E. A. Barnett), the assistant hon. secretary (Mrs. Barnett) and the hon. librarian (Mr. F. E. Perrins).

The president said it was a great privilege to meet in this ancient city, which was not quite so old as "The Ringing World" implied.

The Mayor (Ald. R. Purdie) said he had come along that morning to bring them the greetings of the City of Bath, which was part of the Diocese of Bath and Wells. Its ringing society was some 75 years old, which he understood was the same age as their Association. In those 75 years that was the first occasion the Central Council had been to Bath. That morning they saw Bath in all its golden glory in the midst of a smiling Somerset.

RINGING AND THE COMMUNITY

The Mayor said he believed that in some countries they overdid this bell ringing business, particularly in the Mediterranean, where life was intolerable; sometimes in this country it occurred with the continuous solitary note of a bell. As far as the ringing of bells was concerned there was something uplifting when the bells spoke and when those bells identified themselves with the life of the community. He thought that if their ringing was identified with the life of the community it would help them in their aims. He thanked the Council and the ringers of the Bath and Wells Association for their service to the community and hoped that it would not be another 75 years before they came to Bath again.

Bishop E. J. Wilson, the Assistant Bishop of Bath and Wells, in giving the greetings of the Lord Bishop, said he thought they could gather from his address at Wells on Easter Monday of the affection and pride with which he held belis. He also welcomed them in the name of the incumbents of the diocese, which extended to the whole length of the county of Somerset, and, as they knew, Somerset was richly endowed with splendid towers, as was Norfolk, the county of their president.

The Bishop said he was pleased to see from "The Ringing World" the large number of towers in Somerset in which they had done their job and it must have cheered the hearts of many to hear the bells.

RINGING AND BEER

In his lifetime there had been a considerable change in their belfries. As a small boy he seemed to remember the close association between bell ringers and beer, and at times there was beer in the belfries. But now they had their sisters, aunts and nieces in their belfries and that had been a very real step forward, with ladies now occupying prominent places in the fellowship and sorority of the ringing world.



CANON GILBERT THURLOW
Elected for his final three years as President.

"Having been abroad for the best part of 20 years, when I returned 10 years ago what struck me was that bell ringing had become a youth movement, particularly in Somerset, and it is very encouraging to see the large number of boys and girls in the towers of the diocese." Their work and craft seemed twofold—to remind people of the claims of God and worship in the community life and their responsibility for furthering fellowship in the Church. It was when one read their journal one realised the responsibility ringers had for furthering the fellowship of the Church. This was seen by the welcome they gave to visitors and the concern they showed in young people, which was a good piece of social service.

BIRTHDAY GATHERING

A welcome on behalf of the Bath and Wells Association was voiced by the Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren, who said he would like to make it clear that the connection between ringing and beer had not ceased, except that it was not in the belfries—but ringing was still thirsty work.

Mr. Smallwood expressed surprise that the Council had never been to Somerset, particularly as they had one of the giants of the Exercise in the late Mr. Joe Dyke. That very day was their birthday, as they were born on May 31st, 1890. In connection with the Council's visit he would like to thank Messrs G. Salmon, Eric Naylor and John Gilbert for their work in making the arrangements. He wished them a successful meeting and hoped it would not be another 75 years before they came again.

ATTENDANCE ROLL

LIFE MEMBERS

Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Messrs. E. A. Barnett, F. W. Perrens, F. Sharpe and J. F. Smallwood.

HONORARY MEMBERS

Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. J. Betjeman, F. E. Collins, F. I. Hairs, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, H. N. Pitstow, G. W. Pipe, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis.

REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Messrs. W. T. Cook and W. Williams.

Australia and New Zealand Association.—Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Messrs. J. H. Gilbert, A. H. Reed, G. Salmon and H. J. Sanger.

Bedfordshire Association.— Messrs. J. H. Edwards and A. E. Rushton.

Cambridge University Guild.—Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. W. Griffiths and J. Worth.

Coventry Diocesan Guild. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. H. Windsor.

Derbyshire Association.—Messrs. D. R. Carlisle, G. A. Halls and M. P. Phipps.

Devon Association.—Mr. B. E. Bartlett.

Dudley & Dist. Guild.—Mr. M. J. Fellows

Durham and Newcastle Association. — Messrs. K. Arthur and D. A. Bayles.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. B. E. Jeffrey.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Messrs. J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin, D. F. Murfet and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association. — Dr. J. Armstrong. Messrs. F. B. Lufkin and J. E. G. Roast.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Messrs. A. L. Barry, W. B. Kynaston, J. R. Taylor and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. D. A. R. May, J. F. M. Maybrey, S. G. Ponting and W. H. Viggers.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—Miss B. M. Boyle, Messrs. N. Mallett, T. G. Myers and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. G. T. Cousins, C. A. Lewis and A. T. Wingate.

Hertford County Association.—Messrs. W. Ayre, B. M. Barker, R. G. Bell and G. Dodds.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes.

Kent County Association.—Messrs. P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth, S. Jenner and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss J. Beresford, Miss D. E. Colgate and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association.—Messrs. A. Capstick, C. Crossthwaite, J. P. Partington and F. Reynolds.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. S. Burton, J. M. Jelley, P. J. Staniforth and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Messrs. A. D. Barker, H. W. Rogers, W. G. Wilson and Mrs. H. W. Rogers

Middlesex County Association.—Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, G. W. Critchley, T. J. Lock and Miss R. M. Foreman.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

National Police Guild.—Mr. N. S. Bagworth.

North Staffordshire Association. — Messrs. R. S. Anderson and C. S. Ryles.

North Wales Association.—Dr. E. V. Woodcock.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Messrs. P. M. Adcock, H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden and N. V. Harding.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. Butler, N. J. Diserens, F. C. Price and P. Walker.

Oxford University Society.—Messrs. S. J. Ivin and D. J. Roaf.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. H. Bluff and J. Linwell.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Messrs. J. A. Ainsworth and G. F. Fearn.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. T. Barrett, G. H. Harding, G. S. Morris and Rev. R. Keeley.

Sheffield and District Society. — Mr. N. Chaddock.
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. — Messrs. D. Beresford, W. H. Dobbie, K. Newman and D. E. Sibson.
South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.—Mr. J. E. Collins.
Southwell Diocesan Guild. — Mr. W. L. Exton.
Stafford Archdeaconry Society. — Messrs M. W. Fairey, B. G. Key and C. M. Smith.
Suffolk Guild.—Messrs. H. W. Egglestone C. W. Pipe and Miss A. E. J. Lester.
Surrey Association.—Messrs. A. P. Cannon W. Parrott and W. Streeter.
Sussex County Association. — Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. R. W. R. Percy, A. V. Sheppard and W. L. Weller.
Swansea and Brecon Guild. — Mr. G. I. Lewis.
Truro Diocesan Guild. — Messrs. W. C. Boucher. D. Burnett A. J. Davidson and A. Locke.
Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.
University of Bristol Society.—Dr. T. P. Edwards.
University of London Society.—Mr. A. J. Frost.
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. —Mr. A. V. Davis, Canon K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. J. Hartless.
Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.
Yorkshire Association. — Messrs. V. Bottomley, W. E. Critchley, E. Hudson and W. F. Moreton.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Messrs. B. Austin, honorary member; H. Q. Baker, Chester D.G.; E. Billings, Peterborough D.G.; F. Bogan, Irish A.; Miss J. A. V. Caligari, Hereford D.G.; Messrs. P. I. Chapman, Peterborough D.G.; J. D. Clarke, Southwell D.G.; J. T. Dunwoody, Irish A.; J. P Fidler, hon. mem.; G W. Fletcher, life mem.; Mrs. C. C. Marshall, hon. mem.; Group Capt. J. S. Mason, A.S.C.Y.; Messrs. A. J. Pitman, hon. mem.; T. H. Radford, East Derbyshire and Notts A.; R. R. Savory, Winchester and Portsmouth D.G.; Miss H G. Snowden, Essex A.; Mrs. R. F. B Speed, hon. mem.; Messrs. L. Stilwell, hon. mem.; G. Tembey, Cumberland and North Westmorland A.; C. G. J. Watts, A.S.C.Y.; F. A. White, hon. mem.; E. Willcox, Shropshire A

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were introduced to the president: Messrs. J. W. Griffiths (Chester D.G), D. R. Carlisle (Derbyshire A.), M. J. Fellows (Dudley and D.S.), B. E. Jeffrey (East Grinstead and D.G.), Dr. J. Armstrong (Essex A.), J. R. Taylor (Gloucester and Bristol A.), C. A. Lewis (Hereford D.G.), B. M. Barker (Hertford C.A.), S Jenner (Kent C.A.), A. J. Frost (London U.A.), A. Capstick and F. Reynolds (Lancs A.), Miss R. M. Foreman (Middlesex A.), C. S. Ryles (N. Staffs A.), P. M. Adcock (Norwich D.A.), N. J. Diserens, F. C. Price, P. Walker (Oxford D.G.), J. H. Bluff and J. Linwell (Peterborough D.G.), J. A. Ainsworth (St. Martin's Guild), Rev. R. Keeley (Salisbury D.G.), K. Newman (R. Cumberland Y.), M W. Fairey and C. M. Smith (Stafford Archdeaconry S.), H. W. Egglestone (Suffolk G.), W. Streeter (Surrey A.), E. Hudson (Yorkshire).

Newly presented.—A. D. Barker (London C.A.), G. W. Critchley (Middlesex C.A.), N. S. Bagworth (National Police G.), A. P. Cannon (Surrey A.).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS



MR. VERNON BOTTOMLEY
the new hon. secretary and treasurer.

THE PRESIDENT

The hon. secretary reported that there was only one nomination for the office of president for 1966–69, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, proposed by Mr. F. Sharpe and seconded by Mr. N. Golden. He declared Canon Thurlow elected as their president.

Canon Thurlow said he was exceedingly grateful to his proposer and seconder and the Council, who in their wisdom had not proposed and seconded someone else. "I had better repeat, as I said at great length when I was elected, that I shall not be standing in 1969 because of the unwritten rule which we arrived at."

THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. John Freeman, who was proposed by Mr. Walter Ayre and seconded by Mr. J. Bray, was elected vice-president. There was no other nomination. Mr. Freeman thanked the Council.

NEW HON. SECRETARY

The president said, as they would see, Mr Barnett retired and was not seeking re-election. The exceedingly important matter of electing a new hon. secretary and treasurer had been given a great deal of consideration, and after much care the name of Mr. Vernon Bottomley was put forward. No other proposal was submitted. Mr. Bottomley was proposed by him (the president) and seconded by Mr. Freeman, and it gave him the greatest possible pleasure and relief in announcing that from the end and clearing up of that meeting Mr. Vernon Bottomley would be the new secretary and treasurer of the Council.

The election was greeted with applause and Mr. Bottomley thanked the Council.

The president said it would be quite impossible to let the Barnetts go without saying something all too brief and all too inadequate, to voice their feelings as to what they had done in their official capacities. He was not going to make a long speech because he felt it would be improper and also because one assumed everyone read "The Ringing World" and they had read some sincere and warm-hearted tributes. Perhaps it would be best if he expressed on his own behalf and theirs how very warm was the regard in which they held them. No question had ever been too foolish not to get a good answer.

TANGIBLE RECOGNITION

Even secretaries did not know everything. "We thought we ought to do something of tangible recognition to appeal to your hearts and other portions of your anatomy. Teddy once promised to share his worldly goods with Olive. I think if Olive accepts this handsome handbag and looks inside it, there will be something to share and hand to Teddy."

The president then handed the bag to Mrs. Barnett, who opened it, looked inside, and handed an envelope to Mr. Barnett. The retiring secretary, when he looked at the cheque, visibly expressed pleasurable surprise. Mrs. Barnett looked equally surprised and very pleased, while delight in the ceremony was expressed by the warm applause of the Council.

Mr. Barnett, in reply, said it was difficult to find words adequately to express their gratitude. "May I thank you all for the very kind gift to my wife and the generosity you have shown towards me I would also like to thank those who have been kind enough to express appreciation in 'The Ringing World' of our efforts over the past 14 years.

"Firstly, I should like to say it was a very great privilege to have been secretary of the Council. We hope to be of service to the Council and the Exercise in the future but we would like a period to taste our liberty before we again become your servants.

"During the period of office we have got to know very many members of the Exercise, which we count as a privilege. For the future it is less likely that we shall make so many acquaintances; there are, however, a number of people here who we are meeting for the first time.

"Lastly, may I wish all the very best to Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley in the years that lie before them, I am quite sure they will do a splendid job for the Exercise; I know they will have your support."

Mrs. Barnett also thanked the Council and said she had enjoyed knowing people and receiving their friendship They would now be able to get rid of a monstrosity in the form of a large steel cabinet which had taken up a corner of their dining room. She felt that the room would have to be redecorated.

Mr. F. W. Perrens was re-elected hon. librarian, having been proposed by Mrs. D. E Colegate and seconded by Mrs Staniforth. He promised to do his best for the next three years.

ELECTION OF HON. MEMBERS

The president announced that Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mrs. Marshall were not seeking re-election Messrs. D. Hughes, H. N. Pitstow, L Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, T. W. White and J. Willis were open for re-election and he suggested that three of the four vacancies be filled, leaving one in case of emergencies.

Th retiring members were then re-elected on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr C. K. Lewis. New members elected were Mrs. Jeanne Bottomley, proposed by Mr. Eric Critchley and seconded by Mrs. Barnett: Mr. Frank Haines, proposed by Mr D Hughes and seconded by Mr. F. E. Collins: Mr J. Garner-Hayward, proposed by Mr. F. E. Perrins and seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow and Mr. Douglas Hughes were re-elected hon. auditors, proposed by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby.

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CHURCH CLOCKS
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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

Tributes to Faithful Servants

The Council stood while the following members and past members, whose deaths had been reported since Whitsun, 1965, were reported:—

Canon J. D. Pearson (died October, 1963), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, W. H. Southeard, E. C. Gobey, J. T. Dyke, C. Harrison, T. Metcalfe, A. Paddon Smith, P. Crook, S. H. Symonds, G. L. Hewitt and D. H. Bennett.

Mr. F. W. Perrens, in a tribute to Mrs. Fletcher, said he had known her for the past 50 years and said if she had been associated with the same tower as he was in his early ringing days she would have been debarred from entering. Such was the opinion of many of the clergy and ringers in those days that they thought the tower of a church was not the place for ladies. Fortunately Mrs. Fletcher was not debarred from the tower and in a very short time she became a very competent ringer on all numbers of bells, both tower- and hand-bells. She was also a very capable conductor.

Mrs. Fletcher came on the Council in 1915 as the representative of the Ladies' Guild. She did a tremendous amount of committee work and, as they knew, her husband was secretary of the Council for 21 years and they could well imagine the amount of work that involved. "With the passing of Mrs Fletcher this Council loses a most devoted worker and many of us lose a very sincere friend."

Another tribute to Mrs. Fletcher came from Mrs. J. King, the president of the Ladies' Guild, who said that in 1912, when only 20 years of age, Mrs. Fletcher formed the Ladies' Guild. She was a brilliant ringer and conductor and was treated as an equal by men, but she wanted equality for all lady ringers and for their voice to be heard in ringing affairs.

And so the Ladies' Guild came to be formed and wonderfully organised by her. She was at times both its president and secretary and maintained a burning interest in its affairs throughout some 53 years. "Her death last September was a very sad blow to the Guild, but it made us think of the wonderful example her life can be to us all."

Mr. C. W. Pipe, in a reference to Mr. Stedman H. Symonds, who was captain at Lavenham, said he was a very kindly man and was famous for Stedman.

Mr. D. Burnett, in a tribute to Mr. W. H. Southeard, said he was the first member of the Truro Guild to be a member of the Central Council. He took a great interest in the Cathedral and was warden for many years. "We have lost a wonderful worker for ringing in the diocese."

Mr. J. F. Smallwood spoke of his memories of Mr. Joseph Dyke. He described him as a man of few words but a man of action, and everybody who knew him formed a high opinion of his style at the end of a rope. He was well loved in these parts and while secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association got round the county and enthused youth. "A great man and we all loved him."

Mr. P. L. Taylor spoke with gratitude of Mr. Colin Harrison, who taught him much about ringing. For nearly 40 years he was with them at Loughborough.

Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite, who had known Mr. Peter Crook for 30 of his 80 years, said he thought it was true to say that his whole life was devoted to ringing, and the last peal he took part in and conducted was to celebrate his 60 years of ringing.

Mr. G. E. Fearn paid tribute to a predecessor of his as secretary of the St. Martin's Guild—Mr. A. Paddon Smith, who for 20 years was their highly respected hon. secretary. His good influence would last for many years to come, he said.

Mr. E. Hudson referred to Mr. Tom Metcalfe, who was for 40 years the kingpin of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

Central Council's Progress in Past Fourteen Years

HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR the first time for many years there has been a reduction in representative membership, both the Shropshire Association and the Suffolk having dropped one member. Against this, the Stafford Archdeaconry Society has added one.

Numerous inquiries about the Barron Bell Trust and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award continued to be made. Most of the latter were in connection with the question of assessment, in which I could in general only repeat advice given in the "Handbook of Pursuits" issued by the Award office, which I would recommend those interested to obtain.

During the year Mrs. Winifred Turner kindly assigned to the Council the copyright of J. A. Trollope's "London Ringers and Ringing," which she presented to the library some years ago after the death of her husband, Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner. I am most grateful to Mrs. Turner for this gesture and to Mr. W. B. Cartwright for arranging the legal formalities. Mr. Cartwright also gave valuable advice on the form of agreement for hire of the Washington Cathedral film.

LEFT THE COUNCIL

The following have now ceased to be members of the Council and we offer our thanks to them for their past services: J. P. Fidler (1951–66) and Mrs. C. C. Marshall (1945–66), hon. members; J. W. Clarke (1947–65), Miss A. D. Edwards (1963–65), J. Scott (1963–65), Chester; H. J. Shuck (1964–65), Dudley and Dist.; P. J. Eves (1960–65), Essex; R. J. Hooper (1960–65), Gloucester and Bristol; P. Morgan (1963–65), J. J. Webb (1951–65), Hereford; G. W. Critchley (1957–65), Hertford; Mrs. F. E. Dukes (1962–65), Irish; J. R. Cooper (1957–65), Kent; J. E. Burles (1963–65), R. Leigh (1963–65), Lancashire; C. W. Ottley (1963–65), London County; F. W. Goodfellow (1950–65), J. R. Mayne (1957–65), Middlesex; E. H. Edge (1960–65), North Staffs; Mrs. A. D. Barker (1961–65), D. J. Smith (1960–65), Oxford Dio.; Miss S. R. Collins (1963–65), Peterborough; F. E. Haynes (1950–65), St. Martin's, Birmingham; W. C. West (1945–65), Salisbury; R. B. Morris (1963–65), R. Newton (1960–65), Shropshire; F. E. Hawthorne (1950–65), S.R.C.Y.; B. M. Buswell (1956–65), D. H. Rooke (1960–65), Southwell; J. W. Blythe (1957–65), L. G. Brett (1957–65), Suffolk; G. W. Hughes (1957–65), Stafford Archdeaconry; Dr. D. N. Layton (1956–65), University of London; G. Benfield (1957–65), Yorkshire.

To end this, my last report, on a personal note, there are a number of people I would like to thank: First and foremost my wife, without whose help, encouragement and, when necessary, prodding me into activity, I could never have carried out the job; secondly, Mr. W. G. Wilson, who undertook in 1952 to see that the meeting papers were typed and duplicated and, with the active help of Miss C. L. Groves, has done so ever since, thereby saving the Council considerable expense and myself much anxiety; thirdly, Mr. J. F. Smallwood for his confidence in nominating me as your secretary, and Mr. F. E. Haynes for seconding in the absence of the late Mr. Albert Walker. Lastly, a whole host of people who have helped in many ways—making arrangements for Council meetings, assembling these papers, discussions over lunches and assistance on meeting days are some which come to mind, and of course I must not forget those actively concerned with the work of the Council and with "The Ringing World."

PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS

Perhaps I may be allowed a few personal impressions. I hope it would not be presumptuous to say that the Council has gone forwards rather than backwards during the past 14 years, though I would certainly not claim the credit for all this. There does, however, seem to be much less general criticism but this is not to say there is no room for improvement. I have always been very much a traditionalist and in its constitution and procedure the Council is little different now from what it became when my predecessor introduced a much more businesslike approach on taking office 35 years ago. A new look at some of its ways is probably overdue. I did at one time feel that it was too big, but came round later to the view that, within reason, the more people who can feel they have a part to play in its affairs, the better both for the Council and the Exercise generally.

This could come about in another way—the greatly increased turnover of membership in recent years. Of the present Council only 37 of the 164 representative members were members when I took office. In some ways this is all to the good; nevertheless there are merits in continuity but it is no doubt difficult to achieve a satisfactory balance.

One other noticeable change has been the marked aversion during the past ten years or so to rational discussion of matters concerning basic principles of change ringing. This is probably a reaction to the disproportionate amount of time which, both between the wars and for some years afterwards, the Council devoted to such matters, but I feel that the pendulum has now gone too far in the opposite direction. This was very noticeable at the 1964 meeting at Truro, when two motions put forward by representatives of the Durham and Newcastle Association were not, in my view, treated seriously and the Council was guilty of gross discourtesy to those concerned.

GREAT DEMAND FOR PUBLICATIONS

Against this there has, however, been a much greater appreciation of the Council's responsibilities for the welfare of the Exercise generally The activities of the Sunday Service and Education Committee leading to the now well-established system of day- and week-end courses are a notable example. I confess to being doubtful at the outset of the value of this committee but am glad to have been proved wrong. Then, as is well known, sales of publications have increased enormously; in all, some 5,918 copies last year compared with 1,271 in 1952. The Beginners' Handbook of which almost 20,000 copies have been sold since it first appeared in 1959 is, of course, the best seller we have ever had. That there is at the present time a greater demand for publications on ringing than ever before is clear from the interest shown by commercial publishers recently, an interest from which both they and the Exercise have profited. My greatest regret is that no adequate history of change ringing exists. A sub-committee formed in 1957 to consider whether the compilation of such a history could be undertaken by the Council unfortunately did not recommend this. I think this was a wrong decision, but as the original idea was mine no doubt I am prejudiced!

From a financial point of view the Council has in effect become a small business, a far cry from 1931, when total receipts were £55, profit on publications £2, and the accounts were audited on the morning of the meeting. The capital account now shows a balance of some £10,500 compared with £1,877 when I became treasurer. Again I do not claim the credit for this except for having tried to encourage the issue of as many publications as possible, and the investment of as much of "The Ringing World's" money as could be spared—a suggestion which incidentally came from Mr. F. E. Dukes at the 1953 meeting and which met with some opposition in the early years. The Council is fortunate in that my successor will take a keen interest in its financial affairs. May I conclude by wishing him as happy a term of office as I have had.

(Signed) E. A. BARNETT.

Mr. E. A. Barnett proposed and Mr. W. Ayre seconded the adoption.

Mr. A. V. Davis took exception to the opinion expressed by the hon. secretary that at Truro two notices of motion put forward by representatives of the Durham and Newcastle Association were not treated seriously and the Council was guilty of gross discourtesy to those concerned. He thought it

would be better expressed as with some levity but not gross discourtesy.

The report was then adopted, the president thanking Mr. Barnett for the painstaking way he had compiled the report.

THE MINUTES

The minutes as published in "The Ringing World" of March 25th were adopted on the proposition of the hon. secretary, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

(To be continued)

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The University of London Society's 22nd annual general meeting was held at St. Olave's Hall, London, on May 14th. The meeting was preceded by ringing at St. George's-in-the-East, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, and St. Olave's, Hart Street, where the service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Maurice Dean. After a sumptuous tea prepared by the ladies of the Society, the business meeting took place with the president, Mr. David Martin, in the chair.

After the reading of the minutes and correspondence, five new members were elected and welcomed by the president. In his report the Master, Mr. Roger Powell, mentioned the generally poor standard of turn-out on Sunday evenings. He referred also to the good ringing at St. Vedast's on Sunday mornings and reported that during the year 14 peals had been rung, including n-spliced Surprise Minor, Yorkshire Royal and Stedman Caters. The secretary-treasurer, Mr. Robert Dennis, reported the success of the annual dinner and of the annual tour, mentioning that the Society is now well installed in the "Tiger," and that four members had become engaged. He further reported a profit of £20 over the year, but anticipated heavier expenses during the coming one.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers, the Master thanking each one in turn for the work he had done for the Society during the past year, and Dr. Denis Layton for his work in one capacity or another over the past 20 years. Dr. Layton was retiring as vice-president. The officers for 1966–67 are as follows: President, David J. R. Martin (King's); vice-presidents, Philip Gray, Alan Thirst; Master, Timothy G. Pett (U.C.); secretary, David L. Cawley (King's); treasurer, John Pladdys (King's); Central Council representative, Alan Frost; auditor, Peter Layton; committee, Robert Dennis, Roger Powell, Chris Starbuck.

After discussion of matters of lesser importance, the chairman closed the meeting at 7.40.

Diary dates: General meeting: October 15th, 1966; annual dinner, February 11th, 1967; annual general meeting, May 6th, 1967.

Would members please note that all correspondence should be addressed to the secretary, David Cawley, King's College Hostel, Vincent Square, S.W.1. D. L. C.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Membership Drive During Coming Year

THE 81st annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Southover, Lewes, on May 14th. Ringing arrangements were made by the Southern Division Committee.

The outstanding feature of the meeting was the formation of a robed choir of 25 ringers (12 men, 12 ladies and one boy) drawn from various churches in the county. A short choir practice, taken by the choirmaster, was held before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. S. Hurd) assisted by two ringing clergy, the Rev. I. Paton (Danehill) and the Rev. P. L. Scott (Withyham).

Approximately 175 ringers and friends sat down to tea, an increase of over ten on the previous year, in the Church Hall, arranged and catered for by the committee of the Southern Division under the expert guidance of the Elphicks. The meeting was honoured by the presence of the Mayor of Lewes, Councillor A. C. Barber, and the Mayoress, who were welcomed by the Master, Mr. R. V. Johnson.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Master of the Association, who welcomed the Vicars of Southover, Danehill, Withyham and Isfield. Messrs. Pat Cannon and Davis from Surrey and colleagues of the East Grinstead and District Guild. Among the apologies was one from Len Stilwell, who unfortunately had some business to attend to at Windsor and was missing his first annual general meeting for some years with much regret.

The chairman asked those present to stand in silence as a token of respect for those who had passed on during the year—Mr. George Apps, secretary of Cuckfield for 25 years, and Mr. G. J. Killick, of Ditchling, a member for many years.

The minutes of the 80th annual general meeting were read by the general secretary; the Divisional reports, already accepted by the various Divisions, were accepted en bloc.

The treasurer (Mr. W. Leslie Weller), in his report, mentioned an increase in subscriptions of £17, the payment of two years' "Ringing World" charges, a grant of £25 to Billingshurst and a profit for 1965 of approximately £40. Next year the affiliation fee will disappear (this was £70 for 1965), therefore every effort must be made to increase the present membership, which had fallen from 787 in 1964 to 588 in 1965.

The secretary, in his report, asked all ringing members to make a special effort to bring back the members of towers who, at the moment, did not support the Association. Membership must be increased if the report was to be kept at the present standard.

It was agreed that the treasurer should look into the position of investments in War Stock with a view to transferring to Unit Trust.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Nine new members and three non-resident members were elected. Mr. A. E. Laker, of Balcombe, was elected an honorary life member in recognition of his many years of service to the Association.

The president, the Bishop of Chichester, and all the vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc, as were the Master, general secretary, peal secretary, treasurer, auditors and trustees.

The following Central Council members, elected by their Divisions, were ratified: Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. R. W. R. Percy, V. Sheppard and W. Leslie Weller.

The following recommendations from the General Committee were agreed by the meeting:—

Peal fees to be sent to the hon. peal secretary by the conductor of the peal and not to the treasurer.

A general committee meeting will be held on the last Saturday in October and the first Saturday in March every year.

The draft "Form of Service" be sent to the Bishop for approval.

It was agreed to hold an Association dinner during 1967, to be arranged by the general committee.

It was suggested that a week-end ringing course be arranged at Lodge Hall, near Pulborough, by a committee headed by Mr. G. Francis and Mr. W. Leslie Weller.

Mrs. R. J. Osbon inquired whether a microphone could be used at future annual general meetings as owing to the increase in attendance it was difficult to hear what was going on.

Mr. George Francis mentioned that the motions before the Central Council could have far-reaching effects on the Association and members should be given some idea of how to vote.

Mr. George Pullinger suggested that they should leave any decisions to the good counsels of members to weigh up the various points of views raised and vote to the best advantage of the Association.

The chairman mentioned that the collection at the service was £8 8s. 3d., and would be given to the Sussex Churches Campaign.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At the annual general meeting of the Liverpool University Society, held on May 7th, the following officers were elected for the session 1966–67: Master, David F. Moore; secretary, F. David Keast, 1, Glentworth Terrace, Lostwithiel, Cornwall; treasurer, V. David Jenner; committee member, Miss Julie Lethbridge.

It was decided to hold next year's annual tour between April 9th–15th. A reunion week-end for non-resident members, during which the annual general meeting will be held, is planned for the first week-end in May next year. This year's tour will be in Warwickshire from September 15th–20th (approx.), while the 1967 dinner will be on February 25th. P. A. F.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on May 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. Weal 1, J. H. Payton 2, Miss C. White 3, Miss D. M. Street 4, H. J. Rossell 5, T. J. Wellen 6, F. Housden 7, Miss E. A. Stevinson 8, D. Tubbs 9, M. D. Fuller 10. First of Caters 1, 2, 5, 6, 8 and 10. For Evensong.

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Letters

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. A. R. PEAKE'S BAND

Dear Sir,—I would like to offer heartiest congratulations to Mr. Anthony R. Peake and his band on their fine performance in ringing the record peal in 64 Spliced Surprise Major. I have followed with great interest their progress as they made their way through the various compositions of mine, finally equalling and now surpassing the record of 53 methods which was established in June, 1955, by my band of the Yorkshire Association. I know from personal experience the long hours of study which a performance of this nature involves.

I am pleased, too, to include the name of Mr. John R. Mayne insomuch that he, too, has conducted the peal in 53 methods. Perhaps the new record of 64 methods might not stand for almost 11 years this time. —Yours sincerely,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Doncaster.

Dear Sir,—May I, as one who has been privileged to ring in some of their more modest peals of Spliced Surprise Major, congratulate Anthony R Peake and his band on their record achievement at Stratton on May 21st. I am sure the band would be first to say that it was primarily to Tony's initiative and leadership that such an attempt was possible.

A special feature of this record is that, apart from peal attempts, the band does not normally ring together. It speaks very highly therefore of the way each member did his homework!—Yours sincerely,

ROGER KEELEY.

Marlborough, Wilts.

MINIMUS IN AFRICA

Dear Sir,—I was delighted to see the quarter peal, published recently, from Que Que, Rhodesia; congratulations to the band of ringers.

For the record, a 1,272 of Bob Minimus was rung at Cape Town on May 10th, 1960, and appeared in "The Ringing World" in October that year. It was rung in despair at meeting short, knowing full well that four other ringers were playing cards in the Rectory next door! But even Minimus failed to move them.—Yours sincerely,

VICTOR SHEPPARD.

Brighton.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD PRESIDENT RETIRES

The 1966 annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held in the Daventry Branch on May 21st, 12 towers being open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. The Guild service was held in the Church of the Holy Cross, Daventry, and the retiring president, Canon G. F. Turner, was the preacher.

After an excellent tea, the annual business meeting took place in the Abbey Buildings, Daventry, with the president in the chair. Canon Turner began by welcoming the many visitors and then the company stood in silence for a few moments in memory of those Guild members who had died during the past year. The secretary (Mr. E. Billings) stated that already this year the finances of the Guild were in a stronger position than last year, mainly due to the tower affiliation scheme and the peal levy.

When the 1965 annual report was adopted it was decided to withdraw from the Guild's records a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Oakham in January, 1965, as the ringer of the second was not a paid-up member of the Guild.

Canon G. F. Turner resigned from the presidency of the Guild and the Rev. Ernest G. Orland was elected to this office. The other Guild officials, Mr. E. Billings (secretary and treasurer), Mr. J. H. Bluff (Master) and Mr. G. F. Roome (auditor), were all re-elected.

The summer festival was arranged for September 3rd at Bozeat, the annual dinner for October 22nd at Northampton, and next year's annual general meeting for May 6th at Rothwell.

The retiring president (Canon G. F. Turner) and Mr. Patrick I. Chapman (a former Master) were elected life honorary members of the Guild. Representatives of eight Branches spoke in appreciation of Canon Turner's good work for the Guild during his nine years in office, and the Master (Mr. J. H. Bluff) spoke of Mr. Chapman's work as Master and in connection with the restoration and augmentation of Daventry bells.

On behalf of the Guild, Mr. Roger W. Smith presented a well-filled wallet to Canon Turner as a token of the Guild's appreciation of all his effort and work, and a young lady member of the Guild (Miss Katharine M. Thorley) presented a bouquet to Canon Turner for Mrs. Turner. Canon Turner expressed his deep regret at having to retire because of the increased pressure of work.

There followed a general discussion on the three motions on the agenda at this year's Central Council meeting and all those who spoke were against all the three.

The meeting ended with an omnibus vote of thanks, which was proposed by Mr. R. H. Daw and seconded by Mr. E. C. Buckby.

HANDBOOK, 1956

Dear Sir,—A printed leaflet indicating the additions and amendments that have been made to the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council since the publication of this Handbook has been prepared and, for the benefit of those who already have a copy, is now available from the undersigned on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.—Yours faithfully,

F. W. PERRENS.

68, Warwick Avenue,
Coventry.

YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES' RINGING FESTIVAL

The second annual ringing festival of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies was held in the area covered by the Beverley and District Society. Towers available were: Walkington, Pocklington, Hessle, Kirk Ella, Beverley Minster, Sutton-on-Hull, St. Mary's, Beverley, Cottingham and Market Weighton.

The service in the Minster was attended by approximately 200 ringers and friends and the Mayor and Mayoress of Beverley (Mr. and Mrs. T. Leak). The Rev. M. P. Hirons preached and the order of service was that of the Beverley and District Society.

During the singing of the 150th Psalm four of the Beverley and District members rang a handbell touch, and the collection was divided between the Minster's cost for the service and the appeal for Christian Aid Week.

Tea was served in the Memorial Hall and 150 sat down to an excellent meal, and afterwards Mr. Edward Hudson, the chairman, welcomed all present. He also thanked the organisers—Mr. David S. Johnson and Mr. Kenneth Kirk—and their fellow workers on the sub-committee for a good job well done. The festival, he said, was as successful as the first one at Wakefield, the tea had been beautiful, and especially the local custom of apple pie with cheese, and caused laughter by quoting: "Apple pie without the cheese is like a kiss without the squeeze." He thanked the Minster authorities, the Rev. M. P. Hirons for his sermon, the boys of the choir and the organist. Welcoming Mr. Vernon Bottomley as the newly-elected president of the Yorkshire Association, and Mrs. Bottomley as the treasurer, he wished Mr. Bottomley success in his nomination to be the secretary of the Central Council.

Further ringing then took place on the bells available in the area. A. F.

EAST KENT RINGING SCHOOL

Ringers from the Ashford, Canterbury and Maidstone Districts forgathered on May 21st at the delightful Church of St. Martin, Cheriton, for instruction from the county's experts at the one-day ringing school.

Prayers in church conducted by the Rev. C. Munt were followed by an excellent talk from Mr. A. Waddington on raising and maintaining a local band. The company of 60 then adjourned to the Church Hall for the first lecture on elementary conducting by Dr. Donald Niblett. The final session of the morning, instruction in rope splicing (given by Mr. A. Berry), proved popular, everyone attempting a splice for the purpose of a competition. This was judged by Mr. B. J. Luck, and prizes (quarter's subscription to "The Ringing World") were awarded to Mr. L. Sweatman as an expert and to Mrs. B. L. Marks as a beginner.

Practical sessions after lunch in bell control and simple method ringing took place at Cheriton and Newington under the patient instruction of Messrs. B. Groves, M. L. Howe, N. J. Davies and P. Carter. Also during the afternoon Mr. G. Evenden gave an interesting talk, with first-class visual aids, on belfry maintenance, followed finally by more advanced instruction on conducting by Dr. Niblett.

After a sumptuous tea prepared by the ladies of Cheriton band Mr. J. Willis thanked all whose hard work had contributed to the day's success. R. J. S.

BELL ROPES
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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

The meeting and District round of the Crawford Cup contest, held at the Church of All Saints, Coddington, on May 21st, proved to be a great success on all events.

The customary fine weather for this event again prevailed, and the small churchyard seemed to be crowded with people listening to the ringing. For the first time since the District was reduced in size four years ago, four teams entered and all rang Minor. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley once again acted as judges with their usual meticulous care. Balderton were placed first with 88½ faults, and Newark and Sutton "A" tied with 104 faults, but Sutton incurred a penalty of 10 for failing to set one bell at the end, and reduced to third place. The younger members of Sutton "B" team made a commendable effort with 137 faults.

The Vicar, the Rev. P. Wright, conducted a shortened Evensong and afterwards between 50 and 60 people sat down to a very enjoyable tea prepared by local ringers and friends. A lovely iced cake had been given to the Coddington ringers and, with the permission of the Vicar, it was agreed to raffle it off, and the proceeds were shared between Coddington Bell Fund and the Guild Bell Repair Fund. It was obviously all fixed, as the District chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, won the cake!

No less than 13 new ringing members were elected at the business meeting, eight from the newly-formed band at North Muskham, and five from Coddington. Mr. H. H. Selby, of Coddington, was elected a vice-president.

The general ringing which followed in the evening covered a wide variety of standards, and was accomplished with much enthusiasm.

The hospitality of Coddington and its ringers is much appreciated. B. N. R.

ROCHESTER (K.C.A.) DISTRICT'S WEEK-END TOUR

The second annual week-end tour of the Rochester District took place on April 29th to May 1st. The evening of the 29th was spent in travelling to Abingdon, where the night was spent.

Leaving Abingdon in the morning (complete with a banner), we travelled the short distance to Eynsham (six bells), where we were impressed by the local band's successes in striking competitions. Then on through the lovely Gloucester countryside to the six at Great Barrington. This concluded the ringing for the morning. A coach journey then followed through more good scenery to our next tower (a stop for refreshment being made on the way) at Minsterworth. Unfortunately the bells are very noisy and, with long ropes, we were unable to do them justice. We then jouneyed further west to the six at Littledean and then through the Dean Forest to the splendid eight at Monmouth. It was a pity to leave these bells but time was pressing.

After obtaining tea we travelled through some more wooded countryside to have a quick look at Tintern Abbey, and on to the ten at Chepstow, where although we only rang call changes and Grandsire, the ringing was the best of the tour, and finally on to our last tower of the day at Usk, where we were pleased to see the work put in by the local ringers. We then travelled to our hotel at Hereford.

Sunday was mainly a sightseeing day, but it started by some members skipping breakfast to grab All Saints' and then moving on to the official tower at St. Nicholas', where the ringing was followed by a said Communion. We then journeyed homeward via Stratford, stopping for lunch next door to Anne Hathaway's cottage. Following lunch, we arrived at Home Farm to find that there are now 15 bells; however, we only rang the back six, and eventually five, after we managed to break the rope of the treble. Time came to leave, and we headed for the last tower, at Deddington, where we rang Kent Treble Bob Major. R. R. T.

OBITUARY

MR. W. H. WILSON

From Dublin we record with regret the death on May 14th, at the age of 77 years, of Mr. William Harry Wilson, president of the St. Patrick's Society. Mr. Wilson learned to ring in 1907 at the Cathedral, under Gabriel Lindoff, joining the band which laid the foundation of change ringing in Ireland. During a long and active ringing career he had served the Church, and St. Patrick's particularly, humbly and faithfully. Until ill-health prevented him climbing to the belfry several years ago he was a regular Sunday service ringer.

He was a competent change ringer, accurate striker and ever-willing guide to beginners. For his services to ringing he was elected an hon. life member of the I.A.C.R. He had rung 17 peals.

"Willer" was a kind man, most meticulous in keeping the Society records when secretary for many years; keenly interested in life in general, he was excellent company and a rare judge of malt. Outside the belfry his great interest lay in Freemasonry, being a P.M. of the Craft and P.K Royal Arch.

Before the burial service, conducted by the Very Rev. Dean Armstrong, the bells of the Cathedral were rung half-muffled to Minor, and in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a last token of respect to a great lover of the Exercise by T. H. Wilson 1, R. A. Vere Hodge 2, W. T. Farrell 3, Helen M. Hubert 4, C. J. Reede (cond.) 5, C. A. Lewis 6, R. I. George 7, H. H. Brown 8. The same composition was rung to celebrate Mr. Wilson's golden wedding in 1964.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The May meeting of the Taunton Branch was held in particularly happy circumstances at North Curry. The charming village with its beautiful old church, the warm and friendly welcome from the young Vicar, the sunny afternoon and the bountiful tea at the Angel all combined to make it a memorable occasion.

At the business meeting six new members were elected from the local tower, where the Vicar, the Rev. M. D. Lewis, himself a ringer, is getting together an enthusiastic team of men and boys. Mr. Gordon Baldam, of Lyng, was also given a cordial welcome as a new member of the Branch.

Ringing was much enjoyed and varied from rounds to Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples, one or two particularly good touches bringing out to the full the fine tone of this ring of eight with a tenor of 17 cwt.

SOUTHWELL GUILD

Twe meetings were held by the Bingham District during May—on the 7th at Willoughby to coincide with the gift day, and on the 14th at Cotgrave for the District round for the Crawford Cup.

Ten new members were elected at Willoughby and the next meeting was fixed for Gedling on July 9th.

Mr. H. Rooke judged the contest, when the ringing was generally good. Gedling (46 faults) and Shelford (49) go forward to the final. Other competitors were Whatton (66), Holme Pierrepont (68) and Radcliffe (93).

The dedication of a new treble, augmenting the bells at Willoughby to six, was performed on May 8th by the Rev. A. H. Hayward, a former Vicar, in the presence of Mrs. H. Millard, the donor. Ringers from Holme Pierrepont and Puddington rang and at the close of the service were joined by Mr. Paul Taylor,

In connection with the rehallowing of Rougham bells (page 355) mention should be made of the work of Mr. Cyril Hancock, the District chairman, who spent hours with Mr. Arthur Fidler in getting the bells down and replacing and painting them.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A family peal took place at East Ilsley, Berks, on May 21st, when five Hibberts and three Chilcotts rang a peal of Stedman Triples.

The dedication of the new ring of bells at Easthampstead takes place next Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m.

The Society of Biddenden Youths would like to remind all their friends that the tower will be closed for redecoration from June 12th–16th inclusive.

Missed from the Central Council was a familiar figure—Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, of Northern Ireland. The seamen's strike prevented him from making the journey.

Mr. Alfred E. Rushton, president of the Bedfordshire Association, is entering St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, for an operation in a few days' time. Our good wishes will accompany him.

Instead of putting flowers on graves the people of Brown Edge, Staffordshire, have provided new pews of fine figured Japanese oak. The reseating was commemorated by a peal on the bells.

The Farnham District at its quarterly meeting at Ash, Surrey, had a silent remembrance to Miss Mary Bragg, of Aldershot, who died of injuries in a road accident a day earlier.

The quarter peal rung at East Retford on May 25th revived an old custom, discontinued 50 years ago, of ringing on Mayor-making day. The Mayor responsible is supposed to have said: "I didn't ask them to ring for me—why should I pay them?" At this the ringers took umbrage. The present generation of ringers makes no financial conditions.

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COMMONWEALTH DAY QUARTER AT WINDSOR

One of the traditional ringing days at Windsor Castle is May 24th, Commonwealth Day. Participating in the ringing were Mr. Walter Knight, of Murramurra, Australia, and Mrs. Jean Dunham of Vancouver, Canada. Mrs. Dunham, better known as Miss Jean Broomfield, one of the late George Gilbert's splendid young ladies' band at Burnham, Bucks, was on a short visit to her parents. She had not touched a bell rope for just on 15 years, but on May 21st accompanied the Slough bellringers on their outing to Portsmouth and Chichester. She very soon found her touch and by the end of the day was quite proficient again. She rang 50 peals before emigrating to Canada, and it was a pity that her short stay did not permit of a peal being arranged.

She did, however, prior to ringing at Windsor Castle, take part in a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major at Windsor Parish Church together with Walter Knight, specially arranged for this Commonwealth occasion. Mr. Frank Blagrove, of Windsor, had landed in England only the day before from Salisbury, Rhodesia, and the band deeply regretted his inability to stand in at such short notice. The quarter appears on the appropriate page.

YORKSHIRE REVEALS ITS METTLE

The peal of Spliced Surprise in nine methods, rung at Penistone on May 22nd, is believed to be the first all-the-work peal of that number of methods to be rung strictly silent and non-conducted by a resident band of the Yorkshire Association.

Three of the "inside" ringers especially are to be congratulated on this performance, as none of them has yet conducted a peal of Spliced Surprise. They are Mrs. Jeanne E. Bottomley, Frederick A. Munday and Stuart Armeson. The band has now rung Mr. Pitman's peals in four, five, six and nine methods.

A NORTH WEALD TRIBUTE

Mr. Harry King, a ringer at North Weald since 1905 and tower captain since 1943, has just retired after 25 years as churchwarden. In recognition of his loyal and devoted service to the Church a special service was held on Sunday, May 29th, during which the Rev. T. C. Thorpe presented Harry with an illuminated address containing a copy of the inscription on the treble bell, which is to bear his name. In honour of the occasion a peal was rung the previous evening by some of his friends in the Essex Association. We are sure that his many friends will join us in wishing him many more years of continued ringing, health and happiness.

AVON AMATEURS' WEEK-END

Despite obvious qualms about Friday 13th, Avon Amateurs' fourth annual tour, based at Torquay, got off to a fine start at Clyst Honiton.

On Saturday a circular tour taking in Paignton, Berry Pomeroy, Totnes, Buckfast, Wolborough, Teignmouth and Babbacombe produced some enjoyable ringing, the highlight being a short touch on "Hosannah" at Buckfast Abbey. Having sung for our supper, the day was concluded with ten pin bowling by the majority of the party.

After Sunday morning ringing at Upton St. Mary, Torquay, the afternoon was spent relaxing in the sun at Exmouth. Our thanks to tower captains and incumbents. L. P.

FROM THE NEW HON. SECRETARY AND HIS ASSISTANT

We are very grateful to the president for his thoughtfulness in not calling upon us formally to acknowledge our respective elections at the Bath meeting. On such occasions a few previously well-chosen words carefully rehearsed in front of the mirror invariably fall flat and those spoken spontaneously make one feel hot and cold for weeks afterwards.

We would, however, like to take this opportunity of thanking the Council for the very cordial reception it gave to us and of saying how we wish we could share the confidence thus expressed. We have been encouraged and heartened by the many offers of assistance we have received and we shall endeavour to take only reasonable advantage of this goodwill. We hope you will all be forbearing during the transition period.

We hope, too, that people will not hesitate to make themselves known to us: if necessary for the second and subsequent times. One of us has attained the age when the remembrance of faces is difficult and of names well nigh impossible and it is not always practicable for the other to hiss an irritable reminder!

JEANNE and VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

MR. FRANK LUFKIN RETIRES

Mr. Frank Lufkin, the well-known Essex ringer, retired last week from the Essex Fire Service after 28 years' service. Born at Prittlewell, he started ringing in the Parish Church there at the age of 17, and his peal total has reached 654. He has a number of long lengths to his credit, including 22,400 Plain Bob Major at Kirby-le-Soken, which is the greatest number of changes rung on church bells. He has also in his portfolio the record of Bob Royal, 12,740 changes, and 18,000 Minor.

Since 1945 he has been a member of the Central Council. He was Association peal secretary for 11 years, Master of Prittlewell tower for 25 years, and Master of the North-East Essex District for three years.

SOMERSET VILLAGE'S FINE EFFORT

For 40 years the bells of St. Peter's Church, Ilton, had been lying idly on the floor of the tower, having been lowered when the tower was rebuilt soon after World War I. "If I come, these won't stay there long," commented the Rev. H. E. A. Jackson, the present Vicar, on his first visit in 1961.

There existed a small bell fund of £139, raised mainly when the nearby R.A.F. station was in operation. On this small fund it was decided to rehang the bells; Messrs. John Taylor were commissioned to do the work at a cost of £1,544. The four old bells dating from the early 1600's were rehung with modern steel fittings, the old canons being retained. These were dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells on Whit Sunday, 1963.

In the meantime a small but enthusiastic band of ringers was formed from scratch and it was decided to increase the ring to six, and just a year later the Bishop came again to dedicate the new trebles. The total cost was £2,171, and of this £1,707 had to come from this village with a population of under 700. Now comes the happy news that all the money has been found and Ilton bells are ringing again as they were nearly four centuries ago.

SONNING STRIKES AGAIN!

Competing in the Sonning Deanery Branch of the O.D.G. is certainly not one-sided, as was proved by Sonning winning the seventh annual striking contest held at Twyford on May 21st.

Perhaps it was a case of "the seven year itch" for this band won the very first competition. In striking back to the fore they produced some excellent Doubles ringing—enough to make the ground searching listeners scratch the church path gravel as they wandered and wondered about their own chances.

Runners-up, Easthampstead, rang with rhythm to a highly commendable tenor turned in to Minor. Hurst "A" team came a very close third with the standard of Stedman that invariably gets them a place. The results for the statisticians were Sonning 26 faults, Easthampstead 33 and Hurst "A" 35.

Major Bragg and Mr. Viggers adjudicated in their usual efficient manner, giving valuable advice and accurate comment, as has been their consistent record during their service to this Branch over the last seven and five years respectively.

In their opening words high praise was given to the Binfield team for their keenness as novices. Entering the contest for the first time, the Twyford tower was also a "first" for the entire team. A band with this sort of enthusiasm will no doubt be heard again and their example should be noted by the towers who did not enter a team yet have capable ringers.

The Rev. Harcourt Trevor, Branch chairman, gladly seen in good health again, thanked, on behalf of the members, the organisers and helpers of this enjoyable event in our ringing calendar.

Beneficial ringing and friendly rivalry have brought to this Branch a standard (now carried by Sonning to the Guild Competition) which improves each year, thus establishing the wisdom and forethought of those who instigated striking competitions. S. G. S.

CHEW DEANERY BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott, of Clawton, Devon, made the long journey to act as judge for the fourth annual striking competition held at Kingston Seymour on May 21st. The test piece was 120 changes of Doubles or Minor. Teams were confined to regular Sunday service bands and towers which normally combine forces on Sundays were allowed to enter a joint team.

Five towers, including one newcomer to the competition, competed, plus a scratch team made up on the spot from the spectators. This latter team, of course, was not competing.

After tea in the village hall, Mr. Scott opened his comments with details of Devonshire call change competitions and incidentally demonstrated his fine command of the Devonshire dialect! Kingston Seymour, on their own ground, but with no previous experience of competition ringing, were placed first with 10¼ faults, Nailsea with Backwell a close second with 10¾ faults, then third Wraxall (15), fourth Portbury (17) and fifth Yatton (18¼). The scratch team had 14¼ faults.

Mr. Scott and his churchwarden co-navigator were warmly thanked for undertaking a 240-mile round trip on our behalf.

M. J. H.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CREWKERNE, Somerset.—At the Church of St Bartholomew.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 CREWKERNE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	D. John Hunt	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	John C. Slater	6
Trevor A. Cross	3	Rev. Roger O. Fry	7
C. Martin Press	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by D. John Hunt
First peal in the method. H and M number 2053.
x 38 x 14 x 56 x 16 x 12 x 1458 x 12 x 58. 2nds.

CURRY RIVEL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 21 lb. in E.

Rev. Roger O. Fry	Treble	John C. Slater	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	C. Martin Press	6
Richard W. Sweet	3	Philip Mehew	7
Trevor A. Cross	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Tues., April 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 14 methods in seven extents: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise (2) Reverse and College Bob, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall. (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Single Oxford and Double Bob, (6) Grandsire, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Pauline Bligh-Cheesman	Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon	4
*Elizabeth Emmett	2	Michael A. Gilbey	5
*Gillian M. Brearley	3	John T. Parsons	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W H Simon.
* Most methods to a peal.
Rung by a resident band to celebrate the induction of the Duke of Beaufort as Chancellor of the University this day.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., May 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat.

*Donald Peers	Treble	†F. Leslie Coventry	5
†Robert Peers	2	Eric J. Gilbert	6
†Charles F. Pocock	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Jeffrey J. Fox	4	Alexander J. Martin	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Jeffrey J. Fox.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Yorkshire.

MOBBERLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of SS. Wilfrid and Mary.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Bourne, (2) Ipswich, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Surfleet, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 15 cwt.

Paul J. Atkins	Treble	Harold Dowler	4
*Norman Sherratt	2	Barry Corbishley	5
†Raymond J. Ballard	3	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Conducted by Roy Worrall.
* 100th peal. † First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

MORETON CORBET, Shropshire—At the Church of St Bartholomew
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt 1 qr. 3 lb. in A

*David Allman	Treble	†Keith W. Eaton	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	Gerald Parsons	5
John R. Scott	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton
* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor "inside."

STOKE-ON-TERN, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods/variations, being two extents each of Reverse, Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Little Aston, Honeysuckle, Salwarpe, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Dedworth, Seighford, Primrose, Windrush, Norfolk, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and Fortune.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Keith W. Eaton	Treble	Frank R Morton	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	Gerald Parsons	5
John R. Scott	3	David Allman	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R Morton.
First in 21 methods by all except the conductor. First in 21 methods as conductor.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., May 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Malcolm P Phipps (Chesterfield District Secretary)	Treble
Rev. R. St. John Smith (Vice-chairman, Peak District)	2
Christopher Hughes (Chesterfield District Ringing Master)	3
Michael Willis (Derby District Ringing Master)	4
Clive Thrower (Derby District Secretary)	5
Gordon A Halls (Derby District Chairman)	6
Sampson Walklate (Trustee)	7
David J. Marshall (Ilkeston District Secretary)	8
Burley P. Morris (General Secretary)	9
John B. Stennit (Treasurer, Bell Repair Fund)	Tenor

Composed by Sir A P. Heywood. Conducted by G A Halls.
Rung by officers of the Association for the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir A P. Heywood

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOSTON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt 2 lb in D flat

*Valerie Meadows	Treble	George A. Dawson	6
Gordon A Halls	2	Richard Inglis	7
David J Marshall	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
Derek F Jones	4	David W. Friend	9
Peter Humphrey	5	Harold Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by David W Friend.
* First peal.

UTTOXETER, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Single bobs and having all combination C.E.'s. Tenor 17 cwt 3 qr. 7 lb.

John Dean	Treble	Christopher J. Hughes	5
Len Goodall	2	Burley P Morris	6
Ian Friend	3	Richard Warrilow	7
Richard Farnsworth	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Len Goodall.

DENBY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., May 19, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

Joseph C. Woolley	Treble	Samson Walklate	4
John Dean	2	Harold Taylor	5
Gordon A. Halls	3	David W Friend	Tenor

Conducted by David W. Friend.
Rung for Ascension Day.

ETWALL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Thurs., May 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob with seven different callings.
Tenor 8 cwt 3 qr. 24 lb. in A

*Dennis J. Murfin	Treble	*Clive A. Thrower	4
†Valerie J. Meadows	2	*Douglas Derbyshire	5
Patricia A. M. Halls	3	A Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton
* First peal in three Minor methods. † First "inside" at first attempt.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
TALATON, Devonshire.—At the Church of St James.
On Mon., May 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt 2 qr. 22 lb.

*William Webb	Treble	Brian Pidgeon	4
†Mary E. Elmes	2	*Bryan F. Coles	5
Frederick J. Sage	3	Frank D Mack	Tenor

Conducted by Frank D Mack
* First peal of Minor † First of Plain Bob Minor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat. May 21, 1966 in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

Michael M. Hawes	Treble	John J Hawes	4
Kathleen Jordan	2	Henry C Foster	5
*Carol E. Diver	3	Michael W. Carter	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Carter.
* First peal of Minor First as conductor.
Rung by the Sunday service band of Histon.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Alan R. Andrews	Treble	Alfred E. Honeywood	5
Urban W Wildney	2	George N. Orman	6
Neville F. Whittell	3	Adrian G. Semken	7
*Jennifer M. Andrews	4	Edward E. Davey	Tenor

Composed by Sir Arthur Heywood. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
* First peal in the method.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40¼ Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 64 methods, comprising 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnesbury, Benington, Bristol, Cambridge, Campsagll, Cherwell, Chester, Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Derwent, Dublin, Eastcote, Elford, Falmouth, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Maulden, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northolt, Otley, Painswick, Ramsey, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Thorne, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire; 64 changes each of Hanbury, Hitchin, Pudsey, Radlett, Richmond, Tring and Warwickshire; and 32 changes each of Dartford, Dorchester, Fordham, Framley, Hendon, Kettering, Lincoln, Malmesbury, Northwood, Pyrford, Quinton, Shenley and Umberslade, with 158 changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	Treble	Anthony R. Peake	5
Edward R. Venn	2	James R. Taylor	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Victor Griffin	7
Brian Bladen	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
Umpire: John R. Mayne.
The greatest number of Surprise Major methods yet rung to a peal.

MALMESBURY
x 38 x 14 x 1258 x 16 x 12 x 38 x 34 x 3. f.

DYRHAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of: Stirling, St. Cuthbert, Marchington, Rushall, All Saints' Broadwas, St. Columba, Southrepps, Farnsfield, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Oldswinford, Salwarpe, Reverse Canterbury, Honeysuckle, Cowslip, Wallflower, Wychbold, Wollaston, Windrush, Kennington, Old, Norfolk, Shenley, Derwent, Seighford, April Day, Primrose, Violet, Buttercup, Dedworth, Plain Bob, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Moira, Donisthorpe, Lullington, Ashbourne, Bluebell, Daffodil, Newborough and Grandsire.
Tenor 13 cwt.

*Christopher Gibbs	Treble	†Kenneth G. Weeks	4
Anthony W. Gibbs	2	‡Derek M. Smith	5
William Lampard	3	Brian K. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.
* First of 42 Doubles. † First of 42 Doubles "inside." ‡ First of Doubles "inside."

PURTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb. in C sharp.

Marion Richards	Treble	Gordon W. Land	4
Peter Tombs	2	Derek J. Carr	5
Derek Dancey	3	Maurice A. New	Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Carr.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., May 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Frederick J. Cullum	Treble	Christopher T. Osenton	5
Martin L. Howe	2	John A. Howard	6
Marjorie F. Matthews	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
*Peter Muchlinski	4	William T. Blewitt	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Christopher T. Osenton and Leslie King.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

D. Mary Beresford	Treble	Martin C. Faulkes	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	Richard O. Humphries	6
Joan Beresford	3	John S. Barnes	7
Peter M. Fleckney	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of the third and tenor.

CHIDDINGSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDONDERRY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E.

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

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

TURNER'S HILL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sun., May 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Philip A. Corby	Treble	Richard G. Crosland	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
Hilary F. Hinde	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Stanley Jenner	4	Robert W. Hinde	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

WICKHAMBREAUX, Kent.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

Sidney Walter	Treble	Cyril W. J Beeching	4
Rachel J. Sinden	2	Martin Ostler	5
Colin J. E. Wyld	3	Dennis A. Chapman	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis A. Chapman.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EWERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., May 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	R. Brian Mills	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	Richard A. G. Inglis	6
William L. Exton	3	Frank G. Bloomfield	7
John H. Parker	4	Geoffrey Paul	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. John Porter, Ringing Master at this tower, and Miss Dorothy M. Beech, whose wedding took place at this church the previous day.

HARMSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G sharp.

John Walden	Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker	5
*C. Aubrey Harrison	2	Geoffrey Paul	6
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Jack Bray	7
Frank G. Bloomfield	4	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Primrose Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb. in E.

William R. Marsh	Treble	Cecil Wade	4
James W. Haw	2	Hervey E. Burrell	5
William A. Holmes	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil Wade.
A wedding anniversary compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. N. L. Hewitt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., May 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Richard J. Clifton	2	Derek P. Jones	7
Arthur E. Rowley	3	Samuel J. Haines	8
Gordon H. Lane	4	R. Kingsley Mason	9
Edward F. Gobey	5	*Ron Hughes	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal on ten bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., May 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Derek P. Jones	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Richard J. Clifton	2	Gordon H. Lane	7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	3	Norman W. Attaway	8
Arthur E Rowley	4	Samuel J. Haines	9
*Ron Hughes	5	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Arranged by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Royal.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., May 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OGDEN COLLEGE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	Samuel J. Haines 6
Gordon H. Lane 3	G. Ronald Edwards 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	Derek P. Jones .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method (C.C. Plain Collection No. 277).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
STANWELL, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., May 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

John E. Pickett .. .. .. Treble	Jeffrey Britchford 4
Barbara Walpole 2	David G. Pickett 5
Malcolm G. Lane 3	William S. Deason .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William S. Deason.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BROWN EDGE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Ann.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, five extents of Oxford, two of Kent. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Eric Young .. .. .. Treble	Andrew Thomson 4
Robert Cumberledge .. 2	William Bourne 5
T. Leslie Walley 3	G. Arnold Moore .. .. Tenor

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.
First peal in two methods by all the band.
Rung to commemorate the reseating of the church by the parishioners.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri. May 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Edward Howes .. .. Treble	Martin Cubitt 5
*Sidney Marshall 2	David E. House 6
George P. Adams 3	Kevin S. Hohl 7
Shelagh R. Collins 4	Peter Adcock .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal in the method.

KENNINGHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb in F.

*Janet Dagley .. .. .. Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin 5
†Angela M. Wright 2	Frank C. J. Arnold 6
Peter Adcock 3	David E. Hourse 7
Wilfred G. Saunders .. 4	Leslie F. Bailey .. .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

SCARNING, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B., one of Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

Robert C. Bunning .. .. Treble	Samuel H. Waterfield .. 4
Edward Howes 2	Tony Owen 5
George T. Bunning 3	Sidney Marshall .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Sidney Marshall.
Rung as a farewell tribute to the Rev. Hugh Davies, who has accepted the living of Calverhall, Shropshire.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
BUCKLEY, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*David E. Collins .. .. Treble	George H. Randles 5
Norah M. Randles 2	Dennis H. B. Millward .. 6
*Christopher J Jones .. 3	John W. Griffiths 7
Harry W. Howard 4	Geoffrey Parting .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
DEDDINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 NAILSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Terence J. Hester .. .. Treble	Frank Reed 5
Frederick W. Soden .. 2	Brian W. Hall 6
Peter G. Holden 3	D. Kay Adkins 7
Peter J. Heritage 4	Christopher C. Clarke .. Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by D. Kay Adams.
First peal in the method by all the band except for the ringer of the tenor.

EAST ILSLEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans'. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Patricia E. Hibbert .. .. Treble	William Hibbert 5
Cyril J. Hibbert 2	Michael Chilcott 6
Marjorie C. Hibbert .. 3	John W. T. Hibbert 7
Kathleen E. Chilcott .. 4	John Chilcott .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John W. T. Hibbert.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe with St. Peter-le-Bailey.
On Sun., May 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

David P. Hilling .. .. Treble	Peter J. Heritage 5
Charles Coles 2	Maurice G. Ingram 6
Frederick R. Scott 3	J. Keith Ward 7
M. Roger Ashmore 4	Giles R. Shedden .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

BRIGHTWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Agatha.
On Tues., May 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Wells London, Cambridge, Durham, York, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.

*Judith Southwood .. .. Treble	Bruce Wakefield 4
*Henry J. Rossell 2	*Peter J. Heritage 5
*Elizabeth Stevinson .. 3	Victor Griffin .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Victor Griffin.
* First peal of seven Surprise Minor. First of seven Surprise Minor as conductor.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., March 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman .. Treble	John C. Eisel 6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2	Clifford A. Barron 7
Roderick W. Pipe 3	Martin D. Fellows 8
George E. Fearn 4	David J. Purnell 9
Michael J. Fellows 5	Peter Border .. .. .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., May 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

Edward W. Colley .. .. Treble	Roderick W. Pipe 5
George E. Fearn 2	John C. Eisel 6
Norman J. Goodman .. 3	Clifford A. Barron 7
Michael J. Fellows 4	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., May 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

D. Kay Moore .. .. Treble	P. George Golder 4
*Anthea C. Richards .. 2	Michael W. Fairey 5
S. Clarke Walters 3	John H. Allen .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John H. Allen.
* First peal. First peal in seven methods as conductor.
Rung by the Sunday service band as a compliment to the ringers of the second and fifth on their recent engagement.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Mon., May 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In ten methods, being 1,600 London, 640 each of Rutland and Bristol, and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.

Susan E. Smith .. .. Treble	*John S. Barnes 5
*Yvonne Edwards 2	*Edwin A. Barnett 6
Joan Beresford 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
*Sheila M. Dobbie 4	*Dennis Beresford .. .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of 10 Spliced Surprise Major. First of 10 Spliced Surprise Major for the Society.

THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.
TITCHFIELD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., May 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Cambridge and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*Roger W. Price .. .. Treble	Ross W. Robertson 4
*Heather A. Walters .. 2	Michael D. Trigg 5
*Alan J. Luxford 3	Robert A. Partridge .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.
* First peal of Minor and first in more than one method.
Rung for Commemoration Day at the University.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

R. Brian Mills .. .. Treble	*John Meredith 5
*William L. Exton 2	*Donald J. Beach 6
*Christine L. J. Mills .. 3	*Peter Nix 7
†Brian M. Buswell 4	*Walter Nichols .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal in the method. † 75th peal.
Rung as a first birthday compliment to Jonathan David Beach.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., May 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being seven extents in 100 methods as follows: (1) Dronfield, Retford, Minehead, Spalding, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne Surprise, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Combermere and Crowland T.B., Peveril, Melandra, Leasowe, Beeston, Tollesbury and Middlesex Delight (19 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh). (2) College Exercise Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone and York Minster T.B., Beighton, Redcar and Appleby Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatherop, Skipton, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Stisted, Bogedone, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake). (3) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, Luton, Ripley, Broomfield, Rhyl, Fyfield, Thorne, Bamborough and Linden Surprise (11 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh). (4) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Charlwood, Neasden, Wragby, St. Albans, Taxal, Braintree, Marple, Humber, Elston, Clarence and Ashbocking Delight and Morning Star T.B. (16 methods by A. G. Driver, arranged by P. W. Saltmarsh). (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Oxford T.B., Pontefract, Donottar, Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight (14 methods by C. K. Lewis). (6) St. Clement's, Childwall, Wavertree, College, Buxton, Rodbourne, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Lytham, London, Pinehurst and Westlecott Bob. (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich Surprise, with 193 changes of method and a plain lead of every method included.
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat

Cecil W. Pipe .. .. .. Treble	Robin H. Rogers 4
Janet I. Rogers 2	George W. Pipe 5
Alice E. J. Lester 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
Most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Extents Nos. 1 and 4 are now rung for the first time.

OAKLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G sharp.

Henry Tooke .. .. .. Treble	William H. Cracknell .. 4
Wilfred G Saunders .. 2	Frank C. J. Arnold 5
William Clover 3	Leslie E. Bailey .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

ASHBOCKING DELIGHT
x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 36. 2nds place l.e.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
EASEBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., May 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 MIDHURST SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in G. sharp.

David D. Smith .. .. Treble	C. Martin Press 5
Edgar R. Rapley 2	Tom Page 6
Ronald F. Diserens 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Stanley G. Ponting 4	W. Leslie Weller .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method. (Corrigan 223.)

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb in G.

*Barry J. Vitler .. .. Treble	‡J. Michael Swift 4
Christine M. Baldock .. 2	Alan R. Baldock 5
†Amette E. Bradbury .. 3	*Ronald A. Vitler .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ First of Plain Bob "inside."
Rung for Ascensiontide.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., April 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 COGENHOE DELIGHT MINOR
Two 2,160's and a 720. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.

John F. I. Turney .. .. Treble	Raymond J. Hosking .. 4
John M. Hughes 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 5
J. Arthur Hoare 3	Brian J. Woodruffe .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
HAGLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., May 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 6048 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Sixth place bobs. Tenor 8 cwt. 110 lb. in A.

Rupert A. Clarke .. .. Treble	Brian J. Luff 5
John C. Eisel 2	Roderick W. Pipe 6
John R. Insley 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
James Insley 4	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .. Tenor

27-course block. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
PENISTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., May 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In nine methods, being 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 512 Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative, 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Neil Donovan .. .. .. Treble	J. Henry Fielden 5
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 2	Frederick A. Munday .. 6
W. Eric Critchley 3	Stuart Armeson 7
Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 4	Vernon Bottomley .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.
Rung strictly silent and non-conducted.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Mon., May 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 22 methods/variations, viz.: Two extents of Winchendon Place, St. John, St. Miles, St. Paul, St. Leonard, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, St. Andrew, St. Giles, St. Albans, Eynsham, St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Wychbold, Kennington, April Day, Plain Bob, Dedworth, and one extent each of Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb in B flat.

Michael J. Denton .. .. Treble	George Pluckrose 4
Ronald H. Dove 2	Robin Brown 5
C. Barrie Dove 3	Geoffrey D. Armitage .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
A farewell peal to the tenor man, who left for the Iron Curtain countries on May 18th.

MIDHURST SURPRISE MAJOR
x 38 x 14.58 x 12.36.14 x 34.58.12 x 14.38. l.e. 12 16482735.
f.c.e. 24365, 32546 46253.

HANDBELL PEAL

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 43, Willersey Road.
On Wed., May 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

Valerie Willard 1–2	Hugh N. Evans 5–6
Frances Fairbank 3–4	Cyril A. Wratten 7–8

Composed by Henry Poyner, Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

FOUR QUARTERS IN A DAY

On May 21st.—

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Brown 1, Miss C. Snelling 2, C. G. Barnes 3, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 4, N. Thomson 5, C. M. Foster 6, K. Taber 7, R. J. Talbot 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Taber 1, Miss C. Snelling 2, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 3, N. Thomson 4, R. J. Talbot 5, C. M. Foster 6, A. Brown 7, C. G. Barnes 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. Snelling 1, C. M. Foster 2, C. G. Barnes 3, N. Thomson 4, A. Brown 5, K. Taber 6, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 7, R. J. Talbot 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—At the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Talbot (cond.) 1, Miss C. Snelling 2, C. M. Foster 3, C. G. Barnes 4, K. Taber 5, N. Thomson 6, A. Brown 7, R. C. Stevens 8.

ABBOT'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. White 1, M. Mulvey 2, J. Burton 3, P. Johnson 4, C. Bainham (cond.) 5.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 22nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Gaynor Wallace (first of T.B.) 1, Amanda Powell 2, Carol Cousins 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Matins.

ASH, SURREY.—On May 22nd, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): Mrs. A. J. Smart 1, M. E. Denyer 2, J. A. Collier 3, P. G. Sherwood 4, M. W. Brown 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. W. Ford (cond.) 1, J. Vincent 2, W. H. Trueman 3, W. J. Grubb 4, H. Ball 5, Miss Y. Goodall 6. First quarter 4 and 6. For Confirmation service.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judith M. Squirrel (Petham) 1, Dawn Petts (Petham) 2, A. B. Eldridge (Chartham) 3, D. W. Standing (Chartham) 4, K. I. Davis (Chartham) 5, C. W. J. Beeching (Petham, cond.) 6. Rung for the joint Confirmation of candidates from Petham and Chartham, by the Bishop of Dover, at Chartham.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Dunn 1, R. W. Owen 2, Mrs. J. S. King 3, L. H. Jones 4, D. J. Hughes 5, R. Howard 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, J. J. Sims 8. First on eight 1 and 6. Rung for the Confirmation of three local ringers.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Ascension Day 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Young 1, M. Austin 2, D. Hawkins 3, A. Slade 4, R. Durrant 5, E. Newnham 6, I. Dear (first as cond.) 7, E. Pickett 8.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On May 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Veronica Sweet (first quarter) 1, D. Floyd (cond.) 2, Hilary Osborne 3, J. F. List 4, A. E. Hicks 5, V. D. H. Turner 6. For the 21st birthday of ringer of 1. Also on May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela J. Green 1, Hilary Osborne 2, P. G. Holden (cond.) 3, J. F. List 4, N. I. Bridges 5, D. Floyd 6. Rung on the 19th birthday of the ringer of second.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On May 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Rosemary Cotton (first of Major) 1, J. Pratt 2, Sandra Thexton (first of Major) 3, R. Button 4, N. Thomson 5, N. Brown 6, A. Brown 7, M. Uphill (cond.) 8.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Tremain 1, E. Barnett 2, Olive D. Tester 3, W. J. Lemon 4, Ann P. Durent 5, C. A. Tester 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, Jill Dunmall 8. First of Triples 1 and 8. For Evensong, and the anniversary of E. Barnett's first peal (May 18th, 1899).

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on May 19th, 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: C. M. Foster 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Miss C. Snelling 3, F. W. Razzell 4, G. H. Humphries 5, C. G. Barnes (first on twelve) 6, G. Fisher 7, N. G. T. Steere 8, A. Brown 9, K. Taber 10, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 11, I. M. Parry 12. First of Grandsire Cinques by 3, 6, 7, 9 and 12. Rung on Ascension Day.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. Baines 1, Miss P. Butcher 2, Mrs. B. Baines 3, W. Fuller 4, A. Butcher 5, W. Sale 6. Conducting shared by 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Ascension Day, 1,250 Rutland Surprise Major: W. E. Critchley (cond.) 1, Marguerite Battram 2, J. Thorley 3, H. Wagstaff 4, E. Dalingwater 5, H. Scott 6, G. Jackson 7, F. J. Jackson 8.

HAYES, KENT.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. McKibbin (first attempt) 1, Mrs. J. Ratcliffe 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, M. O'Callaghan 4, D. P. Smith 5, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Kewell 1, R. Crocker (first quarter) 2, P. Furness 3, P. Taylor 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, F. Kewell 6. First of Bob Doubles by a local team.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hill 1, Patricia Copas (first in method) 2, Jennifer Murphy (Melbourne, Australia) 3, J. S. N. Porter 4, M. W. Seymour 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, A. R. G. Twinn (cond.) 7, P. Venn (first on eight) 8. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On May 15th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minimus: Mrs. S. Marsh (first quarter) 1, R. Blackshaw 2, W. G. Marsh 3, M. W. Harrison 4. For Evensong.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On March 6th, 720 Kent T.B., 540 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ransom (cond.) 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, D. G. Papworth 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey 6. Also on May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ransom 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, W. Papworth 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. Both for morning service.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On May 22nd, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (four methods): Susan Mitchell (first of T.B.) 1, Mary I. Hildred 2, T. W. Brighton 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, A. C. Banton (cond.) 6. First of Spliced Minor for all except the conductor. A compliment to George Pluckrose and Joy Watkin, on their engagement.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann C. Hardman 1, J. Jessup 2, Mrs. M. Booth 3, A. Stokes 4, A. F. Scholfield 5, D. C. Walker (cond.) 6. A farewell to the curate, Mr. Padget.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On May 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Elizabeth Peace 1, Vivienne Kirk (first in method) 2, G. K. Smith 3, K. Kirk 4, M. J. Wilson 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Spence (first in method) 1, Catherine Lane (first quarter) 2, A. C. Newman 3, T. A. Stephens 4, H. Read 5, W. A. Farmer 6, A. Pendlebury (first in method as cond.) 7, W. H. Woodyatt 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Foll, on their silver wedding anniversary. Mr. Foll has been a bellringer at Leckhampton for over 28 years.

LONG BREDY, DORSET.—On May 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. G. Grandfield 1, J. P. Cooper (first quarter) 2, Miss M. Lush 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, on May 22nd, 1,272 Spliced S. Minor (six methods): R. O. Humphries 1, D. L. Cawley 2, R. E. J. Dennis 3, T. G. Pett 4, J. Pladdys 5, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 6. By U.L.S.C.R.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge S. and Plain Bob): R. Williamson 1, Angela Quick 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, F. G. Knight 5, C. W. Powell (cond.) 6.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): W. Moore 1, A. Palmer 2, P. H. Langton 3, D. Feek 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, R. Lee 6. For Morning Prayer. In memoriam J. W. Whitney, local newspaper editor.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, 1,336 Stedman Triples: A. H. Reed 1, K. E. Beale 2, Brenda M. Bindon 3, Marian J. Beale 4, N. J. Maggs 5, R. F. Arscott 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, R. M. Fuller 8. First of Stedman 3 and 4. A compliment to the conductor, who 50 years ago was made a member of the Bath and Wells Association. He learnt to ring a bell in 1905.

OLD SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Nita West 1, L. Hopkins (first of Minor) 2, W. E. Simpson 3, J. Harvey 4, A. Humphrey (first of Minor as cond.) 5, D. J. Marshall 6.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Cobb 1, Mrs. J. Merchant 2, Miss M. Simons 3, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 4, J. Milton 5, N. Clatworthy 6. First quarter 2 and 6. First Grandsire 3 and 5. Rung for Parish Communion.

REDDITCH, WORCS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Shrimpton 1, M. D. Leek 2, F. W. James 3, E. Styler 4, M. V. White (cond.) 5, A. C. Freeman 6. Rung for Ascension Day Evensong, and as a thanksgiving for the safe birth of Stephen Michael White, first son of the conductor, born May 8th, 1966.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kathleen O'Sullivan (first quarter) 1, C. Pearson 2, N. White 3, K. Lane 4, T. Shilvock (first quarter) 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Easter Day, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. J. Prescott 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, P. Woollven 3, A. J. Davey 4, R. D. Bellamy 5, J. S. Walker 6, G. E. Bonham 7, P. Mehew (cond.) 8.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain and Little Bob Minor: Susan Kilbourn (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Hopkin (first in two methods) 2, W. Barwell 3, J. Harvey 4, A. Humphrey 5, D. Marshall (cond.) 6.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth M. Snell 1, Carole Patey 2, J. Hartley 3, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 4, J. Eborall 5, R. H. French 6, A. Friskney 7, 'Trish Rogers 8. Also on May 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: 'Trish Rogers 1, Janet Camfield 2, Carole Patey 3, Kathleen M. Higgins 4, J. Hartley 5, R. J. Tibbetts (cond.) 6, J. Chapman 7, R. H. French 8. Also on May 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Shonfeld 1, Carole Patey 2, 'Trish Rogers 3, Kathleen M. Higgins 4, A. Friskney 5, R. J. Tibbetts (comp. and cond.) 6, J. Hartley 7, R. H. French 8. All rung for Evening Mass by Sheffield University Guild.

STAFFORD, STAFFS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. Wiggin 1, R. J. Warrilow 2, E. F. Fairbrother 3, R. C. Warburton 4, C. Hone 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. K. Mowforth (cond.) 7, F. Eley 8. For morning service.

STORRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sheila Goacher 1, N. Davidson 2, Jean Horton 3, M. Davies (cond.) 4, J. Taylor 5, B. W. Farhall 6. For Ascension Day.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Sear 1, J. Clayton 2, June Sinfield 3, Christine Smith 4, R. J. Scott 5, R. Rowley 6, J. W. Sinfield 7, P. Aslett (first quarter) 8.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Quinney 1, L. Stubbings 2, H. Tarrant 3, K. Willers 4, G. Williams 5, B. Pratt 6, F. E. Haynes (cond.) 7, F. S. Maling first quarter) 8. For Holy Communion.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Nattriss (first attempt) 1, Mrs. C. Eele 2, Mrs. H. Smith 3, M. J. Smith 4, H. Smith (cond.) 5, A. A. Brown 6. For United Thanksgiving service at the end of Christian Aid Week.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On May 15th 1,440 (720 York S., 720 Spliced Capel, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford T.B.): R. Spencer 1, J. T. Rooke 2, G. Challans 3, H. T. Rooke 4, F. Cooke 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.—At the Cathedral, on Ascension Day (May 19th), 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Diane Wriggins 1, Betsy Proctor 2, Christine Kelsey 3, Sarah Irwin 4, Rick Dirksen (cond.) 5, Christine Abbott 6. First quarter of Stedman Doubles for the tower, conductor and all ringers.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's, on May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Grainger (cond.) 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3, Sandra C. Thexton 4, L. C. Way 5, K. J. Rider 6, C. M. Meyer 7, F. A. Benn 8. For Evensong. First of Triples "inside" 2 and 4.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On May 14th, 1,440 Minor (two methods): P. Woods (first of Minor) 1, M. King 2, D. Hunton 3, E. P. King 4, M. A. Beaumont 5, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 6.

WILLESDEN, MIDDX.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Bird 1, C. E. Lankester 2, Valerie E. Ware 3, Elsie Lankester 4, D. T. C. Smith 5, E. H. Kilby 6, Alick Cutler (cond.) 7, L. B. J. Hinkley 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On May 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Glass 1, A. Wenban 2, A. K. Fortin 3, Mrs. J. Dunham (Vancouver, Canada) 4, W. Knight (Turramurra, Australia) 5, E. E. Gosling 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, G. R. Shedden 8. For Commonwealth Day.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On May 1st, 1,360 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Pack 1, F. Walker (cond.) 2, M. Green 3, P. Taylor 4, D. Smith 5, B. Doe 6. First quarter 4 and 5.

WORDESLEY, Kingswinford, STAFFS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, Christine Slater 2, Gillian Griffiths 3, P. R. Johnson 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, R. B. Dorrington (first as cond.) 6.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. W. Bond (age 13, first attempt) 1, A. M. Feist (first "inside", age 14) 2, R. Bath (cond.) 3, W. J. Parker 4, M. Harbord 5, M. J. Church 6. A welcome to Rev. Paul Barber, Vicar.

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MISCELLANEOUS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Saturday, October 15th, 1966, at Bowdon Assembly Room, Bowdon, Cheshire. Meet 5.30 for 6 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 9251

EAST HARPTREE, SOMERSET.—Sunday ringing, June to October, mornings 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. No evening service or ringing while the Rector is away. Practice Thursday. 9242

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Farnham (8) on Thursday, June 16th, 7.30–9 p.m. 9260

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—No practice at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on Tuesday, June 14th. Instead there will be a Branch practice at Plympton St. Maurice (8) from 7 to 9 p.m. All welcome. — R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec. 9228

LAVENHAM.—Ringing Anniversary and Festival of Flowers, Saturday, June 18th. Bells available 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Tea shop near church.—M. T. Symonds. 9255

SCOLE, NORFOLK.—Dedication of the recast tenor by Canon A. G. G. Thurlow on Tuesday, June 14th, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing after service 8–9 p.m.—C. F. W. P. 9257

THE TWO NEW TREBLE BELLS for **Hathern Parish Church** will be dedicated by Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Leicester at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21st. All are welcome and the bells will be available for ringing after the service. Light refreshments at a moderate charge will be served in the Church Rooms.

VETERANS' MEETING. — St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London, June 18th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 9181

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Dulverton on June 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea for those notifying secretary. Business meeting and further ringing.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346. 9246

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Branch meeting at Great Budworth (8) on Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 9274

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at Creswell on June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, **without fail, please,** to Mr. L. Barlow, Lilac House, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop, Notts. Tel Creswell 370. Special methods: Double Oxford and Yorkshire Surprise. — Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 9235

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Striking Competition, Holywell (6), Saturday, June 11th, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by results, etc. General ringing from 6.30 to 8.30. Names for tea, please, to H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, St. John's Street, Huntingdon. 9244

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting to be held on Saturday, June 11th, at Hartpury, Gloucester. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to F. E. Wilson, 25, The Tythings, Newent, Glos. 9261

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Hemel Hempstead (8), June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. Williams, 7, Midland Road, Hemel Hempstead. 9249

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Eastern District.—Business meeting, Benington, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Miss R. Harris, Buckhurst, Benington. — P. M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 9231

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting at Boughton Monchelsea, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. A. Lamb, 12, Park Way, Maidstone. 9183

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — Meeting at St. Michael's, Huyton, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. R. Birchall, 157, Blue Bell Lane, Huyton.—M. E. D. 9282

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting for Western Deaneries at Reymerston on Saturday, June 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Garveston 4.45. Garveston bells afterwards. 9253

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting, Stanton St. John, on June 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5., Names for tea to Mr. R. Jones, 112, Oxford Road, Old Marston, Oxford.—A. J. Adams, Hon. Sec. 9248

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Hawkchurch, Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 9208

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 11th. Bells available: Tong (6) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. and Shifnal (8) 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Own teas.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9277

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting at Hollesley (8) on Saturday, June 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Please bring own food; cups of tea will be provided. Ringing in the evening until 9 p.m. **Please note:** Meeting at Hollesley and not Holbrook and Stutton as in the Suffolk Guild of Ringers Report. — W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 9184

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Lakenheath (6), Saturday, June 11th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 9266

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Surprise practice at Battersea on June 11th, 7.30–9.30 p.m. Look up Ealing. — B. Bull, Assist. Sec. 9232

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Midhurst, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify for tea.—R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Andrew's, Clevedon (8) on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8858

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Coombe St. Nicholas, Saturday, June 18th. Six bells. Service 4.30. Usual arrangements. Please notify early for tea: J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 9273

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Striking Competition, June 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 15th. General ringing in the evening. —W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 9247

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Hexham on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Own arrangements or café for tea. 9263

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Horningsea and Bottisham, Saturday, June 11th. Horningsea (5). Service 3 p.m. Horningsea 4.30. Tea, Bottisham, 5, followed by meeting. Bottisham (5) after meeting.—B. D. Threlfall. 9271

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cirencester Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Hatherop (6), June 18th, 3–4.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. W. A. Godwin, 12, Fairford Road, Quenington, Cirencester, by June 16th. Coln St. Aldwyn (8) 6–8.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 9286

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — Leatherhead District. — Striking competition and quarterly meeting at Capel, June 18th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting after competition. Newdigate bells in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Penfold, 6, Greenside, Capel, Dorking, Surrey, please.—M. M. 9240

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Coddington, Saturday, June 18th. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to J. Ward, Woofields Farm, Coddington, Ledbury, Herefords. 9276

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

RINGING FESTIVAL IN THE NORTH LINDSEY BRANCH

SATURDAY, JUNE 18th

Bells	Tenor	Tower	Time
8	32	Louth	10.30–11.30
6	14½	Caistor	11.00–12.00
6	9½	Waltham	11.15–12.15
10	18¾	Grimsby	11:45– 1.00
6	9	Ulceby	2.00– 3.00
6	10½	Goxhill	2.15– 3.15
8	16½	Barrow	2.30– 3.45
6	6½	Bigby	2.30– 3.30
8	10½	Barton St. Peter's	3.30– 4.45
6	7½	Elsham	3.00– 4.00
8	17	Barton St. Mary's	6.00– 7.00
6	9½	Winterton	6.30– 7.30
8	12¼	Burton	7.00– 8.00
8	17	Scunthorpe	7.30– 9.00

Cricket match, Barrow, 2.30. Tea, Barton, 5 p.m.

A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends.
Names for tea **essential** to C. A. Harrison, Greetwell Cross Roads, Kirton-Lindsey, Lincs. 9252

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton Districts.—Combined practice, Hope Bowdler, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Teas. — G. Randle, All Stretton, Salop. 9272

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Hatfield, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich Caters. Names for tea, please, to Miss A. Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9262

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Rochester District. — By-meeting at Swanscombe, Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to E. O. Newbury, 94, Broomfield Road Swanscombe, by previous Wednesday.—T. Barton, Hon Dis Sec 9218

LADIES' GUILD (North Western District) and CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Stockport Branch).—Joint meeting to be held on Saturday, June 18th, at Knutsford (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. Hough, 6, Tabley Grove, Knutsford.—H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 9270

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION and MIDDLESSEX COUNTY ASSN.

Joint meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 18th, 1966

St. Mary's, Church Road, Barnes, 2–3 p.m.;; St. Mary's, Paradise Road, Richmond, 2.30–3.30 p.m.; All Hallows', Chertsey Road, Twickenham, 3.30–4.30 p.m.

Tea, Church Hall, Isleworth, 5 p.m. Evening ringing, All Saints', Isleworth.

Names for tea, Mr. H. W. Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth 3921. — Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 9256

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Sonning-on-Thames on June 18th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Notify for tea Mr. A. N. Willis, 7, Glebe Lane, Sonning, Reading, by June 13th. 9259

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Meeting at Canford, June 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea followed by cricket match. All welcome. Names for tea to Mr. H. Pitman, 40a, Knighton, Canford, Wimborne, by June 15th. 9239

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shroton, Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting after. Names to the Hon. Sec., R. N. Longridge, Okeford Fitzpaine Rectory, by Wednesday, June 15th. Tel. Childe Okeford 311. 9267

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chisledon, Saturday, June 18th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 9280

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STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY —Annual general meeting at Lichfield on Saturday, June 18th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3–4 p.m.; St. Michael's (6) 3–4.15 p.m.; St. Chad's (4) 3.30–4.15 p.m. All available during the evening after the meeting, together with Alrewas (8). Service in Cathedral choir stalls 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Church Hall. Seating limited to approx. 100 only, so numbers for tea as soon as possible, please, to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs, at very latest by June 15th. Tel. Lich. 4539. Members attending but not able to have a seat for tea are asked to support the business meeting.—C. M. S., Hon Sec. 9153

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting, Walsham-le-Willows (6), June 18th, 6.30 p.m.–9.—H. W. H. Leather, Dis. Sec. 9245

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, June 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Brewers Arms, Ringmer, for those who notify me by June 15th.—D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 9283

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Summer meeting at Hull on Saturday, June 18th. Ringing arrangements: Hessle (6) 10.30–12; Kirk Ella (6) 11–12.30; Cottingham (8) 12–1.30; Hedon (8) 2.15–4.15, Hull, Holy Trinity (12) 5–6.30; Beverley Minster (10) 6–7.30; Beverley, St. Mary's (10) 7–8.30. — Geoffrey W. Randall, Hull University Union. 9200

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Andover District. — Quarterly meeting at Woolton Hill (6) on Saturday, June 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. K. Walker, 10, White City, Woolton Hill, Newbury, by June 13th. Ringing Highclere (8) after 9279

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Bromsgrove (10) 3 p.m., Saturday, June 18th. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. C. L. Hawkins, Lansdowne, Chapel Street, Bromsgrove, by Thursday, June 16th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. 9223

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, June 18th, at Heminghrough. Bells available 2.30, Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Heminghrough, near Selby, by Wednesday, June 15th.—R. Ducker, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9204

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening meeting at Feltham, Tuesday, June 21st. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 9263

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A mid-week evening practice will be held at Chesham on Thursday, June 23rd, 7 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague. 9285

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sevenoaks, to coincide with the rededication of the new ring by the Bishop of Tonbridge on June 25th at 3 p.m. A buffet tea will be provided to follow the formal proceedings and general ringing will take place after the meeting. No names for tea required.—W. H. D. 9250

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Striking Competition, Saturday, June 25th, at Rippingale. Opening service 2.30 p.m. prompt. Competition 3 p.m.–5.30 p.m. Tea and presentation of trophy 5.30 p.m. Open ringing after tea until 9 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Haw, 53, Horsegate, Deeping St. James' Peterborough, by June 20th certain. 9258

ST. NICHOLAS', SEVENOAKS, KENT

Saturday, June 25th, 3 p.m.
Rededication by the Lord Bishop of Tonbridge of recast ring of eight bells in new frame (tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F). See notice of Tonbridge District of Kent County Association meeting. 9287

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Limpsfield Chart, June 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.40 p.m. Names for tea to W. Tidy, Vine Cottage, Tally Road, The Chart, Oxted, by June 22nd.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 9288

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Willingdon, June 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Percy, Esperance, 47, Oldfield Road, Lower Willingdon, by Wednesday previous.—G. M. Fitz-Hugh, Div. Sec. 9264

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SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival at St. Mary's, Swansea, on Saturday, June 25th. Ringing arrangements: Cadoxton and Neath 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; St. Mary's 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Sketty 7.30 p.m to 8.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting will follow. Names for tea, please, by June 18th.—J. A. Hoare, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea. 9278

LADIES GUILD.—Annual general meeting. July 2nd. Committee meeting 1.30 p.m. Service St. Mark's, Exeter, 3.30 p.m. Tea (5/6) 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (with cash, please, and s.a.e) to Mrs P. Burnham, Ranchi, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth by Thursday, June 16th. Bells availablye: Littleham, Newton St. Cyres 9.45–10.45; Buckfast Abbey 9.45–11.15; Withycombe Raleigh, Brampford Speke, 10.30–11.30; Rewe 11–12; Lympstone 11.15–12.15; Broadclyst 11 45–12.45; Clyst St George 12–1; Pinhoe 12.30–1.30; Topsham 12.30–1.30; Exeter, St. Thomas' and St David's 1.45–3 St Mark's 2.30–3.30 Heavitree 6.15–7.15; St. Petrock's 6.45–7.30; Cathedral 6.30–8.30. 9234

LATE NOTICES

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Practice at Albury, June 11th, 6–9 p.m. Striking competition has been cancelled due to lack of support. 9293

COVENTRY COLLEGES GUILD. — A special general meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15th, in Bericote Hall, Coventry College of Education, at 7.30 p.m. Business includes election of a Deputy Master. 9294

CHESTER GUILD (Stockport Branch) and LADIES' GUILD—Joint meeting at Knutsford, June 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise: Mr. N. Hough, 6, Tabley Grove, Knutsford. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 9292

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District. A meeting will be held at Thaxted on Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow 9289

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. — Stroud Branch. — Meeting at Randwick, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (4) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m., followed by **handbell tune recitals**. Names for tea by Monday, 13th.—E Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud. 9291

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening meeting, Birstall (8), Thursday, June 23rd. Ringing 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9290

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On May 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Ann Biddlecombe 1, Margaret Chennell-White 2, R. Clist 3, F. K. Williamson 4, M. J. Harbord 5, C. Chennell-White 6, T. Page 7, R. Corke (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2 and 6.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Morris 1, Miss F. Munt (first quarter) 2, E. Thoday 3, Mrs. R. Davey 4, Mrs. J. Wells 5, G. Henson 6, P. Wells (cond.) 7, W. Morris 8. Rung on the middle six as a wedding compliment to William Howard Goodhart and the Hon. Celia McClare Herbert.

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THE CHALLENGE

LIKE an innocent babe the Editor went to Bath. His mind was at rest. Despite the vicissitudes of 1965, including his visit to Australia and the changing of offices and printers, there was a substantial financial balance on the year's activities and the year had been one of progress. Furthermore "The Ringing World" was on the verge of achieving the ambition of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, the previous convener, of having a capital a/c of £10,000. The Committee looked older since Northampton, but they seemed content and anticipated another year of "hard work" on behalf of the Exercise.

Disillusionment followed the presentation of the report by Mr. R. S. Anderson. He has an analytical mind; charges and costs of the different departments and types of circulation had been worked out on a percentage basis and were clearly presented as a chairman would to the shareholders at a company meeting. This had been before the Standing Committee the night before and their recommendation indicated that they were satisfied with the report and the competence of the Committee and wanted them to carry on with the addition of Mr. D. A. Bayles.

It soon became evident at the Council meeting that the critics were organised. The spokesman was Mr. G. W. Pipe and he had armed himself with some 20 suggestions and criticisms, which were not revealed but were to be sent to the new Committee. The criticisms were not financial but expressed dissatisfaction with contents, format and quality of paper used in printing. The front page illustration, the silhouette of London towers, which was the pride of the founder, the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, apparently was viewed with disfavour as a relic of a forgotten age. A few years back the Committee wanted a change and promoted a competition, but loyalty to tradition was so pronounced that any thought of change was dismissed.

Another idea explored was to have a tinted cover with a block of a tower each week. The cost however was regarded as being beyond the compass of the present selling price; it would represent the profit on 2,500 copies.

From a number of speakers there was an appeal for a brighter "Ringing World" and better articles. The difficulty of size is that after 16 the next step is 24 pages which adds £50 to the printing cost of the issue and also extra postage. Because of the cost these big issues are limited and this number is only the second in 1966. There is no question that, judging from the attitude of the Council, bigger issues will have to be more frequent.

None of the critics attempted to define what they meant by a brighter newspaper. "The Ringing World" comes within the definition of a technical journal and is the only weekly paper devoted to change-ringing. Many of the technical articles have a limited appeal and are as dry as dust to more than 75 per cent of the readers. The "musts" in the publication are peals, a representative number of quarter peals (which are good for circulation), compositions, reports of the proceedings of the 60 affiliated bodies, social news of the big family of ringers, augmentations and dedications, obituaries and letters, probably the most popular feature. Special articles on churches, technical subjects and tours are limited by space.

As we see it, the outcome of the meeting was a challenge to the Editor to produce a better paper, to spend more on illustrations and to use the blue pencil. Brightness is only achieved by concentrating on main features. (Details of pub crawls, which many tour writers regard as the brightness of a ringing week, are already eliminated.) What Alf and Harry did is of no interest to the ordinary reader. They certainly cannot emulate "What Katie did," the joy of generations of schoolgirls.

More than one speaker boldly expressed the view that a circulation of 10,000 was easily within our grasp. That is the challenge. But it will not be achieved unless each of the 158 members present at the Council meeting devotes his or her energies to finding new readers — not borrowers of the family copy. It would be reached if everyone who rang a peal or quarter peal took the journal. We treat people who order copies of "The Ringing World" with the quarter they participate in on the same plane as those who send donations. They are building the most valuable of things — circulation. Secondly, we are always pleased to send voucher copies to those who can place them advantageously, and secure new readers.

The potential from new entrants is large. Last year the sales of "The Beginners' Handbook" exceeded 3,000 copies and this gives an indication of growing interest. The biggest bridge to be surmounted is to persuade the young ringer that he is not merely a member of his tower but one of the great family of ringers. Knowledge of this great family can only be gained through "The Ringing World." Above all, we must endeavour to keep the present price stable. An increase to one shilling would mean a drop of 1,000 in circulation.

Lastly, remember that the Editor's decision is final. The Committee can give a directive and make suggestions, but it is the Editor who has to fit everything in and decide what

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Central Council—continued.

Strong Urge for Bigger and Brighter "Ringing World"

CIRCULATION DRIVE DEMANDED.—NEW BLOOD INJECTED INTO COMMITTEE TO PRODUCE CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS.—IMPORTANCE OF RETAINING CAPITAL.—EDITOR TELLS OF HIS PROBLEMS.

REPORT OF "THE RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE

Although when this report is being prepared the accounts for 1965 are not completed, it is understood that the figures will once more show a surplus. A detailed analysis is not, however, possible and must await the meeting of the Council.

The year has not been uneventful in that further changes took place at the printers culminating in a removal of the Editor's office back to Onslow Street, Guildford. These changes placed a heavy burden on Mr White but he has throughout ensured the regular weekly despatch of copies.

Continued pressure by wholesalers on our publishers left them with no alternative but to seek a reduction in their price to us. During negotiations certain suggestions were made to them, particularly concerning the despatch of copies direct from the printers This angle is being explored by the publishers, and if satisfactory arrangements can be made along these lines it is hoped that our price can be maintained.

Wages in the printing trade were last increased in January, 1965, and we are grateful to our printers, who throughout the year refrained from passing on to us any of their additional costs. We have, however, now been informed that an increase in their charge is inevitable.

NO CHANGE IN PRICE

Your committee have decided that the price of "The Ringing World" will not be raised at least during 1966, except that if postal rates are raised it may be necessary to pass on such increase to new subscribers. The printers have intimated that a further review of costs and charges will be necessary at the end of 1966 but your committee hope that if costs are further increased these can also be absorbed.

During the year your editor took part with others in a visit to Australia, New Zealand and the United States of America, and we are grateful to Miss Y. Eloie, to Mr. H. C. Aldhous and not least to Mrs. Lucas for carrying on in his absence. Many have expressed appreciation of the report of the tour by Mr. White published over a period in "The Ringing World."

Your committee are grateful to all, including the Associations who send contributions to "The Ringing World" and offer them our sincere thanks. Your committee also wish to thank the retiring secretary, Mr. F. A. Barnett, for the help he has given them over many years and wish him and Mrs. Barnett many more happy years, especially in our Exercise.

Annually repeated, but nevertheless sincerely, your committee once more place on record their appreciation of the services rendered to "The Ringing World" by Mr. T. W. White and Mrs. Lucas at Guildford, by Mr. Jeater for his work on the accounts, by Mr. Roper for his compilation of the index, and all who throughout the year, either as readers or contributors, have helped the paper.

R S. ANDERSON (Convener).

THE ACCOUNTS
"RINGING WORLD" PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Dr.: Printing £5,837 19s. 4d. (previous year £5,522). Blocks £64 0s. 6d.

Editorial office expenses: Editor's fees and bonus expenses £917 1s. (£774); clerical assistance £293 10s. (£260); postage and sundries £34 5s. (£34); total £1,244 16s.

Postal subscribers: Despatch of copies £1,531 3s 10d. (£1,413): addressing and wrappers £440 15s. 9d. (£423); total £1,971 19s. 7d.



MR. R. S. ANDERSON
retains Council's confidence and re-elected convener.

Accounts Department: Clerical assistance and expenses £234 (£234); postage £31 5s. (£27); stationery and sundries £29 5s. 10d. (£50); total £294 10s. 10d.

Audit and accountancy charge £45 3s. (£37).

Income Tax £150 10s. 8d. (£121).

Profit for the year carried to balance sheet £1.097 12s 10d. (£445).

Cr.: By Rolls Publishing Company £3,027 12s. 9d. (£2,686); postal subscribers £5,220 8s. 10d. (£4,491); donations £676 4s. 10d. (£561); advertisements £582 14s. (£531); notices and peal reports £729 0s. 11d. (£697); sundry receipts £79 0s. 3d (£84); interest on investments £412 6s. 2d. (£339); grand total £10,727 15s. 9d. (£9,389).

"RINGING WORLD" BALANCE SHEET

Sundry creditors £1,154 4s. 6d. (£796); amounts received in advance—postal subscriptions and notices £1,971 6s. 4d. (£1,546); capital account, balance at 1/1/65 £8,692 5s. 10d., add profit for year £1,097 12s. 10d., making a total of £9.789 18s. 8d.: on behalf of Central Council £750; grand total £12,915 9s. 6d. (£11.034).

Debtors £1.236 3s. 5d. (£1,019); investments at cost £9,000 (£7,500); cash at bankers £2,443 6s. 11d.; in hand £1: total £2,444 6s. 11d. (£2,280); amount due from Central Council £234 19s. 2d (£235); grand total £12,915 9s. 6d.

THE DEBATE

Mr. R. A. Anderson, presenting the report, said if they examined the Income and Expenditure Account they would find that, as with all businesses today, expenditure was increasing. Printing costs were slightly higher, block prices were higher, wages and salaries were up, postage had increased. The fee they paid their auditor was higher, but those who had any knowledge of business would know that for a turnover of over £10.000 the fees were remarkably low.

Of the present circulation of 5,600, postal copies were 2,700 and those sold through the newsagents just under 3,000. This position was reversed in the case of income—publishers' sales being 36.7 and postal subscribers 63.3 per cent.

The net income from investments had increased and they would notice that there had been a shifting in the investments. They had now money in a building society and money invested with Brighton Corporation, both of which were trustee securities. They had also taken the advice of their accountant where money had been invested in high income unit trust.

SELECTIVE EMPLOYMENT TAX

The surplus of income over expenditure had increased. They had taken steps to cover the increase in printing charges in 1965 and these did not occur. This was due to the munificence of the printers and he would like to place on record their gratitude to their printers in not passing on this charge. There was, however, an increase this year and it operated from March. The increase was roughly 3.3 per cent on printing cost. In a full year it would cost £400, and the current year just over £210. This would be reflected in the accounts next Whitsun. There was one possible increased charge—the Selective Employment Tax. At the moment from the beginning of September, "The Ringing World" would be liable for the tax, but unless further orders were issued they would be able to claim that back in full in February.

The present circulation was about 5,600 and represented an increase compared with a year ago of about 120 to 130. He was not going to plead poverty. They had some money that had been gathered by the judicious operating of funds by his predecessor and they had to thank him that "The Ringing World" account was in a good position today.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

The secretary stated that the Standing Committee recommended the adoption of the report and accounts, also the re-election of the committee and the addition of Mr. D. A. Bayles.

'NOT SATISFIED

Mr. G. W. Pipe said he would like to start by expressing his and their warm thanks to the editor and to the convener of "The Ringing World" Committee, who had put in a tremendous amount of work.

He could not help feeling that "The Ringing World" report resolved itself into the financial affairs of the journal and was concerned purely with the financial side. He thought it was time that they looked at the other side than the actual accounts. Many people were not really satisfied with the contents. He did not want to make a comment like that without some serious thought. It was poorly laid out and the quality of the paper used was also very poor.

Mr. Pipe concluded by saying that if some constructive thought was given to the layout of the paper he was confident that the number of subscribers could be doubled. He had a series of 20 suggestions and criticisms which he would ask "The Ringing World" Committee to consider (applause).

Mr. Dennis Beresford (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) said he would like to support wholeheartedly what George Pipe had said. They wanted a new committee with original ideas. They did not criticise the men concerned with "The Ringing World" because they had had a most difficult job in the past but they wanted a committee of people like George Pipe, with extremely constructive ideas, people like Vernon Bottomley to provide a financial background, and Edgar Shepherd to serve on the committee to give it the scholarship that was necessary. These suggestions were not intended as criticism of the editor, for whom he had the highest regard. What he wanted was a dynamic committee behind him. If they developed along these lines they could expect "The Ringing World" to adopt a forward-looking attitude (applause).

The Rev. John Scott said he came up by train and he went to the station bookstall at Exeter and there was nothing to suggest that "The Ringing World" existed. He would like to back up what had been said if anything was done about it. Two years ago Vic Shepherd levelled some criticism about the front page of "The Ringing World," but his observations were not taken seriously. No praise could be too high for the editor, but a larger committee was needed.

NOTHING FOR YOUTH

Mr. Norman Chaddock said he found he could get youth to take "The Ringing World" for a quarter- or a half-year. They then ceased because there was little in "The Ringing World" to interest them. Over the years "The Ringing World" Committee had been working in a financial strait-jacket. He would ask the committee not to worry about loss even if it amounted to a thousand or two if it could increase the sale of the paper. There was something like £8,000 of £9,000 in reserve so they could continue. He suggested that the editor did not receive sufficiently good contributions.

A member suggested that the committee were mean in their approach. They had some very fine writers. Why should they not give a small honorarium to some of the people to encourage more good articles?

Mr. T. W. White, the editor, in reply, said he had not seen the 20 suggestions of Mr. G. W. Pipe, but some time ago Mr. Pipe sent him some suggestions which were sent to the convener and every one of these suggestions had been previously thought of and considered by the committee.

PEALS CONTROL SPACE

The position of "The Ringing World" today was that it was governed by peals. These had to be published, and in a heavy peal-ringing year like the past other feature articles had to be relegated. As editor he had been seriously criticised for publishing the Collection of Doubles Methods as a waste of space and of no interest to readers. But it was a best seller. He had been greatly worried that adequate attention had not been given to compositions—very few of the many submitted were published.

In considering the contents of the journal they had to remember there were 60 Associations affiliated to the Central Council and each of these had a right to have reports of their proceedings published, even if abbreviated. One way of brightening "The Ringing World" was to have more attractive advertisements and the introduction of display announcements of meetings added a touch of brightness. It must be remembered that "The Ringing World" had a limited field for advertisements, but in its own field it was unique. National publishers had found this in regard to sales of ringing books: in one case three-quarters of their sales came through "The Ringing World" and yet their charges for advertisements were the lowest.

"Don't think that brightening the paper will double the circulation. It will not."

One leading ringer gave him the figure of 6,000 as the maximum that would be received. There was a great difficulty in holding subscriptions and he knew that in that room there were members of the Central Council who had allowed their subscriptions to lapse! Despite that there was an upward trend.

Dr. D. E. Sibson said Mr. White had answered some of the points but he had blamed peal ringers for the shortage of space. If there was not enough room the size of the paper should be increased and the price increased accordingly. He thought the editor had taken a very conservative view—they should be able to increase their circulation above 6,000. There had been little change throughout the years. Why not make an effort to make it more presentable?

AD HOC COMMITTEE

Mr. John Freeman (vice-chairman) said he had listened with interest to the ideas expressed and it appeared that there were two



MR. G. W. PIPE
has 20 suggestions for improving "The Ringing World."

distinct camps. On the one hand they had critics who wanted a more dynamic committee and on the other hand there was a committee with day to day experience. He was not sold on the idea that improving the cover would increase the circulation. He still liked the present form but they should not disregard the ideas of the critics.

For many years the report of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was in a set form. It was decided to alter it and this was done by a special committee with satisfactory results. He suggested that an ad hoc committee should be formed of the present committee and some of the critics to examine the position and present their views to the Council.

The Rev. John Scott seconded and Canon K. W. H. Felstead gave the proposal his support.

Mr. R. A. Anderson, convener of "The Ringing World" Committee, said the committee was the servant of the Council and would abide by the Council's decisions. There were two or three points he would like to make. The first was on circulation and price. He would like to remind the Council that a few years ago the price was raised by 2d. to 8d. At that time the circulation was over 6,000. With "The Ringing World" at 8d. the circulation dropped by 1,000. He knew people had said if the price of "The Ringing World" went up again they would drop it and they heard that day that certain members of the Council had not renewed their subscriptions—well, perhaps they were now getting it through their newsagent or another source.

The question of layout had been raised Some years ago suggestions were asked for designs for a new front page. They had some very good designs but they were all rejected by the Council. It had been suggested that the size of the paper be increased. The difference in cost between a 16-page and 24-page issue was £50. He did not think the funds available would extend to one such issue a week. The net income from investments was £268 and the amount of donations was £676, giving a total of £934 against a surplus of £1,047.

Mr. Brian D. Threlfall (Cambridge University) asked if it would be possible to confine the paper to postal subscribers. Was there any legal objection?

Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Worcester and Districts): If you give me the contract I will do it (laughter).

Mr. J. F. Smallwood said the committee had tried to serve the Exercise and do its best. Some of the suggestions made that day made him smile. The committee had been hit by continuous rising prices and had been bound hand and foot. All sorts of ideas had been suggested and they were uncertain of adopting them as they feared they would not come out the right side. They could find plenty of means of disposing of the balance they had built up. The solution of a better "Ringing World" was with the Exercise. He did not agree that 6,000 was the limit. He always maintained that a circulation of 10,000 could be obtained if they backed up the committee.

With regard to the format he must admit that he did not like it but it had been forced on them. There was a time when they could have five peals to a column; now they had reached eight peals.

NO KINDERGARTEN STUFF

He would like to see it brighter. With reference to the suggestion that beginners were not catered for, how did they propose they do so? They were well catered for by the Publications Department, and they could not put in a lot of kindergarten stuff. Beginners were important, but he did not think a series of elementary articles running through the paper, which would have to be repeated year by year, was the answer.

"I make no apologies for what we have done; we have worked hard. Please remember the solution is that you get the circulation and then you can spread the news over in a bigger and brighter paper."

Mr. W. T. Cook (Ancient Society of College Youths) supported Mr. Freeman's suggestion of an ad hoc committee. It might be that the committee would find it was not able to do much to improve the journal. The committee might feel that the picture which had been on the front since "The Ringing World" was founded in 1911 should remain. He hoped there would be many critics and then they might get something done.

The president proposed that an ad hoc committee be appointed with the vice-president as chairman. He suggested that the vice-chairman invite certain members of the Council to work with "The Ringing World" Committee on an ad hoc committee and to report to the Central Council next year.

Mr. A. D. Barker (London County Association) seconded the president's suggestion.

Mr. P. A. Corby (Kent County Association) asked if the president had in mind Motions 14b and 14c. Would it not be wise to discuss these proposals first?

The President: If the ad hoc committee was formed it could look into these motions.

Mr. F. E. Dukes (Irish Association) held that "The Ringing World" Committee should be elected first.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth (Ladies' Guild) thought members of the ad hoc committee should be voted from the floor.

Mr. J. Freeman considered that the ad hoc committee should not interfere with "The Ringing World" Committee. He agreed with the ad hoc committee being voted from the floor of the house.

The Rev. J. Scott (Guild of Devonshire Ringers) proposed, and Mr. John Worth (Chester Guild) seconded, that the present "Ringing World" Committee with Mr. Dennis Bayles be re-elected.

Mr. D. Beresford proposed Mr. G. W. Pipe and Mr. R. F. B. Speed be elected to the committee.

The president then suggested an adjournment for lunch so that the position could be talked over and, if possible, clarified.

OPPOSITION TO AD HOC COMMITTEE

Mr. R. F. B. Speed (hon. member) was the first speaker after lunch. He strongly disagreed with an ad hoc committee and thought the approach should be to modify the committee as it stood. He did not think it would do any good to have a large number on the committee—it was not practicable. He would not like to see the committee re-elected with additions as there were some he would like to see on and others he would not. He proposed that members be voted on individually and not by a block vote.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin (Essex Association) was against an ad hoc committee. There was a

R.W. Debate—continued.

lot said with which he disagreed but there was one thing they agreed on—that there was a large measure of dissatisfaction. The committee did need some new blood. Much the committee had done was very good and they knew the facts but they needed some new members with new ideas.

"ALL FOR 'THE RINGING WORLD'"

Mr. P. J. Staniforth (Leicester Diocesan Guild): Let's all be for "The Ringing World" and not against it.

Mr. Harold Rogers (London County Association) wanted to make four points. First of all he was delighted with the discussion. There were some 2,000 trade and technical journals and they had to look at the position as they had. Many had said "We must change our format have a new look and a new policy." Whatever they did with the election of the committee he would like to see a complete proposal for dealing with "The Ringing World" within six months. They could not afford to ignore the financial position; they must work within their limits. If the committee were sufficiently forward with their proposals in six months they should have a meeting of the Council either in London or Birmingham. If they had a "Ringing World" report it should come from the committee and not just signed by the convener.

Mr. Leslie Weller (Sussex Association) seconded Mr. Speed's proposal.

Mr. R. S. Anderson corrected Mr. Rogers. The report, he said, was that of the committee and not the convener.

To clarify the position the president took a vote on the formation of an ad hoc committee. There were only nine votes for it and an overwhelming majority against.

NEW COMMITTEE

It was then decided that the committee should consist of six members and they should be elected individually. The following were then nominated: Messrs. D. Beresford, W. G. Wilson, R. S. Anderson, G. W. Pipe, J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, Mrs. P. J Staniforth, Mr. D. Bayles, Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. P. Gray. A ballot was demanded and Messrs. W. Axe and E. Naylor elected tellers with assistants from the Bath and Wells Association. Later it was announced that the following had been elected: Messrs. W. G. Wilson, G. Beresford, R. S. Anderson, G. W. Pipe, J. F. Smallwood and D. Bayles. Mr. Anderson was appointed convener.

Motions Unacceptable

NO SIXPENCE—NO NAME

On behalf of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers the Rev. J. G. M. Scott proposed and Miss B. M. Boyle seconded:

"That the names of those taking part in peals reported in 'The Ringing World' be not published except after payment to 'The Ringing World' of not less than sixpence for each person taking part in the peal."

Mr. Scott, in moving the motion, said that peals certainly were news and must be published. He suggested that "The Ringing World" should print the record of peals, but only the names of those who paid. The national Press dropped names—they were not published. The Records Committee only published the peals; there were no names. Mr. Mehew, in his letter to "The Ringing World" asked: "What happens if one ringer refuses to pay?" Mr. Scott's reply was that he could not imagine any ringer being so low-spirited not to disgorge sixpence for his name to be printed.

Miss Boyle seconded.

Mr. G. Dodds held that names were definitely news.

Mr. T. W. White asked if the motion was carried, how could he present reports with two or three blank spaces in peals. Could they imagine a record length being rung without the names being published?

Eight people voted in favour and the motion was heavily defeated.

DONATION TO "RINGING WORLD"

Mr. A. V. Davis (Winchester and Portsmouth) moved: "That this Council invites all affiliated Societies to contribute a sum of not less than three guineas per representative annually towards the cost of maintaining 'The Ringing World.'"

He thought the motion, which was an invitation to help, would encourage the committee to produce a new and better "Ringing World." He was amazed to read a letter discussing this motion in "The Ringing World" before it had been before the Council, and he wondered if it was the right thing to do. He did not think the views of Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson were the views of the committee. He put forward the motion with the object of interesting Associations in "The Ringing World."

Canon Felstead described it as a private member's motion. For years "The Ringing World" had been in a precarious state and this might do away with voluntary donations.

Mr. P. A. Gray liked the idea of involving Associations in "The Ringing World" but felt that the running of the journal should be left to the new committee. He proposed that the Council pass on to the next business and this was agreed to.

THANKS TO MR. F. I. HAIRS

Mr. W. Dobbie moved that the Council express its thanks to the retiring member of "The Ringing World" Committee—Mr. F. I. Hairs. He had been a member of the committee for 15 years and had worked very hard for it. He would also like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Hairs on their golden wedding anniversary. They rang on that date a peal of Stedman Caters "in hand," conducted by the vice-president of the Council. They rang a similar peal on their wedday, conducted by the late A. H. Pulling.

LEAVING R.W. COMMITTEE



Mr. F. I. HAIRS
A special vote of thanks for his hard work.

THE ACCOUNTS

CENTRAL COUNCIL GENERAL FUND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Committee expenses: Towers and Belfries £20 8s. 8d.; broadcasting television £3 3s. 5d.; Sunday service £2 19s.; total £26 11s. 1d.

Officers expenses £11 11s. 3d.; stationery and printing £20 17s. 6d.; postage and telephone £9 9s.; wreaths—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and J. T. Dyke £4 5s; typing £5 5s.; binding "Ringing World" £2 2s.; cheque book 10s.; excess of income over expenditure £82 10s. 1d.

Income was affiliation fees £82 10s.; profit on publication account £87 4s. 5d.

THE BALANCE SHEET

Creditors: "The Ringing World" £234 19s. 2d.; Towers and Belfries Committee £18 18s. 8d.; Biographies Committee £1 13s. 5d.; president £1 11s. 3d.; total £257 2s. 6d. The balance on capital account had been increased by £87 4s. 4d. to £932 9s. 11d.

Library £10; stock of publications £755 9s. 2d.; cash at bank £68 6s. 10d.; cash hon. librarian £354 16s. 5d.

The consolidated balance sheet showed capital accounts at £11,588 10s. 4d., viz., "The Ringing World" £9,789 18s. 8d., General Fund £932 9s. 11d., Clement Glenn Fund £866 1s. 9d.

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT

Stock 1/1/65 £820 2s. 8d.; purchases 1,500 Surprise Methods £130; 2,000 Ringing for Service £55 1s. 6d.; 250 Symbolic Treatment of False Course Heads £17 17s.; total £208 18s. 6d. Postage £41 17s. 6d., profit to General Fund £87 4s. 5d.

Sale of publications less discounts £401 9s. 2d. (£3454); stock at 31/12/65 £755 9s. 2d.

From the Clement Glenn bequest 3,000 Belfry Prayers were purchased for £16 12s., and the film "Washington Cathedral" £39 8s. 6d. Interest on investments was £22 12s. 9d. and there was an excess of expenditure over income of £33 10s. 3d.

Mr. E. A. Barnett moved the adoption. He said this year the committee's accounts had been much heavier and that the Towers and Belfries Committee had incurred quite a lot of expense. This had helped in the preparation of the Handbook and the Preservation of Bells. The Publications Account had an an extremely good year and receipts were a record. Most satisfactory was that they were able to refrain from qualms about meeting the bills. The Clement Glenn bequest was down through payment for the Washington film. The small profit they had made on that would be shown next year.

Mr. F. E. Dukes (Irish Association) seconded and the report was adopted.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

	Societies	Present	Absent
Wholly represented	43	115	—
Partly represented	11	24	18
Not represented	6	—	6
	60	139	24
Life members		5	1
Honorary members		14	8
		158	33

The hon. secretary reported that it as a record attendance with 158 out of a possible 191. Last year at Northampton the attendance was 145, and the year before at Truro 140.

CHURCH CLOCKS
NEW ELECTRIC OR HAND-WOUND INSTALLATIONS—ALL TYPES OF REPAIRS
EXISTING HAND-WOUND CLOCKS CONVERTED TO ELECTRIC DRIVE
Inspections & Estimates Free
'Smith of Derby' CLOCKS
JOHN SMITH & SONS - DERBY

Most Regions have had Ringing Features

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

ALTHOUGH there was reference in the report for 1964 to the broadcast of the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral in January, 1965, it is fitting that mention of this should be made here. First-class ringing on one of the finest rings of twelve in the country was a worthy tribute to the great statesman for whose funeral it was performed.

In August the Home Service of the B.B.C. took a leaf from the book of the Light Programme and introduced its Sunday morning programme with bells. Recordings of four different churches were used and were selected from those made at different times for the Christmas Bells Programme. This was a welcome indication that these recordings are being preserved by the B.B.C., a point on which we had never been assured. On more than one occasion when visiting Broadcasting House we have suggested that these recordings should form the nucleus of a "Bells Library" and be used in turn to introduce the Sunday programme, and we like to think that it is this suggestion that has borne fruit.

Great Adventure II was offered good publicity through both radio and television. There were several interviews of individual members of the party, and quite a number of the members were televised at the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry, London, just prior to their departure, when Tom Lock told viewers where and why they were making the trip.

CHRISTMAS BELLS—A CROSS SECTION OF RINGING

The Christmas Programme served up its variety of bells and ringing and some good ringing was heard, especially from the call change ringers of West Down. It must be remembered, however, that this programme is not intended as an exposition of high-class ringing on the best rings of bells, but as a cross-section of the ringing which is to be heard from churches up and down the land for the Christmas Festival, and we may be sure that all gave of their best. As in previous years, the B.B.C. invited this committee to select the towers for the programme, and the convener was invited to assist in the editing.

In the correspondence which ensued in "The Ringing World" the point has been made again that as the bells are pre-recorded and then are "put over" by the commentator as though they were ringing at the time of the broadcast the programme is false and contrary to the spirit of Christmas, and therefore should be stopped. We sympathise with this view (although not to the extent of stopping the programme) but we must be realists. The B.B.C. will not incur today the very big expense of live broadcasts on Christmas morning, and if we want this programme of bells at all (and it is the only one of its kind that we get in the course of the year) we must be content with pre-recordings. We always hope that the bells are being rung for the recordings by the ringers who will be at the ropes on Christmas morning. The practice of pre-recording religious and other programmes is very common in B.B.C. work today.

The report from the **Scottish Region** tells of an item before a meeting of the Presbytery of Edinburgh towards the end of the year which intrigued the Press reporters so much that it was the only item of business from the meeting to be included in the Press report. It concerned an application by a church in Edinburgh, St. Cuthbert's, which had a plan to alter the number of bells in the ring. As a result of this interest by the Press both B.B.C. and S.T.V. included in their newsflashes an interview with a ringer to explain what was involved. A report that a contract had been placed with bell-founders reached the office of "The Ringing World" and was published under "Belfry Gossip," but it is uncertain what progress has been made.

In **Ireland** the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Christ Church Cathedral and St. George's Church, Dublin, St. Mary's, Limerick, St. Mary's, Doneraile, and St. Nicholas', Carrickfergus, have been broadcast on both Radio Eireann and B.B.C. networks, and have put up performances which are very creditable to Irish ringing. The Irish Association is particularly proud of the Christmas broadcast from Carrickfergus.

INCUMBENT RESPONSIBLE

From the **Midland Region** we hear of complaints from several churches that services have been broadcast without including the bells ringing beforehand and some of the protests have been addressed to the B.B.C. We have broached this subject on more than one occasion and the reply we get is that this is a matter which rests with the incumbent of the church concerned. He is allotted a specified time for the broadcast and it is up to the local ringers to persuade him to allow one or two minutes of this time for the bells. If they succeed in that they might prevail upon him also to get the name of the captain of the ringers to be printed in the "Radio Times" together with those of the preacher and organist.

During a peal ringing tour in October George Fearn was interviewed in South Wales by the B.B.C., and this was broadcast on the Midland Region in Jack de Manio's programme "Today." On the same day Nicholas Simon, of Llandaff, also was interviewed and this was heard on the Welsh Region.

NORTH REGION INTEREST

Bells have been heard in the **North Region** on several occasions preceding services broadcast by Commercial Television, and the standard has varied considerably from very good to very bad. On April 8th an item on "Change Ringing" was televised by the B.B.C. in its "Look North" programme from Newcastle, and this was described in detail in "The Ringing World" at the end of that month.

During the summer tour of the Universities Association in this area in August, Tyne-Tees Television gave a short report from the belfry of SS. James and Basil's, Newcastle. Shots of ringing were shown and Denis Bayles was interviewed.

Cleator Moor was the tower selected from this region for the Christmas programme, and the advice we offered on the positioning the microphone and checking for balance was acted upon with good results, for the first recording was by no means satisfactory.

The **West Region** reports that several rings have been heard prior to morning service on Sundays and include Liskeard, St. Stephen's Bristol, St. Mary's, Southampton, Cannington and Trowbridge.

On October 10th eight members of the Devonshire Guild set up a new record for the South-West by ringing 10,240 changes of Plain Bob Major, and the band was filmed by B.B.C.

In July, from St. Paul's, Yelverton, the filming of a bell as it left to be carried to Borneo on the aircraft carrier "Eagle" was covered by the B.B.C. The bell was given to the church originally by a retired admiral, but had not been used for 16 years. Both these films were seen on television.

At Cardiff the B.B.C. recorded and filmed some ringing and interviewed the tower captain, Mr. Thomas Yeomans, for a broadcast on New Year's Eve. From this region we heard the bells of West Down at Christmas, and Wales was represented by Talgarth.

EAST ANGLIA ITEMS

Items of news from **East Anglia** include the interviewing of Oliver Barnard by both Anglia and B.B.C. Television regarding Stowmarket bells and their restoration. The order for this work to be done has been placed.

Cecil Pipe was interviewed on Anglia Television prior to his departure for Australia for Great Adventure II, and his son George talked about ringing overseas. Work on the new light six at Scole was also shown on B.B.C. Television.

The B.B.C. made for television a film about "The Fens" and included in it shots of the ringers and bells of St. Andrew's Church, Sutton, in action. The bells were needed to indicate the old custom of raising the Flood Alarm.

At Leighton Bromswold, Hunts, on Whit Sunday, the bells were rung for morning service at which the sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Ely, who afterwards went into the belfry and rang the 21 cwt. tenor to rounds. All this was seen and heard on B.B.C. television on the following evening.

In the **London Region**, W. H. Coles arranged and compered a very good programme on radio featuring Mrs. A. A. Hughes playing tunes in her inimitable way, the Ottery St. Mary handbell ringers ringing tunes, Stedman Cinques lapped by the Appleton band, Spliced Surprise "in hand" by John Mayne's band, handbell tune ringers from America and a talk on the making and tuning of handbells by Mr. Oliver, the tuner at Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

From **Canada** we learn that the Benedictines of Westminster Abbey, Mission City, B.C., rang Grandsire Caters for Christmas over C.B.C. This was in conjunction with a programme of Gregorian Chant. Father Dunstan Massey, O.S.B., is the Ringing Master there.

H. N. PITSTOW (Convener),
Saffron, High Street,
Banstead, Surrey,
D. A. BAYLES,
J. DUNWOODY,
G. E. FEARN,
H. J. SANGER,
A. G. G. THURLOW,
R. S. WILSON.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow (hon. member) moved the adoption. He said there was a slight inaccuracy in the second paragraph—one of the recordings was not selected for the Christmas broadcast. There was also a reference that the B.B.C. was retaining the records of Christmas bells. This was not quite correct; they were retaining those that could be used. From the last broadcast the B.B.C. were considering the permanent retaining of Carrickfergus and West Down recordings.

Mr. D. A. Bayles (Durham and Newcastle) seconded and the report was adopted.

Mr. W. Ayre proposed the re-election of the committee as follows: Messrs. H. N. Pitstow, D. A. Bayles, J. Dunwoody, G. E. Fearn, H. J. Sanger, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. R. S. Wilson.

THE CHALLENGE—Contd from front page.

to use or reject. Time-tables have to be strictly adhered to and production problems faced which at times only the man on the spot can decide. What is most encouraging is the friendliness displayed by readers and correspondents who take their disappointments in good part. Without this it would be impossible for one man, plus a part-time lady assistant mainly for postal subscribers, to carry on. If you have any appreciation of the Editor's work please find some new subscribers.

Big Development in Week-end Courses

EDUCATION AND SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING COMMITTEE

THE report of the Education and Sunday Service Ringing Committee states:—

I. **Theological Colleges.** Although some very effective work has been done, the drive, started a few years ago to ensure that a lecture on Church Bells and Bell Ringing should be given in as many theological colleges as possible each year or two years, seems to have been less productive during 1965. The convener has difficulty in getting replies from some correspondents concerned. It is well worth persisting with this work as it can bear valuable fruit in future years. A suitable person who could continue to maintain old contacts and develop new ones would be welcome on to this committee.

II. **Week-end Courses.** In addition to the fifth annual course organised by the convener and Mr. Moreton at Grantley Hall, this committee has assisted at, or given advice in the organisation of several other week-end courses. The sixth week-end residential course at Grantley Hall, Ripon, Yorkshire, will be held from Friday, November 11th, to Sunday, November 13th, 1966. There will be two parallel courses, one for instructors and one for beginners. The third week-end course at Hereford organised by Mr. Moreton and the Hereford Guild was held last year and a fourth such course in April this year. Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Moreton and Miss Cross assisted at a successful course organised by the Oxford Guild at Charney Manor in Berkshire last November. Other courses are being planned for 1696 by several Associations.

One-Day Courses. These are becoming increasingly popular and attract large attendances (50 to 100). We have given help and advice with several of these during the year and welcome further requests for data and advice concerning day courses.

III. **Miscellaneous Items.**

(A) Inquiries received by the convener include requests for or advice regarding:—

1. Organisation of handbell teams, music, etc.
2. How to get struggling bands going and teach ropesight. Organisation of local band.
3. Teaching bell control.
4. Teaching syllabuses.
5. Visual aids for ringing exhibitions and talks.
6. Information about ringing films.
7. Advice re technical articles on ringing.
8. Tower open days.
9. Talks to church organisations.
10. Endeavours to secure resumption of ringing at two towers where the church authorities have stopped ringing.
11. Invitations to comment on bell recordings.

(B) Mr. F. Sharpe has again given numerous illustrated lectures on bells and bell ringing to schools, technical colleges and various organisations and has written another book on bells.

(C) Following the convener's article in "The Ringing World" on Learning and Teaching Elementary Change Ringing and Ropesight, he received from a well-known ringer a suggestion that a Tower Instruction Leaflet on similar lines should be produced and made available. We feel that the training which follows the teaching of bell control leaves much to be desired and that there is need for a companion to the "Beginners' Handbook" catering for the instructor and setting out a variety of teaching methods, drawn from a wide circle of experienced instructors.

IV. **Articles for "The Ringing World."**

Following a reader's request for articles to be sent to "The Ringing World," the convener has produced the following articles which have been published:—

Two articles on belfry maintenance.

Two articles on learning and teaching elementary change ringing and ropesight.

One article on the duties and responsibilities of the tower captain.

One article on ringing meetings, their function and organisation; the ringing master's job

V. **The Washington Film.**

This was obtained last August and has been in great demand and given much pleasure to hundreds of viewers, as evidenced by letters of appreciation from borrowers. At the moment of writing this report the film has just been seen through by the convener and is in excellent condition for sound and vision. Because of possible postal delays and the need to check the film after each loan, hiring can normally only take place on a fortnightly basis. There are exceptions. The film, which cost £38 8s. 6d., is now almost half paid for, and if it continues to receive careful handling should prove a financial asset to the Council.

It has also proved a financial asset to at least one hirer, who reported: "Everyone enjoyed the film very much, and a collection to cover the cost of heating the hall turned out to be £5 8s."

During the seven months previous to this report the film has been loaned out 16 times in 15 different counties. Properly handled, it should last several years.

NORMAN CHADDOCK (Convener),
17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Broom, Rotherham.
F. SHARPE,
W. F. MORETON,
M. R. CROSS,
F. B. LUFKIN

The adoption was moved by Mr. N. Chaddock (Sheffield and District), who asked for permission to proceed with the "Tutors' Handbook." They were also taking part in a publicity campaign at Brecon in July. Mr. F. Lufkin had stood down from the committee and Mrs. Staniforth had undertaken correspondence with theological colleges.

Mr. W. F. Moreton seconded.

Mr. H. Rogers said the committee was not the first body to think about a manual for instructors—it was being considered nationally. Most certainly this was a very definite requirement. It might not be possible to put it in book form by the next Council meeting but they should be able to see the manuscript and perhaps in a restrictive form.

Mr. Chaddock promised this and the report was adopted.

Mrs. Staniforth, Messrs. Chaddock, W. F. Moreton, F. Sharpe and Miss M. R. Cross were elected to the committee.

METHODS COMMITTEE

Mr C. K. Lewis: You will be relieved to know that I have nothing to report.

The President: Would Mr. Blagrove like to second nothing?

Mr. Blagrove formally seconded.

Mr. G. Dodds (Herts County Association) said he noticed that a new edition of Plain Major Collection was to be printed. Could it include Double Change methods and true extensions to Royal and Maximus?

Mr. Lewis said this had been considered by the committee.

The report was adopted.

On the proposition of Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Blagrove were re-elected.

Mr. Blagrove thought the Council should thank Mr. J. R. Mayne for his hard work. He thought it was right to say that the Collection of Surprise methods was by John Mayne. They owed him a great debt of gratitude (hear, hear).

Mr. R. F. B. Speed moved that Mr. Stephen Ivin (Oxford University Society) be added to the committee and this was agreed to.

NO DICTATION TO GUILDS

There were three notices of motion, the first relating to non-resident life members' subscriptions. The other two, relating to "The Ringing World," are reported following the debate on page 388.

The first, proposed by Mr. C. K. Lewis and seconded by Mr. John Worth (Chester Diocesan Guild) read: "That this Council favours all affiliated Societies fixing the rate of their non-resident life membership subscription at a figure which does not exceed one and a half times the resident members' subscription."

Mr. Lewis said there was a big variation, and high non-resident subscriptions gave rise to many non-Association peals.

Mr. Philip Gray asked how many non-Association peals were rung last year.

Mr. Walter Ayre replied that there were 82.

Mr. N. Diserens (Oxford Diocesan Guild) said they must keep in mind the relative position of non-resident members. In the Oxford Guild non-residents had full rights and that justified a higher subscription than in a Guild where non-residents had no rights.

Mr. W. E. Critchley (Yorkshire Association) said that he was rather surprised that Mr. Lewis was wasting time on this matter. He must know it was a waste of time as no Guild was going to be dictated to.

Mr. D. Carlisle (Derby Diocesan Association) also appealed to the Council to reject the motion. Don't penalise keen youngsters, he implored.

The vote was then put and the motion was heavily defeated.

TABLE OF FIRST PERFORMANCES

A. SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

Alford, 24–6–65, Willesden, 27B.
Bloxham, 4–12–65, Bloxham, 5B.
Brentham 16–12–65, Willesden, 28B.
Chelsfield, 15–5–65, Deddington, 20B.
Chorley, 4–7–65, Chorley, 4B.
Debenham 18–4–65, Debenham, 10B.
Deddington, 20–2–65, Deddington, 16B.
Ditcheat, 22–4–65, Willesden, 16B.
Douai, 27–3–65, Aldermaston, 22B.
Eccleston, 6–3–65, Dartford, 23B.
Filton, 22–1–65, Bristol Cathedral, 9B.
Finborough, 10–9–65, Debenham, 17B.
Finedon, 9–1–65, Finedon, 12B.
Griffin, 23–3–65, St. Ambrose, Bristol, 6B.
Henley, 10–7–65, Kirtlington 31B.
Highclere, 12–9–65, Highclere, 24B.
Kippen, 26–6–65, Ambrosden, 14B.
Lusitania, 27–7–65, Loughborough Foundry, 7B.
Marsham, 18–11–65, Willesden, 21B.
Mauretania, 30–1–65, Knowle, Bristol, 8B.
Nantwich, 12–12–65, Edenham, 1B.
Quantock, 25–1–65, Sutterton, 15B.
Selwood, 18–9–65, Ashton-under-Lyne, 25B.
Shepperton, 21–1–65, Willesden, 26B.
Skelton, 6–8–65, Skelton-in-Cleveland, 19B.
Sprotborough, 10–6–65, Willesden, 29B.
Thurston, 4–11–65, Willesden, 3B.
Uffington, 15–2–65, Pinchbeck, 2B.
Uppingham, 20–5–65, Willesden, 30B.
Wyrardisbury, 8–7–65, Willesden, 18B.
Xingu, 8–2–65, Edenham, 11B.

B. SURPRISE ROYAL METHODS

Fulham, 20–2–65, Hillingdon, 35B.
Gosforth, rung in spliced, 34B.
Minehead, rung in spliced, 33B.
Primrose, 10–7–65, Christ Church, Macclesfield, 32B.

ERRATA FOR 1964 APPENDIX

Add the following two Surprise Major methods:

Alderney, 20–10–64, St. Ebbe's, Oxford, 37B.
Ilminster, 20–4–64, Sutterton, 36B.

Outstanding Publicity Event—Great Adventure II

THE outstanding event of the year which received publicity was undoubtedly "Great Adventure II," states the Literature and Press Committee. The party of ringers led by Mr. Tom Lock were royally received almost everywhere they went. They were interviewed over many hours and their photographs appeared in many papers. The visit created wide interest in the Press. Before the arrival in Perth there was a page in the local paper devoted to bells and ringing. At Melbourne an early breakfast at Ballarat was necessary to keep a Press appointment and the local Ballarat daily gave a front page picture of the tourists being received by the Mayor Similar treatment was meted out at Bendigo. A Roman Catholic weekly published in Melbourne produced a photograph of Mr. Wilfred Williams and, on account of his association with St Paul's, he was frequently interviewed by various journalists.

Tom Lock, the leader of the party, had to suffer long interviews, mostly late into the night The morning and evening papers at Sydney, Maryborough, and Christchurch, New Zealand published well-informed articles and accounts of the tour.

The "Church Times" usually contains references to bells. One such notice made mention of the bells in the Loughborough Bell Foundry. Others paid attention to young ringers. References were made to the "Great Adventure II" and the Central Council meeting at Northampton. The "Church Times," being a widely read paper, should be supported by contributing articles and items of interest for publication.

The newspaper references received have produced some interesting and well-informed material. For example, Leslie Geddes-Brown in the "Northern Echo" cannot understand why a church should be understaffed in the belfry. She considers bellringing is fun and relates her experiences since she learned to ring a bell while still at school. In the "Bolton Journal" Mr. Peter Crook (now deceased) was featured and a photograph shows him with the model of a church bell bequeathed to him by the late Canon Elsee The "Young Topics" column of the "Daily Telegraph" got down to handbell ringing and described bands of handbell ringers in the various parts of the country.

Captain Marybelle Nissly, of the U.S. Air Force, monopolised a page in the "Stars and Stripes." She is photographed at the rope of a bell and is seen polishing one of her collection of handbells. Marybelle's introduction to bells occurred when she was associated with the W.A.F. Band.

Miss Ida Grehan's article in the "Irish Times" related what she saw and learned during a visit to the Fountain Head Bell Foundry in Dublin. She raised a query as to whether women had entered the bellringing preserves of man. This brought a letter from the general secretary of the Irish Association which revealed the part of the fairer sex in the field of campanology.

FEWER COMPLAINTS

We are pleased to note fewer complaints about ringing. The most prominent was in relation to the Selly Oak Parish Church bells, when a resident complained in the local Press about a weekly practice. Several replies were published and the general consensus of opinion was very much against the complaint.

In trade magazines there was quite a spate of articles. "The Church and School Equipment News" presented a suggested design for a modern tower. A model of this bell tower was on display at the CASEX exhibition at Earls Court in June. The Church Bells of Rotherham were featured in the "Phœnix Gazette." Rowntree's magazine "C.W.M." contained an article by C. J. Groome of the Marketing Department, and the two pages devoted to ringing and change ringing reflected the author's knowledge of the art. Leslie E. Wells' article, "Message of the Bells," in the "Standard Review," dealt with the history of bells from earliest times to the present day. Bell casting and tuning were touched upon and the article concluded with a description of ringing and change ringing. Altogether it was a well-written concise and informative essay.

"Bell Ringing Delights" by Mary Freer was produced in the "Chelmsford Gardeners' Magazine." This paper is printed for circulation amongst members of the gardeners club only. The notes describe Miss Freer's experiences as a ringer and her attitude to ringing as a hobby An article on Winchester Cathedral making references to its bells appeared in "Morgan's Magazine."

During the year the "Irish Bell News," "The Belfry," "Ringing Towers" and "Overtones" maintained production and appeared regularly.

PUBLICATIONS

Publications during the year were greater than previously and a summary of them is appended:—

"Handbook of Grandsire Caters,' by Edgar C. Shepherd.

"Collection of Surprise Methods."

"Joseph Hatch—The Ulcombe Bellfounder."

"First Book of Bells," by Helen G Fletcher.

"The Theory of Change Ringing," by A. W. T Cleaver.

"Change Ringing—the Art and Science of Change Ringing on Church- and Handbells," by Wilfrid G. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson's "Change Ringing," which is a successor to Colonel Troyte's "Handbook on Change Ringing," contains the author's previous work, which was published as the "Beginners' Handbook." The new work covers a wide field and should take its place on every ringer's bookshelf.

The amount of material received is less than in the previous year and it must be appreciated that our task is not made easier by the lack of information about bells and ringers which may be published from time to time. We once again appeal to the various Associations to forward to us copies of newspaper cuttings and other references to the art.

We again express our thanks to all who kindly forwarded to us the material upon which this report is prepared

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD (Convener),
46, Manor Gardens,
Warminster Wilts.
FRED E DUKES.

Mr. E. C Shepherd proposed and Mr F. E. Dukes seconded the adoption of the report.

The Rev. J. G M. Scott called attention to "The Guardian" giving a half-page review of Mr. Wilson's book "Change Ringing."

The committee was re-elected

JOHN CARTER RINGING MACHINE

On April 14th the trustees spent a day with the machine and traced a minor fault which had given trouble, and corrected it. Following this, touches of London, Cambridge, Plain Bob and Stedman were successfully rung.

On December 17th the machine was demonstrated to a party of ringers from Redditch, and on December 18th the first meeting to instruct four candidates interested in becoming demonstrators. At the end of the day just before the Museum closed a further minor fault developed, but there was insufficient time available to remedy it

It is hoped to continue the meetings of these demonstrators to ensure continuity, and it is anticipated that at the next meeting this minor fault will be corrected.

In all other respects the machine continues to work satisfactorily.

DOUGLAS HUGHES,
FRANK E HAYNES.

Mr. D Hughes moved the adoption of the report and Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded. The report was adopted and Messrs. D. Hughes and F. E. Haynes were re-elected to the committee.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The collection of Major methods is now ready for printing and will be available shortly. It was found that the proving of the peals, particularly the Spliced Surprise, took rather longer than was at first anticipated The committee would welcome suggestions for further publications which might be considered desirable.

W. E. CRITCHLEY (Convener),
28 Brompton Road,
Sprotborough Park,
Doncaster, Yorks,
G. E. FFIRN.
A J. PITMAN.
R F B. SPEED.

Proposing the adoption of the report, Mr. W. Eric Critchley (Yorkshire Association) said apart from underlining the request for further publications he had nothing to add. Mr. R. F. B. Speed seconded and the report was adopted. The committee was re-elected en bloc on the proposition of Mr. W F Morcton, seconded by Mr. N. Golden.

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Peals Analysis Committee Reports Big Increase

THE peal totals for the year 1965 once more show an increase and the figures, including late arrivals up to "The Ringing World" issue of March 11th, give 3,222 for tower bells and 273 for handbells, an increase of 171 on 1964. One cause of the increase in the tower bell peals was the sincere expression by our fraternity of the great affection of the nation for that fine old gentleman Sir Winston S. Churchill on the occasion of his passing to higher service.

This year the Oxford Guild has attained the "head of the list" with the Lincoln Guild close behind. The first eight are as follows:

	Tower	Hand	Total
Oxford Guild ..	202	—	202
Lincoln Guild ..	177	17	194
Kent County ..	166	10	176
Yorkshire Assn. ..	172	—	172
Lancashire Assn.	152	12	164
Chester Guild ..	112	22	134
Gloucester & Bristol	128	3	131
Peterborough Guild	121	1	122

The Analysis breaks down as follows:

TOWER

	1965	1964	
Maximus	89	64	+ 25
Cinques	62	54	+ 8
Royal	193	187	+ 6
Caters	104	89	+ 15
Major	1363	1349	+ 14
Triples	248	196	+ 52
Minor	886	823	+ 63
Doubles	274	290	— 16
Minimus	3	4	— 1
	3222	3056	+ 16

HANDBELLS

	1965	1964	
Maximus	3	2	+ 1
Cinques	—	1	— 1
Royal	13	10	+ 3
Caters	4	3	+ 1
Major	96	111	+15
Triples	9	1	+ 8
Minor	131	127	+ 4
Doubles	17	13	+ 4
Minimus	—	—	—
	273	268	+ 5

Any 1965 peals published after this will not be included in our report.

A most gratifying, encouraging sign for the future is in the total of first pealers—644; with 99 making their first appearance as conductor.

The Australian Tour produced 15 peals during which valuable assistance and advice was given to our friends "down under."

A few points from the various Associations, etc.:—

Bath and Wells: Three times we have four first peals and first as conductor; first-pealer over 60.

Derby Diocesan: One with five firsts.

Gloucester and Bristol: One first rang fifth to 42 methods Doubles.

Hereford: Treble to 42 Doubles methods.

Hertford: First as conductor with five firsts in peal (three methods—Doubles).

Lancashire: Conductor's first peal—Doubles "in hand."

Lincoln: First as conductor—London Major.

St. Martin's Guild: First of Triples—with first as conductor and four firsts.

Oxford: A lady's first—36 methods Doubles.

Salisbury: First peal, 55 M. Doubles; also conductor's first.

Winchester and Portsmouth: One first pealer 64 years.

Yorkshire: First peal of Spliced Surprise Major (3) at 11 years.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

Cambridge Maximus at Exeter—Guild of Devonshire—with Peter Border ringing the tenor single handed—an excellent performance. Also for the same Guild—10,240 Plain Bob Major.

Essex Association: Spliced Minor, 105, 100 and 82 methods.

Gloucester and Bristol: Spliced Surprise Major in 28, 25, 22, 18, 16, 14, 11 methods.

Hertford County: Handbells, Spliced Surprise Major in 23, 20, 18, 16, 14, 11 methods.

Kent County: Spliced Surprise Minor—36, 32 methods.

Leicester Guild: Two peals Cambridge Royal—"in hand."

Middlesex County: Handbells, Spliced Surprise Major, 23, 16, 13 methods.

Lancashire Association: Cambridge Maximus at Liverpool Cathedral; 10,080 and 17,248 Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Oxford Diocesan: Doubles, 42, 41, 36, 34, 32, 31 methods.

Peterborough Guild: Spliced Surprise Minor, 34 methods.

Southwell Diocesan: Minor, 35 methods; Doubles, 12,720, and 135, 126, 100, 70, 44 methods.

St. Martin's Guild: 44 peals of Maximus, including 16,368 Cambridge.

Yorkshire Association: Spliced Surprise Royal, 42 methods; Spliced Surprise Major, 12 methods. A peal on the lightest ring.

Another table, for what it is worth:

Three Associations, Guilds, etc., rang no peals; three rang 1 peal; eleven rang 2—10; two rang 11—20; six rang 21—30; five rang 31—40; three rang 41—50; five rang 51—60; one rang 61—70; five rang 71—80; one rang 81—90; two rang 91—100; two rang 101—110; four rang 111—120.

W. AYRE (Convener),
The Old School House,
Leverstock Green,
Hemel Hempstead, Herts.
K. W. H. FELSTEAD
H. L. ROPER.

Mr. Walter Ayre, in moving the adoption of the report, made two corrections. In the Swansea and Brecon Guild there were five peals of Caters instead of five peals of Royal, and one peal of Triples rung for the Peterborough Guild was now transferred to Non-Association. In the meritorious performances he called attention to the peal of Cambridge Maximus at Exeter and Mr. Peter Border's magnificent effort on the tenor. Also the first peal of Maximus outside Great Britain, at Melbourne. In the outstanding performances there should be recorded the seven peals of Surprise Major rung at Loughborough in seven different methods with seven different conductors.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead (Winchester and Portsmouth) seconded the adoption.

The committee was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker.

Central Council Sales Reach Record Figure

THE large increase in the sale of publications reported last year has been maintained and the income therefrom has now reached a record figure of over £400, reports the hon. librarian. This is mainly due to the continued increased demand for the "Beginners' Handbook" and for the very promising start with the sale of the "Collection of Surprise Methods," which became available early in the year.

The increase of postal rates during the year has naturally led to an increase in expenses, but this has been offset to a degree by the fact that there has been an increase in orders for larger quantities. It would be helpful if more could be done in this direction by Associations purchasing quantities of the more popular publications to sell to their members at their meetings, and so ease the burden of distribution.

We tender our thanks to the donors for the following additions to the library: "Bell-ringing in the Schools of Today" by Michael King: "Bells and Their Use as a Means of Christian Education" by W. R. Denton; copies of "Spliced Triples" per Mr. J. Segar; copies of "Irish Bell News" per Mr. F. E. Dukes.

In conclusion I have to report the sad news that Mr. R. F. B. Speed intimates that he would like me to arrange for someone else to take over the sales section of the library. Due to increased business and family commitments and the continuing increase in sale of publications, Mr. Speed finds that he cannot spare the time demanded by the work involved. We shall be sorry to lose the valuable help Mr. and Mrs. Speed have given for the benefit of the Exercise during the past eight years and no words of mine can adequately express our thanks to them. We are indeed most grateful for the enormous amount of work they have done for us.

FRANK W. PERRENS.
Hon. Librarian.
68, Warwick Avenue,
Coventry.

Mr. F. W. Perrens in moving the adoption of the report said he would like to emphasise the help given by the Association in purchasing quantities of publications for sale to their members.

Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded.

The President: May I very warmly, in the name of all, underline the last paragraph of our very grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Speed for their work in connection with the sale of publications.

Supporting the president, Mr. G. Dodds asked if some of the smaller publications which were out of print could be reprinted.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood asked, in regard to stocks purchased by the Association, were they on sale or return or was there payment in advance?

Mr. Perrens: I think I should mention cash. What I know of the finances of most Associations today, I am certain they could afford to take a reasonable number and pay for them.

Mr. H. L. Roper said he had had experience of hawking Central Council publications. Some did not go very well. Could he have an assurance that the librarian would take them back?

Mr. Perrens: We are only too willing to accommodate anyone who has a surplus that he cannot sell.

The report was then adopted.

SALES AND STOCK OF PUBLICATIONS
for the year ended December 31st, 1965.

	Copies sold	Stock	Value at cost £	s.	d.
Methods Sheets—					
D.N.C.B.M.	22	714	8	18	6
Stedman ..	45	504	6	6	0
Preservation of Bells	173	156	8	9	0
Four-Way Minor Table	37	945	15	15	0
Handbell Ringing ..	240	763	62	15	9
Collection of Peals, Section III	22	100	2	10	0
Doubles Methods ..	168	1230	61	10	0
Model Rules	56	432	5	8	0
Village Bells	16	2		1	3
Card—"Care of Bells"	57	169	2	2	3
Plain Major Methods	5	—	—	—	—
"On Conducting" ..	208	797	47	6	5
Handbook	104	479	41	18	3
Electrical Switchgear Card	5	849	3	3	8
Grandsire Caters ..	120	880	28	8	4
Beginners' Handbook	3051	1923	71	6	2
"Ringing for Service"	147	1988	54	9	2
Stedman Compositions	71	717	50	0	6
Minor Methods ..	249	961	161	3	4
False Course Heads ..	52	237	16	18	7
Recruiting Leaflet ..	520	1213	5	1	1
Prayer Sheet	174	2826	14	14	4
Surprise Methods ..	376	1124	97	3	7
			£755	9	2

Bellfounders will be Extremely Busy—

Foreshadows Towers and Belfries Committee

THE work of the Towers and Belfries Committee for 1965 again constitutes an all-time record. Advice on tower and bell restoration was given in a total of 118 churches, an increase of seven more than in 1964. Last year it was noted that the great increase in requests for advice was occasioned by the architects' reports in connection with the second cycle of inspections carried out under the Quinquennial Inspection of Churches Measure, and this year's work has increased for the same reason. On many occasions the convener has been hard pressed to deal with the day to day correspondence in connection with these requests and reports.

As in former years, this report is compiled from statistics sent to the convener by individual members; and of the 118 requests for advice 27 were dealt with by correspondence. Members of the committee visited 91 churches.

The churches where advice was sought may be analysed geographically thus: Bedfordshire 1, Berkshire 13, Buckinghamshire 11, Cambridgeshire 3, Cornwall 3, Derbyshire 2, Devonshire 13, Essex 2, Gloucestershire 2, Hampshire 1, Herefordshire 3, Hertfordshire 1, Kent 4, Lancashire 1, Lincolnshire 2, Middlesex 2, Norfolk 2, Northamptonshire 7, Oxfordshire 12, Shropshire 1, Somerset 15, Staffordshire 1, Surrey 4, Sussex 1, Warwickshire 2, Wiltshire 1, Worcestershire 1, Yorkshire 1.

Total for England 112, Australia 3, New Zealand 1, Southern Rhodesia 1, United States of America 1: 118.

It is impossible to comment in detail on individual towers in a report such as this and it should be remembered that each full report on bells, gear, tower and acoustics normally takes from six to eight typed pages. An analysis of the reports submitted reveals the following:

Thirteen parishes sought advice on augmention, an increase of three above those in the previous year.

The number of towers seeking advice on the recasting of bells decreased to 14 in 1965.

Sixty-one churches sought advice on re-hanging or were advised by members of our committee to rehang completely their bells, an increase of eight above the previous year.

MAINTENANCE ESSENTIAL

The number of churches seeking advice on repair or maintenance increased to 82. An increase in this section of our work is always a matter of satisfaction, for if more routine maintenance were done many rings of bells would not deteriorate so rapidly. These inquiries have trebled during the past three years.

Inquiries regarding tower oscillation and requests for advice where extensive damage had been done to masonry increased to 42, 20 more than in 1964, and requests for advice on sound control increased to 43.

Somerset again headed the list of inquiries, with Berkshire and Devonshire second; but if one classifies the work done under the heading of Dioceses, Oxford takes first place with 36 requests for advice on bell restoration.

The committee met to consider in further detail the proposed new book on bell towers, bell hanging and maintenance of bells and gear. It was resolved to recommend that two books be printed: the first to deal with bell towers and bell hanging, and a separate book on bell maintenance. The convener regrets he has been unable during the past few months to devote as much time to this as he hoped, owing chiefly to his wife's serious illness, and to the tremendous volume of inquiries and correspondence regarding inspections and reports, 65 of which were dealt with by him. He has also given 23 lectures to members of diocesan, architectural and professional organisations, parochial church councils, youth organisations and in adult education colleges. It is evident that there is growing interest in all matters connected with bells and ringing, and our bellfounders and bellhangers will be extremely busy in the coming years.

FREDERICK SHARPE, F.S.A., F.I.O.B., Convener,
Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

B. AUSTIN, A.R.I.B.A.,
A. J. FROST, A.R.I.B.A.,
F. E. COLLINS, M.I.Inst.E.,
J. FREEMAN,
H. J. SANGER,
REV. J. G. M. SCOTT, M.A.,
B. D. THRELFALL, M.A., A.M.I.C.E.,
J. WORTH.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

Mr. F. Sharpe (life member) said the committee was different from other committees in that its work was done by individuals which was afterwards analysed. The committee had been extremely active and he would like to give appreciation of his colleagues in the work they did. Mr. Barnett had pointed out they had run into some expense but that no committee had done more for less money than the Towers and Belfries Committee and that the expenditure referred to was for two years' committee meetings. The committee recommended that instead of one they produce two books. They had a sum of £500, but as "The Restoration of Bells" was practically out of supply they should like it to contain a chapter from the main book.

Mr. J. Sanger (Bath and Wells) seconded and paid tribute to the tremendous amount of work Mr. Sharpe did for the committee. They had occasion to call him in for a difficult job in Somerset and they owed him a debt of gratitude.

Mr. Harold Rogers: I would like to endorse very wholeheartedly what Mr. Sanger has said. Most of you feel very distressed to hear that Mr. Sharpe's wife is seriously ill. We all know how she supported him while he was in the chair. I propose that we send her a message of goodwill from the meeting. (hear, hear).

Mr. R. F. B. Speed said there was going to be a new book on the preservation and repair of bells. The present book, revised three years ago, was to be reprinted.

Mr. Sharpe: How many copies are left?

Mr. Speed: About two dozen.

Mr. Sharpe: I think the committee will have to think of this in slightly different terms. It will be reprinted within two or three months.

The report was adopted and the present committee re-elected with the addition of Mr. Trevor Roderick, who was proposed by Mrs. D. King and seconded by Mr. F. F. Collins.

Biographies Committee Reports Many Deaths

DURING the 75 years of the Council's existence there has been a total of 862 elected members, representing 83 different Associations, Guilds or Societies.

The following members and past members have died during the year: G. C. Woodley, Guild of Devonshire Ringers, 1932–1947 (attended four meetings); J. R. Newman, Worcester Association, 1909–1914 (four meetings); F. C. W. Knight, Royal Cumberland Youths, 1948–1950 (two meetings); G. H. Cross, St. Clement's Youths, 1929–1934; Royal Cumberland Youths, 1935–1959 (13 meetings); Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Ladies' Guild, 1915–1952, life member 1953 (41 meetings); W. H. Southeard, Truro Guild, 1927–1932 (four meetings); E. C. Gobey, Midland Counties Association, 1912–1914, 1933–1935 (six meetings); J. T. Dyke, Bath and Wells Association, 1927–1953, honorary member 1954–1961 (18 meetings); C. Harrison, Midland Counties Association, 1945 (did not attend); T. Metcalfe, Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, 1913–1936 (one meeting); A. Paddon Smith, St Martin's Guild, Birmingham, 1921–1953 (15 meetings); P. Crook, Lancashire Association, 1927–1929, 1939–1950, 1957–1962 (12 meetings); S. H. Symonds, Suffolk Guild, 1929–1945 (three meetings).

Another past member whose death has not previously been reported was: Canon J. D. Pearson, Chester Diocesan Guild, 1946–1947, died 1962 (did not attend).

It would not be inappropriate to mention here that this year is the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, the founder and first President of this Council.

G. H. Cross was a competent ringer and conductor on tower- and handbells and exercised much influence in Norwich and London. He also composed many peals.

J. T. Dyke was a ringer of knowledge and character and through his example and standard of performance assisted many others to strive for perfection. He was elected a life member of the Council after serving on the Standing and "Ringing World" Committees and helping in the publication of the first "Beginners' Handbook."

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher was an outstanding ringer, conductor and administrator. Her ringing achievements, both on tower bells and handbells, are unique and at the age of 20 she formed the Ladies' Guild. Her connection with this Council began in 1915, and in 1953 she was made a life member after serving for many years on the Records, Peals Collection and Editorial Committees. In addition, Mrs. Fletcher greatly assisted her husband in carrying out the duties of honorary secretary and treasurer of the Council over a period of 21 years.

A. Paddon Smith was a noted ringer in Birmingham. He had held offices of secretary and Master of the St. Martin's Guild and, after years of public service, was, in 1951, elected Lord Mayor of Birmingham.

The committee have adopted a different method for the distribution of Biography sheets to new members. This method, we hope, will ensure an earlier return of the filled in sheets and so enable all biographical records to be kept more up to date. Also, a fresh approach will be made to recover some back-log but, in the meantime, the following are a few names, with Association and date of Council membership, about whom the committee has not got enough information to prepare a biographical sheet. Any assistance would be appreciated: H. J. Bradley, Royal Cumberland Youths, 1920; T. Collinson, Birmingham, 1898; G. Hitchman, Birmingham, 1897; F. T. Spence, Chester, 1900; W. Stainthorpe, Yorkshire, 1900; C. G. B. Wollaston, Devonshire, 1902.

T. J. LOCK (Convener),
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North Mymms,
Hatfield, Herts.
W. PARROTT.
W. H. VIGGERS.
J. WILLIS.

The report was proposed by Mr. T. J. Lock (Middlesex Association) and seconded by Mr. W. Viggers (Guildford Guild). Mr. Viggers said apart from Mr. Hewitt all the sheets were up to date. He had been a member of the committee for 19 years and during that time things had been sorted out and the pattern of presentation changed. They were now concerned that the photographs should be up to date. That of Mrs. Fletcher was very old.

The hon. secretary said the names of Mr. P. Crook and Mr. S. H. Symonds should not appear in this report but in next year's.

After the adoption of the report the committee was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley.

Comprehensive Survey by Overseas Ringing Committee

ONE of the things that started off the idea of the Overseas Report was the increase in the amount of travelling undertaken by ringers abroad on business, holiday or as emigrants; likewise Commonwealth and American friends visiting our shores. As well as this, a faint hope (as it was in 1959!) that one day perhaps another "Great Adventure" might take place either to Australasia or the Americas.

Nineteen-sixty-five saw such a tour and what excellent reading it made. Previous reports have dealt fully with bells, etc.: we feel these should now be well known. "Dove's Guide" is now as up to date as present information will allow and we are happy to state many intending travellers abroad requiring details of towers contact us for the necessary addresses. We welcome this and have a quite thick file at the Exercise's disposal.

We commence our report by once again conveying to ringers in Britain—greetings from fellow ringers around the world.

AUSTRALIA

The highlight of course was the tremendously successful Great Adventure II led by Tom Lock towards the end of the year. It will go down, as did the 1934 visit, as one of the most memorable occasions in ringing history. Full details were published in "The Ringing World."

Consequently A.N.Z.A.B. ringing received a great boost and this has been reflected in their later performances. Eighteen peals were rung in Australia in 1965 as follows: Minor, two to seven methods 5, Grandsire Triples 2, Bob Major 3, D.N.C.B. Major 1, Cambridge 3, Yorkshire 2, Lincolnshire 2, Plain Bob Royal 2 and Kent Maximus 1. An outstanding local effort was the peal of Lincolnshire Major conducted by W. D. Watson. There were 99 quarters in a variety of methods including several of Surprise, Sydney and Adelaide setting the pace.

Paid-up members total 119, and whether one visits Perth, Hobart or one of the larger cities there is increasing evidence of keenness in the art. The A.N.Z.A.B. Annual Festival was held in Melbourne in June and this event does much to bring these far distant towers together. Restoration and new work continues. Apart from the very fine new ten at St. Andrew's, Sydney, work is now in progress on the octave of St. Peter's, Ballaarat. Bendigo and Melbourne Cathedral are now enjoying renovated rings, Parramatta are hoping to augment their six to eight, and several other towers are earmarked for attention.

All in all, a very successful year with results that do credit to the country. In April the A.N.Z.A.B. Central Council representative, P. M. J. Gray, "visited his constituents" and spent a thoroughly enjoyable tour of a good number of ringing centres. Finally a word about "Ringing Towers." This really is a splendid publication and we recommend it to British ringers generally. The magazine needs support and at 5s. per annum it's money for new ropes!

NEW ZEALAND

There are 14 members at Christchurch and eight at Hamilton. Last year two quarters and a peal of Triples were scored at Christchurch and the tourists rounded this off with a peal of Bob Royal.

Christchurch were also able to visit Hamilton in the North Island and record a quarter peal. Ringing also continues at Papanui.

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Grahamstown.—The worn bearings of the tenor and the cracked gudgeon of the sixth have been repaired and Sunday afternoon ringing is maintained. Rope replacement is now imperative.

Woodstock.—A Doubles band exists although activities are much quieter than of recent years. Visitors included the Rev. and Mrs. Godley from Dorset.

Cape Town Cathedral's ten still await their new tower.

Durban, St. Mary's.—The bells are in good order and Cyril Chambers works hard to maintain ringing here. **St. Paul's, Durban,** band has twelve members and activities here have attracted newspaper publicity. Practice night is Wednesday and the bells are rung every Sunday evening.

RHODESIA

At **Salisbury** the Blagroves continue to maintain a high level! A peal of Bob Major was a very fine achievement and six quarters are also recorded. The band is fifteen strong and visitors are fairly frequent. It is hoped that Frank Blagrove will visit Bath at Whitsun.

Que Que, under Harry Earl, have a weekly practice and several beginners. These two towers (a ten and a four) form the Central African Provincial Guild, covering 485,000 square miles!

KENYA

Kilifi.—Frank Blagrove during his visit to this distant tower found an all-African band ringing call changes from cards.

U.S.A.

Groton.—A good year for the Groton schoolboys. Membership stands at 14 in the Guild taught by Russell Young and Warren Motley. Three quarters and several long touches of Stedman Triples are noted together with the Great Adventure peal of Double Norwich with Motley on the treble. Groton are hoping to visit Kent School during 1966 and England again in 1967.

Washington.—Fred Price's mass tuition programme continued on in 1965 and we can only hope that ringing will be maintained at this glorious Cathedral. There is certainly abundant keenness here. The bells were rung for the visit of H.R.H. Princess Margaret and on several other notable occasions.

Kent.—Kent School are progressing well, benefiting from the occasional visitor and looking forward to a ringers' gathering with Groton.

Chicago.—Some interesting news from the Mitchell Tower on the Chicago University Campus. Mr. D. Morgan, from Witney, Oxon, paid two visits there and some definite moves are being made to teach a band within the University. The bells are a fine Whitechapel ten and come under the care of Mr. D. A. Robins, the carillonneur. A course of Cambridge Surprise Royal was discovered in the belfry!

CANADA

Vancouver.—There are 14 ringers at Holy Rosary Cathedral and these people have enjoyed several visitors this year. A trip was made to Mission City in April.

Victoria.—The Izard family maintain the ringing tradition at the Cathedral. Their band is 18 strong and there are always beginners on the go. Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent and Bob Major are regularly attempted. Practice night is Tuesday and ringing takes place every Sunday.

Mission City.—The Benedictines of Westminster Abbey under their Ringing Master, Father Dunstan Massey, O.S.B., have had a very good year. There are 20 ringers in the Monastery and high hopes of a quarter peal being recorded this year we hear.

Quebec.—A. J. M. Collins, in Ottawa, has gleaned some useful news from Holy Trinity Cathedral. David Bulleid is in charge here, and St. Matthew's, Quebec, have been kept going as well. As Tony Collins says, "We now have proof that all the six towers in Canada are in working order." (Intending tour organisers please note!) The bells were rung half-muffled for the Cathedral Churchill Memorial Service and by all accounts sounded very impressive.

Calgary.—Our circular to Calgary somehow went astray but the reports in "The Ringing World" give ample evidence that there's plenty of enthusiasm here. Inter-province trips have helped Canadian ringing considerably.

INDIA

Poona.—All we are waiting for is for some understanding company to send a representative to India! The Cathedral of the Holy Name has a fine eight but all the news we have is of W. C. West's visit there during the first world war.

This concludes our survey for 1965. Sincere thanks to all our faithful ambassadors in the Overseas "Ringing World."

GEORGE W. PIPE (Convener),
A. VICTOR SHEPPARD.

Mr. G. W. Pipe moved the adoption of the report. He gave a very hearty welcome home to Mr. Frank Blagrove. He was pleased to report that as a tribute to their Australian friends eight members of A.N.Z.A.B. had rung a peal of Crewkerne this Whitsun. He also congratulated Mr. Rick Dirksen of Washington Cathedral on ringing his first peal.

Mr. A. V. Sheppard (Sussex County Association) seconded.

With the Council's permission, Mr. F. T. Blagrove gave an interesting review of conditions in Africa. Starting at Capetown, he said there were eight bells at Woodstock and six of the ringers were from England. They were capable of ringing Triples and Major. At the Cathedral, Capetown, there was a ring of ten (tenor 24 cwt.) awaiting the erection of the tower. It was hoped the bells would be ringing by Christmas next year.

Some 500 or 600 miles along the coast at Grahamstown there was a ring of eight by Warner's dated 1879. They were well-nigh unringable. Another 500 miles away, at Durban, there were two rings of bells supplied by Taylor's. At St. Paul's there was a ring of eight, where Cyril Chambers was in charge, and at St. Mary's there was a ring of ten but not a change ringing band. The bells were all dedicated to war leaders and one to Edith Cavell.

Another 1,000 miles away was Salisbury Cathedral, where the bells were installed in 1960 and there was a 24 cwt. tenor. No English bell ringers lived in the town but there were two outside—one 15 miles away and the other 70. Generally speaking they managed to get up to Plain Bob Triples. At Que Que there was a ring of four. It would cost them £600 to augment to six. They had adopted the title of Rhodesian Guild. At Kilifi, East Africa, there was a ring of six.

The report was adopted and Messrs. G. W. Pipe and A. V. Sheppard were re-elected.

A GIFT FROM MELBOURNE

Mr. T. J. Lock, leader of Great Adventure II, said he had been asked to offer to the Council a gift from the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, a finely-produced book about Australia entitled "Australia—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." He expressed the hope that the Council would keep the book in its library.

There was an illuminated address which read: "Presented to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers by St. Paul's Society of Bell Ringers, Melbourne, Australia, as a token of our appreciation for the visit of a team of English bellringers during September, 1965, on the tour known at Great Adventure II. May the friendship and enthusiasm created by this visit endure, and may the future bring many more Great Adventures to us both."

The president, in accepting the gift, said he was sure they would wish him to congratulate Mr. Lock and all concerned on the success of Great Adventure II. It was a very delightful gift and he hoped that their secretary would express their grateful thanks for that lovely gift and the great kindness that had been shown to their ringers in Australia.

Report of the Records Committee

TOWER BELLS

January
2 5040 Regina Bob Roy., Oxford D.G.
9 5152 Finedon S.M., Peterborough.
21 5120 Shepperton S.M., Middlesex.
22 5120 Filton S.M., Gloucgester and Bristol
25 5024 Quantock S.M., Lincoln.
30 5120 Mauretania S.M., Gloucester and B
February
6 5040 Ebury Court Bob Roy., Oxford D.G.
8 5088 Xingu S.M., Lincoln
15 5120 Uffington S.M., Lincoln.
20 5040 Fulham S. Roy., Middlesex.
20 5024 Deddington S.M., Oxford D.G.
March
6 5056 Eccleston S.M., Kent.
23 5152 Griffin S.M., Gloucester and Bristol
27 5024 Douai S.M., Oxford D.G.
April
18 5152 Debenham S.M., Suffolk.
22 5152 Ditcheat S.M., Middlesex.
May
15 5056 Chelsfield S.M., Oxford U.S.
20 5024 Uppingham S.M. Middlesex.
29 5040 Ashbourne Col Bob Roy., Winchester and Portsmouth.
June
10 5024 Sprothorough S.M., Middlesex.
24 5024 Alford S.M., Middlesex.
26 5184 Kippen S.M., Oxford D.G.
July
4 5088 Chorley S.M., Lancashire.
8 5120 Wyrardisbury S.M., Middlesex.
10 5000 Primrose S. Roy., Chester.
10 5040 Upton Court Bob Roy., Oxford D.G
10 5088 Henley S.M., Peterborough.
27 5056 Lusitania S.M., Midland Counties.
August
6 5120 Skelton S.M., Yorkshire.
September
10 5056 Finborough S.M., Suffolk.
12 5088 Highclere S.M., Winchester and P
18 5280 Selwood S.M., Lancashire.
18 5088 Richmond Bob Maj (first in the method on tower bells). Surrey.
18 5056 Hernhill Imp. Maj., Kent.
November
4 5120 Thurston S.M., Middlesex.
13 5024 Icknield Court Bob Maj., Oxford.
18 5088 Marsham S.M., Middlesex.
December
4 5024 Bloxham S.M., Oxford D.G
12 5039 Winchester Bob Caters, Essex.
13 5152 Nantwich S.M., Lincoln.
16 5120 Brentham S.M., Middlesex.
23 5184 Kirkgate Bob Maj., Yorkshire.
30 5060 Hunslet Bob Cinques, Yorkshire.

SPLICED

Jan. 2 5024 10 Spliced S.M. (all the work), Kent.
23 5040 42 Spliced S.Roy., Yorkshire.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS

May 15 16368 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, St. Martin's.
June 3 5568 Londinium Surprise Maximus, St. Martin's
Dec. 18 17248 Yorkshire S.M., Lancashire

HANDBELLS

Feb. 10 5280 6-Spliced Surprise Major (all the work), Hertford.
Aug. 20 5120 23-Spliced S.M., Middlesex.

The above is the report of the Records Committee, being the first peals in the method and progressive performances which have been published in "The Ringing World" of 1965

J. R. MAYNE (Convener pro tem.),
170, Headstone Lane,
Harrow, Middlesex.
F. T. BLAGROVE.
L. K. MARSHALL.

Mr. F T Blagrove, in moving the adoption of the report, said Mrs Marshall was not standing. The librarian had referred to the work of Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Fletcher in looking after the papers of the committee. Mrs. Fletcher had suggested a binder and he moved that a binder be provided as a memorial to her.

Mr. E. K. Lewis seconded.

The hon. secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that the report of the committee be adopted, that Messrs. F. T. Blagrove and C. A. Wratten be elected to the committee and that a binder should be provided as a memorial to Mrs. Fletcher. Also that the Council expresses its sincere thanks to Mr. John Mayne and Mrs. Marshall.—This was agreed to.

Mr Beresford proposed that Dr. S. E. Sibson (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths) be elected to the committee and this was agreed to.

STANDING COMMITTEE

There were 15 nominations for the Standing Committee and the following 12 were elected: Mrs. Barnett, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. F. I. Hairs. W. B. Cartwright, W. G. Wilson. J F. Smallwood, F. E. Dukes, P. A. Corby. J Bray, R. F. B. Speed, W F Moreton and H. J. Sanger.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The president said that next year Whit Tuesday would be on May 16th and the Bank Holiday on Monday, 29th Would it be the wish of the Council to meet on May 30th? They would like to know the views of the secretary of the Southwell Diocesan Guild (The meeting will be in Nottingham.)

Mr. W L. Exton replied that ringing in the city of Nottingham would be restricted unless it was on a bank holiday.

Mr. R. S. Anderson moved that the meeting be held on Tuesday, May 30th, and this was agreed to by a substantial majority.

1968 MEETING

Two invitations were received for the 1968 meeting—from the Surrey Association for Croydon and the Worcestershire and Districts Association for Worcester The Council, after listening to speeches from Messrs. W. Parrott (Surrey) and D. Beacham (Worcester) decided by a substantial majority to accept Worcester.

The Council then adjourned for the civic reception given by the Mayor and Mayoress of Bath. Their Worships were thanked by the president.

The thanks was expressed by warm applause. Mr Lewis (Hereford Guild) asked if the Council would publish a Doubles book giving details of Plain methods and variations.

Mr. C. K Lewis replied that whether the Council would spend money on a book which was contrary to its Decisions was doubtful: it would be extremely dangerous. He would like to discuss it with his committee before expressing an opinion.

VOTE OF THANKS

The president expressed the thanks of the Council to many new friends. They were exceedingly grateful to the Mayor of Bath and the city of Bath for the use of that hall, and also to the Rt. Rev E. J. Wilson, who celebrated Holy Communion and gave them such a happy welcome. They must also thank the Master (the Rev. H. F. Warren) for his welcome, and the Rector of Bath Abbey (Preb. G. Lester) They were also grateful to the Bath and Wells Association, particularly Mr. G. Salmon and Mr. Eric Naylor for all the local arrangements, and to clergy and steeplekeepers for the use of bells which were enormously appreciated.

Finally the president thanked the various retiring members for the valuable work they had done, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett.

Mr. R. S. Anderson thanked Canon Thurlow for presiding, and the meeting closed at 6.35 p.m.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Fulwell 1, M. Sprackling 2, Susan Davis 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, R. Mitchell 5, P. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7 J. Porter 8. For morning service.

ELY, CAMBS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. J. Sandham (first of Minor) 1, J. W. Pickett 2, R. P. Turnill 3, F. W. Talbot 4, D. F. Murfet 5, B. B. Hullah (cond.) 6. For Ascension Day and Confirmation service.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Cyril A. Wratten informs us that his "A Collection of Surprise Compositions" (price 5s.) is nearly exhausted.

For his 25th wedding anniversary Mr. Dennis Jones rang his 25th peal at Christ Church, Southport, on May 26th.

The peal at Backwell, Somerset, on May 28th, was the 125th of Surprise Major by Michael J. Hobbs.

Dublin ringers took advantage of the heatwave on Whit Monday to travel to Arklow for an enjoyable ring on bells made famous by Washbrook.

Mr. J Hedgcock, Ringing Master at St. Thomas', Eccleston, St. Helens, Lancs, has been accepted for a three-year teacher-training course at Christ Church College, Canterbury, in September.

The ringers of the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Rothwell, Yorkshire, on June 4th, would like associated with the peal the name of Mr. Percy Massam, tower captain at Rothwell, whose birthday it was on this day.

A survey of Herefordshire church bells by Mr. Frederick Sharpe shows that the oldest bell in the county is at Brockhampton. It was cast in the 13th century. Herefordshire has more mediæval bells than any other county in Great Britain

After a peal of Wickhambreaux on May 28th the band congratulated Mr. Sidney Walter, now in his 84th year, on his fine performance throughout the peal. Mr. Walter, who lives at Wickhambreaux, has been a member of the Kent County Association since 1902.

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PEAL HARVEST AT BATH

Only one peal was lost during the Central Council's visit to Bath out of 17 attempted within the Association's area. Successes were:—

Saturday: Backwell, Long Ashton, Portishead.

Monday: Crewkerne, Curry Rivel, Drayton, Frome, Martock, Minehead, Shepton Mallet, Timberscombe, Yeovil.

Tuesday: Charlton Horethorne.

Wednesday: East Coker, Mark.

Friday: Evercreech.

The only peal lost was at Barrow Gurney on Monday and the band consisted of folk mainly from Birmingham!

KNOWLE PARISH CHURCH

The Rev. A. A Upton, of The Parsonage, Empshott Road, Southsea, has published privately a book on Knowle Parish Church, Warwickshire, entitled "Knowle Collegiate Church." A chapter is included giving the history of bellringing in Knowle, and a list of all peals rung in the tower with relevant details. Rules and regulations of the Knowle Church Bell Ringers' Society are also published. The book is being sold by Mr. Upton for two guineas, plus postage and packing, and the author suggests that ringers should approach their local libraries to secure one on loan.

BUFFALOES' PEAL ATTEMPTS

Mr. J. H. Taylor, of Sutterton, Boston, Lincs, writes expressing pleasure at the steps taken by Mr Stote and Mr. Theobald to arrange a peal to commemorate the centenary year of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes. He does not think a peal has ever been rung by the brethren and expresses the hope that there are sufficient brethren in Lincolnshire to ring a peal of Doubles, Minor or Triples.

KENT ASSOCIATION RINGING SCHOOL

On May 14th the Lewisham, Rochester and Tonbridge Districts of the K.C.A.C.R. joined forces to provide a one-day school at Frindsbury. The day commenced with prayers in church, which were followed by a talk on raising and maintaining a band, given by Mr. Alexander Waddington. Elementary change ringing was covered, partly in the belfry and partly in the nearby hall by Mr. Frank Darby. Mr. Ian Oram and Mr. Stanley Jenner gave lectures on conducting, followed by practical application in the tower. Bell control and ringing rounds were subjects dealt with by Mr. Walter Dobbie. At the end of the afternoon all enjoyed a talk on belfry maintenance and sound control, given by Mr. William Hughes.

Tea was served in the hall by members of the local band and lady helpers. Following the meal, the thanks of all were expressed by Mr. Terence Barton to the Vicar for the use of the church and bells, to Frindsbury ringers for the local arrangements, to the sub-committee for the organisation, to the lecturers, and to all concerned in providing the meal.

During the evening many of the people attending the course joined in a practice at Rochester Cathedral. W. H. D.

YOUNGEST VICE-PRESIDENT OF YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION



The youngest vice-president of the Yorkshire Association is Mr. Michael R. Meadows, of Wentworth, who is only 23 years of age. He was elected on Whit Saturday at the annual general meeting of the Southern District to succeed Mr. Norman Chaddock. Mr. Meadows has been a ringer for about nine years and has been captain of the Wentworth ringers since 1960. He has rung about 40 peals and more than 100 quarter peals. From 1962–65 he was a member of Sheffield University Society, being its secretary for part of this time.

Other elections at the meeting, which was held at Doncaster, were J. Seager to General Committee, Yorkshire Association: Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, Assistant Ringing Master.

A bus is to be hired to take members from Sheffield, Doncaster and Rotherham to the Association's dinner at Catterick in October. Reservations before the end of June to the secretary (with a s.a.e.).

Next meeting in Hemsworth area, joint with Barnsley and District Society.

YOUNGEST RINGING MASTER IN OXFORD GUILD

At the annual meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch at Eynsham, Mr. James F. List, of Northleigh, who is 17 years of age, was elected Ringing Master. He is thought to be the youngest Master in the Guild.

Other officers elected were: Chairman, Rev. P. E. Wilkins: deputy chairman, Mr. D. Smith: secretary, Mr. E. D. Patching: treasurer, Mr. A. Cantwell: Guild representatives, Messrs. P. Pearce, G. Holden and A. Cantwell.

Reports from towers shows that Woolton, now under Tom Venn, have a Sunday service change ringing team and have rung their first quarter. Efforts are being made to raise the money for rehanging Black Bourton bells, which have been unringable for years.

Canon C. E. Wigg and his wife attended the meeting, and wives and friends of local ringers provided a tasteful tea for 54.

Branch outing, July 9th, Loughborough Foundry.

"ODD-STRUCK"—TYNESIDE JUNIORS' MAGAZINE

St. George's Guild of Church Bell Ringers, Newcastle, had a sell-out of their first number of "Odd-Struck." Four more pages are added to this issue and the price increased to 6d. Andrew Craddock and Geoff White are joint editors of this number.

The issue is brimful of adolescent humour (the Editorial Committee might like to read it to ascertain what appeals to young readers). Here are examples: Belfry—steelmeal: Change Ringing—Rounds at St. John's: Double Bob—Conductor with a stutter; Single Court—One girl friend.

Another extract, from "So you want to ring bells":

> Bellringing's not so easy when
> It comes to Stedman Cinques.
> I think you know, if I were you,
> I'd stick to tiddlywinks.

A long handbell peal of 13,440 Plain Bob Major is to be attempted by St. George's Guild towards the end of July.

KEELE HAVE A GOOD FIRST YEAR

The retiring Master (Mr. Philip C. Kimber) reported at the annual general meeting of the University of Keele Society on May 11th a successful first year. Two peals and three quarters had been rung: two members had scored their first quarters, one her first peal and one his first quarter as conductor. Officers elected for the 1966–67 session were: Master, Anthony P. White; secretary/treasurer, Philip W. Gay.

SALISBURY BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

Martin Church was the venue for the annual striking competition of the Salisbury Branch on May 21st. The light ring of six was put to good use before the Guild service, conducted by the Rev. G. Baverstock. Over 40 ringers sat down to tea, kindly arranged by the local band.

The competition took place after tea, the result being: 1 Fittleton (Grandsire), 2 Wilton (Grandsire), 3 Enford (Grandsire), 4, St. Thomas', Sarum (Grandsire), 5 Martin (Grandsire), 6 Broadchalke (call changes). The judges, Messrs. J. Hartless, R. Marlow and L. Cobb, made some helpful remarks about each team's efforts. Thanks were expressed to the judges for their services by Mr. H. A. Roles (Branch chairman). G. A. T.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its annual cup contest on June 4th at Barlborough, near Chesterfield. Three teams came under the scrutiny of the judge, Mr. H. Chant, and his marker, Mr. S. Pilkington. Wentworth rang first (Oxford T.B.), followed by Warsop (Oxford T.B.) and a team from Sheffield University (Cambridge Surprise). Warsop were the winners and thus retain the cup for another year, the University team second, and Wentworth third. The Rector presented the cup to Miss Iris Cooke, of the winning team.

General ringing to a wide variety of methods took place in the evening. A. K.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Christopher H. Rogers	7
Wilfred Williams	2	David P. Hilling	8
Tudor J. Edwards	3	George E. Thoday	9
William A. Theobald	4	Cecil W. Pipe	10
John H. Fielden	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	11
Antony R. Kench	6	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

THE AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
CREWKERNE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in E flat

*Jennifer K. Murphy	Treble	Thomas J. Lock	5
Diana M. Pipe	2	A. Patrick Cannon	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Philip M. J. Gray	7
Ronald K. Russ	4	George W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Arranged as a tribute to Australian and New Zealand ringers and with the band's good wishes to Monica Collins and John Martin, of Woking, due to be married in Australia on June 4th, 1966.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MINEHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Andrew.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

Enid Lawson	Treble	Frank B. Lufkin	6
*Ann Lawson	2	Kenneth Lawson	7
Claudia A. Critchley	3	George E. Feirn	8
G. William Critchley	4	Norman V. Harding	9
Jack L. Millhouse	5	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

YEOVIL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Doris E. Colgate	6
Ann Jenner	2	Trevor A. Cross	7
Judith M. Corby	3	Stanley Jenner	8
Andrew J. Corby	4	Thomas Cullingworth	9
Ian H. Oram	5	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
Rung on the 30th anniversary of the conductor's first peal at Cudham, Kent, on May 30th, 1936.

EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., June 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Walter Ayre	Treble	Edgar C. Shepherd	6
Eric Naylor	2	S. Arthur Read	7
Trevor A. Cross	3	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	8
William A. Theobald	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	9
Ronald G. Beck	5	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Edgar C. Shepherd. (No. 5.)
Rung as a welcome to H.M. the Queen, who visited the Bath and West Show on this day. Tenor 21 cwt.

BACKWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 17 methods, comprising 384 changes each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindrum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Uxbridge, 320 of Bristol and 192 each of Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Jersey, Ospringe and Yorkshire, with 140 changes of method. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Ivor Goulter	Treble	§Michael J. Hobbs	5
*Jennifer M. Taylor	2	*Bruce Wakefield	6
†Diane M. Chapman	3	Cyril A. Wratten	7
‡Anthony R. Peake	4	‡§Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal of Major in 17 methods. † First peal of Spliced away from treble. ‡ 25th peal together. § 100th peal together.

LONG ASHTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 30¾ cwt.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Eric Naylor	5
Shelagh R. Collins	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Walter Ayre	3	Joe E. G. Roast	7
Cecil W. Pipe	4	Norman Harding	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
Fiftieth peal on the bells.

PORTISHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F

Thomas Cullingworth	Treble	Kenneth Lawson	5
*Ann Lawson	2	Tony Lewis	6
*Enid Lawson	3	Ian H. Oram	7
Ann Jenner	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal in the method.

FROME, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 27 cwt.

George E. Fearn	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	5
Ruth M. Foreman	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
Ronald G. Beck	3	David J. Purnell	7
Philip H. D. Jones	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
250th peal as conductor.

MARTOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	John G. Gipson	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	Peter Adcock	7
Tony Lewis	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

SHEPTON MALLETT, Som.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	John C. Slater	5
Stephen Ivin	2	James R. Taylor	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	David P. Hilling	7
Ronald J. Sharpe	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

TIMBERSCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Petrock.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Margaret Lawson	Treble	Norman V. Harding	5
Peter A. Sharp	2	Kenneth Lawson	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
G. William Critchley	4	Jack L. Millhouse	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

CHARLTON HORETHORNE, Som.,—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., May 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

Peter Bridle	Treble	D. John Hunt	5
Diana M. Chapman	2	Rev. Roger O. Fry	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	John C. Slater	7
Richard W. Sweet	4	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

MARK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Wed., June 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Walter Ayre	Treble	Jack L. Millhouse	5
Shelagh R. Collins	2	Peter A. Sharp	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	H. William Barrett	7
Cyril A. Wratten	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conduced by Cyril A. Wratten.

LANGPORT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., May 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Michael Stone	Treble	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	4
Ronald Short	2	H. E. George Jeanes	5
Fred Sandy	3	William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.
Rung on the 27th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. G. Jeanes.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.
NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., May 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents Ebor Surprise and four Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*J. S. B. Powell	Treble	†Anthony K. Fertin	4
Julia A. Fellows	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
P. John Hall	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal. † 50th peal and 25th of Minor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASTBURY, CHESHIRE.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of (1) Northumberland, (2) Sandiacre, (3) Alnwick, (4) Newcastle, (5) Munden, (6) Chester, (7) Carlisle. Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

David J. Midgley	Treble	Raymond J. Ballard	4
Norman Sherratt	2	Charles A. S Webb	5
*Felicity T. Webber	3	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Conducted by Roy Worrall.
* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

BRERETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Frl., June 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In eleven methods, being two extents of Fortune and four each of Grandstre, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure and Southrepps. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp

John R. Scott	Treble	James S. Baker	3
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	Gerald Parsons	4
Frank R. Morton	Tenor		

Conducted by Frank R. Moreton.
Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two extents each of Kent T.B., Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*Keith W. Eaton	Treble	A. Doreen Edwards	4
*Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	*John R. Scott	5
John E. Brough	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by John E. Brough.
* First peal in four Minor methods.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WEALD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F

Robert Bridges	Treble	Derek Riley	4
Sidney King	2	Stan Clark	5
John H. W. Smith	3	William H. Aley	Tenor

Conducted by William H. Aley.
Rung as a birthday compliment and tribute to Harry King, a ringer at North Weald since 1905 and tower captain since 1943 Also to mark his retirement after 25 years as churchwarden.

ASSINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund K. and M.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Eileen Gibbins	Treble	George N. Orman	4
Rachel J. R. Orman	2	Edward E. Davey	5
Alan R. Andrews	3	Arthur G. Button	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
* First peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HIGHWORTH, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 20 methods, comprising 384 changes each of Cambridge, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative and Uxbridge, 256 of Bristol and 192 each of Ashtead, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rutland and Yorkshire, with 150 changes of method. Tenor 17½ cwt.

W. Bertram Kynaston	Treble	Michael J. Hobbs	5
James R. Taylor	2	Edward R. Venn	6
*Diane M. Chapman	3	Peter Bridle	7
Anthony R. Peake	4	Victor Griffin	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* First peal of Major in 20 methods.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER, Kent.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

Herbert E. Audsley	Treble	Richard Hayes	6
Lucile M. Corby	2	Andrew J. Corby	7
*Hilary F. Hinde	3	D. Paul Smith	8
Cyril S. Jarrett	4	Robert W. Hinde	9
*†Judith M. Corby	5	†Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* 25th peal together. † 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.
Rung as a farewell to the Dean of Rochester, the Rt. Rev. R. W. Stannard.

LYDD, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*Bruce N. Butler	Treble	Robert W. Hinde	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
Lucile M. Corby	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Hilary F. Hinde	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Judith M. Corby.
* First peal attempt. First peal in the method as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sun., May 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt.

Ernest Bennett	Treble	Dennis McCormick	6
John Ascroft	2	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Margaret Crossthwaite	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	8
Margaret E. Fort	4	Alan Gardiner	9
*Christopher Watson	5	Roger Barnes	Tenor

Composed by A. M. Tyler. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal on ten.

BILSBORROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Hilda.
On Sat., April 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
Anne E. Bateson	2	Derek Butterworth	6
Bernard Moss	3	Philip J. Crossthwaite	7
Cyril Crossthwaite	4	Richard J. Parker	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Malcolm A. Phillips	5
*Julie Lethbridge	2	David G. Wilford	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Jeffrey Kershaw	7
David F. Moore	4	Richard S. Starkie	Tenor

Composed by M. Bruce. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards
* First peal of Yorkshire.

OSWALDTWISTLE, Lancashire.—At the Church of Immanuel.
On Sun., May 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	Tudor P. Edwards	5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	Derek Butterworth	6
Jeffrey Kershaw	3	John H. Fielden	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., May 26, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, viz.: 2,340 Bristol, 1,600 London, 480 each Cambridge and Superlative, 120 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Kenneth Wilson	Treble	*Eric Cook	5
Ronald Kenrick	2	Thomas Hesketh	6
*Norman Heaps	3	*Dennis Jones	7
*Martin Snape	4	Joseph Ridyard	Tenor

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.
Rung for the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Jones, also for the former's 25th peal.

ALMONDSBURY, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Tues., May 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat

*Allison M. Mann	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
*Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	Geoffrey Cheetham	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	*John H. Fielden	7
J. Colin Ashworth	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal in the method.

LECK, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In four methods, being 12 extents St. Simon and 10 each of St. Martin, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*Pauline Moss	Treble	†David H. Garnett	3
†James E. Dickinson	2	*Bernard Moss	4
†Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor		

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
* First of Doubles without a cover. † First of Doubles. First peal on the bells (a ring of five by J. Taylor and Co.) since 1914.
Rung on the eve of the induction of the new Vicar, Canon R. F. Cookson.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOTTESFORD, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 28, 1966 in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

J. Martin Thorley ..	Treble	Michael Stimpson	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Brian S. Chapman	6
*Alan Evans	3	B. Stedman Payne	7
J. Edward Cawser ..	4	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

MONKS KIRBY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Edith.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in D.

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	A. Maxwell Lindsey	5
*Roger J. Starbuck	2	Samuel J. Haines	6
Martin Green	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Howard C. Palmer ..	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal on eight bells "inside."

PRESTWOLD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CHILTERN SURPRISE MAJOR

Brian S. Chapman	Treble	W. Ernest Rawson	5
Alfred Ballard	2	B. Stedman Payne	6
Christopher M. Sturgess ..	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley Conducted by J. Edward Cawser
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 5th. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., June 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 HARLESDEN SURPRISE MAJOR

*Claudia A. Critchley ..	Treble	*Dennis Knox	5
*Joan Beresford	2	*G. William Critchley ..	6
Alick Cutler	3	Thomas J Lock	7
*Ruth M. Foreman	4	*John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Richard F B. Speed. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BARTHOMLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bertoline.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E

*Caroline Stewart	Treble	Charles A. S. Webb ..	5
Norman Sherratt	2	†Gerald Parsons	6
Harold Dowler	3	†Philip W. Gay	7
Raymond J. Ballard ..	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Rutland.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sun., May 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Stanley M. Ruddlesden ..	Treble	Barry E. Saunders ..	6
Shelagh R. Collins	2	Arthur Gibbs	7
Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	4	Rev. Giles C. Galley ..	9
Norman V. Harding ..	5	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
Rung to convey the best wishes of the band to Monica E. Collins, of Adelaide (S. Australia), and John Martin, of Bendigo (Victoria), on their engagement. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Aston.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Albert Diserens	Treble	Frank W. Lewis	7
Robert C. Kippin	2	Edward W. Colley	8
Frederick R. Scott	3	J. Keith Ward	9
Helen M. Diserens	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	10
John N. Diserens	5	Ronald F. Diserens	11
John Manley	6	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants.—At the Church of St John the Baptist.
On Sat., April 23, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 3 qr. 18 lb.

Reginald W Rex	Treble	Frank W. Lewis	5
Frederick R. Scott	2	Tom Page	6
J. Keith Ward	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
Geoffrey K. Dodd	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by N J. Pitstow. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb in F sharp.

Edward R. Venn	Treble	John Manley	5
Peter J. Heritage	2	Sydney M. Bailey	6
Frederick R. Scott	3	Noel J. Diserens	7
Maurice G. Ingram	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by J Keith Ward.

DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES, Oxon.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Edward R. Venn	Treble	Sydney M. Bailey	5
Maurice G. Ingram ..	2	William Birmingham ..	6
Peter J. Heritage	3	Dennis Knox	7
Frederick R. Scott	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by D. R. Carlisle, et al. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Tues., May 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

*Mary R. Coleman ..	Treble	*Edward C. Buckby	6
*Jean Marlow	2	John G. Mitchell	7
Sheila J. Staley	3	*Kevan J. Chapman ..	8
*Eric J. Chapman	4	*Richard J. Cowley ..	9
*Philip Bosworth	5	Murray A Coleman ..	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal of Royal.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. FLORENCE, Tenby, Pembs.—At the Church of St. Florencius.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Plain Bob, three of Kent T.B. and one of Oxford T.B. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*Derek H. Walters	Treble	Adrian C. Boorman ..	4
Philip C. Rogers	2	L. Henry Jenkins	5
Rev. Russen W. Thomas	3	John Hill	Tenor

Conducted by John Hill.
* First peal.
A 21st birthday compliment to Adrian C. Boorman.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIMBORNE MINSTER, Dorset.—At the Minster Church of St. Cuthberga
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb

*Katherine J. Maundrell	Treble	*Jeffrey L. Claughton ..	6
*Mary E. Elmes	2	*William T. Perrins ..	7
*Helen A. Hobbins	3	*John W. Blackwood ..	8
†Raymond Haines	4	Lewis F. Cobb	9
*John N. Longridge ..	5	Ronald N. Marlow ..	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal on ten bells. † 50th peal.

SHERBORNE, Dorset.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt 5 lb. in B flat.

Gillian M. Hussey ..	Treble	Trevor A. Cross	5
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	2	Philip Mehew	6
James R. Taylor	3	D. John Hunt	7
Roger Baldwin	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROAD HINTON, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 27 methods/variations, viz., Two extents each of Stedman Slow Course, Union Bob, St. Nicholas, St. Remigius, Winchendon, St John, St. Simon, St. Osmund St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, one extent each of All Saints, Rushall Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, April Day, Seighford, Old Bob Norfolk, Kennington, Dedworth, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and five extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*Janet P. Pink	Treble	K. Barry Osborne	4
Pamela A. Osborne	2	Derrick P. Bailey	5
Colin C. Hillier	3	Paul A. Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by Derrick P. Bailey.

* First peal, first attempt. Most methods to a peal by all the band. All Sunday service ringers at St. Mary's, Devizes.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

LICHFIELD, Staffs.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad,
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D

Derek Yates	Treble	John Worth	6
Frank Osbaldiston	2	Edward Jenkins	7
Basil Jones	3	Derek Butterworth	8
Harold C. Lonyon	4	Brian Harris	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

OLD HILL, Worcestershire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being five extents of Cambridge Surprise and two extents of Plain Bob Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. in E

Joseph William Cotton	Treble	Philip R. Johnson	4
Richard B. Dorrington	2	Gordon H. Lane	5
Cyril Taberner	3	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5120 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

D. Mary Beresford	Treble	*Patrick W. Saltmarsh	5
Joan Beresford	2	*Joe E. G. Roast	6
*Ian R. Panton	3	*Dennis A. S. Symonds	7
Peter J. Eves	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal of Glasgow Surprise Major.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST RETFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 23 cwt. approx

John Walden	Treble	Walter Tomlinson	6
*Harry Poyner	2	*Harold Gibson	7
*Beryl N. Reed	3	*James A. D. Woolford	8
A. Robin Heppenstall	4	Geoffrey Paul	9
John Freeman	5	Geoffrey R. Parker	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by John Freeman

* First peal of London Royal First in the method on the bells.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Wed., May 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being nine methods/variations, viz.: Two extents Grandsire and five extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford and April Day.

Tenor 12 cwt

W. Gordon Marsh	Treble	David Oliver	4
Robert D. Marsh	2	Maurice W. Harrison	5
Ruth Blackshaw	3	Albert Foster	Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

A birthday peal.

GAMSTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. Peter
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A

Grace Burchnall	Treble	A. Harry Hawcroft	4
Katherine Burchnall	2	*David R. Chambers	5
Eleanor Rose	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

* First peal in three methods.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues, May 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven independent 720's. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*Keith Hilton	Treble	Doreen Metcalfe	4
Harold Denman	2	†S. Geoffrey Pick	5
Mary C. Poyner	3	Harry Poyner	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal. † First "inside"

Rung by members of the N Notts District to celebrate the birth of James Stephen Woods, whose mother, Mary, is the treble ringer's sister and was a ringer at this church prior to her marriage.

BARTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Tues., May 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.

*Arthur Newell	Treble	Reginald Stretton	4
Neil Handley	2	Graham Fisher	5
*Roy Whitworth	3	David Oliver	Tenor

Conducted by David Oliver.

* First peal of Minor.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., June 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 91 lb. in A flat.

*John W. Carter	Treble	†J. Ian Margetts	4
Trevor N. J. Bailey	2	Ralph W. Bickers	5
†Thomas J. Brock	3	*Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor N. J. Bailey.

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

Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to Mr. L. Ludbrook, a ringer at Kelsale for 48 years.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr 12½ lb. in F.

Derek Slater	Treble	Christopher T Osenton	5
Olive D Tester	2	W Arthur Riddington	6
Bernard F. L. Groves	3	Colin A. Tester	7
John A Howard	4	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by J. R Ketteringham. Conducted by Bernard F. L Groves.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Valerie J. Howard	Treble	Colin A. Tester	5
George Francis	2	*W Arthur Riddington	6
*Martin L. Howe	3	Christopher T. Osenton	7
John A. Howard	4	Bernard F L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* 50th peal together.

HASTINGS, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Clement.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's twelve-part (6th obs.). Tenor 15 cwt.

Janet M. Percy	Treble	Frederick J. Lambert	5
*Rosemary Earl	2	Betty Percy	6
Christine M. Baldock	3	†Alan R. Baldock	7
Kathleen A. Rivett	4	Robert W. R. Percy	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal of Triples. † 50th for the Association. First in the method on the new bells.

Rung as part of the celebrations for the 900th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

LAUNCESTON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St Mary Magdalene.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th obs.). Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Alan Carveth	Treble	Rev. A. S. Roberts	5
Frances M. Rickard	2	Derek A. Trethewey	6
Graham F. Dunstan	3	Anthony J. Davidson	7
Anthony Locke	4	Wilfred C. Boucher	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Wroth, of Launceston, a ringer at this tower for 60 years. Also with the best wishes of the band to Frances M. Rickard on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
HAGLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., June 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 110 lb.

Margaret Lawson	Treble	Norman J. Goodman ..	5
*Ann Lawson	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
Kenneth Lawson	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
*Enid Lawson	4	J. Alan Ainsworth ..	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

David Nichols	Treble	Herbert O. Chaddock ..	6
Patricia Rogers	2	John S. Seager	7
Neil Donovan	3	Rodney H. French	8
Kathleen M. Higgins ..	4	Richard E. Price	9
Richard J. Tibbetts ..	5	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

ROTHWELL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	*Alan Newbould	5
Valerie M. Massam	2	*Guy Cox	6
Christopher A. Moxon ..	3	Ian North	7
Irvin Slack	4	Robin Brown	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Ian North.
* First peal.

(Leeds and District Society.)
KIRKTHORPE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., May 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Kent and Oxford T.B. and two extents each of Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Patricia Lockwood ..	Treble	†Alan Clifton	4
David S. Lockwood ..	2	Ian North	5
Eric Robinson	3	Irvin Slack	Tenor

Conducted by Irvin Slack.
* First peal attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.
On Sun., May 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 11 in G.

Alan McFall	1–2	*Christine C. McNair ..	5–6
Robert B. Smith (cond.) ..	3–4	Frederick Shallcross ..	7–8
Neil Bennett	9–10		

Composed by York Green. ("Changing Ringing" p. 221.)
Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Tues., May 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In three methods, comprising 3,360 London (No. 3) and 840 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 84 changes of method.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	Christopher W. Woolley ..	7–8
Gerald Penney	9–10		

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
This is the first peal to be rung in three Surprise Royal methods on handbells. Tenor size 15 in C.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.
On Tuesday, May 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5–6
Edward J. Beer	3–4	Christopher T. Osenton ..	7–8
Stuart Sandford	9–10		

Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
Rung as an engagement compliment to the conductor and Lesley-Anne King. Tenor size 15 in C.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., June 3, 1966, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 WINDSOR SINGLE BOB MINOR (II)
Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary Whalley	3–4
Kevin M. Price	5–6		

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
First peal in the method by all and believed to be the first in the method for the Association

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 1st, 1,320 Bourne S. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (first in method as cond.) 1, Margaret C. Godfrey 2, Wendy Wallace (first in method) 3, Carol Cousins (first in method "inside") 4, R. Rayfield (first in method) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins. Also on May 29th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Gaynor Wallace 1, Carol Cousins 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Amanda Powell 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Matins

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On May 1st, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): G. Wilcox 1, G. Edwards 2, K. Eaton 3, J. Scott (cond.) 4, L. Perry 5. First quarter in five methods by all. For Evensong.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Soper 1, F. Smith 2, S. Brook 3, Mrs. W. Brook 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, B. Booth 6. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. F. L. Freeman, who celebrated her 100th birthday this day.

BASLOW, DERBYS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Foster 1, M. E. Hearnshaw 2, S. E. Davis 3, J. Arkwell 4, T. Wylie (cond.) 5, L. Udall (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. L. K. Usherwood, Vicar of Edale, formerly lay reader and Sunday school teacher at Baslow.

BENTWORTH, HANTS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire and P.B. Doubles: D. M. Hadley (first quarter) 1, Mary White 2, Maureen White 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5. A farewell to Ingrid and Derek White, on their removal to West Germany.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Pyke 1, D. Stocker (first in method 2, Julia Collinge 3, Mrs. B. van-Asselt 4, Mrs. B. Stocker 5, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, P. S. Abbott 2, E. J. Whiting 3, P. R. Godfrey 4, J. Jefferies 5, J. F. W. Allen 6. For the marriage of James Robert Hall and Sandra Georgina Childerley.

BUSHBURY, STAFFS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Lloyd 1, Julia M. Saunders 2, Margaret L. Ellwood 3, R. D. Baker 4, K. W. Price 5, P. J. Barker (cond.) 6.

CAVERSHAM, BERKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Osborne 1, T. N. Lanaghan 2, A. Fleet 3, Mrs. P. Lanaghan 4, W. Sidwell 5, R. Harris (cond.) 6.

CHARING, KENT.—On May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Betty Robbins 1, Diana M. Bradford (most methods to a quarter) 2, J. L. Anderson 3, R. N. Bagshaw (cond.) 4, P. J. Bagshaw 5, Rev P. T. Robbins 6. For Whitsun Evensong.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Whit Monday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 variations): Jennifer A. Bilham (first quarter) 1, H. Corney 2, C. R. Smith 3, C. A. Ottaway 4, J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 5, T. N. Willis (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Flower Festival.

CLAPHAM COMMON, S.W.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. H. Netherton 1, Miss R. I. Cotton 2, Miss I. E. Shanks 3, G. W. Shanks 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, T. Farmer 6. For Whit Sunday.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosetta Roberts 1, R. Wetenhall (cond.) 2, Marjorie Street (first of Doubles) 3, W. Pooley 4, B. Street (first Grandsire Doubles) 5, Barbara Rodgers 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. A compliment to the tenor ringer (age 14), who is leaving for Leicester.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 21st, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: R. Taylor 1, O. G. Barnard 2, A. Cook 3, H. D. Lister (cond.) 4, L. Forster 5, C. Orves 5, T. Lockwood 7, S. Arbon 8. For the Singing Festival.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On May 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. Butler (first of Major) 1, Lucile Corby 2, Judith Corby (cond.) 3, A. Leeves 4, R. Weeks 5, P. Corby 6, A. Corby 7, G. Waters 8. First of Surprise Major "inside" 4 and 5.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On May 28th, at the Abbey, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. A. Eele 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle (cond.) 2, J. Froome 3, Mrs. C. A. Randle 4, B. C. Castle 5, R. K. Rivers 6, C. A. Eele 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8. Rung by St. Nicholas', Hurst, band.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Warren 1, A. Richardson 2, G. Ellis 3, P. Taylor 4, I. Campbell 5, Miss R. Foreman 6, B. Watson (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. Rung for deanery service.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. F. Cobb 1, J. L. Claughton 2, W. T. Perrins 3, J. Baverstock (first in method) 4, D. Wilson 5, J. N. Longridge (first in method) 6, A. T. Collins (first in method as cond.) 7, J. O. Coleman 8.

GORING, OXON.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Tull (aged 10) 1, Carol Tull (aged 12) 2, N. Tull 3, H. Tull 4, S. Franklin 5, Miss M. G. Trent (first "inside") 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, L. Haines 8. For Whitsun Evensong.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—At St. Wulfram's, on May 7th, 1,440 Prittlewell Surprise Royal: M. Green 1, S. J. Haines 2, M. E. Wade 3, W. E. Rawson 4, D. A. Frith 5, W. A. Lacey (cond.) 6, J. M. Thorley 7, R. H. Cook 8, A. M. Lindsey 9, R. K. Mason 10. First of Prittlewell by all. Rung after meeting too late to start for a peal.

KEYWORTH, NOTTS.—At 5, Meadow Drive, on May 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Christine L. J. Mills 1—2, B. M. Buswell (first of Major as cond. "in hand") 3—4, W. L. Exton 5—6, R. B. Mills 7—8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Pryke 1, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 2, L. Pryke 3, F. Hunt 4, C. Poulson 5, A. J. Haynes 6, E. Cracknell 7, R. Chambers 8. For Evensong.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On May 29th, 1,264 Bob Major: D. Young 1, W. Clamp 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, H. Clayton 4, R. Looker 5, J. L. Day 6, O. Homewood 7, R. E. Manton (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2, 5 and 7. Rung for Whitsun Evensong.

PRESTON (Weymouth), DORSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Barbara Moss (first quarter) 1, A. J. Slade 2, Miss B. Marsh 3, Mrs. A. J. Slade (cond.) 4, D. Cull 5, R. Voss 6. To mark the 80th birthday of Rev. E. V. Tanner, M.C.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's, on May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. Martin 1, T. Newlands 2, J. Collard 3, D. Rennolds 4, F. J. Sampson 5, J. R. Taylor 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, Miss G. M. Hussey 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Reed 1, Miss J. Brown 2, M. Tunnicliffe 3, P. S. Royd-Jones 4, Miss F. Cannon (cond.) 5, T. Culver 6, D. G. H. Hollis 7, J. Dafters 8. For Evensong. Also on May 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. F. Oakshett 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, Miss J. Brown (first of Stedman Triples) 3, Miss F. Cannon 4, P. J. Spice 5, R. C. Stevens 6, J. W. Smith (cond.) 7, D. G. H. Hollis 8. Rung for the wedding of Susan M. Brown (local ringer) to James H. Holroyd.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lynn Hollingsbee (first quarter) 1, Christine A. McGarrick 2, K. I. Davis 3, D. W. Standing 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, C. J. Wyld 6. For the wedding of Miss J. Phillips to Mr. D. J. Phillips.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On May 30th, 1,168 Plain Bob Major: D. J. Gay 1, V. A. Hemming 2, Miss J. A. Fellows 3, P. J. Hall 4, C. J. Royal 5, R. J. Snack 6, A. K. Fortin 7, C. B. Dove (comp. and cond.) 8.

CROPWELL BISHOP, NOTTS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints and Reverse Canterbury): W. G. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, D. Oliver 4, M. W. Harrison 5. Rung for the Deanery Confirmation service.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. E. W. Baines 1, Miss V. A. Stevens 2, Miss P. M. Butcher 3, Mrs. B. Baines 4, A. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, W. J. Sale 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lady Dorothy Macmillan.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Ascension Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. N. Mounsey (longest length on tower bells) 1, Anne Parry 2, Linda M. Wilkinson 3, Mary C. Poyner 4, Doreen Metcalfe 5, J. A. Coates (cond.) 6. Also on May 25th (Mayor-making day): Doreen Metcalfe 1, P. N. Mounsey (first "inside") 2, Mary C. Poyner 3, D. Butler 4, J. A. Coates 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6. Both rung on the top six.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,344 Bob Major: Carol Francis (first of Major) 1, Janet Cave 2, Jacquie Hedges 3, Gloria Simpson 4, Beryl Platt 5, Teresa Langdon 6, D. Langdon 7, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 8. A farewell tribute to Rev. Eric Rees, curate for 14 years.

ELING, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Hilary Widgery (first quarter) 1, Ann K. Longman (first in method) 2, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 3, T. Matcham (first in method) 4, B. Mackrell 5, P. R. Parsons 6.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On May 20th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): H. Ivings 1, W. M. Ivings 2, R. Rose 3, G. Herbert 4, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 5. In memory of Gladys Wilby, organist for the past 35 years.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles (called alternately): R. H. Roberts (first quarter) 1, R. Allinson (first in two methods) 2, Gladys D. Northway 3, W. R. Gilks (first quarter) 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.—On April 15th, 1,296 Minor (London and Cambridge Surprise): J. Sheppard 1, Sheila Hallett 2, R. Taylor 3, M. Bartlett 4, C. Jenkins 5, E. Skipsey (cond.) 6.

GREAT TORRINGTON, DEVON.—On June 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Diserens (cond.) 1, Mrs. A. Diserens 2, F. A. H. Wilkins 3, B. G. D. Vince 4, H. W. Egglestone 5, H. Stacey 6, W. L. Exton 7, C. Sangwin 8.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,200 Grandsire Doubles: Daphne Webb 1, Pauline M. Kingston 2, F. C. Hall 3, G. Kingston 4, G. A. Atkins (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

HEVER, KENT.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Gribble 1, P. Everest 2, R. Everest 3, R. Hayes 4, H. Evans (first as cond.) 5, Miss R. Day (first quarter) 6.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Susan Mitchell 1, Susan E. Thompson 2, Mary I. Hildred 3, T. W. Brighton 4, Jennifer E. Pearce 5, A. C. Banton (50th quarter as cond.) 6. First of Oxford T.B. for all. For Whitsun, and as a compliment to John and Margaret Woolley, on the birth of a daughter.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Whit Sunday, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: D. T. C. Smith 1, Elsie K. Hart 2, Dorothea E. Rowbotham 3, Ruth M. Foreman 4, W. G. Knight 5, R. A. Fardon 6, M. F. Lock 7, T. J. Lock (cond.) 8. First quarter 3, 4, 5 and 7. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: F. M. Bowers 1, H. Miles 2, Marion L. Lidgey (first of Stedman Doubles as cond.) 3, A. P. Smith 4, M. Peters 5. Rung for Evensong.

LITTLE HORKESLEY, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Brenda Green (first quarter) 1, M. J. Warren 2, B. A. Lord (cond.) 3, Vivian Cross 4, D. E. Culham 5.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Lambard 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, G. Prescott 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Venn 5, A. Skinner 6. Half-muffled after the funeral service, as a tribute to T. A. Bale, churchwarden at this church.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Glynis E. Perry (first quarter) 1, H. Corney 2, J. Ottaway (first quarter) 3, F. W. Tomlin 4, A. R. Crowson 5, A. Faulkner 6, D. Riley (cond.) 7, K. G. Gardner 8. For Confirmation.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): M. Bartlett 1, R. Taylor 2, Brenda Boyce 3, C. Jenkins 4, W. Rice 5, G. Prescott 6, E. Skipsey (cond.) 7, Sheila Y Hallett 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the University, on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Humphrey (cond.) 1—2, G. A. Dawson (first "in hand") 3—4, I. V. J Smith (first "in hand") 5—6.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Vanessa Rodrigues 1, May Welch 2, Elizabeth Barber 3, Elizabeth Wills 4, Hilary Pardoe 5, P. Brand (cond.) 6. For SS. Hugh and Hilda's Day.

PEMBROKE.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Lingard 1, A. F. Walters 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, J. D. Thomas 4, L. H. Jenkins 5, P. C Rogers (cond.) 6. Rung open, in memoriam Mrs Mary Buckland, M.A. Oxon, Cathedral librarian bellringer and tower secretary at St David's

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Puddy (first quarter) 1, M. G. Bartlett 2, J. Sheppard 3, E. T. Skipsey 4, R. Taylor (cond.) 5, C. R. Jenkins 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. W. Darvill 1—2, K. J. Darvill 3—4, V. Nutton (cond.) 5—6, S. P. Darvill 7—8, F. C. Hobson 9—10. First quarter of Royal "in hand" by all except the conductor Rung to welcome the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Slade.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara J. Duck 1, Frances M Rickard 2, A. Locke 3, C. W. Jose 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, G. F. Dunstan 6 Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, G. F. Dunstan 2, Frances M. Rickard 3, A. Locke 4, C. W. Jose 5, D. A. Trethewey 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, A. Beattie 8 A 21st birthday compliment to Frances M. Rickard.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. Godfrey 1, Mrs. R. I. Crosby 2, H. W. Cox 3, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 4, J. B. Nicholson 5, R. I. Crosby 6 For Evensong.

SEATON, RUTLAND.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. T. Norris 1, A. Naylor 2, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 3, R. Crowden 4, G. W. Hand 5.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. M. Taylor 1, P. R. Denton (first "inside") 2, D. J. Ley 3, J. L. Queen 4, P. J Daniel (first as cond.) 5, W. J. Moore 6.

SILVERTON, DEVON.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Down (first quarter) 1, A. G. Selley 2 H. Ransom 3, J. R. Hutchings 4, W. E. Richards (cond.) 5, P. S. Down 6. A compliment to David Petherick, on his 21st birthday

SILEBY, LEICS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): R. A. Clarke 1, H. C. Palmer 2, M. Green 3, M. E. Wade 4, R. H. Cook (cond.) 5, R. K. Mason 6. Rung after meeting short for Major.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Clark 1, Wendy R. Austin 2, G. Kenward 3, S. B. Dobbie 4, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 5, B. E. Jemmett 6. First of Surprise 1 and 2.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral, on May 15th, 1,259 Erin Cinques: Mrs. G. G. Meyer 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, M. J. Uphill 4, L. C. Way 5, K. J. Rider 6, M. Hatchett 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith 10, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 11, C. T. Richards 12. For the nave service opening Christian Aid Week.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On May 26th, 1,344 Rutland Surprise Major: E. Short 1, Marguerite Battram 2, J. Thorley 3, H. Scott 4, W. B. Critchley (cond.) 5, H. Wagstaff 6, G. Jackson 7, F. J. Jackson 8 For Confirmation.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Lay (first quarter) 1, F. Trinder 2, V. Clifton 3, N. Leslie 4, D. Leslie (cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.—On May 26th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: A. Walker 1, P. Wren (first "inside") 2, D. Boniface (cond.) 3 and 4, Wendy Gilbert (first inside") 5.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Bissat 1, M. J. Crowell 2, C. F. Mutton 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, A. Diserens 5, Margaret A. Bould 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, H. Trewin 8 Birthday compliment to Albert Diserens.

STURRY, KENT.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Payne (first quarter) 1, P. Harrisson 2, Diana Grayling 3, Tina Bouldin (cond.) 4, A. Pullin 5, G. Thompson 6. First "inside" 3 and 5. For Evensong.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Wenden 1, D. N. Wenden (first "inside") 2, J. H. Gould 3, R. Stephenson 4, D. Bloyce 5, A. Semken (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment for the ringer of the treble.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): F. D. Mack (cond.) 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, H. L. Crisp 3, G. West 4, D. A Wills 5 A E. Knight 6 First quarter in three methods for all except conductor.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J Horewood 1, R. J. Scott 2, R. Rowley 3, W. F Sear 4, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 5, W. F. Gladman 6. For Evensong.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Colwell 1, Miss H. Atney 2, J. E. Metcalfe 3, H. Crabbe 4, T. Nicholls (first as cond.) T. Crabbe 6. Rung for Eucharist.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire and P.B. Doubles: Sally Palmer 1, K. G. Waller 2, Maureen White 3, P. Page 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, N. J. Lambert 6. For Whitsuntide.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On May 31st, 1,330 Plain Bob Royal: J. Southey 1, T. H Norris 2, K. J. Walpole 3, A Tubb 4, D. Rothera 5, R. G. Smith 6, B. B. Hullah 7, D. K. Adkins 8, D. E. House 9, G. B. Thompson (cond.) 10. For consecration of new Church of St. Andrew, Chorleywood.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. M. Bindon 1, A. H. Reed 2, M. J. Beale 3, J. E Brewer 4, F. Avery 5, K. E. Beale 6, R. F. Arscott (first as cond.) 7, R. M. B. Cullen 8. First for 1, 3 and 6.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire and P.B Doubles: Sandra Ivey 1, Mary White 2, Maureen White 3, Christine Mason 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, R. A Stone 6. A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr and Mrs. F. Hunt, of West Meon.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Yates (aged 9, first on eight) 1 Toni M. Rogers 2, Janet I. Rogers 3, G. E. Green 4, W. A. Yates 5, F. C. Case 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, R. H. Rogers 8. For Evensong

WIGTOFT, LINCS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. W. Elkington 1, J. W. Bailey 2, R. E. Smalley 3, K. Coleman 4, P Reynolds 5, M. J. Woods (cond.) 6.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (eleven methods): R. J. Burrell 1, J. S. Baker 2, F. S. Sutton 3, F. R. Morton (cond.) 4, T. E. Trickett 5, G. K. Green 6. Rung for the Nantwich R.D.C. chairman's service

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Harvey 1, F. Williams 2, D. A. Wills 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. A 90th birthday compliment to Jack West, a ringer for 68 years.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jacqueline M. Sewell 1, Jane Blackler 2, P. Church 3, C. P. Starbuck 4, P. W. Hawcock 5, R. Blackler (cond.) 6. Also on April 24th, 1,296 Merton D. and Morning Star T.B. Minor: Jane Blackler 1, R. Blackler 2, Elizabeth J. Foster 3, S. Humphrey (cond.) 4 Susanna Poppleston 5, G. A. Dawson 6. First in the methods for all the band. The conductor has "completed the circle" as conductor.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. W. Knight 1, D. G. Yeo 2, E. T Lee 3, M. J. Horseman 4, P. J. England 5, W. H. Kingcott 6, J. H. Gilbert 7, J. Brain (cond.) 8.

Letters to the Editor

RETIRING SECRETARY'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—I should be grateful if you would allow me, on behalf of my wife and myself, to thank those past and present members of the Central Council who so generously subscribed to the presentation made to us on Monday.

The handbag is a beautiful one; we hope to use the money (£67) on another lasting reminder of our years in office, one which we would otherwise have regarded as a desirable but unattainable luxury.

May I also repeat our thanks for all the help and friendship received over the years.—Yours sincerely, E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

PRESIDENT'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—May I thank Mr. Jack Bray and all others who shared in the happy task of organising the presentation to Teddy and Olive Barnett, on Teddy's retirement from the position of secretary to the Central Council.

The sum of £86 was given. A handbag was purchased for Olive and a cheque for £67 was presented to Teddy. The gifts were given to them at the Central Council meeting at Bath.—Yours sincerely,

GILBERT THURLOW.

Norwich

LEADING PEAL TOWERS

Dear Sir.—Miss Reay is quite right about Birmingham Cathedral. Someone does not read "The Ringing World"! In my article on page 664 last year I mentioned not only that St. Philip's had passed the 500 peal mark but had also passed Crayford's total and had separated Erith and Crayford, which had held the lead between them for at least 30 years, as far as church towers are concerned.

At the moment (up to and including May 13th issue) I make the respective totals of the leading towers as follows: Erith 648, Birmingham Cathedral 564, Crayford 530, Willesden 505. The Bell Foundry's total is 1,167.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

TOWN CRIER'S BELL

Dear Sir,—Whilst on holiday recently I came across a town crier's handbell inscribed: "John Walker 1848, J. Spencer M. Walker 1888."

I wonder if any of your readers could identify this bell, as the present owners would like to pass it on to the Walker family.—Yours truly, H. RUMENS.

Salisbury.

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The Editorial Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing "The Ringing World":—

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PEAL FEES FOR CHURCHES NOT "RINGING WORLD"

Dear Sir.—The rather pathetic excuse by Mr. G. Massey regarding the peal booking fee spoilt the reading of the account of what appears to have been a very successful meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association (page 332).

As far back as December, 1964, the question of a booking fee or levy was raised at Taunton, and early in 1965 an assurance was given that in 1966 the peals secretary would take steps to have it abolished.

It is a thousand pities that Mr. Massey did not test the real feelings of the meeting.

It will be remembered that this peal booking fee was introduced several years ago to help "The Ringing World" through its financial crisis. Presumably the crisis is still with it; if so it is time that those concerned should say so.

No one doubts the efficiency of all who help to produce our journal and judging by its present standards it is extremely well organised—second to none, I should think. I believe it is worth a great deal more, as its present price is ridiculously low and quite unrealistic. I am not against voluntary subscriptions, on the contrary. At quarter peals, tours, etc., I have often been the instigator of whip-rounds and collections for "The Ringing World," but I dislike intensely being forced to contribute to something I have already paid for, whatever its price.

I think it is time that all Associations should get together and impose a levy on all peal ringers—the proceeds to go to the churches where the peals were rung. It is time that our pleasurable hobby should be paid for, but to the right place, where in most cases it is badly needed to purchase new ropes.—Yours truly,

R. BEALE.

Taunton.

CORRECT NAME

Dear Sir.—The correct name for the method rung as Glamorgan Delight ("Ringing World," June 3rd, page 364) is Hatherop, this being the name given to it when it was included in a handbell peal of Spliced Minor at Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts, on November 9th, 1964. —Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Stratton St. Margaret.

MRS. MARY BUCKLAND

Cathedral librarian, bellringer and tower secretary at St. David's, Pembroke, Mrs. Mary Buckland, M.A. (Oxon), died suddenly on May 9th. She will be missed throughout the St David's D.G. and beyond. Her cottage, which was opposite the campanile, had become known as "The Bellringers' Arms" due to her custom always to invite ringers to light refreshments after practices.

Only three weeks before her death she had entertained a number of Guild members after a monthly practice and was looking forward to the annual general meeting, which was held at St. David's on June 11th.

MR. HERBERT JONES

A ringer at Ludlow Parish Church for most of his life, Mr. Herbert Jones (77), a retired printer, was found dead at his home at St. Laurence's Flat, Hosyers Almshouses, Ludlow, on May 26th. He had rung 65 peals for the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The Northern District of the Essex Association held a meeting on May 21st at Foxearth. Ringing commenced at 3 and a service was held at 4, conducted by the Rev. Canon J. H. L. Pennell. Tea followed and a business meeting in the village hall was attended by some 25 ringers.

Further ringing took place on both tower and handbells, methods ranging from Plain Bob to four-spliced Surprise Major. J. M. S.

OBITUARY



MISS MARY E. A. BRAGG

The death of Mary Bragg in tragic circumstances at the end of last month was a tremendous shock, and brought grief and distress to her family and many friends. After lunch on May 25th Mary was returning to her work as a logobax operator with a firm of manufacturing chemists, when she was knocked from her bicycle as a motorist opened the door of his car. She fell heavily, hitting her head, sustaining a fracture of the base of the skull. Although everything possible was done at Farnham Hospital, where she was conveyed by ambulance, Mary died at 1.15 next morning without regaining consciousness.

The second daughter of Major and Mrs. E. J. Bragg, of 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, Mary was 19 years of age last September. Of a lively and generous disposition, she was extremely popular with everyone, taking part in many activities, but mainly those connected with her parish church, of which her family are loyal supporters. Sunday School teacher, bellringer, hospital choir, St. Michael's Cells Group—these and many other social events always found Mary in the midst—always happy, always helpful. She had, in the words of her Vicar, the precious gift of making herself indispensable. The evening before her accident was spent collecting for the Save the Children Fund.

A regular attendant at Sung Eucharist, she took part in bellringing for morning and evening service on most Sundays. A member of a well-known bellringing family, she was taught to handle a rope by her grandfather, the late Mr. W. Denyer, at St. Michael's. In addition to her parents and sister, two brothers, Robert and James, are left in bereavement, and the sympathy of the whole Exercise is extended to them in their sorrow.

The requiem funeral service at Aldershot on June 3rd was attended by some 200 relatives and friends. The Master of the Guildford Guild (Mr. P. Smart) was among the many bellringers present, and half-muffled ringing took place before and after the service. A quarter peal was also rung in the evening and a peal is to be attempted later.

The Vicar of Aldershot, the Rev. T. H. Dart (himself a bellringer), was the celebrant at the service, assisted by the Rev. Michael Sellars. A full choir was present. In his address the Vicar spoke of the happy life that Mary had enjoyed and of the meaning of Christ's resurrection to the active Christian. The interment took place in Aldershot Cemetery, the Rev. Michael Sellars pronouncing the committal sentences, and Mary was laid to rest beside her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Denver. The wealth of flowers gave some indication of the sympathy and love in which Mary's family is surrounded, and a memorial fund has already been opened with the object of placing something in the Children's Chapel at St. Michael's Church.

WHITSUN AND SPRING OUTINGS

EAST RIDING RINGERS

The East Riding Ringers were favoured with most glorious weather for the outing to North Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire on Whit Monday. The party of 45 was made up from Cottingham, Goole, Hessle, Hornsea, Howden, Kirk Ella, North Ferriby, Selby and Sutton-on-Hull and, with good co-operation from all concerned, the first tower, Gamston, was reached almost exactly on time. Harold Denman, active for many years in the North Nottinghamshire area, had been most helpful with suggestions for the tour and was waiting to meet the coach. At Sutton-on-Trent several of the older members were pleased to renew acquaintances with the Misses Burchnall.

A picnic lunch was enjoyed in the grounds of Newark Castle and many of the young ladies would have found bikinis more appropriate for their spell of sun-bathing on the lawns. Mr. Raithby (who also assisted with arrangements) and Mr. Hooper met the party at Newark Parish Church and although plans to ring for a wedding had been postponed it was decided to go ahead with a prearranged touch of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Charles Hobson, which proved to be some of the best striking of the day.

For the afternoon ringing the two light sixes at Coddington and Barnby-in-the-Willows were rung at the same time, the coach and cars ferrying members of the party between the towers. The sign at the local hostelry in Barnby, The Willows, also included the notice "If your wife drives you to drink get it here."

An excellent meal was fully enjoyed at the Newcastle Arms, Tuxford, but the consumption of tea by the young Hessle contingent was affected to some extent by the lack of competition from their leader, the Rev. Fred Ross, who was unable to be away from his parochial duties. At this tower ringing continued until about 7.45 p.m. and all seemed very pleased with the variety of bells rung during the day.

Community song sheets were available for the return journey but the singing tended to lack the "gusto" normally provided at social functions by Ronald Ducker and David Johnson and the piano accompaniment of Keith Goldthorpe. The duties of Ringing Master were shared by Graham Smith, Ian Booth, Charles Hobson, Howard Palmer, Mr. Kirk and David Johnson. A.B.C.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX

Willingdon, Sussex, ringers had their fourth annual outing on May 7th, starting at 8 a.m. Surprise was expressed to find Bodiam ropes padlocked to the well. A visit to the captain's house found that he had just returned from an all-night fishing expedition. Cambridge Minor was rung at Pluckley, and a broken stay at Lenham limited ringing to Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire.

After a picnic lunch we were met by the Kent veteran, Mr. W. Gosling, at Boxley and allowed to climb to the top of the tower and enjoy the very fine view. At Meopham the fields gave way to hops and apple orchards and the tower showed signs of a vast programme of repair work, parts of the walls having been heavily reinforced by concrete beams. With Mr. R. L. Sills' help a fine course of Cambridge Major was brought round at Wrotham, the highlight of the day.

The last tower was Mereworth. The evening meal at the Castle Hotel, Tonbridge, concluded a very successful day. Our grateful thanks are due to incumbents and tower captains. R.W.R.P.

TOTTERNHOE OUTING

The 16th annual outing of the ringers of St. Giles', Totternhoe, Beds, took place on May 14th, when a visit was made to the New Forest.

So popular has this event become that for several years it has been necessary to engage two large coaches, and nearly 80 people were aboard when the two luxurious monsters took the road promptly at 7 a.m. and proceeded through beautiful Buckinghamshire and Berkshire to Hampshire, where we found the New Forest looking unusually fresh and lovely.

Ringing took place at Romsey Abbey, Ringwood, Lymington, Brockenhurst and Alresford, varying from rounds to London Surprise, and a high standard of ringing was maintained throughout the day.

Jack Scott, who has organised the Totternhoe outing from its inception, has a flair for finding interesting and beautiful churches, with good bells, and beautiful scenery, and this year he excelled himself! It would be invidious to select any ring of bells among those we so enjoyed on this happy day for special mention—all were excellent.

For those who care to look around England's beautiful churches (and that includes us all, I hope), this trip provided a rare feast, from the great old Abbey at Romsey to the exquisite blend of two distinct periods at Lymington; but most striking of all, perhaps, was the little Church of St. Nicholas, Brockenhurst, which stands among the leafy glades of the New Forest. Here is no great cathedral, but in the peaceful atmosphere of this beautifully-tended country churchyard this tiny church, so serene in its gracious simplicity, seems to speak with the authority of all Creation, as it tells of man's devotion from its mediæval beginnings to the present day.

Sincere thanks to incumbents and to those who met us and made us welcome, to our drivers, to Jack Scott for his excellent arrangements, and finally to our fellow adventurers for their congenial company and their punctuality. A.E.R.

HEADCORN, KENT

Members and friends from the Church of SS. Peter and Paul left Headcorn at nine o'clock on Whit Monday, their first call being at Charing, where some Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were rung. The next tower was at Chilham, where unfortunately only seven of the eight bells could be rung owing to the second being out of action. Efforts here were not worthy of comment, and rounds for beginners was notably more successful than attempts for Grandsire and Plain Bob. Owing to the heat of the day some of the ringers visited the "local" for some refreshments.

The next stop was at Canterbury, where lunch was enjoyed by everyone at the Queen Elizabeth Restaurant.

The party then made for St. Stephen's, Hackington, where some poor courses were brought round. After a pleasant ride through the country, ringing was on the eight at Faversham and then at Tunstall. Here, with the aid of Mr. Terry Barton, the best ringing of the day took place

Tea was enjoyed in the village hall at Tunstall, and thanks must be given to Miss Jean Vidler and helpers for providing such an excellent spread. The last tower of the day at which the visitors called was Lenham, where a good course of Plain Bob Major was rung.

On the whole it was a very enjoyable day and it was wonderful to see Mr. Harry Baker, of Frittenden, who was accompanied by Mrs. Baker, in such good form. It was very unfortunate that Mr. George Grant (previously Headcorn captain for many years) could not come on the outing owing to illness.

OSSETT, HORBURY AND ROTHWELL JOINT OUTING

With a long journey before them, ringers and friends from Ossett, Horbury and Rothwell made an early start on May 14th for their annual outing, this year into the Lake District. Going by the A.1, a stop for morning coffee was made at Leeming and lunch was taken at the Royal Oak Hotel, Keswick.

After lunch a few minutes' journey brought the ringers to St. Kentigern's Church, Crosthwaite, in the churchyard of which is the grave of Robert Southey. Parts of the present building date back to the 12th century, but the alterations and renovations on the outside are far from being a work of art. However, the bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) helped to remedy the feeling of dismay, and various well-struck touches were accomplished under the organisation of Miss Pat Lockwood.

From Crosthwaite, via Thirlmere and Grasmere to Ambleside, where Mr. I. North acted as Ringing Master and, through no fault of his, the standard of ringing was not up to the pitch of perfection which one likes to hear—a great pity, since the bells (8, tenor 32 cwt.) have a fine tone when heard some distance from the tower, though the sound in the ringing chamber would belie this.

Following tea at Ambleside, the next halt was at Hawkshead—a charming village (in spite of the drizzle with which we were greeted) of narrow streets and nooks and corners, with a delightful old church dominating the scene from the hillside. The ringers, this time in charge of Mr. R. Brown, produced some good touches of Major and Minor methods on a grand light eight (tenor 8 cwt.).

For part of the day the party was joined by Mr. T. Duffin (at one time a member of the Ossett tower) and his wife, who now live near Kendal.

The journey home via Settle (where a halt was made for refreshments), Skipton and Leeds was completed by 11.30. Thanks must go to Mr. I. Slack for the careful planning which made the outing such a success. E.N.

A WHIT MONDAY OUTING

On a gloriously hot day in May, made especially for sun bathing, not ringing, 14 ringers from eight different towers, including Cheltenham and Birmingham, assembled at Eddington, a picturesque village in Wiltshire. The rounds here were noticeably better than the Bob Minor, owing to the "go" of the bells. At the next three towers, at Corsley, Hemington and Norton St. Philip, an assortment of Cambridge, Spliced Minor and Kent was rung and at Wellow an excellent course of Cambridge.

Following lunch came a mishap at Melksham, where ringing was held up by the loss of a stay. Reverse Canterbury Minor was the highlight of the next two towers, at Holt and Hilperton.

The climax of the day was at Bradford-on-Avon, where a course of Bob Minor was rung by special request, and at Trowbridge the most that could be attempted was Cambridge Major and Grandsire Cinques.

Grateful thanks are acknowledged to the clergy, local ringers and the organiser.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

COMPOSITIONS

5,120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

By STEPHEN IVIN

23456	M	B	W	H	
63254		x	—		A
32654		I/F			A
25346		x			A
54326	—	x			A
34256	—	x		—	A
42356		"A"			
42563		x		—	
52364	—	I/F		—	
24365	—	I/F			
43265		I/F			
32465		I/F			
42635	—	x		—	
56234	—			—	B
23564			—	—	B
23645		x		—	B
34625		"B"			
24653	—	I/F	—		
45236		x			
53246	—	x			
23456	—	x		—	

Contains 24 5678's and 24 6578's.
First rung at Woburn March 5th, 1966.

5,039 WINCHESTER BOB CATERS

By A. J HOUSE

23456	1	2	3	4
52364		S	S	—
45362	—		—	
25463	3		—	
35264	3		—	
42365	2		S	
23465	2			

Repeated, calling 1st course 1.3.

24365			
32465	—	—	S7
52364	3	—	
45362	—	—	
25463	3	—	
35462	3	S	
34265	2	2	
34265	3		

Bob—3rds place under treble after the lead-end.

5,088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR (B.76)

By E. W. TIPLER

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			—	—
25634		—		
53246	x			3
52436			—	2
26435		—		2
63254	x			
56234			—	
42635		—		—
62534		—		
35426		—	—	3
42356			—	—
53624		—	—	3
34625		—		2
23456	x			2

First rung (to Aldenham Surprise) at All Saints', Wokingham, on January 1st, 1966.

5,040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

By SIMON HUMPHREY

W	M	H	23456
—	—		42635
—	—	(S)	65423
—	—	S	43652
—	—		64235
—	—	S	25643
—	—		62354
—	—	S	34625
—	—	S	65342
—	—		36254
—	—		23465

Repeated five times.
Bracketed call in 1st and 4th parts only.

5,088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by STEPHEN IVIN

23456	M	B	W	H
35264	2		2	3
56342	2		2	
24365	—		—	—
36245			—	—
26435	—	x		—
32465			—	
64523	—		—	
25346	—		—	
63542	—			—
62345		x	—	—
53246	—			—
42635	—		—	
23456	2		2	3

Rung at Maulden February 19th, 1966.

5,088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By RICHARD J. PARKER

V	B	W	H	234567
	x			352647
		—		632547
—		—	—	236745
—			—	625347
		—	3	365247
		—		235647

Repeat twice.
No 82's or 83's.

First rung at Lewisham, Kent, September 18th, 1965. Conducted by Tony Lewis.

1,966 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Composed by JAMES TOPP

231456	S	H	L	Q	
246351	x		x		A
432561	x	x		x	A
342516		x			A
356412	x		x		
543162	x	x		x	
412356			S2		
135462		x		x	
315426		x			
143256			A		
421536			A		
254316			A		
532146			A		
314562		x		x	
152436			S2		
146532	x		x		
451362	x	x		x	
312456	5.6.	11.12.	14.15.		

5,024 ANDOVER SURPRISE MAJOR

By H G. CASHMORE

23456	M	W	B	H
52436	3	—		
34625	—	—		
26543	—	—		
45362	—	—		
35264	—			3
56342	—		2	—
64523	2	2		
42635	2	2		
23456	2	2		3

First rung at Andover March 26th, 1966, conducted by Alan R. Pink.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Various members expressed thanks for the ground-level belfry at the Society's meeting held at Batley on May 28th. It was most pleasant to ring a touch and to sit outside on such a sunny afternoon while others performed.

After an interesting and very amusing afternoon an excellent tea was provided in the school, to which justice was done. A short meeting was held and before long members were back in the belfry enjoying a variety of methods.

Next meeting: East Ardsley, June 25th.

C. S. N.

OUTING

SHIPLAKE, OXON

The Whit Monday ringing outing was centred for the first time in Warwickshire.

Helped in the early arrangements by the secretary of the Warwick Archdeaconry and met and welcomed at each well-kept tower, this all added to a most enjoyable day. Thank you, Warwickshire, your representatives and incumbents.

Towers visited were Leamington, Kenilworth, Warwick (St. Nicholas') and Wootton Wawen.

QUARTER PEALS

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: R. Suckling (cond.) 1, I. Quilter 2, A. Wiffen 3, Mrs J Syder 4, P. Wood 5, A. Syder 6, J. Warner 7, R. Lindsell 8, I. Panton 9, A. R. Lawrence 10. For the Cathedral Festival.

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WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. E. Eglesfield 1, D. Coxhill (first quarter) 2, J. Chance 3, G. E. Green (cond.) 4, B. E. Saunders 5, J. Linnell 6.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Evening meeting, Wookey (6), Saturday, June 18th. Bells 2–9 p.m. 9296

CHESTER GUILD (Stockport Branch) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at Knutsford, June 18th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise: Mr. N. Hough, 6, Tabley Grove, Knutsford. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 9292

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry Archdeaconry. — Meeting, June 18th, Church Lawford. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Rev. D. G. Spiller, The Rectory, Church Lawford, Rugby. 9299

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting, Saturday, June 18th. Bells available: South Wingfield (6) 2.30–4.30 p.m. and after tea if required; Crich (8) 6–8.30 p.m. Service South Wingfield 4.30 p.m. followed by tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to E. J. Sterland, Ogston, The Meadows, Swanwick, Derby. Good attendance requested.—E. J. Sterland, D. J. Beach, Hon. Secs. 9302

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Warboys, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9297

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.W. District. A meeting will be held at Thaxted on Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow 9289

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — St. Albans District.—Hatfield, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich Caters. Names for tea, please, to Miss A. Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9262

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Rochester District — By-meeting at Swanscombe, Saturday June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to E. O. Newbury, 94 Broomfield Road, Swanscombe.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9218

LADIES' GUILD (North Western District) and CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Stockport Branch).—Joint meeting to be held on Saturday, June 18th, at Knutsford (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. Hough, 6, Tabley Grove, Knutsford.—H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 9270

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh on Saturday June 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—M. E. Fort. 9321

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Newchurch (8), Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—P. A. Mason, Branch Sec. 9309

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Joint meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 18th, 1966

St. Mary's, Church Road, Barnes, 2–3 p.m.:: St. Mary's, Paradise Road, Richmond, 2.30–3.30 p.m.; All Hallows', Chertsey Road, Twickenham, 3.30–4.30 p.m.

Tea, Church Hall, Isleworth, 5 p.m. Evening ringing, All Saints', Isleworth.

Names for tea Mr H. W. Rogers, 53, The Grove, Isleworth 3921. — Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 9256

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting, Walsham-le-Willows (6), June 18th, 6.30 p.m.–9.—H. W. H. Leather, Dis. Sec. 9245

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, June 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Brewers Arms, Ringmer, for those who notify me.—D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 9283

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Bromsgrove (10) 3 p.m., Saturday, June 18th. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr C. L. Hawkins, Lansdowne, Chapel Street, Bromsgrove, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, near Stourbridge, Worcs. 9223

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Practice meeting at St. Elisabeth's, Reddish, on Monday, June 20th. Ringing 7–9 p.m.—J. Brannan. 9316

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on June 21st at 8.15 p.m. Practices: June 21st, St. Paul's Cathedral; June 28th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; July 5th, St. Lawrence Jewry; July 12th, St. Giles', Cripplegate.—J. G. A. Prior. 9315

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening meeting at Feltham, Tuesday, June 21st. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 9263

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A mid-week evening practice will be held at Chesham on Thursday, June 23rd, 7 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague. 9285

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Norton-Fitzwarren, June 25th. Bells 6.45 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 9307

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Shipham (6), Saturday, June 25th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 9326

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Studham, Saturday, June 25th, 3–4.30. Tea at Great Gaddesdon 5. Bells from 5.45. Arrange own tea with Mr. R. Goldsney, Bell Cottage, 4, Water End, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, not later than 23rd. 9303

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Major practice at St. Nicholas', Warwick, on Saturday, June 25th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Methods: London, Bristol, Yorkshire and Cambridge. Individually and Spliced as required. Only Surprise Major will be rung. —P. S. Bennett. 9306

DERBYSHIRE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at Belper on June 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. and after tea. Tea at 5 p.m. Names to Arnold Morley, The Knoll, Laund Close, Belper. 9318

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at South Kirkby (6), Saturday, June 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Fox, Marwin, Barnsley Road, South Kirkby, Pontefract. 9301

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Annual meeting on Saturday, June 25th, at Staindrop. Ringing from 3.15. Please make own arrangements for tea. 9323

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Striking competition at Bentley on Saturday, June 25th. Tea 5 p.m., followed by results. Names for tea to Mrs. B. R. Simpson, 45, Southwood Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hants (Farnborough 41792). General ringing after tea. 9281

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sevenoaks, to coincide with the rededication of the new ring by the Bishop of Tonbridge on June 25th at 3 p.m. A buffet tea will be provided to follow the formal proceedings and general ringing will take place after the meeting. No names for tea required.—W. H. D. 9250

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting, East Ardsley on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please provide own food; cups of tea only provided. 9312

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 25th. Sheepy bells (6) 3–4.30; Congerstone bells (6) 6–8 p.m. Tea at Horse and Jockey, Congerstone, at 5 p.m., for those notifying Mr. F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 9310

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Meeting at Bitteswell, June 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Names for tea (important, please) to Mr. R. Kemp, Clifton House, Bitteswell, Rugby, Warwickshire, by Wednesday, June 22nd. Please support this one.—Ron Hughes, Sec. 9308

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Striking Competition, Saturday, June 25th, at Rippingale. Opening service 2.30 p.m. prompt. Competition 3 p.m.–5.30 p.m. Tea and presentation of trophy 5.30 p.m. Open ringing after tea until 9 p.m. Names for tea to J. W Haw, 53, Horsegate, Deeping St. James' Peterborough, by June 20th certain 9258

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Evening practice meeting at Ashton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. All welcome. 9313

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Lowick on June 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Coales, Branch Sec., The Gables, Twywell. 9311

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Saturday, June 25th, 3 p.m.

Rededication by the Lord Bishop of Tonbridge of recast ring of eight bells in new frame (tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F). See notice of Tonbridge District of Kent County Association meeting. 9287

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Semley, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Canon W. F. Rogers, Semley Rectory, Shaftesbury, by Tuesday, 21st. 9295

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Quarterly meeting, Limpsfield Chart, June 25th Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.40 p.m. Names for tea to W Tidy, Vine Cottage, Tally Road, The Chart, Oxted, by June 22nd.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 9288

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Willingdon, June 25th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Percy, Esperance, 47, Oldfield Road, Lower Willingdon, by Wednesday previous.—G. M. Fitz-Hugh, Div. Sec 9264

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Festival at St. Mary's, Swansea, on Saturday, June 25th Ringing arrangements: Cadoxton and Neath 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; St. Mary's 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Sketty 7.30 p.m to 8.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting will follow. Names for tea, please, by June 18th.—J. A. Hoare, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea. 9278

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch. — Corporate Communion at Ubley on Sunday, June 26th. Bells available 7 a.m. Service at 8 a.m., followed by breakfast for those who notify Mr. B. Parker, 2, Innicks Close, Ubley, by Friday, June 24th.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8859

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Fairfield, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available: Great Longstone (6) 2 p.m.–3 p.m.; Fairfield (8) 3 p.m. onwards: Tideswell (8) 8 p.m.–9 p.m. No arrangements for tea, but buffet in St. Peter's Church Hall being run in connection with Flower Festival or teas at 5s. 6d., 6s. and 6s. 6d. per head may be ordered in advance from Mrs. J. Woodruffe, 66, Rockfield Road, Fairfield, Buxton. Business meeting 6 p.m. in Schoolroom.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 9320

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The final of the striking competition will be held at Mistley on Saturday, July 2nd, commencing at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. Honeywood, 27, Harwich Road, Mistley, Manningtree, by Thursday, please.—H. Turner, Deputy Master. 9322

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, July 2nd. Committee meeting 1.30 p.m. Service St. Mark's, Exeter, 3.30 p.m. Tea (5/6) 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (with cash, please, and s.a.e.) to Mrs. P. Burnham, Ranchi, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth, by Thursday, June 16th. Bells availablye: Littleham, Newton St. Cyres, 9.45–10.45; Buckfast Abbey 9.45–11.15; Withycombe Raleigh, Brampford Speke, 10.30–11.30; Rewe 11–12; Lympstone 11.15–12.15; Broadclyst 11.45–12.45; Clyst St George 12–1; Pinhoe 12.30–1.30; Topsham 12.30–1.30; Exeter, St. Thomas' and St. David's 1.45–3 St Mark's 2.30–3.30 Heavitree 6.15–7.15; St. Petrock's 6.45–7.30; Cathedral 6.30–8.30. 9234

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Old Leake, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m Tea for those who notify me by Monday, June 27th.—P. J. Kilner, Hon Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 9269

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 2nd. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30. Application for tickets (8s. each), accompanied by remittance, must reach Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, by June 28th, List of towers on receipt of s.a.e. by Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxburrow Road, Radley.—Miss M. R. Cross. 9328

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District).—Joint half-day outing on Saturday, July 2nd, by private cars. Towers arranged as follows: Epworth (Lincs) (8) 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Gainsborough (Lincs) (8) 3.30–5 p.m.; St. Giles', Lincoln (8) 6 p.m.–7.15 p.m.; Tuxford (Notts) (8) 7.30 p.m.–9 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements in Lincoln. — Andrew King (Wentworth Vicarage, Rotherham) and Donald Beach (17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Notts), Hon. Secs. 9298

SUFFOLK GUILD (North East District) and NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Eastern Branch).—Joint ringing meeting at Beccles on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. Bickers, 6, Ballygate Street, Beccles, Suffolk, by Wednesday, June 29th. Barsham bells (5) also available.—T. N. J. B. and N. P. J. C. 9305

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held on

Saturday, July 2nd, at Alton

Meeting at Somerscales, Turk Street, at 2.30 p.m.

Service in St. Lawrence's Church at 4.45 p.m.

Tea at Somerscales 5.30 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Cork, 21, Upper Grove Road, Alton, Hants, by Tuesday, June 28th. Towers open: Old Alresford (6) and Warnford (6) 10.30–11.30; New Alresford (8) and West Meon (8) 11–12; Ropley (6) and Selborne (5) 11.30–12.30; St. Lawrence's, Alton (8) 12.30–2.15; Hawkley (8) 6.30–7.30; Petersfield 7–8.30. David J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9210

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Bidston, June 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous. — Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 2329

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS and LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Meeting at St. Wulfram's, Grantham, June 25th. Ringing 3 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Cafes near church. —M. I. Foskett, Hon. Sec. 9330

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Chesterfield District

Over 40 members and friends were present when the fourth annual striking competition of the Chesterfield District was held at Old Brampton on May 14th. Under the supervision of the District Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Hughes, this year's entry of six teams, which included a mixed team of under 21-year-olds, each rang their test piece of 240 changes or its equivalent before the time came to adjourn for tea.

After a short business meeting the judge, Mr. D. R. Carlisle (Sandiacre), announced the results, which were as follows: 1 Old Whittington "A" (Oxford T.B.), 252 points; 2 Old Whittington "B" (Oxford T.B.) 202; 3 Old Brampton (Grandsire Double), 196; 4 Bolsover (Plain Bob), 190; 5 Staveley (Plain Bob), 146; 6 Under-21 team (Plain Bob) 120.

As no tower is allowed to hold the District Shield for more than two years in succession, the runners-up, Old Brampton, were accordingly declared this year's winning team, who together with Old Whittington will represent the District at the Association final at Horsley. The shield was presented to the captain of the winning team, Mr. J. Arkwell, by Mr. Carlisle.

Next meeting: Creswell (8), June 11th. Special methods: Double Oxford and Yorkshire. M. P. P.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

Springtime in Monmouthshire

The delightful little village Church of St. Dingat, Dingestow, was chosen for the Monmouth Branch meeting on May 14th. Although only five fine bells hang in this tower, a company of some 50 ringers gathered to try them.

Three of the bells appear to have been cast by John Palmer II, of Gloucester, in 1656, the third was cast by Evan Evans, of Chepstow, in 1701, and the treble is a Taylor bell added in 1914, when the others were rehung.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Philip Morgan, and Mrs. C. S. Smith played the organ. Members of the Mothers' Union kindly prepared tea in the Village Hall and these ladies were sincerely thanked by Mr. Tom Stephens.

Before the business began, members remembered with prayer the late Mr. Philip Trew, of Lower Machen. New members elected were Miss Sally Guest (Usk) and Masters William and Richard Shore (Chepstow).

The six bells at Cwmcarvan were also available and during the evening attracted nine visitors from Herefordshire. The Rev. A. W. Sneyd warmly greeted all who gathered in his church, expressing to them his delight at having the bells ringing out over the scattered farmsteads, hamlets and woodlands of his parish.

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REFLECTIONS ON BATH COUNCIL MEETING

By P. A. CORBY

THERE seems to be fairly general agreement that the meeting of the Central Council at Bath in 1966 was a better and more useful meeting than Northampton in 1965. At the same time, however, there is considerable scope for further improvement, particularly in the Council is to retain and increase the respect it ought to have from the Exercise.

It was very interesting to talk to one or two members who were attending their first meeting. After many years one has become accustomed to feeling at the meeting that the proceedings are purely formal and that everything has been cut and dried at the Standing Committee. It was therefore something of a jolt to hear this opinion expressed by a new member. In fairness, of course, this is only an impression, since, as the debate on "The Ringing World" showed, the Council can summon up a mind of its own, and is by no means always inhibited by the recommendations of the Standing Committee. At the same time, however, one wonders if some variation of the procedure could be introduced that would help to remove this feeling of repression.

I was astounded to hear the proposition from two speakers that it was not quite the thing that readers of "The Ringing World" had had the temerity to comment in the correspondence columns on the terms of a proposition that was to come before the Council. What an extraordinary attitude this was, and for good measure one speaker actually used the expression "sub judice". Surely the Council should be only too delighted that non-members are sufficiently interested in its proceedings to let us have the benefit of their knowledge and experience, particularly when the item complained of was a forlorn attempt to bring sense out of nonsense.

One could not escape the feeling that the time has come for the Council to take a long cool look at the extent to which the social side is being allowed to obtrude on the time that ought to be devoted by the Council to its formal business. It is certainly an unforgettable experience to spend a glorious summer week-end in a beautiful and historic city like Bath, set in the matchless countryside of Somerset, with its endless supply of wonderful churches, and their splendid rings of bells. To anyone with any sense of history, the Roman Baths called for a visit, but this was surely something that visitors should have expected to find their own time for during some other part of the week-end. To interrupt the Council meeting at 4 p.m. when the afternoon session had hardly had time to warm up was an unwarranted intrusion on the serious business of the day, particularly as the civic reception was to be as early at 4.45 p.m. The Council surely needs to have available the whole time up to say 6 p.m. if justice is to be done to the business. In the event, the proceedings up to 4 o'clock were an undignified scramble, and the attempt to revive a proper atmosphere after tea was pitiful. Perhaps these were some of the factors which contributed to the failure to give an opportunity to the new secretary to say even a few brief words to the Council on his appointment. Obviously no discourtesy was intended to him, but he is a man to whom the Council will in due course have cause to be most grateful, as it has to his illustrious predecessor, and he should have been received more graciously at his first meeting in his new and onerous office.

Perhaps the most disturbing feature of the Council's affairs from a long-term point of view is its willingness to continue year after year with "the mixture as before". At a time when there is a greater representation of able younger men than ever before, it is perplexing that the various committees should continue to fail to look round for fresh blood so that younger men are settled in office before the selection that nature itself imposes has time to take its own inexorable effect. It was left to the editor of "The Ringing World" to have to draw attention to the greater need to be prepared for emergencies that are likely to beset the elderly in this transient world. Obviously, the weekly production of "The Ringing World" is a more exacting requirement than the fulfilment of the duties of the Central Council committees, but the principle is the same.

Because of the necessity at Bath to make the business fit in with an over-tight programme of events, there was no time for the Council to give proper consideration to the somewhat perplexing question of what should now be the day for the meeting of the Council in view of the new legislation altering the date of the spring bank holiday as it is now to be called. The Council seems, almost by default, to accept a continuance of the custom of holding the meeting on the Tuesday after the bank holiday, even though this is a working day for the vast majority of the population. Social customs and conventions have changed considerably since the early days of the Central Council, and the five-day week has been very widely adopted. In any case those people who are not free from work on Saturdays are no more likely to be free on Tuesdays.

Is there not a case, therefore, for considering the possibility of holding the meeting on Saturday, with the Standing Committee on Friday night? If the meeting were still held at the bank holiday week-end, the ringing arrangements and social activities could be carried over to the Sunday and Monday, much as at present. There would be a double advantage, as I see it, in that the business would no longer come as something of an anti-climax at the end of a pleasant week-end, and those people who might be reluctant to take precious days from their annual leave from work would be able to come just for the meeting and could hurry home afterwards.

It will no doubt be said that the clergy would be put to inconvenience, but they are surely now accustomed to living like the rest of us rather than as country squires and hunting gentry, and for once a year, if they really were unable to find someone to take Sunday duty for them, they would have to go home after the meeting on Saturday night. The rest of us have become used to long night journeys on the Tuesdays of Central Council meetings, and have been ready to start work bright and early on Wednesday morning— certainly early enough, had we been clergy to take an eight o'clock service.

It would be interesting to have the views of the readers of "The Ringing World", particularly non-members of the Council who might become members under such revised conditions. If there were likely to be sufficient support for such a change, I would be happy to move an appropriate proposition at next year's meeting in time for arrangements to be made accordingly for the meeting at Worcester the following year.

25 Attempts for New Record of Spliced Surprise Major

THE idea of attempting to ring A. J. Pitman's seven to thirty Spliced Surprise Major plan was first conceived by Tony Peake following the successful completion of a peal in nine methods at Stratton St. Margaret on January 30th, 1965. It was eventually decided to meet every first and third Saturday of the month and we started with 12 names, some of the band participating in both attempts.

The first convenient date turned out to be March 27th and, in the meantime, the peal plan was typed, photo-stat copies obtained (by courtesy of a well-known Bristol firm) and circulated amongst those concerned. New Gloucester and Cray, two methods which were to stay with us, right until the end of the series, were the additions to the standard nine and our first peal was thus scored at Olveston, Glos, in three hours and five minutes Our tenor man for the day expressed great satisfaction at hearing "That is all" in view of the "go" of his bell coupled with the long dodging of both new methods.

A long gap of almost three months followed, due to previous commitments already made by several of the band, before we again met and rang what was considered to be our first real step on the ladder—a peal in 14 methods at Marshfield, Glos. All of the band were friends of the late Carolyn Vibert, and this peal was dedicated to her memory. Two weeks later we met for, and rang, 16 methods at Andover, Hants, beating the Association record we had set at Marshfield; one of our members now retired to build a garage!

Holidays, incorporating Cyril Wratten's peal week, put our next attempt for 18 methods back to July 31st. However, despite the break, a good peal was rung at what was to become one of our favourite towers, Longney, Glos. The peal was duly celebrated in the usual way with moderate liquid refreshment and hot (?) pasties at the local inn.

FIRST FAILURE

After successfully ringing four peals straight off we encountered our first failure at Kingham, Oxfordshire, on August 7th, when attempting 20 methods. Perhaps we could put it down to the heat on this beautiful Saturday afternoon or nervousness due to Jim Taylor's wife, Jenny, being outside the tower recording our efforts At least the four parts we had rung on this occasion stood us in good stead for our next meeting on September 4th at Aldermaston, Berks, where a good peal was scored: another of our members left us here, to take up writing books!

At Bitton, Glos, on October 2nd, a not very good peal in 22 methods was rung, the bells being rather hard to strike when full concentration was required for the new methods Edinburgh and Ripon; but we made up for this by ringing our first 25-method peal at Stratton St. Margaret 14 days later. This peal was especially noteworthy, it being Brian Bladon's 500th, Victor Griffin's 175th, and a welcome to Jim Taylor's twin daughters, born two days prior to the peal. The first Saturday in November brought with it our second failure of the series when, after 2 hours and 50 minutes' ringing at SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol, the conductor decided that Watford was greatly improved with sevenths at the half-lead, the ringer of the third, bowing to the conductor's superior knowledge, gave way and promptly crossed over with him.



The band (left to right): Peter Bridle (tenor), James R. Taylor (6), Victor Griffin (7), Edward R. Venn (2), Anthony R. Peake (conductor, 5), John R. Mayne (umpire), Michael J. Hobbs (3), Brian Bladon (4), Elisabeth A. G. Bowden (treble).

BEST PEAL OF SERIES

Undaunted, we redeemed ourselves the following day by returning to Longney and adding one more method to the plan. A good peal in 28 methods was rung despite the appearance of a local ringer who entered and remained in the ringing chamber for the whole of the last part and the noise of the central heating system being stoked up for Evensong. The gem of Somerset, Chewton Mendip, was our next venue on November 20th, and this produced possibly our best peal of the series. In view of the fact that peals at Chewton are highly treasured it was decided to play safe and attempt the "standard 25," and with Brian on the tenor a brisk, confident peal was rung on these fine bells in 3 hours and 10 minutes.

With the 25-method peal rung during October our target for the year had already been reached. We were now used to handling the large number of methods and with the Critchley peals being mentioned as a follow-up the band was reviewed and settled on eight "inside" ringers. To finish the year an attempt for 30 methods was arranged at Stratton St. Margaret on December 18th but unfortunately Lis Bowden fell ill with tonsilitis and we therefore rang, at one day's notice, John Mayne's composition of 14 spliced.

After wasting so much time we unanimously decided to give the 30-method peal a miss and ring John Mayne's 32-method arrangement. The band met on January 1st at St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester, fully expecting this step to be too great after such a long break. However, with everyone's homework fully done, a good peal was rung to start the New Year in the right vein, despite potential distraction when the Rector entered the ringing chamber during the third part to wish us all a happy New Year. Thirty-two was rung twice more, at Stratton St. Margaret on January 15th, to give all the band an opportunity to ring the peal, and at St. George's, Bristol, on University Dinner Day, enabling John Mayne to conduct his own composition.

ERIC CRITCHLEY'S PLAN

By this time copies of Eric Critchley's plan, together with method notation, had been distributed (by the courtesy of the same Bristol firm) and at our first attempt 36-methods was rung at Longney in 2 hours and 47 minutes on February 5th. This was the largest jump of the series incorporating the learning of 12 new methods (plus a fresh composition for our conductor) and everyone was well pleased with our effort on this dismal, wet afternoon. Following this peal yet another tenor king faded away with Edward "Teddy Bear" Venn requesting a smaller bell in future attempts. (Rumour has it that the 11 pull dodge and long places in Derwent proved to be too much for him!) To get used to the new plan a further peal of 36 was rung at Stratton St. Margaret on February 19th, breaking the Oxford Diocesan Guild record.

With the influence of Longney tenor still on him Ted went down with 'flu for the 42-method attempt at SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol, on March 5th and consequently a peal in 12 methods was rung in its place. The third Saturday in March found us at St. Mark's, Swindon, where we rang 48 methods (the 42-method peal being by-passed) in 2 hours and 46 minutes. None of the band were very satisfied with this peal, the bells being rather hard to hear inside the tower and Peter Bridle experiencing a little difficulty with the tenor rope towards the end. The peal was duly celebrated with bags of Lesley Bladon's deliciously unforgettable malt loaf!

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RECORD EQUALLED

Our next step was to equal the record set at Conisbrough in 1955 and, with the five new methods easily absorbed, a good peal in 53 methods was rung at Longney on April 2nd. Further celebrations took place afterwards in the shape of bacon, egg, beans and chips eight times at Joe Lyons', Gloucester.

We were pleased to welcome John Mayne once again on April 23rd, when he conducted another peal in 53 methods for us at Kirtlington, Oxfordshire. Our first attempt lasted approximately two and a half leads before Mick Hobbs set his bell and then proceeded to ring the third from a "box"—regrettably John could not now claim that he had rung the 53 without previous practice! The following week we journeyed to Bourton-on-the-Water, where an additional attempt had been fitted in, and rang Critchley's 32-method peal.

Our final meeting before the record attempt was at Bitton on May 7th. The brilliant sunshine and the hunt for the tower key before we started seemed to put the band in a somewhat humorous frame of mind and a rather light-hearted peal in 53 methods was rung in just under three hours. After quenching our thirst at the White Hart the band split up to wait, with eager anticipation, for a fortnight to pass before meeting again at Stratton St. Margaret for what was hoped to be the fruition of our efforts—a peal in 64 methods.

CONFIDENT AIR

May 21st dawned wet and dismal but a confident air was prevalent throughout the band when, at 2.15 p.m., we assembled outside the tower. John Mayne had kindly consented to act as umpire for the record attempt and, with composition in hand, he bade us good luck as we completed the trial rounds. No adjustments were necessary to any of the ropes and so with Peter Bridle's tape-recorder tucked away in a corner, "Go Malmesbury" was called at 2.30 p.m. exactly.

The first two leads seemed to lack our usual polish but within a very short space of time we had the 8 cwt. ring of bells nicely tapping round, the first part end coming up after 56 minutes. This part contained nine of the eleven new methods which we were all ringing for the first time and, with this milestone passed, we tended to relax slightly. However, a sharp word from the conductor brought us to our toes and an excellent second part was completed at 4.18 p.m. in 52¼ minutes. Smiles all round as Framley was called at the beginning of the third and final part and it seemed no time at all before we heard Maulden being rung for the last time, the bells coming into rounds at 5.10 p.m.

The conductor was congratulated by the whole band and the umpire on putting up such a fine performance, each call and change of method being in exactly the correct place, and the tape-recorder which had recorded the whole 2 hours and 40 minutes' ringing was switched off and the spool could then be added to the other four peals which had been recorded during the series.

Our final analysis stands as follows: Twenty-five attempts (two failures), setting 16 records for three Associations; the average age of the band being 27½ years. Our thanks are due to the many incumbents who made these attempts possible and especially the Rectors of Longney (the Rev. G. R. K. Moule) and Stratton St. Margaret (the Rev. R. G. Bryant), who gave us the use of their bells as often and whenever required. Also sincere thanks to the husband, wives and girlfriends for putting up with our mutterings for the past 12 months.

M. J. H

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sonia M. Norgrove (first of Minor) 1, Hilary Osborne 2, P. Pearce 3, N. I. Bridges 4, M. J. Church (cond.) 5, D. Floyd 6. Rung for the Queen's ceremonial birthday.

THE BAND

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden (née Grime), treble.—Age 30, commenced her ringing career at Breadsall, Derbyshire, during 1952, where she rang her first peal (tenor behind) in 1953. At present a full-time housewife, she was previously catering manageress for British Oil and Cake Mills, Avonmouth. She came to Bristol in 1958 and has now rung 222 peals from Doubles to Maximus, and rang "inside" to all the peals working up to the record (including 53 methods three times).

Edward R. Venn, second.—Age 21, the youngest member of the band, was educated at Cheney School, Oxford, and is now a draughtsman for the Southern Electricity Board. He started ringing in November, 1957, at St. Aldate's, Oxford, and scored his first peal a year later at Old Marston. His present total is just over 200 peals, conducted 46, and he has completed the families of Grandsire, Yorkshire and Cambridge.

Michael J. Hobbs, third.—Age 22, taught to ring by Reg Hooper at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, in 1959, and rang his first peal in April of the following year. Employed by the Imperial Tobacco Company in their cigarette vending machine department, he has rung some 200 peals on all numbers. He now rings at Bristol Cathedral and claims to be happiest on eight, having rung 140 peals of Major in 67 different methods.

Brian Bladon, fourth.—Age 32, was taught to ring with the conductor at Blunsdon and was later at Stamford Hill, Tottenham. He returned to Swindon in 1958 and is a costings accountant with the Swindon and District Hospital Management Committee. The most experienced member of the band, he has rung 525 peals (225 of these with the conductor), including the first of Scientific Triples, 14,560 of Yorkshire and many multi-Minor method peals on both tower- and handbells. An ex-Ringing Master of the Swindon Branch, he also conducted the first peals of London and Bristol Surprise Major for the Gloucester and Bristol Association with a resident Branch band, and claims to have the distinction of being "the fattest member of the spliced band"!

Anthony R. Peake (conductor), fifth.—Age 32, is an estimating surveyor with a firm of building contractors in Swindon. He learned to ring at Blunsdon, Wilts, in 1947, under Mr. W. H. Trueman and Mr. J. Vincent, and rang his first peal at the age of 15. Since then he has rung 313 peals, 189 as conductor. Acquired a taste for multi-method ringing on conducting the first peal of Doubles in 100 methods and the first peals for the Gloucester and Bristol Association of Spliced Triples, Surprise Minor in 45 methods, 73 T.B. Minor, 143 Spliced Minor and 96 Minor methods on handbells. He has also conducted A. J. Pitman's four to nine "all the work" compositions.

James R. Taylor, sixth.—Age 27, learned to ring at St. Paul's, Bedford, in November, 1953, and is now a professional engineer in the nuclear fuel handling industry. After National Service (including an all-Army peal) he obtained an M.A. at Cambridge University, where he held the office of Master, 1960–61. He is proud to have rung in the first peal of Glasgow Surprise Major with an all-resident Cambridge University band. At present Ringing Master of the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, he has rung 255 peals, including 45 of Spliced.

Victor Griffin, seventh.—Age 33, is a methods engineer with the Pressed Steel Company at Cowley, Oxford. He learned to ring just after the war at Purton, Wilts, and left Stratton St. Margaret in February, 1965. To date he has rung 190 peals, including 100 Spliced Doubles, 45 Surprise Minor, Spliced Triples and Spliced Surprise Royal. Married, with three children, he has recently been elected Deputy Master of the Oxford Society.

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5,088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN 64 METHODS

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

23456	M	W	H		
45236		—	—	Malmesbury, Umberslade, Wembley.	
24536			—	Benington, Quinton, Barnesbury,	
52436			—	Hendon, Trowbridge, Shenley.	
43526		—	—	Watford, Lincolnshire, Falmouth.	
54326			—	Thorne, Aldenham, Wordsworth.	
35426			—	Uxbridge, Painswick, Campsall.	—A.
42356		—	—	Shoreditch, Langley, Scawthorpe.	
63254	—		—	Elford, Superlative, Vauxhall.	
26354			—	Chester, Kettering, Claybrooke.	
32654			—	Ramsey, Lincoln, Eastcote.	
56423	—	—		London, Apsley, Lessness.	
42563		—	—	Ickleton, Yorkshire, Northolt.	—B.
35264	—		—	Lindum, Cherwell, Rutland.	
34562	2		—	Derwent, Bristol, Dartford, Otley.	
45362		3	2	Stockport, Jersey, Cray, Cambridge,	Dublin, Northwood, New
23564	—		—	Deben, Minsmere, Maulden	[Gloucester.
56234		—	—	Fordham, Tring, Wembley.	
25634			—	Benington, Hitchin, Barnesbury.	
62534			—	Hanbury, Trowbridge, Radlett.	
43265		A.		A.	—C.
24365			—	Chester, Warwickshire, Claybrooke.	
32465			—	Ramsey, Pudsey, Eastcote.	
36245		B		B.	
35642	2		—	Derwent, Bristol, Dorchester, Otley.	
56342		3	2	Stockport, Jersey, Cray, Cambridge,	Dublin, Richmond, New
23645	—		—	Deben, Minsmere, Maulden.	[Gloucester.
64235		—	—	Framley, Tring, Wembley.	
34256		C.		C	
36452	2		—	Derwent, Bristol, Pyrford, Otley.	
64352		3	2	Stockport, Jersey, Cray, Cambridge,	Dublin, Richmond, New
23456	—		—	Deben, Minsmere, Maulden.	[Gloucester.

Contains 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnesbury, Benington, Bristol, Cambridge, Campsall, Cherwell, Chester, Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Derwent, Dublin, Eastcote, Elford, Falmouth, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Maulden, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northolt, Otley, Painswick, Ramsey, Rutland, Scawthorne, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Thorne, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire; 64 changes each of Hanbury, Hitchin, Pudsey, Radlett, Richmond, Tring and Warwickshire; and 32 changes each of Dartford, Dorchester, Fordham, Framley, Hendon, Kettering, Lincoln, Malmesbury, Northwood, Pyrford, Quinton, Shenley and Umberslade, with 158 changes of method.

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Letters to the Editor

CENTRAL COUNCIL PROCEDURE

Dear Sir, — I wish to comment on the existing procedure at meetings of the Central Council.

At Bath this year an enormous amount of work was done by officials of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association and of the Council to ensure trips and peals for all (including non-Council members), social evenings, civic welcome and reception. There is no question but that it was well organised and much appreciated. This traditional organisation, however, left obviously inadequate time for the Council meeting itself. Discussion of the three motions was pushed into an extra one-hour session after the civic reception and before the social evening. This is hardly likely to encourage Council members to put forward motions for serious and lengthy discussion.

Fully 13 per cent of the meeting time available was wasted by two items:—

1. The presentation of new members to the president. I could not see that this item served any useful purpose.

2. Loss of members through death. Thirty minutes was spent on this item. Surely it should be sufficient that members have the list of deceased members in their papers and that the president ask them to stand in memory. Obituaries of all the deceased should have been published previously in the Council's own official journal, "The Ringing World."

In the president's own words ("Ringing World" leading article, June 3rd, 1966): "Over to you; and now we face the future."

To face the future it is necessary frequently to reassess and reconsider present conditions. For example, take the date of the next Council meeting. To choose the date for next year's meeting at Nottingham to be the Tuesday following the spring bank holiday mainly because of the better availability of city rings on the Monday is to approach the question in an odd way. As many Council members have to take part of their annual leave to attend the meeting on Whit Tuesday, is it not time that the day of the meeting should be arranged for the convenience of the majority of members, with social and ringing events as additional items?

I understand that Whit Tuesday is the traditional meeting day because it suited the large numbers of clerical gentlemen who were members in the early years. Since the Monday following Whit Sunday seems unlikely to be a statutory holiday after 1968, and with the decline in the number of clerical members, the time appears opportune to consider changing the meeting day to a Saturday or to the actual Monday of the spring bank holiday.

Has there to be a civic welcome and reception? Has dignity always to be maintained by holding the meeting in some æsthetically pleasing Georgian, Norman, Gothic, etc. hall with indifferent acoustics? Well equipped and spacious halls are not always available under civic or Church auspices, but in many cities there are suitable lecture/conference halls in universities, schools or hospitals and the ringing fraternity now contain a high proportion of people connected with these places who could investigate such possibilities.

A wind of change of dissatisfaction was evident at Bath, among the Council members if not in the Standing Committee, when Messrs. Beresford and Pipe were added to "The Ringing World" Committee. Possibly at this time other changes might be acceptable and I urge both the Standing Committee and the members of the Council to consider the Council's procedure and to decide whether or not social and civic affairs are adversely affecting its usefulness as a policy-making body. — Yours sincerely,

J. A. AINSWORTH.

Halesowen, Birmingham.

STEDMAN CATERS AND CINQUES

Dear Sir,—While working out some touches recently I came across a coursing order method of conducting Stedman Caters and Cinques. It is so simple that I am sure it must be fairly well known, but I have never met it yet. Perhaps some readers might say if there are other perhaps simpler ways

Consider the working bells (usually 2345). From the course end 21436 the working bells go up in the order 425. C.A.B transposition gives 542 for a bob at 5 (in Caters), 524 for a single. To obtain the coursing order around the bob at 16, the middle bell of the three returning from the bob at 5, the 4th in this example, is replaced by the working bell not affected by the bob at 5, namely the 3rd. The transposition is, of course, the same for the bob and single at 16 The middle bell is replaced as before to obtain the coursing order at the next 5.

I would be very interested to know what techniques are used by some of the well-known Stedman conductors, and if they are at all similar to the above.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. J. DENNIS.

Commonwealth Hall,
London, W.C.1.

ST. PETER'S, DORCHESTER, DORSET

Dear Sir,—Recently there have been a number of visiting ringers who are under the impression that practice night ringing at St. Peter's, Dorchester, is held on a Monday at 7.30 p.m. I know that it appears in "Dove's Guide," but this is wrong. Practice ringing is held on Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. and has been for the last seven years.

Ringing will **not** be held on Tuesday, June 28th but will be held on Wednesday, June 29th, at 6.45 p.m. for the patronal festival service.

I might add that St. Peter's, Dorchester, is one of the very few and far between towers that has a notice on the tower door showing the next time of ringing. If a few more towers had such a notice as this, visiting ringers would avoid further disappointment.—Yours faithfully,

R. H DUKE,
Captain and Towerkeeper,
St. Peter's, Dorchester, Dorset.

FIXED DATES POLICY

Dear Sir,—Since I took over the secretaryship of the Barnsley District Society in 1956, our joint meetings with the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association have always been on the second Saturday. This year the Yorkshire Association want the meeting on the third Saturday. At our shield contest on June 11th the question of acceptance was put to the vote. It was decided to stick to the rules. If the Barnsley District Society doesn't change the date to August 20th to join up with the Southern Yorkshire Association I shall not take the secretary's bag back to my home, as our meeting is at Royston on Saturday, July 9th! Love will find a way.—Yours etc.,

JAMES W. BUFTON,
Barnsley District Secretary.

TUTORS' HANDBOOK

Dear Sir,—To meet growing demands, the Council at its recent meeting approved the preparation of a new Council publication written specially for the use of tutors and instructors and emphasising the teaching aspects of bell ringing from the stage of bell control to the stage of elementary change ringing. (See Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee Report.)

The material for this publication could conveniently be divided into two or more stages, such as teaching and perfecting bell control, teaching ropesight, teaching rhythm and striking, teaching elementary method ringing. It will then form a companion to the existing "Beginners' Handbook."

In order that as wide a range of ideas, experience and techniques may be included as is possible, I shall be grateful if all those who have a knowledge, interest or experience in this aspect of ringing will write to me, sending any information they consider likely to be useful.

I shall be grateful, too, if Association officials will encourage known expert tutors in their area to contribute in this way.

Possibly it might be even more useful if such contributions were sent to the correspondence columns of "The Ringing World," which could act as a useful forum, stimulating thought, discussion and interest along these lines. I should then pick up the material via "The Ringing World." Those who prefer, however, could write direct to me. Naturally there will be a good deal of similarity in ideas and teaching methods, but no doubt many varied and successful techniques will also be brought to light.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK,
Convener,
S.S.R. and Education Committee,
C.C. of Church Bell Ringers.

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Broom, Rotherham.

THE LATE MR. W. H. WILSON

Dear Sir,—The news of the death of Mr. W. H. Wilson, of Dublin, was sad indeed. He was the last of a wonderful trio, all devoted admirers of "Gabe" Lindoff, the other two being Tommy McMorran and Joe Atkinson, and they certainly knew how to entertain ringers from "across the water."

A firm Loyalist (he had no time for the rechristening of Queenstown and referred to it as "Kob-Aitch"), he was also typically Irish. When driving myself and another ringer across Dublin at a furious rate we shot over a cross-roads and an approaching car refused to give way, neither would Mr. Wilson. Though a crash seemed imminent, the cars pulled up an inch from each other. Down went windows and a real slanging match ensued. Eventually Mr. Wilson drove away and, turning to us, spluttered, "There's no courtesy on the roads these days!"

On another occasion we had difficulty in finding accommodation because of the Irish Cup Final in Phœnix Park. "Bill" instructed us to go back to a certain hotel, and if rooms were still not forthcoming to say "Mr. Wilson will be very annoyed." Feeling rather foolish we did so and lo! there was a room on the top floor but the management had felt that we would not like to be so high up!

A man of charm and dignity, he had that impish touch which endeared him to us. — Yours faithfully,

S. O. HOLLOWAY.

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64 Spliced Surprise Major

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Peter Bridle, tenor.—Age 22, was educated at the Grammar School, Weston-super-Mare, and is now working as a physical chemist at the University of Bristol Research Station, Long Ashton. He started ringing in 1959 and rang his first peal in 1961 at Bristol Cathedral. His peal total is at present about 175, and this would most likely have been more if it had not been for a serious cycling accident in 1964, which resulted in a fortnight's unconsciousness and a fractured skull. Shortly after this he became interested in compositions, and is responsible for several well-known ones —mainly featuring other ringers.

UMPIRE'S NOTE

Dear Sir,—As umpire of the record peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 64 methods rung at Stratton St. Margaret on May 21st, I would like to offer my congratulations to the band, and especially the conductor, Mr. A. R. Peake. The peal was excellent and without incident, and I checked every call, every change of method and every lead-end throughout. The only restraint on this band will be the time necessary to obtain compositions in a greater number of methods.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

SELBY AND DISTRICT OUTING

Whit Monday was again chosen for our outing, ringing starting on the pleasant well-going octave at Kildwick. Due to traffic conditions Skipton was reached 25 minutes late and St. Clement's Major was the best ringing here. After lunch came the heavy six at Bentham, which were difficult to hear. At Kirkby Lonsdale, in its fine setting, the raise and cease were the best ringing.

Finally came Sedbergh and, before ringing, tea was taken at the Bull Hotel. A good touch of Stedman was rung after a good raise and some members of the school society joined in the touches. Special thanks to Les Woodhead for so ably arranging the tour, and also to tower captains and incumbents.

D. J. S.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Mansfield District

The Mansfield District eliminating contest for the Crawford Cup was held at Cuckney on May 28th. The three teams involved finished comfortably in time for the service, which was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. R. H. Hack.

An excellent tea had been prepared by the ladies of the parish, and afterwards came the judges' report presented in an exceedingly competent manner by Mr. P. R. Humphrey, who had been assisted by Mr. S. Humphrey. The result was: 1 Warsop "B" team, 129¼ faults; 2 Warsop "A" team, 132¼; 3 Greasley, 282¾. The methods rung were Plain Bob Minor, Oxford T.B. Minor and Grandsire Doubles respectively.

Next meetings: Evening practice, Crich (Derbys), June 18th; District outing, Lincolnshire, July 2nd; Sutton, with Mansfield Woodhouse, July 23rd.

D. J. B.

THE "PIKESTAFF PEAL EXCURSION

EIGHT ringers from the Berkshire-Hampshire border area spent the Whitsun week-end camping and ringing peals near Yeovil. On the Friday six of the eight, calling themselves "The Pikestaff," met at Stourton, Wilts, for a peal before going on to the camping site. The church is in a natural beauty spot and many tourists watched the ringers at work in the ground-floor belfry. A good peal in four Minor methods was rung and the camp was pitched that night at Sparkford, Somerset.

The following morning at South Cadbury a peal of Stedman Doubles was attempted. Due to a mass attack of mental telepathy in the fourth extent, all five ringers were convinced that they were ringing their "last whole turn" and so the peal came to an abrupt conclusion. As compensation a peal of Grandsire was started but a miscall produced a false extent. The band left the tower and returned with the local tower captain to his home for a few pints of Somerset cider. While there our host and his wife rang a course of Grandsire Doubles on handbells. This produced the best striking of the whole week-end!

Saturday lunchtime saw the arrival of the final member of the group and without delay a peal was started at Preston Plucknett. A good peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on these loud-sounding bells, although a local inhabitant (a "qualified musician") thought otherwise and suggested that 2½ hours was an excessive time for bells to be rung. The day was successfully concluded with a well-struck peal of Kennington Bob Doubles at Stoke-sub-Hambdon. After only 20 minutes the treble ringer found that all the tucks in the tail-end of his rope had come out. This left him with 12 feet of single rope below the sally. Ringing with seven coils in his left hand remedied the situation and 2¼ hours later won him the congratulations of the rest of the band. His only comment was, "It's a good job it's my left hand and won't affect my chances of holding a pint!"

With three peals under their belts the "Pikestaff" found service ringing at Babcary on Whit Sunday morning a pleasant change. The Holy Communion service over, the bells were put to good use by ringing a fine peal of 12 Doubles methods, although the conductor is convinced that the rest of the band only knew 10 methods. He bases this assumption on the amount of conducting found necessary in the extents of St. Nicholas and Winchendon Place! On Whit Sunday afternoon the happy band started for a peal of Kent and Oxford on the good bells at Ash-in-Martock. However, the entrance of a seventh person into the ringing chamber during the second extent caused a lapse of concentration and the peal was lost. Following a spell of sunbathing a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung. After the service the campers returned to Sparkford to spend their last night in the open.

The bells at West Lydford on Whit Monday morning were, in our estimation, the best of the tour. Unfortunately the peal there was lost at an early stage. This was the only disappointment of the week-end, as the peal would have been the first in the method for two ringers and the first as conductor. The week-end ended on a note of triumph in the afternoon with a fine peal of Bob Minor at Haselbury Plucknett.

The week-end was a great success, with five peals and a quarter scored. The "Pikestaff" consisted of Christine Hassell, Jillian Pike, Mike Holbrook, Mike Smith, Mike Church, Cliff Garlick, David Wilcox and Roger Pike.

R. B. P.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

S. and W. District

On June 4th the six-bell towers at Stanwell and Bedfont were the venue of the S. and W. District's first Saturday meeting since March. It is indeed fortunate that in both towers the bells are loud in the ringing chamber; one can at least continue to hear them as aircraft take off from adjacent London Airport.

At the business meeting it was decided to make all newly-elected resident members eligible for a gift copy of the Central Council's "Beginners' Handbook." Two new members—T. M. Burby and T. J. White—from St. Mary's, Twickenham, were elected. It was agreed that the present arrangements for evening practices were working out well, and the idea of additional practices devoted purely to Surprise ringing was suggested and enthusiastically received. The secretary agreed to try to find a tower suitable for the purpose.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicars of Stanwell and Bedfont, and to the Bedfont ringers for the really excellent tea they provided.

W. S. D.

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Kentisbeare,
On a Saturday afternoon;
And over the fields,
Delightful to hear,
Rising and falling,
Now distant, now near,
Tinkling and tumbling,
And trembling clear,
Melting, mingling,
Merging in air,
Floating and fairy-like, falls on the
ear
The music of bells for a boon.

And I am digging my garden-ground,
On a Saturday afternoon;
I stop and straighten
My back at the sound,
And light up my pipe
And have a look round;

And my great-great-grandfather,
I'll be bound,
When he was a-digging
This same old ground,
Would have stopped and stretched
his back at the sound
Of Kentisbear's rhythmical rune.

And maybe my grandson, in his
prime,
On a Saturday afternoon,
While digging this plot,
Or putting on lime,
Trimming or weeding,
(Or just wasting time),
Will suddenly hear
The same silvery chime
Come up round the hillside,
Seeming to climb;
And likely *he'll* start to fashion a
rhyme
From Kentisbeare's magical tune.

A. B. BLACKMORE

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beare, has a ring of six with a tenor of 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. St. Mary's, Kentis-

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The second annual striking competition in the Ely District was held at Willingham (6) on June 4th. The winning team was Histon, ringing Plain Bob Minor (59 faults), with last year's winners, Fordham, coming second (Kent Treble Bob, 70 faults). The other teams were Ely (Plain Bob Minor, 85 faults), Chatteris (Plain Bob Minor, 105 faults), and Wilburton (Plain Bob Doubles, 115 faults).

This year the judges were Mr. W. W. Cousins (Terrington St. John) and the general secretary of the Ely Association, Mr. Harold S. Peacock. Mr. Cousins, who was also one of the judges in the previous competition, remarked that the standard of ringing was higher this year.

LADIES' GUILD
South Wales District

The presence of a party of boys from Cowbridge Grammar School with Mr. Iolo Davies added to the success of the South Wales District spring meeting at Whitchurch, Cardiff, on May 21st. Everyone was welcomed and "looked after" by the tower captain, Mr. William Dare.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Winton) took the service, and Miss Gwen Bidgood, a local ringer, read the lesson.

Tea was kindly arranged by Mrs. Bidgood.

Three new members were elected—the Misses Marilyn Evans and Gillian Armstrong (St. Mary's, Swansea) and Christine Hopkins (Whitchurch). Congratulations on her recent marriage were extended to Mrs. Llewellyn (nee Penny Welch).

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual shield contest held at All Saints', South Kirkby, near Pontefract, on June 11th, was won by Cawthorne with 44 faults. Other placings were: Warsop 58, Roughtown 72, Wentworth 94, Friezland 106. The test piece was 720 changes with 120 practice. Mr. Harold Chant was the judge and Mr. G. Pilkington the marker. Mr. Noel F. Moxon, on behalf of Cawthorne, received the shield, and there was a prize of a thermos flask for each member, the prizes being presented by Miss Catherine Hunt (South Kirkby). Mr. Michael Meadows proposed the vote of thanks.

The Rev P. Schofield presided at a meeting. It was reported that Todmorden bells had been silent for a long time but with some keen young ringers and the Rev. P. Schofield and others it is hoped to have them going again.

Next meeting: Royston, near Barnsley, July 9th.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Northern District

The evening meeting at Barley on June 4th proved to be one of the most popular held for some time and the six bells were soon going to a variety of methods to suit all tastes under the expert guidance of Dr. Gullick. A new local band is being formed here and the ringers made full use of the knowledgeable help available.

Next quarterly meeting: Knebworth, July 2nd.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

THE annual general meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held in glorious weather at the Cathedral on June 11th, when approximately 46 members were present representing St. David's, Tenby, Pembroke, St. Florence, Cardigan, Llanbadarn Fawr, Carmarthen, Llanelli, Llandeilo and Burry Port.

The bells were rung from 2.30 to 4 p.m., followed by the meeting in the Lady Chapel presided over by the Dean of St. David's.

After the opening prayer we stood in silence remembering Mr. B. H. Rees of Burry Port, hon. auditor since 1945 until his death earlier this year, and Mrs. Mary Buckland, Cathedral librarian, former bellringer and tower secretary at St. David's.

The Master, the Rev. Russen Thomas, presenting his report, welcomed all present and paid tribute to the work of the late Mr. Rees and Mrs. Buckland. He emphasised the importance of continually striving to improve one's standard of ringing and said that all work for God must be of the highest quality and that the leaders and older members of towers should encourage the young people to be punctual and frequent in their attendances by setting them a good example.

The Ringing Master, Mr. P. C. Rogers, reported that six peals and 27 quarters had been rung during the past year, and he hoped that the increase in peal ringing activities would continue. Attendance at monthly practices had been good, but every effort must be made to improve striking. The bells of the Cathedral were heard for a few moments, ringing rounds, prior to the St. David's Day service, which was televised.

The secretary, Mr. A. C. Warburton, commended the booklet which has been compiled to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the Guild. It may be obtained at any tower in the diocese, priced at 2s. 6d., and contains a short history of the Guild's activities, etc.

The treasurer, Mr. A. F. Walters, reported that the finances were stable, although subscriptions were slow to come in, about three towers being still outstanding.

Major Pateman, Central Council representative, regretted that he had been unable to attend the Central Council meeting and proffered his resignation.

The officers of the Guild were all re-elected for a further term of office, and Mrs. Rogers was elected Press secretary in place of Mr. M. E. Lewis, who was not seeking re-election.

Certificates were then presented to Llanelli, St. Florence and Tenby, who were first, second and third respectively in the annual competition.

After a very heated discussion, a notice of motion was narrowly accepted, by 13 votes to 12, to amend the competition test piece to 40 rounds, stand, 120 changes, stand, 40 rounds, stand. Another notice of motion amending the number of "outsiders" which a team may pick to complete its band from two to one only was accepted.

An excellent tea was provided in the College Hall, after which members attended Cathedral Evensong.

We then returned to the campanile to conclude an enjoyable day by ringing until 9 p.m.

B. H. R.

LEICESTER GUILD STRIKING COMPETITION

Earl Shilton have won the Leicester Guild striking competition, held at Oadby on May 14th. Five teams entered. They rang Grandsire Doubles and had 47¾ faults.

Other placings were: St. John-the-Divine, Leicester (Stedman Doubles) 50¾ faults; Aylestone (Stedman Doubles) 53; Oadby (Plain Bob Doubles) 86¾; South Wigston (Grandsire Doubles) 105.

The judges were Messrs. T. C. Belton, G. M. Brewin, and J. M. Jelley. Mr. Belton, when summing up, said that although the faults were high this should not discourage teams. Special mention was made of Oadby, the band having started from scratch during the last two years.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas', on June 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: L. P. Halling 1, Philippa J. P. Dixon 2, A. K. P. Poole 3, J. R. Rowson (first as cond.) 4, C. I. Rowson 5, J. R. Poole 6. Rung half-muffled by the Abingdon School Campanological Society in memory of David C. Cullen, a ringer of the school, on the day of his funeral.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 5th, 1,320 Trinity Sunday T.B. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Amanda Powell 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method for all the band.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on May 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Graham Prior (first of Major) 1, Kaye W. Lynas 2, R. Jolly (first of Major) 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, R. A. S. Adams 5, B. R. Cox 6, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 7, D. J. Bleby 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Monica Collins and John Martin. Also on June 5th, 1,279 Doubles (Candlesby, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Mary Devonshire (first quarter) 1, Kaye W. Lynas 2, B. R. Cox 3, D. J. Bleby 4, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 5, G. C. Prior 6. A wedding compliment to Monica Collins and John Martin, married at Broadford Victoria, the previous day.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (St Simon, Plain Bob, Grandsire): J. Maddock 1, L. E. Venables 2, J. Laughton 3, J. R. Whitham (cond.) 4, G. W. Shanks 5.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Pavey 1, Miss E. Stewart 2, Miss C. Williamson 3, Edna Siggery 4, D. Elsmore 5, K. Williamson 6, T. Page (cond.) 7, W. Siggery 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss Mary Bragg, Sunday school teacher and ringer at St. Michael's Church and daughter of tower captain (E. J. Bragg).

ASH-IN-MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. B. Pike (cond.) 1, Miss H. J. Pike 2, Miss R. C. Hassell 3, C. J. Garlick 4, M. J. Church 5, D. L. Wilcox 6. For Evensong.

BALTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. L. Crocker 1, G. W. Rendell 2, T. E. Marks 3, R. Parker 4, V. J. Farthing 5, F. J. White (cond.) 6.

BATHAMPTON, BATH.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): G. J. Tayler 1, Mrs. J. Stubbs 2, J. E. Newman 3, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 4, J. E. David 5, M. Cannon (first quarter) 6.

BATHWICK, BATH.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew): J. Wrigley (first quarter) 1, E. Goater 2, Miss M. Stubbs 3, Mrs. J. Stubbs 4, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 5, P. R. Stubbs 6. For Easter, and to mark the admittance of Anne Peggy Siminson into the Church.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On June 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Ellis (age 11, first quarter) 1, R. Cassidy (age 12, first quarter) 2, J. Pilgrim 3, A. Knights 4, J. Marjoram (first as cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. The tenor ringer acknowledges his indebtedness to J. Pilgrim and J. Marjoram, for their helpfulness in the training of young ringers in this district.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTS.—On June 8th, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: F. Byrne (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss C. V. Mills 2, A. V. Good 3, Miss S. E. Williams 4, A. R. Kench (cond.) 5, P. W. Harper 6, R. E. Sheppard 7, W. Ayre 8. To celebrate Berkhamsted Pageant.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's, on June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. V. Brook 1, M. J. Wilson 2, G. K. Smith 3, J. M. Brook (first of Doubles and as cond.) 4, A. T. Taylor (first of P.B. Doubles) 5, A. E. Shingles 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brook.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, Mary Wells 2, P. Corderoy 3, H. E. Wells 4, J. P. Blond 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, M. Corderoy 8. For Parish Communion.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On June 6th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Vincent 1, A. R. Peake 2, B. Bladon 3, W. H. Trueman 4, H. Ball 5, E. W. Ford (cond.) 6. To welcome Krista Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Sheppard, born May 20th at Waterford, N.Y., U.S.A.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Christian 1, S. Christian 2, A. Walters 3, M. Whittell 4, M. Howes 5, R. Whittell (cond.) 6. First of Minor since rededication of tenor. For Evensong. Also on June 5th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Cheryl Lay (first of Minor) 1, M. H. Whittell 2, S. Christian 3, A. R. Walters 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's, on June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Norma M. Jennings 1, Angela J. Williams 2, Jean M. Pike 3, Catherine M. Powell 4, A. V. Sheppard 5, S. E. Armstrong 6, D. P. Snoswell (first as cond.) 7, A. W. Bond 8. Conductor has now "circled the tower" to quarters.

BRIMPSFIELD, GLOS.—On May 21st, 1,272 Minimus (five methods): Miss E. M. Bliss 1, M. Stracey 2, R. Wakefield 3, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 4. First quarter on the bells. First of Minimus 1, 2 and 3.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On June 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. A. Heggie (first quarter) 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, J. E. Burles 3, J. Turner 4, D. H. Garnett 5, W. Wall 6, J. Bagnall 7, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and N. M. Newby (June 3rd).

BURMARSH, KENT.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): T. H. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Miss A. Rayner 3, Mrs. R. Wratten 4, B. Watts (first as cond.) 5, L. Beeching (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. A welcome to Rev. J. E. Murrell, ordained deacon at Canterbury the same day.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Padbury 1, L. Penfold 2, Lynn Wilson 3, D. Harding 4, G. Sweet (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 5. For Matins, and as a birthday compliment to Janet Sherlock and Robin Padbury.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 1, Sandra M. Pitman 2, C. Longridge 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, B. W. Pocock 6. First in two Minor methods for all except conductor. First Minor by Sunday service band.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on June 2nd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: M. G. Tong 1, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, Valerie Willard 4, G. Neilson 5, M. Ostler 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, D. G. Mitchell 8, T. H. Holmes 9, A. S. Phelips 10. First on ten bells 1, 6 and 10. Rung on the 13th anniversary of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alice Ward 1, Hannah Penfold 2, J. L. Hayns 3, M. Morris 4, P. Munday 5, A. Skilton (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Judith Hough and Mr. Colin Clayson, on their marriage this day, and to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hough, parents of the bride, on their silver wedding.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On May 17th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Jennifer Wright 1, R. Waterhouse 2, D. Walters 3, R. P. Sherlock 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, I. Parker 6. For Confirmation service.

CLENCHWARTON, NORFOLK.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Bird 1, Mrs. H. Spiller 2, A. Mead (11 years) 3, G. Rich (first of Doubles) 4, W. H. Spiller (cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 5. To commemorate the Rector's fiirst year in the parish.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Smith 1, V. Stevens 2, J. D. Nelson 3, B. M. Baines 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, W. J. Sale 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Peggy Butcher and Mr. Patrick Penfold, both of the local band. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: J. Hazeldine 1, J. D. Nelson 2, B. M. Baines 3, R. Osbon 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, A. E. W. Baines 6. Rung with all best wishes to Peggy and Patrick Penfold, on their wedding day.

DERBY.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 29th, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob): J. Bailey 1, A. Mould 2, K. Betesta 3, R. Wallis 4, M. Willis 5, D. Walklate (cond.) 6 J. Hayburn (first quarter) cover bell.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Vardy 1, P. Romney 2, M. Lush 3, T. F. Collins 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, B. J. Dyke 6, R. H. Duke 7, G. J. Goringe 8. To mark the opening of Christian Aid Week.

DUBLIN.—At St. George's Church, on May 20th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): G. McGregor 1, P. W. Brown 2, V. Scott 3, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 4, C. J. Reede 5. Rung in memory of David H. Bennett, captain of Talgarth bellringers.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Murphy 1, M. Sprackling 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Miss S. Davis 4, P. Felton 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. Felton 8. Rung for morning service, and rebuilding centenary.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Frederick Sharpe informs us that his book "The Bells of Radnorshire" is now sold out.

The new hon. general secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild is Mr. A. James Poynor in succession to Mr. Brian Warwick.

The peal attempt at Exeter Cathedral on June 4th was stopped after 2¾ hours when Mr. Robert B. Smith realised that he would not be able to put the tenor bell in its correct position if ringing continued.

Mr. Philip Walker has represented the Oxford Diocesan Guild on the Central Council for some years and should not have been recorded on page 371 at a new member. Mr. W. Butler was a new member with Messrs. N. J. Diserens and F. C. Price.

Martin Turner (aged 13), who rang the treble to the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Kidlington on June 8th is a grandson of W. F. Judge and was taught to handle a bell by Wilf Godwin, of Wolvercote, where he rings for Sunday service.

Mr. R. N. Marlow, who conducted a peal of Superlative at Curdridge, Hants, on June 11th, writes that great credit is due to Miss Catharine Maundrell on the way she rang in the peal. It was almost a tripless performance and she had never struck a blow in the method before.

Manaccan Parish Church bells, now at Loughborough, are to be rededicated on July 2nd by the Archdeacon of Cornwall. According to "The West Briton" parishioners are summoned to worship by a bell suspended on a fig tree, which grows out of the church wall, rung by 11-year-old David Blampied.

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MISS MONICA COLLINS SPENDS PART OF HONEYMOON AT RINGING FESTIVAL

At least four congratulatory peals were rung for the wedding of Miss Monica Collins, formerly of Guildford but for the last seven years an Australian resident doing most of her ringing at Melbourne and Adelaide. The ceremony on June 4th was at St. Matthew's Church, Broadford. The bridegroom, Mr. John Martin, lived in Horsell, Surrey, before going to Australia. He is a radio and television technician and shares the bride's keenness for ringing.

The Rev. J. R. J. Price, who was a friend of the Collins family when a curate at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, and is now Rector of Broadford, officiated at the service. The bride was given away by Mr. John Roper, Ringing Master at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and wore a short frock of white wool lace, with shoulder-length veil and carried a spray of white orchids. Miss Gayle Eltringham was bridesmaid and Mr. Bill Robertson best man.

Guests at the wedding included many ringing friends from St. Paul's and St. Patrick's Cathedrals, Melbourne, Bendigo, Ballarat and Adelaide, South Australia. Mr. John Roper was toastmaster. During their honeymoon the bride and bridegroom attended the annual ringing festival of the Australia and New Zealand Association of Bellringers, which was held in Sydney during the Queen's birthday week-end.

They are making their home at 7, Graham Street, Quarry Hill, Bendigo, Victoria, and the bride will resume her former duties with the Victorian Social Welfare Department. For the last two years she was stationed at Adelaide working as a welfare officer for the Northern Territory Welfare Branch.

APPOINTED A READER

The annual festival and admission service of the Readers Board for the Diocese of Derby was held in the Cathedral Church on May 21st. Among those newly appointed to the office of reader was Mr. Ernest Paulson, B.Sc., who is a ringer at St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale, where his father, Mr. George H. Paulson, is tower captain.

As a token of their good wishes the ringers at St. Helen's have presented Mr. Paulson with the blue scarf which is the badge of office of a reader.

An attempt for a complimentary peal at St. Helen's was ill-fated. The first attempt had to be cancelled owing to the sudden illness of two of the band, and a second attempt was made through a miscall after more than an hour's good ringing.

WENTWORTH RINGERS "OUT AND ABOUT"

The ringers of Holy Trinity, Wentworth, near Rotherham, have been visiting other towers instead of practising at home, which is partly due to two peal attempt failures in a week. Two "silent" towers were chosen—Hoylandswaine (6) and Wortley (8)—and on both occasions the Vicar met the party and expressed delight at hearing the bells rung again.

The tower was well represented at the Yorkshire Council's festival at Beverley and, after enjoying a first-class festival tea, they had their own "private" festival tour, visiting Sutton-on-Hull (6), Swine (4, 18 cwt.) and Rise (5, 9 cwt.).

BRIMPSFIELD, GLOS.

The quarter peal at Brimpsfield, Glos, on May 21st brings to notice a ring of four which may well be of interest to "Ringing World" readers, writes Miss E. M. Bliss. Apart from the fact that the ropes were rather too long, we found that the bells went quite well and it seems that, although they have not attracted visiting ringers, they have been rung until recently by a local band.

The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe in his "Church Bells of Gloucestershire" lists the bells as follows:

1: praise ye the lorde tg tg.
2: IB H. W. & I G* ANO DOMINI 1657.
3: IHESUS FILIUS DEI MISERERE MEI
* Inverted letter.

Robert Norton's stamps and letters, with his cracked M.

In his paper "The Church Bells of Gloucestershire" (The Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archæological Society, Vol. XVIII), H. B. Walters states that the first must undoubtedly be of Elizabethan date and that T. G. was probably working at the time of the Reformation, c. 1520–1550. In my copy of the paper a marginal note in the author's handwriting suggests that T. G. is probably Thomas Jefferys of SS. Philip and Jacob, Bristol, whose will is dated 1549.

Walters also states that Robert Norton (Exeter, c. 1420–1460), or another founder working with him, possessed a series of capitals, which are frequently found in Devon and Somerset, and occur in Gloucestershire on the Brimpsfield and Horton tenors. A marginal note here says that Brimpsfield tenor is by the same founder as Dorchester, Oxon, seventh. The present ring has a modern treble dated 1910.

HONOUR FOR CLAVERLEY TOWER CAPTAIN

Included in the list of the Queen's birthday honours was the name of Mr. Ernest Drew, who is awarded the British Empire Medal for his services to the Post Office in Claverley since 1927. Mr. Drew, who is well known in West Midland ringing circles, is the popular and highly respected captain of the Claverley band. Under his leadership the bells at Claverley have only failed to ring for one morning service during the last 20 years.

ST. LEONARD'S, STREATHAM

Streatham ringers, accompanied by friends from Wimbledon, Worcestershire and Nottingham and later joined by David Hughes and party from Liss had a good outing on June 4th. Two Guildford towers were first visited—Merrow and the Cathedral, where Cambridge Royal proved a little too ambitious but Grandsire and Stedman Caters went well. The fine octave at Petworth and lunch at Midhurst preceded tackling Chichester Cathedral bells, where the party were unable to ring anything impressive. At Bosham the ringers enjoyed entertaining most of the visitors attending the flower festival.

Double Norwich and Yorkshire went well after tea at Petersfield. Alresford bells were also enjoyed. The best ringing was, however, reserved for the last, at New Alresford, where near-perfect Superlative and Bristol rounded off a good programme.

Sincere thanks are offered to incumbents and those who met the party.

PEALS TO TAKE BACK TO SYDNEY

The peal of Quedgeley Surprise Major rung at Olveston, Glos, on June 6th was especially arranged for Mrs. Margaret Goodyer, who is on holiday in England from Sydney, Australia. This was only her second tower-bell peal but she rang throughout like one with many more peals to her credit. Before she returns to Australia next month she is aiming to ring a peal of Yorkshire (where she was born), Quedgeley (where her parents live) and Turramurra (where she rings in Sydney). She has only Turramurra to go now. By a coincidence, Olveston is the only tower in Britain where her husband rang a peal when he was here briefly in 1956. Finally Margaret was pleased to ring a peal with the Bristol ringers, as she learned to ring in Bristol—and there is no mistaking the class, either!

A RAINHAM WEDDING

Miss Cynthia Elizabeth Naylor, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Naylor, of the well-known Kent ringing family and niece of Mr. and Mrs. E. Naylor, of Bath, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Barton, of Borden, and Mr. and Mrs F J Cheal, of Rainham, was married on May 28th at St. Margaret's Church, Rainham, to Mr. Charles Macgregor, of Scotland. There was appropriate ringing by the local band before and after the service, and a quarter peal by friends, also on the bells.

SOLIHULL PRESENTATION

Before ringing the quarter peal at Solihull on June 5th the ringers presented Wilfrid G. Wilson's book, "Change Ringing," to Mr. Vincent W. Rigg in recognition of his long and devoted service to that tower as bellringer and as tower secretary until he left Solihull last October on retirement from business and moved to Moreton-in-the-Marsh.

ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY

To mark the 102nd birthday of Mrs. Elizabeth Fulcher, the Barkingside, Essex, band recently rang a quarter peal of Bob Doubles. This in itself was a good achievement, for just over a year ago the local band only consisted of five members and three of these could only ring rounds, but as a result of a recruiting drive seven new members from the Youth Club were taught to handle a bell, and thanks to the help of three young stalwarts from Walthamstow, who helped out on Tuesday practices, were also taught change ringing, with the result that only one "outsider" had to stand in this latest effort.

The band are very keen and are moving on to Triples and Major, and the next step hoped for is a quarter peal with an entirely local band.

LINCOLNSHIRE FLORAL FESTIVALS

The ringers at St. Mary's, Stow, would welcome any visiting bands at the Corringham Rural Deanery Festival of Flowers on July 15th, 16th and 17th, and also at St. Martin's, Blyton (five miles from Gainsborough) on June 25th and 26th. The theme of the floral arrangements at Blyton depicts a Lincolnshire village and famous Lincolnshire figures—St. Hugh and the swan, the poet Tennyson and Katharine Swynford. Visiting teams should write to Mr. A. L. Denton, Stow Road, Sturton-by-Stow, Lincoln.

R. B. PIKE'S WHITSUN WEEKEND

(THE "PIKESTAFF")

ALL RUNG FOR THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOURTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Friday, May 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B., two of Oxford T.B. and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*Michael J. Smith ..	Treble	†Clifford J. Garlick	4
*H. Jillian Pike	2	David L Wilcox	5
*Michael S. Holbrook ..	3	Roger B. Pike	Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike
* First peal in four methods. † First of Minor.

PRESTON PLUCKNETT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt

David L Wilcox	Treble	*Michael J. Church	4
*Clifford J. Garlick	2	Roger B Pike	5
H. Jillian Pike	3	Michael S Holbrook ..	Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike
* First peal of Doubles. First of Grandsire Doubles for all the band.

STOKE-SUB-HAMBDON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENNINGTON BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lb. in E

Roger B Pike	Treble	Michael J Church	4
R. Christine Hassell ..	2	David L Wilcox	5
*Michael J. Smith	3	Clifford J. Garlick	Tenor

Conducted by David L. Wilcox.
* First peal of Doubles First peal in the method for all the band, on the bells and for the Guild

BABCARY, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., May 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods, being two extents each of St. Nicholas Bob and Winchendon Place Bob; three each of April Day Bob, Kennington Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Southrepps Pleasure Bob: four each of St. Simon Bob, Eynsham Bob, St. Martin Bob, St Leonard Bob and Plain Bob: six of Grandsire Tenor 12 cwt

Michael J. Smith	Treble	Michael S. Holbrook ..	4
H. Jillian Pike	2	Roger B Pike	5
R. Christine Hassell	3	Michael J. Church	Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.
Most methods to a peal by all the band except the conductor.
Rung as a thanksgiving on the Festival of Whitsun.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in A

H. Jillian Pike	Treble	†Clifford J. Garlick	4
*Michael J. Smith	2	David L Wilcox	5
R. Christine Hassell ..	3	Michael J. Church	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Church.
* First peal of Minor "inside" † First of Plain Bob Minor.
First as conductor.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CURRY RIVEL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E.

E. Jane Sibson	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Kenneth Newman	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin Conducted by Derek E Sibson

DRAYTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¾ cwt. in E.

Joan Beresford	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Joe E. G. Roast	2	Derek E Sibson	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Howard W. Egglestone	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Dennis Beresford

EAST COKER, Som.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels.
On Wed. June 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SOMERSET SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt

E. Jane Sibson	Treble	Frank B Lufkin	5
Joan Beresford	2	Stanley G Ponting	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Derek E Sibson	7
Joe E. G. Roast	4	W Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by J W Washbrook Conducted by Derek E Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band.

CHEWTON MENDIP, Som.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr 1 lb in D.

Andrew Howard	Treble	John Brain	5
Gililan M Hussey	2	John W Smith	6
Trevor A Cross	3	D John Hunt	7
John C. Slater	4	Rev Roger O Fry	Tenor

Composed by S. J Ivin Conducted by D John Hunt.

MERRIOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., June 9, 1966 in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of [illegible] I B and two each of Kent T.B. Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Tenor 14 cwt.

*Robert Parker	Treble	Derek S Beaufoy ..	4
†Trevor E. Marks	2	*Frederick G. Sandy ..	5
Gilbert W. Rendell ..	3	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A Cross
* First peal in four methods. † First in four methods "inside."

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SOHAM, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St Andrew.
On Mon., June 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt in E.

K S. B. Croft (St John's)	Treble	R H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	6
K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) ..	2	S P Darvill (Downing)	7
E N Thomas (St John's)	3	K J Darvill (St. Cath's)	8
F. E Haynes (St Cath's)	4	J A Harrison (Sidney)	9
R. Shipp (Peterhouse) ..	5	J. H R. Freeborn (Clare)	Tenor

Composed by F. E. May. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Caters for the Guild and for all the band except the ringer of the ninth.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St George.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt

F. John Nelson	Treble	Brian A Tomlinson ..	5
Christine Andrew	2	Denis Mottershead	6
Margaret Wright	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Alex Richardson	4	Neil O Lomas	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.
First peal in the method for all except the treble ringer

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Peter.
On Sat., June 11, 1966 in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr 22 lb in B flat.

Joyce Grainger	Treble	Raymond I Ballard	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Denis Latham	6
Harold Dowler	3	Roy Worrall	7
*Geoffrey Gardner	4	Barry Corbishley	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal of Bristol.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 11, 1966 in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
C.C.C. No 9. Tenor 18 cwt 2 qr 12 lb.

F. John Nelson	Treble	Nicholas J Martin	5
Christine Andrew	2	Alan Schofield	6
Alan McFall	3	Edward Jenkins	7
Robert B Smith	4	Derek Butterworth ..	Tenor

Composed by E. W Tipler Conducted by Robert B Smith
Rung as a compliment to Christine C Macnair, of Marple, and David T Darby, of Humberstone who were married at this church later the same day.

CHETWYND, Shropshire.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations, being three extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Dedworth, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and Fortune
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr 22 lb. in A sharp

Frank R Morton	Treble	John R Scott	4
Gerald Parsons	2	Terence E Trickett	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	3	David Allman	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R Morton.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FORTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints, On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 14½ cwt.

David Allman .. .. .. Treble	John R. Scott 4
Terence E. Trickett 2	Gerald Parsons 5
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 3	Frank R. Morton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY.—At the Church of St Peter, On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*Felicity A. Kelly .. .. Treble	David Walklate 5
†Jack Bailey 2	†‡Kevin Betesta 6
†Geoffrey Bridges 3	†Clive Longden 7
†Reg Wallis 4	*Richard Stevenson .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by David Walklate.

* First peal. † First of Bob Triples. ‡ 25th peal.

Rung in memory of the father of John Whiting, a local ringer, who died the week previous.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

John Clark .. .. .. Treble	Joe E. G. Roast 5
*Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	Christopher K. Cooper .. 6
*†Yvonne A. Murray .. 3	†Peter G. Brown 7
Ian R. Panton 4	James L. Towler .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of Rutland. † 25th peal together.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church, On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

*Raymond Hulme .. .. Treble	*William G. Merritt .. 5
*Jill E. Davidge 2	Michael J. Stanley 6
†Shirley H. Little 3	Eric Sutton 7
††Michael Scowen 4	§Peter Tombs .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Eric Sutton.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Triples. ‡ First "inside." § First on eight bells.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Councillor A. W. J. Dymond, who died on Friday, May 28th, 1966, a few days after completing his term of office as Mayor of the borough of Swindon.

OLVESTON, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin, On Mon., June 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E.

*M. Louise Taylor .. .. Treble	Brynley A. Shackleton .. 5
*Margaret E. Goodyer .. 2	*Philip M. J. Gray 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	John C. Slater 7
*Richard W. Sweet 4	D. John Hunt .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.

* First peal in the method.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BENGEO, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A.

*Jacqueline S. Young .. Treble	Ian L. Dear 5
*Beryl Platt 2	Andrew J. Slade 6
Roger Durrant 3	Robert J. Chapman 7
Ernest T. Newnham .. 4	Donald E. Cobb .. .. Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Donald E. Cobb.

* First peal.

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary, On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

Arthur F. Warren .. .. Treble	*Jennifer A. Murphy .. 5
Alick Cutler 2	Ronald K. Russ 6
Ruth M. Foreman 3	†Martin F. Lock 7
John E. T. Wiseman .. 4	Thomas J. Lock .. .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Martin F. Lock.

* First peal "inside." † 50th peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Penny Tibbetts, a ringer at this tower, and Mr. Martin Wiggs, married at this church earlier in the day; also to Monica Collins and John Martin, married this day at Broadford, Victoria, Australia.

Correction to May 20th.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, On Fri., April 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*Joan A. Hayward .. .. Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5
Arthur G. Mason .. 2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 6
*John W. Gander 3	Herbert E. Audsley .. 7
Martin L. Howe 4	Frederick J. Cullum .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, On Fri., June 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' 4-part. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*Anne Horsford .. .. Treble	Herbert E. Audsley 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	Colin A. Tester 6
Christopher T. Osenton 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Frederick J. Cullum .. 4	William T. Blewitt .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung for the wedding of John Martin and Monica Collins, married this day at Broadford, Victoria, Australia.

LINTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Shirley P. Town .. .. Treble	*Norman R. Mattingley .. 5
Christopher T. Osenton .. 2	W. Arthur Riddington .. 6
Cyril S. Jarrett 3	*George E. Evenden .. 7
Martin L. Howe 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HORWICH, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, On Sun., May 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*R. Keith Lister (1962—) Treble	James E. Andrews (1962—) 4
Pauline Moss (1951-57) 2	James Blackburn (1919-23) 5
David Moss (1962—) .. 3	Bernard Moss (1953-60) Tenor

Conducted by Bernard Moss.

* First peal.

Rung by past and present pupils of Rivington and Blackrod Grammar School to mark the 400th anniversary of the granting of the Royal Charter to the school.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHEPSHED, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph, On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. Harry Cook .. .. Treble	*Mary Barras 5
*Pat Farmer 2	*John L. Day 6
*Ronald D. Hughes 3	Arthur E. Rowley 7
*Dorothy A. Day 4	Roland Beniston .. .. Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal of Major

HALLATON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being 720 St. Clement's and two each of Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.

Edward C. Cowd .. .. Treble	Edward G. Slater 4
Philip Bosworth 2	Raymond H. Martin .. 5
Edward W. Martin 3	Arnold S. Goad .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

GREAT OXENDEN, Northants.—At the Church of St. Helen, On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being nine extents each of Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin and 15 Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B.

Judith K. Morris .. .. Treble	Arnold S. Goad 3
Edward G. Slater 2	N. Roderick Ellway .. 4

Raymond H. Martin .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond H. Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUTTERTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin, On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Janet E. Hubbard .. .. Treble	R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 4
Joan Gilbert 2	Philip H. Reynolds 5
Keith R. Davey 3	Alan G. Payne .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Keith R. Davey.

Rung as a farewell to Canon Goodworth.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALFORD, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.
On Sat. June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College, Norwich Surprise, Single Oxford, Beverley Surprise, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

David T. Maultby	Treble	R. Arthur Goldsmith	4
Joan Gilbert	2	Keith R. Davey	5
Janet E. Hubbard	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G Payne.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Michael P. and Mrs. Brackenbury to the South Ormesby Group of Parishes.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Plain Bob, three of April Day and 37 of Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt.

Thomas E. Hiddins	Treble	Harold Preece	4
D. Walford Davies	2	William T. Petty	5
D. R. Lynn Jones	3	Cyril Phillips	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

LLANGYNWYD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Cynwyd.
On Tues., June 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents of Plain Bob and 39 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

Derek J. Godfrey	Treble	D. Walford Davies	4
D. R. Lynn Jones	2	Harold Preece	5
William T. Petty	3	Cyril Phillips	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

The ringer of the fourth has now "circled the tower" to peals.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Norman M. Cooper on his ordination to the priesthood.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Christopher H. Rogers	Treble	Robin J. Collis	6
Michael J. Uphill	2	Harold W. Rogers	7
Patricia Rogers	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	8
Olive L. Rogers	4	C. Montague Meyer	9
Kenneth J. Rider	5	Dennis A. Hewitt	Tenor

Composed by B. Jealous. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.

Rung in honour of the official birthday, this day, of Her Majesty the Queen.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DITCHINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Stephen F. High	Treble	†Norman P. J. Cossey	4
*Michael J. Howes	2	Thomas J. Brock	5
H. William Barrett	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal in seven methods. † 50th peal for the Association.

An engagement compliment to Stephen High and Diana Toone.

KESSINGLAND, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Thurs., May 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Oxford T.B., two extents of Kent T.B. and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

H. William Barrett	Treble	*Cleeve F. Finch	4
*Diane Toone	2	Stephen F. High	5
Thomas J. Brock	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal in three methods.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Michael J. Howes	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	4
Stephen F. High	2	J. Barry Pickup	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	Trevor N. J. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEACONSFIELD, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Roland Biggs	Treble	John J. P. Ellams	5
Joyce I. Barton	2	Peter Newton	6
Walter Avery	3	David A. Cornwall	7
Michael J. Best	4	Walter Lee	Tenor

Composed by George Williams. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's six-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

*Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	James E. Godman	5
Henry L. Bishop	2	Robert B. Blond	6
Frank Tuffley	3	A. Roy Wood	7
Frank E. Godden	4	Reginald F. Crook	Tenor

* 25th peal. Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

Rung following the wedding of Miss Brenda Winslow and Mr. Alan Gibson.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat, May 21st, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Edward D. Patching	Treble	†Hilary Osborne	4
*Nigel I. Bridges	2	David Floyd	5
Michael J. Church	3	Peter G. Holden	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Holden.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor "inside."

Rung for the tenth anniversary of the rehanging and augmentation of the bells to six. Tenor 15½ cwt.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., June 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Edgar J. Smith	Treble	Brian R. White	5
G. Robert Mordaunt	2	Victor Griffin	6
Roger M. Heyworth	3	Francis A. White	7
Antony P. Foster	4	Walter F. Judge	Tenor

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

Rung as a wedding compliment to David T. Darby and Christine C. Macnair, marrying the following day at Marple, Cheshire.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLOXHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of Our Lady of Bloxham.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Raymond A. Vickers	Treble	James Linnell	5
*William J. Chester	2	George E. Green	6
Alan A. Paul	3	Charles E. Truman	7
Barry E. Saunders	4	Barrie Hendrey	Tenor

Composed by A. R. Kench. Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Birthday compliments to Barrie Hendry and Mrs. George E. Green.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WAREHAM, Dorset.—At the Church of Lady St. Mary.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Ruth A. Elmes	Treble	C. Martin Press	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	John W. Blackwood	6
Jeffrey L. Claughton	3	George E. Thoday	7
George E. Bonham	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

The composition contains all 7568 and 7468 courses, and the 6th 12 courses home. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARMINSTER, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Edgar R. Rapley	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Kenneth Newman	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Ian Zass-Ogilvie, who was to be ordained on Trinity Sunday.

ABBOTSBURY, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., May 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent each of Kent T.B. and Oxford Bob, two Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and three Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Ruth Elmes	Treble	Robert J. Fuller	4
Christine M. Baldock	2	Alan R. Baldock	5
D. Roy Fuller	3	John W. Blackwood	Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Fuller.
* First peal of Minor in four methods. First peal as conductor.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
TENTERDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mildred.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

Yvonne Edwards	Treble	John S. Barnes	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Edwin A. Barnett	3	Peter Beresford	7
Kenneth Newman	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb. in C.

*Clive M. Smith	Treble	*Michael W. Fairey	5
Eric E. Speake	2	Arthur Pritchard	6
F. Hector Bennett	3	*Edmund Malin	7
*J. Dennis Holden	4	*John H. Allen	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by John H. Allen.
* First peal in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In six methods/variations: All Saints, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

Roy Whitworth	Treble	Graham Fisher	4
Neil Handley	2	David Oliver	5
*David Osbourne	3	Sydney Adams	Tenor

Conducted by David Oliver.
* First peal.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Margaret E. Chilton	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
*Rosemary E. Preston	2	*Albert Foster	4
Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor		

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
* First peal "inside." Tenor 7 cwt. 1 lb.
With the compliments of the band to Richard Andrews and Jean Bullivant, married this day at St. Mary's, Radcliffe-on-Trent.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
ARDINGLY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Saturday, June 4th, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Diane Wickens	Treble	Hedley Burton	4
*Penelope Raine	2	*Peter Raine	5
Carol Wickens	3	Ian Wickens	Tenor

Conducted by Ian Wickens.
* First peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SALEHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	John A. Howard	5
Derek Slater	2	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
Alexander Waddington	3	W. Arthur Riddington	7
*Peter S. Muchlinski	4	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington.
* First of Cambridge Major.

RUSPER, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Tues., June 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 HOVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*Leonard Stilwell	Treble	George Francis	5
E. Jane Sibson	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
David D. Smith	3	C. Martin Press	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* 400th peal for the Association First peal in the method.
HOVE SURPRISE MAJOR
x 56 x 14 x 56 x 38 x 14 x 58.36 x 36.18. l.e. 18. 15738264.
f.c.e. 32465, 43265. Composition: Wratten's Collection No. 89.

WORTHING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Botolph, Heene.
On Wed., June 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 WORTHING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Leonard Stilwell	Treble	E. Jane Sibson	5
Pamela R. Gough	2	Edgar R. Rapley	6
J. Richard Wilson	3	Henry C. Weaver	7
*Raymond P. Wood	4	Derek E. Sibson	Tenor

Composed by A. G. Driver. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* 100th peal together. First peal in the method.
WORTHING SURPRISE MAJOR
x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 34 x 38 x 12 x 58. l.e. 12. 18674523.
f.c.e. 24365. Composition: Wratten's Collection No. 58.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb in E.

David J. Forder	Treble	John N. Diserens	6
Frederick R. Scott	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
J. Keith Ward	3	David P. Hilling	8
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	4	Noel J. Diserens	9
Roger Baldwin	5	Ronald F. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Robert C. Edwards	Treble	John W. Taylor	5
Arthur C. Berry	2	Brian J. Luff	6
Geoffrey J. Hemming	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
Alan J. Tubb	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poynor. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
Rung to welcome the Rev. A. Webb as Vicar of Evesham.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SPONDON, Derbyshire.—At 105, Nottingham Road.
On Tues., May 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in F

Kevin Betesta	1–2	Jack Bailey	5–6
Alfred Mould	3–4	David Walklate	7–8

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by David Walklate.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Bailey on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Mon., June 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In four methods, comprising 2,800 London (No. 3), 800 each of Clifton and Yorkshire, and 600 of Cambridge, with 100 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	Christopher W. Woolley	7–8
Gerald Penney	9–10		

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
This is the first peal to be rung containing four Surprise Royal methods on handbells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At Long Leys.
On Wed., June 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

John Vernon	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
A. Maxwell Lindsey	3–4	Michael Vernon	7–8

Composed by James Nicholl. Conducted by Michael Vernon.
• First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major "in hand" by all.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. V. T. Ducker 1, E. D. Patching 2, Hilary Osborne 3, N. I. Bridges 4, M. I. Church 5, D. Floyd (cond.) 6.

ESSENDON, HERTS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Wilsher 1, Stephanie Green 2, Paula Healing 3, Susan Farnes 4, E. Edmondson 5, G. H. Austin (cond.) 6 A farewell to Fred Bamford, 43 years a ringer at the tower.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On April 9th, 1,260 Spliced Plain Bob and St. Clement's Minor: Susan E. N. Davis 1, Anita J. Nickells 2, Pamela E. Brown 3, R. J. Collis 4, D. Boniface 5, P. N. Felton (cond.) 6. First of spliced 1, 2, 3, 4.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): H. Juhkental 1, Sarah Byford 2, W. E. Cheater 3, J. Mussell 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, R. Sparey 6.

GORLESTON, NORFOLK.—On May 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. C. Cooper 1, Diane Toone 2, A. E. Crowe 3, S. Toone 4, S. F. High (cond.) 5. For Confirmation.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Parker (first quarter) 1, A. Pashley 2, J. Parker 3, Miss M. Pashley 4, A. Cook 5, D. Kennington 6, F. Kennington (cond.) 7, J. Willows 8. First ("inside" 4 and 6. A welcome to Jeannette, second daughter of ringer of sixth.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 cover): R. Preece 1, P. L. Hughes 2, W. R. Nash 3, D. Wright 4, S. Bowyer 5, T. Grant, jun. 6, F. Reynolds (cond.) 7, F. Bishop 8. Also on March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Moss (first away from cover) 1, P. L. Hughes 2, T. Grant, jun. 3, W. P. Nash 4, P. D. Sell (cond.) 5, T. Grant, sen. (first attempt) 6, R. Moss 7, F. Bishop 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Best 1, Miss J. Barton 2, D. Cornwall 3, R. Newton 4, A. Newton 5, P. Newton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, R. I. West (first quarter) 8.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On June 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: A. Shirley Beanland (first quarter, first attempt) 1, T. W. Brighton 2, Susan Mitchell 3, Mary I. Hildred 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, A. C. Banton (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to Simon P. D. Burnett (June 13th) and Susan E. Thompson (June 15th).

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. E. Hill 1, W. G. Wright 2, J. J. Wallett 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. On the occasion of the 101st wedding since All Saints', Hutton, Guild was formed.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's, on June 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jennifer M. Andrews 1, M. H. Whittell 2, S. Christian 3, A. R. Walters 4, M. J. Howes 5, E. J. Lockwood 6, R. L. K. Whittell 7, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 8. First of Major 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. J. Lockwood.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Turner (age 13, first quarter) 1, W. F. Judge (cond.) 2, B. R. White 3, E. J. Smith 4, D. Leslie 5, F. A. White 6, P. Franklin 7, W. Maskell 8.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Harrop 1, R. Newson 2, W. W. Cousins 3, F. Wigmore (cond.) 4, C. Cousins 5, L. Houghton 6, Rev. G. Galley 7, N. Greenacre 8. For Mayor Making.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Norton 1, Mrs. E. Norton 2, E. Baker 3, R. Luxton 4, W. Neath (cond.) 5, T. Baker 6. For Trinity Sunday, and for the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. A. Harris, local ringer and churchwarden.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. A. Taylor (first of Minor) 1, Miss L. Dalton 2, G. K. Smith 3, K. Kirk 4, A. B. Cooper 5, M. J. Wilson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On June 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. N. Kedge 1, J. Belshaw (cond.) 2, R. Weeks 3, Merryn Hutchings 4, M. Edwards 5, A. Cox 6. To mark the opening of the Knowle Festival; and the publication of the "History of Knowle Parish Church" by Rev. Anthony A. Upton.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On June 5th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): Edna M. Peachey 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, Dora M. Reeve 3, J. W. Paul 4, H. B. Fuller 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Eastment 1, H. E. G. Jeanes 2, V. J. Farthing 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Lewis 6. For Patronal Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of All Saints, on June 5th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. G. Evenden 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, Mrs. G. Smith 3, Miss D. Groves 4, T. E. Sone (cond.) 5, L. Head 6, P. Smith 7, F. Hogan 8, G. Evenden 9, T. Cullingworth 10. First of Caters 3 and 4. For Evensong, and also rung in honour of the ordination of David Burgess at Canterbury Cathedral on this day.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—At St. Mary's, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss J. Fuller 1, D. E. Lee 2, A. W. Johnson 3, R. M. Garrett 4, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 5, T. K. Elkerton 6. For Evensong, and upon the occasion of the retirement of Canon F. B. R. Browne, Rector for the last 14 years.

MARSTON, OXON.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (30 methods): M. Bolton 1, L. Porter 2, R. Jones (cond.) 3, N. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. First in 30 methods on the bells and for the band. Rung for Evensong.

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, SOMERSET.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Marjorie Legg 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, C. R. Jenkins 3, C. Mogford 4, Sheila Hallett 5, H. Hardwidge 6. To celebrate the ruby wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hardwidge.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church of St. Giles, on March 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. S. Anderson 1, P. Jones 2, P. Mills 3, C. Stewart 4, D. Midgley 5, D. Pitstow 6, C. S. Ryles (cond.) 7, G. A. Moore 8. Also on May 1st, 1,360 Kent Royal: L. Wallcy 1, P. Jones 2, C. Stewart 3, R. S. Anderson 4, P. Mills 5, D. Pitstow 6, D. Midgley 7, C. S. Ryles (cond.) 8, A. Thompson 9, G. A. Moore 10. For the dedication of the new Church of St. James, Clayton.

NEWPORT, MON.—At the Church of All Saints, on June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. Williams (first quarter) 1, P. Chambers (first quarter) 2, A. Bainham 3, D. Phillips 4, C. Bainham (cond.) 5, L. Bainham 6.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAM.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. M. Davies 1, P. C. Fenton 2, D. R. Everett 3, T. M. Roderick 4, Rev. D. E. Ford 5, M. J. Thomas 6. For Evensong.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.—On June 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. V. Mills 1, E. J. Upton 2, A. V. Good 3, H. Collings 4, R. Ashby 5, J. Lawson 6, A. R. Kench (cond.) 7, R. E. Sheppard 8. Peal attempt brought round.

OVERTON, HANTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Lynette Holbrook (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. A. Sanders 2, Miss C. Kemp 3, Canon F. A. Sanders 4, P. G. Holmes (cond.) 5, R. Hassell 6. A compliment to Mr. H. Redstall, Mayor of Basingstoke, a one time local ringer.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, Miss W. Austin 2, G. Kenward 3, S. B. Dobbie 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, B. J. Jemmett 6, R. Finch 7, J. Clarke 8. Rung in honour of the wedding this day at Rainham of Miss Cynthia Elizabeth Naylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Naylor, to Mr. C. Macgregor.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.—On May 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. Cooper 1, Diane Toone 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, J. B. Pickup 4, M. J. Howes 5, S. F. High (cond.) 6.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On May 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. J. Bull 1, I. Goacher 2, D. D. Atfield 3, J. A. Laver 4, K. Game 5, G. A. West 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8. First of Stedman 2, 3 and 4. For Ascension Day, also as a compliment to Mr. A. J. Bull, on his 74th birthday. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Dunn 1, I. Goacher 2, D. D. Atfield 3, Mrs. M. Dallison 4, G. Olliver 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6, G. A. West 7, H. Comber 8. For Evensong, also for the birth of Karl David to Alan and Freda Streeter.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. A. Poolman 1, A. Weall (first "inside") 2, D. Heath 3, E. V. Williams 4, W. J. Poolman (cond.) 5, H. Perry 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Rev. P. Green, curate, on leaving for Ceylon.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Rose 1, H. Mitson 2, R. Rose 3, C. Hancock 4, L. Nice 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6. Rung for the first time after rehallowing.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. Ley (cond.) 1—2, P. J. Daniel 3—4, W. M. Taylor 5—6. First quarter "in hand" for all and for the society.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): R. Irish 1, T. Stone 2, E. Anger 3, J. Sawyer 4, P. Anger (cond.) 5, Mrs. L. Plummer 6, G. Baxter 7, G. Moss 8. First quarter 1 and 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Hare 1, Yvonne Patheyjohns 2, Doreen Hague 3, G. W. Limmer 4, F. R. Scott 5, E. E. Gosling 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, G. Shedden 8. For Confirmation service.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Monica Phillips 1, Rachel Saggs 2, Sylvia Knight 3, D. Drury (first "inside") 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, A. Bourner 6.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Eastment (15, first away from cover) 1, Miss S. Allen 2, H. E. G. Jeanes 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, T. Bryant 6. A loyal tribute to H.M. the Queen and timed to ring as Her Majesty was passing through the town.

STAFFORD.—On June 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. E. Ley 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, Ruth Fairbrother (first in method "inside") 3, E. R. Fairbrother 4, Jennifer Beech 5, F. Beech 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, A. E. Garbett 8, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 9, R. Stanley 10. Rung for morning service, the Mayor and corporation attending in state.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. T. Smith (first of Triples) 1, R. W. Damer 2, R. J. Fuller 3, Mrs. C. M. Baldock 4, A. R. Baldock (cond.) 5, D. R. Fuller 6, W. R. Damer 7, J. H. Hicks (first quarter) 8.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. B. Blamire-Brown (first quarter) 1, P. Owen 2, D. Digby 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, P. M. F. Searles (first as cond.) 5, B. J. W. Foley 6.

THRUXTON, HANTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Lynds 1, Mrs. T. Tarrant 2, W. C. Perry 3, M. J. Wimlett 4, T. Tarrant (cond.) 5, M. W. Walford 6. Arranged by W. C. Perry (tower captain). For the 80th birthday of one of the oldest ringers in the parish.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods), 7, 6, 8 covering: Kay Whittiker (first quarter, 13) 1, Shirley A. Cox 2, Alan F. Lee (cond.) 3, R. L. Coles 4, I. P. Cox 5, Erica Panchurst (first quarter, 13) 6, J. H. Thompson 7, M. J. Hawkins 8. Most methods by all except conductor. Average age 16 years. Also on June 5th, 1,440 Minor (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. H. Thompson (first of Minor) 1, Shirley A. Cox 2, J. R. Hobbs 3, R. L. Coles (first of Minor "inside") 4, I. P. Cox 5, A. F. Lee (cond.) 6, First in two Minor methods 2, 3 and 5.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynda Carr (first attempt) 1, Marion E. Addy 2, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 3, Joan C. McLean 4, D. R. McLean (cond.) 5, R. G. McLean 6. To mark the 50th anniversary of the ordination as priest of the Rev. M. L. Couchman.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On June 3rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: L. Hallett 1, W. Ayre 2, D. J. Gay (cond.) 3, P. J. Hall 4, R. J. Ballam 5, G. Kingdon 6. To mark the birth of Neil Andrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Williams.

WHEPSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Stannard 1, A. W. Rolfe (cond.) 2, H. Clarke 3, W. J. Goodship 4, J. Banks 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss Copsey.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On May 26th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: B. Eglesfield 1, W. Yates 2, R. Vickers 3, D. Sturge (first on eight) 4, M. Horton 5, G. Green 6, B. Saunders 7, J. Linnell 8. Also on May 19th, 1,260 Minor (Spliced Surprise and Plain Bob): B. Saunders 1, D. Sturge 2, J. Linnell 3, G. Green 4, C. Truman (cond.) 5, B. Eglesfield 6.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Harrold (first quarter) 1, T. E. Harrold (cond.) 2, Jean M. Whait 3, A. Chamberlain 4, R. Carter 5, R. J. Welch 6, S. J. Haines 7, J. Blacker (first quarter) 8.

WISBECH ST. MARY, CAMBS.—On June 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Barsby 1, G. Sharpe 2, T. Rawlings (first "inside") 3, L. Harvey (cond.) 4, E. Shippey 5, N. Green (first quarter) 6. For the wedding of Marie Foster and Gareth Burrows, ringer at this church for 9 years.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On May 30th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: P. J. Hall 1, Miss J. A. Fellows 2, V. A. Hemming 3, C. J. Royal 4, D. J. Gay 5, R. J. Snack 6, A. K. Fortin 7, C. B. Dove (cond.) 8. First of Little Bob Major by all except the conductor. Also on June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Porter 1, S. G. Smith 2, G. Hebden 3, W. Rice 4, G. H. Pullin 5, P. J. England (cond.) 6, R. Rice 7, J. K. Baker 8. As a 50th birthday compliment to the ringer of 8.

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BROWN.—The address of Sheila and Roger (St. Albans District Secretary, Hertford Association) is now: 81, Overstone Road, Harpenden, Herts. Tel. Harpenden 62468. Ringing friends always welcome. 9347

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL. — The address of the tower secretary should read: W. G. Challen, 5, Bishop Luffa Close, Chichester, Sussex. 9332

HESKETH.—The Cambridge address of Kenneth J. Hesketh is now: The Knowle, 64, Cambridge Road, Impington, Cambridge. 9362

PERSONAL

"Neither will I offer unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing."—II Samuel, xxiv, 24

HANDBELLS WANTED

REQUIRED, set of second-hand handbells, preferably 8, possibly 6. Offers, including cost and particulars, to the Rev. E. M. Thomas, Rectory Lane, Broughton, Stockbridge, Hants. 9375

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MISCELLANEOUS

ASH, Surrey.—On St. Peter's Day, June 29th, there will be no practice, but ringing for patronal festival from 7–8 p.m. All welcome. —A. Smart, Sec. 9366

BRAUNSTON, RUTLAND

Four gardens open, including The Cedars, in unspoilt village on Sunday, June 26th. 2 p.m.–6 p.m. Ticket (1/6) admits to all gardens. Refreshments available. In aid of New Bells Fund. Ringing (4) 5.30 p.m.–6.30 p.m. 9341

EXTON, RUTLAND.—Saturday, July 9th Ringing on 6 bells between 2.30 and 8.30 p.m. Garden fete and caravan rally in grounds of Earl of Gainsborough's home 9346

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Cranford, Northants, July 9th–10th

All ringers welcome, parties or individuals. Saturday, 3–7.30 p.m.: Sunday 3–5.30 p.m. For other times contact C. Newell, 19, Thrapston Road. Refreshments available. 9354

RINGING ON THE BELLS

NORTH MYMMS CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 2nd

Is your tower planning an outing for Saturday, July 2nd? If so, you will be welcome at the Parish Church, North Mymms, for ringing on the bells. The Flower Festival in the church and gardens of North Mymms Park makes this unique occasion.

Ringing all day until 8.30 p.m.

Further information from: Mr. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, or phone Hatfield 2866 9157

ST. HELEN'S, DARLEY DALE

Ringers' Sunday, June 26th

Services:

8 a.m., Holy Communion.

10.30 a.m., Matins.

6.30 p.m., Evensong and **Dedication of new belfry bookcase.**

Preacher: Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (Rector).

Ringing: 10 to 10.30 a.m., 5.45 to 6.30 p.m., and after Evensong.

All ringers and their friends are cordially invited. 9352

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY, Est. 1620. —The 343rd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Service 10 a.m. Bells (12) available 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Lunch (4s. 6d.) at 1 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. for those notifying me by Thurs., June 23rd. 12-bell ringing guaranteed. L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. Phone 2074. 9331

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NEWARK, NOTTS —Flower Festival at All Saints' Church on July 2nd. Bells (8) open for ringing from 3 o'clock. Afternoon tea available in the Church Hall. All ringers welcome. — G. Burchnall. 9355

UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.—Summer tour, August 20th–27th. H.Q. at Westminster College, Hinksey, near Oxford. For details write to Rev. M. Melville, The Lodge, Heacham, King's Lynn, Norfolk. 9360

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL. — Practices for Wednesday, June 22nd, and Wednesday, July 6th, have been cancelled.—H. Stocks, Tower Sec. 9351

PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS

The new charge for sets of 12 cards (minimum) is 10s. post free. For quarter peal cards second copy, written out in style of a peal is essential. Receipt sent only with stamped addressed envelope. — "Ringing World" Office, Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Major practice at St. Nicholas', Warwick, on Saturday, June 25th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Methods: London, Bristol, Yorkshire and Cambridge. Individually and Spliced as required. Only Surprise Major will be rung. —P. S. Bennett. 9306

DERBYSHIRE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at Belper on June 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. and after tea. Tea at 5 p.m. Names to Arnold Morley, The Knoll, Laund Close, Belper.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bitton, on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to A. W. Gibbs, 41, Stanley Road, Warmley. 9334

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bourton-on-the Water, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) from 3 to 4.30 p.m. and from 6 to 7.30 p.m. or later if required. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m.—L. C. Dowdeswell, Branch Sec. Tel.: Stow/Wold 350. 9367

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Striking competition at Bentley on Saturday, June 25th. Tea 5 p.m., followed by results. Names for tea to Mrs B. R. Simpson, 45, Southwood Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hants (Farnborough 41792). General ringing after tea. 9281

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sevenoaks, to coincide with the rededication of the new ring by the Bishop of Tonbridge on June 25th at 3 p.m. A buffet tea will be provided to follow the formal proceedings and general ringing will take place after the meeting. No names for tea required.—W. H. D. 9250

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Evening practice meeting at Ashton on Saturday, June 25th. Bells 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. All welcome. 9313

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lois Weedon on Saturday, June 25th. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to C. Hinton, The Green, Lois Weedon, Towcester.—W. A. Yates. 9333

ST. NICHOLAS', SEVENOAKS, KENT

Saturday, June 25th, 3 p.m.

Rededication by the Lord Bishop of Tonbridge of recast ring of eight bells in new frame (tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F). See notice of Tonbridge District of Kent County Association meeting. 9287

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS and LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Meeting at St. Wulfram's, Grantham, June 25th. Ringing 3 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Cafes near church. —M. I. Foskett, Hon. Sec. 9330

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Meeting, Saturday, July 2nd, Kirkheaton Parish Church. Names for tea to Mr. R. Senior, Kylemore, 8, Dryclough Road, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. All welcome. 9265

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Brach.—Meeting at Twerton-on-Avon (8) on July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to Alan F. Lee, 10, Ivy Grove, Oldfield Park, Bath, by Thursday, June 30th. 9358

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Quarterly meeting at North Petherton (6), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—J. L. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford, Bridgwater. Tel. Holford 345. 9338

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Practice at Old Cleeve (8 bells) on July 2nd at 7 p.m.—E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe. 9372

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Harrold, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. L. Collington, 70, High Street, Harrold, by **Thursday.** Tel. Harrold 256. 9339

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Carlton on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 9380

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting, Ilmington, on July 2nd, 3–5, followed by service. Alderminster, 6.30–8.30, starting with very short business meeting. Own tea arrangements: beautiful countryside. Advance warning: Next meeting, Burton Dasset, August 13th.—P. S. Bennett 9353

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Monthly meeting of above, Saturday, July 2nd, at Irton, Holmrook. Bells available 2. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. N. Brown, 14, Wray Head, Drigg, by June 28th 9335

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at the Watch Tower, Morpeth, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Proudlock's Café, Market Place. Names for tea to the Sec., Miss G. Douglas, 5, Ross Way, Gosforth, by Thursday, June 30th, please. 9374

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Fairfield, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available: Great Longstone (6) 2 p.m.–3 p.m.; Fairfield (8) 3 p.m. onwards: Tideswell (8) 8 p.m.–9 p.m. No arrangements for tea, but buffet in St. Peter's Church Hall being run in connection with Flower Festival, or teas at 5s. 6d., 6s. and 6s. 6d. per head may be ordered in advance from Mrs. J. Woodruffe, 66, Rockfield Road, Fairfield, Buxton. Business meeting 6 p.m. in Schoolroom.—B. P Morris, Sec. 9320

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Magdalen, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9368

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The final of the striking competition will be held at Mistley on Saturday, July 2nd, commencing at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. Honeywood, 27, Harwich Road, Mistley, Manningtree, by Thursday, please.—H. Turner, Deputy Master. 9322

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Half-annual meeting on Saturday, July 2nd, at Welford-on-Avon (6), 3 p.m. Ringing 3 o'clock onwards. Service 4.30. Tea (3s. 6d.) 5 p.m., followed by short meeting (about Branch boundaries). Ringing at Clifford Chambers (6) at 6.15 and Quinton (6) at 7.30. Numbers for tea to Rev. J. Homfray, Staverton Vicarage, near Cheltenham, by Wednesday, June 29th. 9365

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Hasfield (6), Saturday, July 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Numbers for tea to Alwyn Neale by June 30th. 9364

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Knebworth, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to A. A. Peters, 17, Milestone Road, Knebworth, by previous Thursday. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 9349

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, July 2nd, Elstree (6), 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 9359

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, July 2nd. Committee meeting 1.30 p.m. Service St. Mark's, Exeter, 3.30 p.m. Tea (5/6) 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (with cash, please, and s.a.e.) to Mrs. P. Burnham, Ranchi, 60, Above Town, Dartmouth by Thursday June 16th. Bells available: Littleham, Newton St. Cyres 9.45–10.45; Bucklast. Abbey 9.45–11.15; Withycombe Raleigh, Brampford Speke, 10.30–11.30; Rewe 11–12; Lympstone 11.15–12.15; Broadclyst 11.45–12.45; Clyst St. George 12–1; Pinhoe 12.30–1.30; Topsham 12.30–1.30; Exeter, St. Thomas' and St. David's 1.45–3; St. Mark's 2.30–3.30; Cathedral 6.30–8.30. Heavitree and St. Petrock's not now available. 9234

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at St. Helen's Parish Church, Churchtown, near Garstang, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. 9378

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Heversham on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Handley, Tarnbank, Underbarrow, Kendal, Westmorland. 9353

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Old Leake, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m Tea for those who notify me by Monday, June 27th.—P. J. Kilner, Hon Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs 9269

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 2nd. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30. Application for tickets (8s. each), accompanied by remittance, must reach Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, by June 28th. List of towers on receipt of s.a.e. by Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxburrow Road, Radley.—Miss M. R. Cross. 9328

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, July 2nd. Greetham (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Thorley, School House, Lyddington, Uppingham, by Tuesday, 28th. 9345

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Knowle July 2nd. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea: G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham 28, by June 29th. Phone SPR 1025. 9357

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Urchfont (8) on July 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. G. Heath, The Green, Urchfont, Devizes, Wilts. 9188

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Please provide own food; cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9354

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District).—Joint half-day outing on Saturday, July 2nd, by private cars. Towers arranged as follows: Epworth (Lincs) (8) 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Gainsborough (Lincs) (8) 3.30–5 p.m.; St. Giles', Lincoln (8) 6 p.m.–7.15 p.m.; Tuxford (Notts) (8) 7.30 p.m.–9 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements in Lincoln. — Andrew King (Wentworth Vicarage, Rotherham) and Donald Beach (17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Notts), Hon. Secs. 9298

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District. — Meeting, Saturday, July 2nd, Ruddington. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 9376

SUFFOLK GUILD (North-East District) and NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Eastern Branch).—Joint ringing meeting at Beccles on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. Bickers, 6, Ballygate Street, Beccles, Suffolk, by Wednesday, June 29th. Barsham bells (5) also available.—T. N. J. B. and N. P. J. C. 9305

SUFFOLK GUILD. — North-West District. —Ringing meeting, Rougham (6), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., meeting follows. Please **do help** the tea caterers by sending names for tea to Mr. L. Wright, Horringer Road Stores, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, June 29th. 9371

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting on July 2nd. Ringing at Walton-on-Thames 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Oatlands Park. Surprise ringers, look up Watford. Names for tea to Mr. D. Miseldine, 44, Garden Road, Walton-on-Thames, by June 29th.—B. Bull, Asst. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Evening practice meeting, Saturday, July 2nd, at SS. Mary the Virgin and Andrew, Fletching. Bells 6–9 p.m. — E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 9342

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Rededication of Manaccan bells by the Archdeacon of Cornwall on July 2nd at 3 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to Rev. H. H. Dixon, Manaccan Vicarage, Helston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held on

Saturday, July 2nd, at Alton

Meeting at Somerscales, Turk Street, at 2.30 p.m.

Service in St. Lawrence's Church at 4.45 p.m.

Tea at Somerscales 5.30 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Cork, 21, Upper Grove Road, Alton, Hants, by Tuesday, June 28th. Towers open: Old Alresford (6) and Warnford (6) 10.30–11.30; New Alresford (8) and West Meon (8) 11–12; Ropley (6) and Selborne (5) 11.30–12.30; St. Lawrence's, Alton (8) 12.30–2.15; Hawkley (8) 6.30–7.30; Petersfield 7–8.30. David J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9210

GNOSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE
Ringers' Service

on Sunday, July 3rd, 1966 at 6.30 p.m.
Preacher: Archdeacon of Stoke.
Ringing 5.15 p.m to 6.20 p.m.
Recital by St. Lawrence's Junior Handbell Ringers in schoolroom after service.
Visitors welcome. 9350

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Huntsham, July 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15, with tea and business meeting after. For tea, please notify G. W. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by Wednesday previous. 9358

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Lenham, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Groves, 50, Heather Drive, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 9369

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Meeting, July 9th, at Lower Machen. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Willetts, Oakleigh, Chatham, Machen, Mon. 9377

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Swanage on July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. and 6.30–8. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Fuller, 21, Bonfield Avenue, Swanage, by July 7th.

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District).—Joint meeting, July 9th, Great Wakering (6), 2.30 to 3.15 p.m. Prittlewell (10), 3 p.m. Service, Prittlewell, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell.

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Market Harborough, July 9th Bells (8) 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. Binley, 32a, Coventry Road Market Harborough, by July 6th Great Oxenden (5) and Great Bowden (6) bells 3 to 4 p.m and after meeting General Committee meeting June 29th, Church House. 7.45 p.m.—A. J Poynor, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9344

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION —S. and W District.—Evening practice meeting at Harefield, Friday, July 15th Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 9363

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BENEVOLENCE, AND OTHERWISE

THE PLEA by Mr. D. E. R. Knights in "The Ringing World" of April 29th and the succeeding letters from Mr. E. A. Barnett and Miss Scott serve to remind us that from time to time serious thought is given to the possibility of co-operative assistance in the matters of tower maintenance and bell restoration, to be administered by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. As Mr. Barnett points out, this idea is by no means new, nor is it the only one that the Council has been asked to consider. In the very early days of the Council's existence there came, from time to time, suggestions for mutual aid for ringers, and the tentative explorations and gropings after some line of approach to a controlled Benevolent Fund were always brought to a standstill by the apparently insurmountable difficulties of administration. It was ordained that Mr. William Willson of Leicester should, just 60 years ago, raise the subject so earnestly, so vehemently, and so offensively, that not for many years did anyone give more attention to the matter.

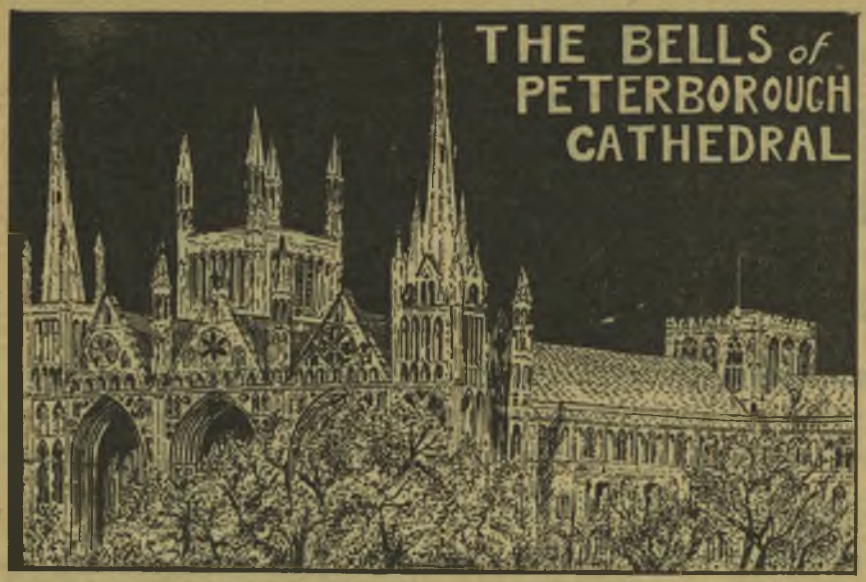
In "The Bell News" of March 31st, 1906, Mr. Willson outlined a scheme for a Benevolent Fund to assist ringers out of work or in distress. It depended, in essence, on the assumption that twenty thousand ringers would consent to subscribe one penny per week, bringing in the sum of £83 to be available for distribution. The sum today seems ludicrous, but at the beginning of the century it was, of course, a substantial amount. The difficulties were acknowledged and fairly met by Mr. Willson, and the plan, as it stood, seemed worthy of examination.

But alas! Mr Willson had destroyed his plan even as he launched it; for he prefaced his exposition with a violent attack on the Council as a body and on individuals by implication too strong to be ignored. His charge was that the ringers' parliament was spending too much of its time on useless theoretical polemics, and was degenerating into a group of faddists. "What profit is it," he writes, "whether bob leads start in the middle of nothing or end nowhere?"; or thus, "What gain is there to anyone or anything whether 'London' is marvellous or surprising?"; and so to this remarkable but far from conciliatory query: "Who but a fool would waste his time o'er the pedantic bores who make the annual meeting of the C.C. a dumping ground for their theoretical fads, and an exhaust valve for their superfluous oratory?" Then after presenting some examples of what he considered useless topics for argument he summed up thus: "This is the amalgamated wisdom of a handful of dogmatic cranks who, in the words of a certain statesman 'intoxicated with the exuberance of their own verbosity', and their self-importance, have the colossal impudence—only equalled by their superlative conceit—to dictate to the ringers of England what they shall or shall not ring!"

Now allowing for all things—the enthusiasm Mr. Willson had for his cause, the well-known radical streak in his nature, the recklessness of his methods on occasions, and the accepted wearisomeness of some of the Council debates—it must be agreed that this language was not suited to the introduction of a serious motion nor a right and proper form in which to refer to the work of a number of educated and hard-working investigators. The essay brought forth (as was expected) a number of letters. Canon Papillon, Master of the Essex Association, in a quiet and measured letter, sympathised with the scheme but deplored the lack of civility in the method of approach. R. A. Daniell expressed astonishment that "a composition so unreasonable and illogical should appear above the signature of a person of his ability." And the sturdy John Jaggar asked for an apology to the whole Council. The hardest hit appeared to be Mr. J. A. Trollope, leader of the Methods Committee, whose lengthy communication was devoted to a defence of the work of himself and his colleagues and to a counter-attack on Mr. Willson's knowledge and ability. The main contest in the weeks that followed was between Mr. Willson and Mr. Trollope, and the exchanges were far from courteous. With contributions from other members of the Exercise, such as J. F. Penning, W. Keeble and C. D. Potter, the correspondence continued vigorously for some weeks, conveying in the main surprise and regret at the quality of the language used in argument and counter-argument. It was well suited to Mr. Willson's fighting nature, and doubtless he enjoyed it to the full. But the cause he sought to promote was lost to sight, and by the middle of June the matter ended.

Cui bono? Why did this remarkably able Leicester gentleman launch such an amazing and unprovoked attack, he, who at that very time was writing so tender and heartfelt an appreciation of the deceased William Wakley? No one seemed to be any the better off for all the bitterness and ill-feeling aroused by the thrusts and counter-thrusts, and the only benefit was to "The Bell News", the circulation of which rose suddenly during this period of unrest. Have we here a clue to Mr. Willson's true motive?

E.C.S.



By TREVOR A. BEVIS

Should the tenor bell and parish church clock strike together, a death will occur in the Minster precincts. (Ancient Peterborough tradition.)

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EAST ANGLIA has four principal churches, Peterborough, Ely, Norwich and Bury St. Edmunds. Of these, one cathedral—actually a large church elevated to that position in recent years—Bury St. Edmunds, possesses a pealable ring of bells. From the centre of Norwich rises a slender spire crowning a Norman central tower, much reproduced by advertising agencies. The sturdy, unusual Norman tower at Bury St. Edmunds portrays a fraction of the magnificence attributed to the most influential abbey of mediæval England, at which was initiated the beginnings of Magna Carta. Ely probably cherishes the finest and most unusual towers, delicately rising above the Fens, adding lustre to a famous church, likened to a ship in full sail on a golden sea.

Peterborough's spirelets seem lost amid a symmetrical mixture of arches and gables, said to be the finest of their kind. Here on the edge of Fenland stands one of Europe's grandest Norman/Early English monuments, having its roots in the seventh century, within the meadow homestead anciently called Medehampstede. The cathedral owes its practically untouched appearance to Henry VIII. Despite callous events at the Dissolution, the King thought so much of Peterborough Minster that he made it a cathedral with a diocese, removing it from the gentle administration of John Chandler, the last abbot, "a man of peace who loved to sleep in a whole skin, and who desired to die in his nest."

The cathedral has known troublesome times. It was attacked by Danes, desecrated by that famous Fenland warrior, Hereward the Wake, and a generation later was burned to the ground. In 1117 John of Sais began the great edifice we now see, and it continued in its capacity as an abbey until the middle of the 16th century. Salient feature is the West Front, imparting to the beholder a sense of something both rare and exquisite. For seven centuries this remarkable frontage has presented a medley of song and poem in stone to those who enter beneath the massive and dignified portals.

HENRY PENN

Immediately to the rear of the left gabled archway rises a pinnacled tower containing five bells—all that is left of a noble ring of ten. The surviving bells were cast in 1709 by Henry Penn, Peterborough's one and only bellfounder of note, who is throught to have had his premises on the east side of Bridge Street, adjacent to the River Nene. Penn had an unfortunate end. He suffered a seizure while mounting his horse at St. Ives, following his acquittal from the Assizes in connection with alleged inferior workmanship in the eight bells he had cast for that town. It has been recorded that Penn's death "was no loss; he was a vile man and gave trouble wheresoever he was concerned." Nevertheless he was generally a good founder.

The bells are inscribed:

(1) TE DECET HYMNVS RICH. RYNOLDS LL.D . PRAEB. HENRY PENN FVSORE . 1709 (Dia. 39 ins., approx. 11 cwt.)

(2) PSALLAM DEO MEO QUAMDIV SVM BALL PRAEB . 1709 (Dia. 42 ins., approx 12¼ cwt.)

(3) MAGNIFICATE DOMINVM MECVM JOHN EVANS PRAEB . HENRY PENN FVSORE 1709 (Dia 45 ins., approx. 15¼ cwt.)

(4) (This bell was recast in 1831.) A long list of names is inscribed, including that of Herbert Marsh, then Bishop of Peterborough. (Dia. 48 ins. approx. 19 cwt.)

(5) PACEM TE POSCIMVS OMNES CONCORDIE RES PARVAE CRESCVNT . 1709 RICHD. CVMBERLAND EPO (Dia. 56¼ins., between 30 and 36 cwt.) (D)

INTERDICT AND BELLS

First mention of bells at the monastery was recorded in the early 13th century. Pope Gregory IX (1227–1241) granted bells to the monks of Peterborough. These were rung, in addition to usual offices, for anniversaries and obituaries of abbots. It is interesting to note that "whenever the country should be placed under an interdict the monks of Peterborough might sing their service to themselves within the church in a low voice, but with doors shut and without the ringing of a bell."

The bells were augmented in 1250, when Johannes Caleto—30th abbot—gave one to the Church, inscribed: JON DE CAVX ABBAS OSWALDO CONSECRAT HOC VAS

A few years later Richardus de London (later 32nd abbot) erected "the great steeple, wherein the bells hang," giving two bells which were named "Les Londres."

As required by authors of the Dissolution, an inventory of the cathedral's effects was made, dated November 30th, 1539, 31 of King Henry VIII. References to bells appear thus:

"In the Chappel of Low:

Item . . 3 bells to ring in the Chappel.
In the Infirmary Chappel.
Item . . . one little bell.
Item . . . in the two steeples of the Monastery at the Front, Bells 10, and in several other places of the Houses, Bells 4."

The writer would assume that the majority of the 10 bells mentioned in this inventory were contained within the north-west tower. Almost indiscernible from the main gateway, the south-west corner, 700 years old, is built upon unsettled foundations. A third stage was intended but was abandoned. It is doubtful whether more than two or three bells were hung in this tower, for it must be considered that additional weight would prove detrimental to the structure. Even so, cracks are still appearing in its walls, and strengthening rivets are splitting.

The four Infirmary bells were probably sold soon after the inventory had been taken, but the "grand ring of ten" was allowed to remain. Soldiers of the Commonwealth amused themselves during their stay in the city, but annoyed inhabitants by continually jangling the bells. It has been wrongly stated that Cromwell's men took down the clappers from the bells and sold them together with the brass plucked from the tombs. The truth is this: the Cathedral bells being misused, inhabitants took away the clappers when convenient and hid them in the roof of the church on purpose to free their ears of irritating and frequently intrusive jangling.

Various items appertaining to the bells are recorded in the Accounts Book of Dean and Chapter, the following being a selection:

1548: To Smith for a Bell Clapper at the Cross Altar, 1d

1629: Carpenter: To Mansfield Woodfyne, 8 daies worck abowte the repairing the bells, xiijs. viijd.

1665: 7 June. Given the ringers for ringing the Great Bells at the overthrow of the Dutch Fleet, 5s.

HEAVIER THAN EXETER BELLS?

Ten "great bells" continued to be rung until 1709, in which year they were removed. These bells arouse speculation, for they were evidently of ponderous proportions. It is sobering when one considers that a tunable ring of ten (tenor over 30 cwt.) was cast from the metal of **four** great bells with very little addition The complete charge of founding, hanging, etc., was defrayed by parting with the six smaller bells—if one can call them small!—to the founder (Penn), who gave a benefaction of £50 towards adorning the high altar. It is quite probable that the weight of the original ten before 1709 exceeded that of the present ring of bells at Exeter Cathedral.

Penn's ring of ten occupied the north-west tower. They were rung for only a few years, fear being expressed by architects that vibrations endangered the West Front. In 1831 the ninth bell (present fourth), which had cracked, was recast, and on the 15th of April in that year the top five were taken down and sold to Dobson of Downham Market, Norfolk. It seems that Peterborough's loss was Lincolnshire's gain, for this founder of good repute is said to have cast a new ring of six bells from Peterborough's five, for Witham-on-the-Hill.

(To be continued)

THE LADIES' GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at St. James', Horsefair, Bristol, on June 11th, when members were delighted to welcome the president of the Guild, Mrs. J. King, and her husband.

In the absence of the Vicar the Guild service was conducted by Canon W. Kingsley Martin, who gave an unusual and memorable address. Although there was not a large gathering of members, several ladies were able to have their first attempt at Grandsire and Stedman Caters on the pleasant ten. One new member was elected—Mrs. M. Jones, of Midsomer Norton.

The next quarterly meeting: Kelston, on September 10th: practice meetings, Colerne and Hemington on July 13th and August 15th respectively. M. de J.

LEICESTER GUILD HAS NEW SECRETARY

MR. BRIAN G. WARWICK, who for the past ten years has been general secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, did not seek re-election at the annual general meeting of th Guild on April 16th. There were two nominations for his successor—Messrs. J. E. Cooke, who obtained 42 votes, and A. J Poynor, who had 62 and is now in office.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Margaret's and the Cathedral. Evensong, conducted by the Provost of Leicester, with a sermon preached by the Bishop of Leicester, was held in the Cathedral. Tea prepared by by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth and her helpers followed.

The president, Mr. B. S. Payne, opened the meeting and distributed seven certificates to new members. The minutes of the last quarterly meeting, held at Loughborough in February, were read, approved and signed.

COMING-OF-AGE PLANS

The hon. general secretary announced that for the "coming of age" of the Guild in 1967 there would be a ringing festival based at Derby on September 16th, 1967. A social evening was being arranged after the annual general meeting. The chief guest and speaker at the annual dinner on October 28th, 1967, would be the president of the Central Council, Canon Gilbert Thurlow.

The general report gave the Guild membership on December 31st as 540, but about 30 more had since paid their subscriptions. The February, 1965, quarterly meeting was well attended, and Mr. P. J. Staniforth showed the film he took whilst in America. The first Guild striking competition was held at Queniborough, Aylestone being adjudged winners. On May 22nd the "Ernest Morris Memorial Window" was dedicated at St Margaret's, Leicester, by the Rev. Canon F. W. Pratt. The veterans' reunion was held at Colcorton on May 29th.

The treasurer's report showed that a loss of £8 18s. 2d. was suffered in the General Fund. The Bell Repair Fund, although making its biggest grant—one of £50 to Hathern—made a profit of £23 7s. 11d..

The peal secretary's report showed that the year's peal total was the smallest in the history of the Guild—only 95 peals being rung—90 peals less than in 1964. Although this was a reduction of nearly 50 per cent., the number of people (residents) taking part had only been reduced by 19 (123 as against 142) Only two people rang 25 peals or over for the Guild—Roland H. Cook (28) and Malcolm E. Wade (25)—as against ten the previous year.

These reports and the auditors' report were all adopted, and the election of five non-resident members and ten ringing members was confirmed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The president, B. S. Payne, vice-presidents, J. H. Cook and P. L. Taylor, treasurer, J. M. Jelley, peal secretary, R. H. Cook, were returned unopposed. Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth were elected as trustees. The retiring auditors—Miss S. E. Chesterton and Mr. W. J. Root—were re-elected.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held on July 9th at Market Harborough. After a few minor questions were dealt with the meeting was closed. Further ringing took place at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester.

A. J. P.

MORE ABOUT "UNRINGABLES"

DURING the Whitsun holidays it was decided to "take a look" at some alleged "UR's" along the Suffolk–Norfolk border It was therefore on a bright and hot day that a small party left Bramford at 9.45 a.m. Elmham St Margaret's was the first call. A key miraculously appeared from somewhere and the bell hangers went aloft. A reasonably clean belfry was found and a quick look showed little apparently wrong, apart from one or two decaying wheels and missing stays—enough to rule out any ringing immediately Some attention now could save a major repair in this tower and the "experts" thought that these bells could be made fit to ring with some hard work.

A mile away was another five, Elmham St. Cross', a twice refusal to the writer as "unringable." Here the tower door stood open and again a clean belfry was found. A look here found excellent wheels, stays and bearings. The bells were rehung approximately 1900 and there is obviously little wrong except for one missing stay. A search of the village found a churchwarden who, after being there six years, had not heard the bells rung, so permission was readily given by him to ring After a thorough oiling and splicing of one rope the bells were pulled up and found to go well and sound excellent—the experts even giving them a pealable rating.

Marking off St. Cross' in "Dove," something entirely different turned up—the miniature three (tenor 2-3 cwt.) at Ringsfield Permission was given by the Rector to "do what we like and stay as long as we like." A 3-bell tower was a fresh experience for most of the party, so a pleasant half hour was spent here

Looking up the map, Weybread appeared Again permission was given to ring with a warning about the second rope slipping the wheel. A quick look at this unusual frame and fittings showed that the second stock had been repaired but the wheel was loose. However, little difficulty was found, but the bell needed "ringing."

Next on the list, Brockdish, a "twice refusal here as unringable," but in between the two refusals a peal was reported! However, a visit to the Rectory gave the same story. "unringable." The belfry being locked, nothing could be done, so a move was made to Scole Here permission was given for a short ring as the new tenor had not yet been dedicated This light six sounded and went excellently

Further along came some different in weight at South Lopham. These bells were recently restored with a new tenor of 21 cwt. Permission was here given to ring, and these fine bells were enjoyed for half-an-hour before the local practice began.

Time was now getting short, so on the way back to Ipswich a call was made at Wyverstone (three bells). A quick look upstairs showed a mediæval "king post" frame for four bells. The three bells had obviously been rehung in the last 50 or 60 years, having excellent wheels, stocks, pulleys, etc However, nothing could be done at that late hour so, putting this tower on the list for next time, food was the order and home.

During the day the Bramford Rector's son wrote up one hundred towers in Suffolk after only two years' ringing, and the writer brought his Suffolk total to 191, this including two threes and four fours.

URBAN W. WILDNEY.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, on June 12th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Yvonne Edwards 1, J. Pladdys 2, E. D. Elderkin 3, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 4, T. G. Pett 5. Rung by U.L.S.C.R.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
Change in Presidency

ARCHDEACON C. O. Ellison, who has been president of the Yorkshire Association for 19 years, resigned from this office at the annual general meeting at Ripon on April 30th. He was not able to be at the meeting, but in a letter of apology he wrote of the kindness and support he had received from the officers and members of the Association, and that he hoped to keep in touch with all his old friends in the future. Mr. J. A. Brown, the vice-president of the Northern District, spoke of the work the retiring president had done, and then declared Mr Vernon Bottomley elected as the new president. Mr. Bottomley thanked members for the great honour he felt in being elected to this office.

Mr. W. E. Critchley was declared re-elected peal secretary for the next three years and Mrs. Jeanne Bottomley treasurer for one year.

The presentation of the report for 1965 was made briefly, since, as the president said, most members had it in their hands. There was no formal adoption of it, but any questions members wanted to ask about it might be put at the September meeting.

Four new members were elected: Miss Jean Moxon, of Wetherby; John Thomas, of St. Chad's, Headingley; Andrew Talbot-Ponsonby and Stuart Burns, of Leeds University.

REDRAFTING OF RULES

The secretary gave notice that he would propose the revision and redrafting of the rules, and the president reported that a sub-committee had been asked by the general committee to do this.

An invitation to hold the next meeting at Bridlington Priory on September 17th was gladly accepted, and it is hoped that there will be ringing at Nunburnholme and Flamborough as well.

Mr. Arthur Bashforth gave some information about the Snowdon Dinner, which is to be held at the Catterick Bridge Hotel on October 15th The secretary intimated that he would like the place and date of the 1967 Snowdon Dinner to be fixed in good time, so that details could go into the Ringers' Diary, so the Rev. F. Ross proposed that it be held in Hull or Beverley. The meeting was in favour of this proposal.

A vote of thanks to the cathedral authorities, to the incumbents of the churches visited and to the local organiser, Mr. Ted Hudson, was proposed by Mr. M. Thurmott and seconded by Mr. D Smith

The business in the cathedral library was followed by evening prayer in the choir and by tea in the Cathedral Hall, at which the Dean of Ripon was a welcome guest. Mr. H. Walker expressed the thanks of the company to the ladies who had so kindly and ably prepared tea

Five 6-bell towers had been made available—as well as the fine ten and eight at Ripon and Sharow—and the 80 or so members present enjoyed ringing at them throughout the day.

13,440 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE

W	M	H	
S	—	2S	43625
	S	—	65324
—		2S	26354
2		2	53624
	—		63425
S		—	42365

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Letters to the Editor

"A PROFESSIONAL OPINION ON 'R.W.'"

Dear Sir,—I read with professional interest the tirade of criticism levelled at the general appearance and production of "The Ringing World." The suggestion, it is understood after analysis, materialises in the opinions: **improve** the presentation and the quality of contributions to the newspaper.

As a printer, I would like to congratulate Mr. White on his ability in dealing with material received, and the difficult and unenviable task of measuring-up and laying-out various articles and full-heads in a manner which, in my opinion, on the whole suits the size and character of "The Ringing World." The **dimensions** of this newspaper are such that little more can be achieved in the way of typographical art. Three columns are easily and quickly put together. Triple entries have not the flexibility of six or more columns. In any case, to include double and triple columns tapering into single column matter, with panels and the like, would involve a great deal of extra, vital time, viz.: in changing moulds on linotype machines. Type would take longer to make-up in formes. All this for the sake of, shall we say, dramatic presentation—virtually impossible in a paper this size—adds more to expense That sort of thing is for larger papers—scope is obviously there.

A new front-page head design may improve the outer appearance, but the old design, I think, conveys just about everything in the career of a ringer. In any case it is not the head-design of a newspaper that sells. By way of some improvement generally, perhaps a more striking headline type could be employed, and standing blocks (art work) used, i.e., Readers' Views. All full-heads of large or medium size could begin with "drop" or double-line letter. Italic intermediate heads centred or flush-left would help break up matter: furthermore, reports of major importance might acquire more "colour" should first paragraph be set in black. Illustrations are, of course, desirable, and have a great selling potential, but photogravure and indeed all artwork is a very costly business.

A "brighter" newspaper is largely determined by quality of material received — not necessarily by printing on better quality newsreel. The tendency nowadays in modern newspaper production is to present news in bright, concise manner—the "snappier" the better—and not go on at great length. Local newspapers find that the inclusion of a youth page pays dividends—so do women's fashions! With regard to youth and "The Ringing World," perhaps a page written by young people for young people can be considered. It is a difficult proposition Just how many in a meagre circulation like ours are interested in sending material other than reports of meetings, outings, peals, etc.? Precious few, by my experience. Contributors and correspondents do not like to see their work cut down.

We cannot hope to see a permanent reporter employed by our newspaper, nor can we expect to compete in well-displayed, organised competitions within its pages for new cars! One has to be dead crafty to sell anything nowadays—and that goes for newspapers, too! Perhaps the critics would like, in future, to put on their walking boots and tread over unexplored acres sniffing out news—just for the love of it. Minding other people's business is the life-blood of newspapers. That attitude is the essence of real journalism and ultimately breeds a brighter newspaper. Local correspondents are indispensable. But they perform their task with little or no knowledge of the trials and tribulations of press work. One thing is certain, it is not possible to educate them to the required standards of a bright newspaper. Promises of news items are legion, but many are broken. Without unlimited financial resources and ample staff, it is unfair to expect our editor to achieve miracles in a newspaper which cannot even light my fire.

One suggestion: in an attempt to advertise "The Ringing World" to the fullest extent, a free mention should be made in every Annual Report and in other minor circulations pertaining to the ringing of bells.

To the Editor, assistant and printers, thanks for the work achieved on very limited horizons.—Yours truly, TREVOR A. BEVIS.

March, Cambs.

ANOTHER EDITOR'S SUGGESTIONS

Dear Sir,—As the editor of a trade paper with a circulation of 6,000, I should like to pay tribute to the immense amount of work which you do to ensure the accuracy and comprehensiveness of "The Ringing World."

I fully appreciate the painstaking effort that must go into just checking the names in peals, and I can well imagine that, particularly for 24-page issues, you will have burned the midnight oil on many occasions.

Your biggest problem in any attempt to "brighten" (which I take mostly to mean more space and less type on each page) must be the limited number of firms you can approach for advertising. May I suggest that, following the debate at Bath, you now have a very strong case for greatly increasing your rates to regular advertisers? I know you would be loath to do this when they are probably already very generous, but if the result would be to increase circulation they would see the logic of it.

I disagree with Mr. Anderson when he forecasts that "The Ringing World" would be liable for the Selective Employment Tax. Printing and publishing are classified as manufacturing industries and you should therefore get full repayment plus the premium of 7s. 6d per week (These details have been published since Bath.—Ed.)

I am sure, however, that the best hope "The Ringing World" has is for readers to help increase the circulation, and if this were done it would allow room to experiment. If the Exercise really wants a better paper, ringers will respond by getting new readers. If they don't, they can't blame anyone but themselves.—Yours sincerely, B. W. ASHURST.

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WINCHESTER BOB CATERS

Dear Sir,—I note in "The Ringing World" (page 405) that the composition of Winchester Bob Caters, by A. J. House, used "3rds place under the treble after the lead-end" as bobs, as also used for Double Norwich Caters. But Winchester Bob has a "lead-end" 3rds place, as in Grandsire and Oxford Bob, so why not use normal "Grandsire" bobs? Perhaps there is some good technical reason for not doing so. Would Mr. House or someone please explain?

—Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY DODDS.

St. Albans.

DOUBLES COLLECTION INTEREST

Dear Sir,—In your reply to criticism of the "R.W." at the C.C. meeting, you stated that you had been seriously criticised for publishing the Collection of Doubles Methods as waste of space and of no interest to readers.

Well, there are readers and readers. If you have a cross-section of readers in any technical paper you have to have a cross-section of articles, as I know as a former editor of a regimental magazine.

As must happen, there is a great deal in the "R.W." which leaves me cold, and the greatest interest I have found as a 5- and 6-bell ringer (mainly) was the Collection of Doubles Variations. If I was so unfortunate as to have to go to hospital with a broken leg, the one thing I would take with me would be that collection, plenty of squared paper and a pencil! It is fascinating to write out the various ways by which the same results can be obtained.

Your critics have, I think, forgotten that there are little country towers struggling to progress beyond Grandsire or Plain Bob. What better interest could there be than to look up a method (variation) with a name associated with their district or perhaps even the name of their own church?

That I am not alone in thinking this collection well worth the space is seen in your peal columns, where increasing numbers of Doubles variations have been rung since your publication.

I might as well say that a whole page of 8- to 10-bell compositions (p. 405) is of no value. They are to me, and increasingly so in that they are each in a different "language." But I do not doubt that they are as fascinating to those who understand and can ring them as the Doubles are to me!

I wonder if you are right about the limitation of advertisements. After all, we all have to eat, to mention but one source of advertisement.—Yours, etc

FROM A 6-BELL TOWER.

DABBLING IN COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—After reading the chapter on simple composition and proof in Wilfrid Wilson's book and that on "Changes on Eight Bells" in "Ropesight," I put pencil to paper and began to compose. I finally arrived at the appended peal of Plain Bob Major, which contains the sixth the extent each way in 5-6.

I wonder if any of your readers could confirm its originality, or else crush my newfound ego and name the original composer.—

—Yours sincerely, EDWARD C. STEELE.

Upper Clapton, E.

5,392 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Containing the sixth the extent each way in 5-6

23456	W	B	M	H
54263	S	—	—	S
23465			—	S
45362			—	S
35264			—	*

Repeat five times omitting calls W and B, and adding bobs at * in 2nd, 4th and last parts. This gives 32564.

32564	W	M	H
54326	S†	—	S
32546	—		—
45236	S		S
32456	—		*

Repeat five times omitting call M and calling bob for single at † in 1st part and adding singles at * in 1st and 4th parts for rounds.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

LETTERS—Continued

"UNFAIR CRITICISM" OF BATH AND WELLS A.G.M.

Dear Sir,—As the prime-mover in raising the issue referred to by R. Beale ("R.W.", p. 403), I consider that it is our duty to bring the true facts to those members of the Bath and Wells who were not at the A.G.M. Although I would not have acted as Mr. Massey did, I can only deplore this attack upon one whose considerable efforts on behalf of our Association are appreciated by a great number of our members.

George Massey acted correctly in bringing this matter firstly to the committee. He no doubt thought, as I would have done, that the Branch secretaries and the rest of the committee would have the pulse of their members on this subject. The committee, he found, were against the idea, so he dropped his resolution. He had also in mind that every tower would have to be circulated as a change of rule was envisaged, and he had in mind that the cost of this would not be warranted if, as he suspected, the members generally would not be in favour. That the committee did not know the feelings of quite a number of members is a pity, but it certainly isn't Mr. Massey's fault.

In levelling adverse criticism at the peal secretary, Mr. Beale points out that Taunton Branch were expecting some action at the last A.G.M. Why then was there not a resolution from the Taunton Branch that this matter be placed on the agenda if the feeling was so strong? And why, when I got up to raise the issue, was I not supported by a mass of Taunton members all eagerly waiting to voice their opinions? If indeed they intended to raise the issue at all they were leaving it a bit late in the meeting to do so.

So really, Mr. Beale, even when all the facts are known, your adverse criticism of a most democratic worker is unfair, and as you weren't there and did not have the facts it is most unwarranted.

Now here is something that is worth thinking about: a proposition from the floor, correctly seconded, that this matter be discussed at the 1967 A.G.M. was not accepted by the chairman, although it was in order under Rule 11 which allows four weeks' notice for intended alterations to rules. The proposition allowed a year's notice, which should have been long enough. Now I wonder why we are having so much difficulty over this?—Yours sincerely.

M. HEYMANN.

Bath, Somerset.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

Ringing at the Eastern District meeting at Benington (8) on Saturday, June 11th, ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, and this was followed by tea in the Church Hall.

Mr. Peter Searles, the District secretary, opened the meeting by welcoming the county president, Mr. Kenneth Dunstan, who kindly took the chair. New members elected were Miss B. Bagguley (Hertford) and Mr. R. Falder (Aston).

Next meeting, July 9th at Aston (6).

B. J. W. F.

A German Girl's Comments on a Ringing Tour

Mr. M. King, of Wentworth, Yorks, writes:—

Recently I have received an account of a German girl's experiences in the Easter tour undertaken by bellringers of the St. John's College, York, Society. This was during Easter Week in Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire. She writes:—

When I accepted the invitation of one of the members of the St. John's College Bellringing Society to accompany them on this year's ringing tour, I did not know what I was letting myself into. Being a foreigner, I was entirely strange to the sort of bellringing practised in England. Of course, our church towers have bells too, but usually it is a single one to indicate the time. So I was most surprised to learn that there are towers with six, eight or even 12 bells. When I first ascended to a ringing chamber I wondered why the ropes were so thick; it was only afterwards that I learned that the big and heavy bells wanted strong ropes. The sallies puzzled me too; I soon realised that they were not for fancy but to protect the ringer's palms. I noticed that they usually had the union jack's colours—red, white and blue. Was it only accidental? I don't think so.

I had the opportunity of admiring the belfry at York Minster and at Powick. I was duly impressed by the enormous size of the bells and their wheels and the deafening sound they produced when rung. Ever afterwards I was horrified by the thought of what would happen if the stay broke. I imagined the ringer being pulled up into the belfry. That is why I never dared to touch a rope—I only sat watching the ringers. Thus I had time to study the wooden boards on the walls which told about the number of changes being rung and the people who did it. I was surprised to learn that the pieces of "music" were composed especially for the sake of bellringing.

I had heard quite a number of new words as well, like "peal," "quarter peal," tenor, treble, sally, etc., which are, of course, very confusing and maddening for a foreigner. By the time I had discovered their meaning and got used to them the tour was almost over.

I can't recall all the 23 towers, but some of them I still remember, for example:—

St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.—Here I was rather uncertain about the bellringers as it was the first tower

Harborne.—I couldn't understand why one of them shouted at his friends. I didn't think he was kind!

Grimley.—A local ringer told us that the tenor had been cast in 1483

Hanbury.—I admired the tower made of red sandstone

Bewdley.—Here I first experienced a "rocking" tower. I expected it to collapse sooner or later, and though I told myself not to be silly, I persuaded my friend to leave and fled downstairs, petrified.

Badsey—where a polythene curtain separated the ringing chamber from the church. "We look like ten bellringers in a polythene bag!"

The church which impressed me most was **Pershore Abbey**. It is beautifully situated in the middle of a soft, fragrant lawn. There was no ringing chamber, only a sort of cage at the top of the tower. Here I almost fainted when I looked down.

St. Mary the Virgin, Cheltenham.—Here, after having joined a morning prayer, we found 12 lovely bells.

I also remember **St. Mary, Elmley Castle,** where one of the ringers got a terrible shock when her bell had no stay, thus causing it to pull the rope swiftly upwards.

The only thing I disliked about bellringing was the temperature in the ringing chambers. By the time the ringers had finished I was frozen stiff, and I could not help thinking that your churches should have overhead heaters to keep the chill away. The weather did not help matters, constant gusts of wind and sleet were followed by frost and several inches of snow. Unfortunately the minibus carrying us around broke down in the snow at Bishop's Cleeve, so we rode in draughty country buses from tower to tower.

These were, however, the only drawbacks of our tour. The company of the bellringers was very enjoyable—they were somehow different from other people. I have often wondered if bellringing was only a hobby for them or if they practised it for the honour of God. I noticed that some of them sacrificed every minute of their spare time. They neglected everything else and strove for perfection

At the moment I am listening to a tape-recording of church bells and handbells which one of the ringers kindly sent me, and I have looked at photographs of the towers we visited, recalling in my memory the perhaps most peculiar but very enjoyable week I had in England

I even hope to be able to accompany the ringers on next year's Easter tour.

BIRGIT HOFFMANN.

Dortmund-Aplerbeck,
West Germany.

UNION BOB

Dear Sir,—Our Society has recently been ringing a variety of Doubles methods, and we are rather puzzled at the use of the term 'Bob' for the calling in the method known as Union Bob in the C.C. Collection of Doubles Methods and in the 1966 Ringers' Diary. The calling changes the position of just two bells (those in 4/5) with work which is essentially the same as that done at a single in Stedman Doubles. We grant that Union is not a principle and that the call causes the same places to be made as it does in Plain Bob Doubles—but there the coursing order of three bells is altered.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, in his excellent book on change-ringing, gives straightforward reasons why the call in Stedman Doubles must be a single: surely the same reasoning should be used to make the call in Union a single.—Yours sincerely,

PHILIP J. DANIEL
(Hon. Sec., Shebbear College Society).

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ANZAB Annual Meeting—Bill Pitcher New President

THE fifth Annual Festival of Ringing of the Australia and New Zealand Association was held in Sydney on the holiday week-end of June 11th–13th. It was well attended and for the second year running representatives of five member branches were present. Apart from the host ringers of New South Wales, there were 22 from Victoria, three from South Australia, two from Tasmania and one from Western Australia. In addition we had the pleasure of the attendance of three ringers from St. John's, Brisbane, as well as three from Canberra and one from Armidale. This Bath in miniature was once again a resounding success, and the task of organising a meeting spread out over the eight ringable Sydney towers, not exactly close together, must have presented many problems to the hosts; but so well was it done that this was not evident.

For many visitors, the start of the week-end's ringing on the steel bells at St. Jude's, Randwick, was in the nature of a tower grab, as until last June they had been silent for about four years. The first touch contained representatives from all five branches and required three attempts, due to the clapper of the third showing a marked tendency to whisk the second's rope out of sight. Another first for many was on the new Taylor ten at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, where all enjoyed the bells and the well-appointed ringing room. For those who had not been to Sydney before, a brief ring at St. Benedict's, with a mellow-sounding but almost-impossible-to-ring six, completed a full bag of eight. Any Sydney meeting is more or less a travelling one, and we should not like to have to count the miles driven by the hosts in transporting ringers between the city, Randwick, Burwood, Darling Point, Parramatta and Turramurra. It was all obligingly done and provided opportunity for uninterrupted talk, gossip or whatever.

THE COUNCIL MEETING

The Council meeting followed an excellent dinner at Julie's Restaurant in the city on Saturday evening. Julie's is not exactly expansive, and after the meal the 51 diners had to vacate the dining room for the street while tables were removed and the chairs rearranged. The meeting was chaired by Hervey Bagot, at the end of his presidential term, and showed the same tendency as in the past to get bogged down in procedural wrangles. A committee was established to examine the constitution, and perhaps in future years more time can be devoted to other matters. The Badge Committee was instructed to go ahead with production and badges should soon be available at 75c. A discussion on publicity produced some good ideas. The treasurer reported a healthy state in the finances, though the "Ringing Towers" report, while revealing a steady circulation of over 200 copies, showed a slight loss (14c.) and it was decided to raise the subscription rates slightly. The "Ringing Towers" Committee was congratulated on its work.

In his president's report, Hervey Bagot commented that the past year had been an exciting one for A.N.Z.A.B. and for ringing, and instanced the visit of the Great Adventure II party. He went on to stress that good, tuneful bell music should be the constant aim and that the achievement of this required enthusiasm, discipline and attention to detail. The election produced more changes than in previous years and the office-holders for 1966–67 are largely South Australians. Bill Pitcher is the new president as well as continuing as editor of "Ringing Towers" and as peal secretary. Richard Jolly succeeds Graeme Heyes as secretary and has Philippa Lamphee as his assistant. Ken Minchinton remains the treasurer. The venue for the next festival and Council meeting is Ballarat/Bendigo in June, 1967.

The formalities dispatched, ringing was resumed for the remainder of the week-end. A barbecue had been arranged for the Monday afternoon, but the skies opened on Sunday night while some 80 ringers and friends were enjoying a very convivial cruise in Sydney Harbour aboard a small ferry, and as it was still raining on Monday morning the outdoor activities were abandoned and the afternoon profitably spent at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Everyone got their share of ringing during the festival, and varied teams and a variety of methods added to the enjoyment—from rounds to Stedman Caters, through the Grandsire and Plain Bob families from 5 to 10 bells, with some Surprise Major ringing in the shape of Cambridge, Yorkshire (an excellent half course) and Bristol (a rather muddly 3-lead touch). One quarter peal was rung—Plain Bob Minor at Parramatta, half-muffled in memory of a previous Rector of All Saints'.

COMPETITION

The large contingent from Victoria enabled the Joyner Cup for Interstate Ringers to be competed for. New South Wales won the first round with some good Minor at Turramurra, but Victoria evened the score the next day with some excellent Stedman Triples at St. Andrew's. In the deciding ring at Burwood on Monday morning the Victorian touch of Stedman broke down, and the cup is thus retained by New South Wales.

Again the annual gathering of ringers from the scattered towers of Australia has resulted in a week-end of enthusiastic ringing in a most friendly atmosphere The success of the meeting is a tribute to the planning of the Sydney ringers, and the visitors offer them their thanks and appreciation. W. B. P.

ALAN R. PINK'S WHITSUN TOUR

THE record Whitsun traffic made some of the party late for the evening meal at our headquarters on Friday, May 27th, among them Giles Shedden and Ron Russ. The headquarters, in Southbourne, Bournemouth, could cater for our meals, but some members of the party had to be billeted out, including Alan himself. Jim Linnell was later sampling the local brew and sea air, in the company of Chris Clarke and Herbert Alexander, when at an uncomfortably late hour he realised Alan's overnight case was still locked in the boot of his car! We heard next morning that those billeted out had received a pretty frigid reception from their landlady in the small hours.

At the first tower, Hampreston, Dorset, on the Saturday, we were joined by Christine and Alan Baldock with Chris Rowson from Abingdon Hampreston Church is noted more for the magnificent waggon roof of the nave, which has stood since the 14th century, than for its bells, a rather nondescript six They served to loosen us up for Ringwood, however, where Bill Cheater met us and made enough for Bristol on this fine octave Ron Marlow met us at Fordingbridge, but there were only enough of us to ring some College Exercise on the back six. The occupants of the "long distance" car arrived somewhat breathless with only 15 minutes' ringing time left ascending the stairs to shouts for a band to lower. The excuse this time was that it had taken them over half an hour to find the car at Ringwood!

Fortified by a good lunch at the Crown Hotel, Fordingbridge, we enjoyed an hour on the rather noisy eight at Cranborne, where among other things Superlative and Double Bob were rung Wimborne St. Giles' bells were also noisy, but with plenty of music. Our "Car Park Exercise" band were late again. They had apparently been trying to ring the stuff at a ruined church down the road, though whether by design or navigational error we never did establish. Alan however, was very pleased with the course of Ashtead we rang after he chalked it up on the clock case, and we then set sail for Wimborne Minster. The further assistance of Bill Cheater and others enabled us to ring Cambridge Royal on the fine ten. After Herbert Alexander had called a 287 of Grandsire Caters. Noel Waite was collected from Bournemouth Station, and we dined at headquarters. Then it was time for the entire party to descend on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price's house in Fisherman's Avenue. The handbells Fred bought from Len Stilwell were given an airing, their somewhat suspect "W.D." markings being the work of William Dunn, circa 1820.

DENSE SUNDAY TRAFFIC

Sunday morning ringing was at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and St. James', Poole, though at the latter, despite Reg Rex joining us for the rest of the tour, we didn't muster enough for changes on the ten. After lunch at Wareham any ideas about seeing something of the Isle of Purbeck during free time in the afternoon were put paid to by the dense traffic, so we contented ourselves with viewing the effigy of Lawrence of Arabia in St. Martin's, and strolling on the banks of the River Frome in the warm sunshine. A very pleasant hour was spent on the bells of Lady St. Mary, Wareham, where London was rung with the help of John Blackwood. Evening service ringing was at Christchurch, where we ploughed through a course of Bob Maximus.

Traffic on the Whit Monday morning was strangely thin as we made our way to Lymington. Here disaster was narrowly averted when someone discovered there were two people upstairs mending the clock. Despite our severely curtailed ringing time a course of Lincolnshire was scored before moving to Milford-on-Sea.

After lunch in Lyndhurst, the narrow, spiral staircase at Sherfield English caused the more portly members of the band, including our worthy organiser, a little difficulty We found Lockerley bells very loud in the ringing chamber, but produced some good ringing, the highlight of which was a touch of spliced Plain and Double Bob. St. Mary's, Twyford, came next, and the tour finished in Winchester. As the Cathedral bells were not available, Dr. J. E. Spice kindly arranged for us to have a short ring on the six at the College.

A feature of this tour had been some good rises and falls, a part of our ringing that we tend to pay too little attention to. The party extends thanks to Alan for the arrangements, and to all those Hants and Dorset ringers and incumbents who played their part so well. R. K. R.

OBITUARY

MR. A. WESTCOTT

The news of the death of Mr. Alfred Westcott on June 7th came as a shock to all who knew him Although he had done very little ringing since the last war, he was well remembered by all who had been associated with him.

There were at least 120 people present at the funeral service, which was held in the Church of Charles with St. Matthias, Plymouth, and was conducted by Preb. J. G. Byrnell, Rural Dean of Plymouth.

Among those present were former colleagues from the Plymouth Co-operative Society and a number of old age pensioners. Mr. Westcott was the treasurer of Plymouth Co-operative Old Age Pensioners' Association.

The ringers were represented by Messrs. T. G. Myers (Plymouth, St. Andrew's), G. Godard, W. Collier, H. H. Thomas, J. H. N. Rogers, the Rev. Eric Hayman (Emmanuel, Plymouth).

Preb. Byrnell spoke of Mr. Westcott's life as a Christian and of his great association with Charles Church, Plymouth, being the last captain of the ringers before the church was destroyed by enemy action in 1941.

S. SIMS.



MAYOR HAS HANDBELL LESSON.—When the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies held their festival at Beverley Minster, the Mayor and Mayoress of Beverley (Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leak) attended the service. Afterwards the Beverley and District Society gave a handbell demonstration that so appealed to the Mayor that he had a lesson! In "The Yorkshire Post" picture, which we reproduce with their kind permission, are, from left to right: Mr. Graham Smith, Mr. Charles Hobson, the Mayoress, Mr. Ronald Ducker, Beverley and District Society Ringing Master, the Mayor and Mr. Keith Goldthorpe. Report on page 374.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

THE warm, close weather made ringing an effort on the ten at Hatfield for the St. Albans District meeting on June 18th. The standard of ringing was surprisingly good, considering there were comparatively few members present Some good Stedman and Erin Caters and Kent Royal were enjoyed. A service was held at 4.30 p.m., but it was very poorly attended. Tea was held in the small hall opposite.

Mr. Geoffrey Dodds was elected to the chair for the business meeting. Mr. D. J. Smith and Miss M Smith, of Hatfield, were elected new members. A quick discussion of the successful practice meeting held at Essendon followed The next practice meeting is to be at Harpenden on Wednesday, July 6th.

Mr. Dodds, as Central Council representative, gave the District an outline of the decisions of the Central Council at their A.G.M. Mrs. Amy Coburn, on behalf of the District, wished the secretary, Mr. Roger Brown, and his wife well in their new house in Harpenden.

Next meeting, South and North Mymms, July 16th The Ringing Master, Mr. Gerald Penney has copies available of Hertfordshire Surprise Major, the special method for the meeting. J. A. F.

SPAXTON, SOMERSET.—On June 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Mrs. V. Stone 1, J. Ford (first in more than one method) 2, C. Clarke (cond.) 3, E. Ford 4, M. Stone 5, W. Burland 6.

SS. MICHAEL AND PAUL, BATH

Widely-varying rings in Wiltshire and Hampshire were tried during the annual outing of SS. Michael and Paul's, Bath, and their friends on June 18th.

There was a disappointment at Pewsey, the first tower, where we could not obtain the tower key. A compensation was the fine-toned, slow-turning ring at Collingbourne-Kingston (6), where Stedman went well. The light bells of Thruxton (6) were turned well to Minor. Whitchurch's ground floor ring provided the first eight of the day. Afterwards at Andover (8) ringing consisted of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Major.

Most of the ringers, at tea time, visited the steam traction engine rally near Andover, which resulted in some arriving late at Wonston. On the light ring with a very good tone Oxford Bob Minor, Stedman and a ladies' touch of Grandsire went well. The last tower was at Stockbridge (light 6, 7¼ cwt.), where the tenor dropped quite surprisingly. The bells were not considered musical, but Kent, Stedman and an unconducted touch of Grandsire were enjoyed.

The incumbents and Mr. G. J. Hawkins, who arranged the outing, which unfortunately he was unable to attend due to a back injury, are sincerely thanked. D. C. H.

OUTING

CORSTON, BATH

Assembling at Chipping Campden on May 21st, Corston, Bath, ringers with friends from Twerton and Chew Magna had an enjoyable outing in Gloucestershire villages. Good use was made of Chipping Campden bells, and Moreton-in-the-Marsh bells proved much to their liking. A picnic lunch followed in the garden of a convenient hostelry before going to the picturesque villages of Lower and Upper Slaughter.

Bourton-on-the-Water provided an attraction for non-ringers, and the journey was through lanes to Great Barrington, where the easy-going six were duly appreciated. During a roadside picnic tea there was an exhibition of formation flying by jets from the Central Flying School at Rissington. Ringing concluded at Northleach, where the bells were much admired.

SANDY, BEDS.—On June 9th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss J. Cook 1, Mrs. R. Davey 2, Mrs. J. Ashton 3, J. R. Hough 4, C. J. Blain 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The ringer of the tenor in the quarter peal at Milverton on May 23rd was R. M. B. Cullen and not as printed.

Christchurch, New Zealand, is in the news this week with a quarter of Plain Bob Major, which was the first in the method in Major for the conductor, Mr. C. H. Ward.

Among the four first pealers at Longparish, Hants, on June 8th, were 14-year-old Philip Taylor and his father. It was a first peal attempt for both of them.

Protests have been ventilated in "The Kent Messenger" concerning the recent Saturday afternoon peal at Tenterden which greatly disturbed patients at St. Augustine's Hospital.

"It was noted with great delight two weeks ago that once again Bill Hibbert is ringing on the 'back-end'," writes D. Jewell, of Combe Martin, Devon. "After this fine performance, I feel sure that the 7th at Pilton will no longer be a problem for us in October."

Kent School, which has been very quiet concerning ringing performances, sends us a half peal of Grandsire Doubles. This is certified by Mr. Jeffrey Scott Nicholl, chairman of the Kent School Bellringers' Guild. Congratulations.

The list of members who had retired from the Central Council (page 372) should have included the name of Mr. Ernest J. Ladd, who retired last March after six years' service. His successor as representative of the East Grinstead and District Guild is Mr. B. E. Jeffrey.

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DEDICATION OF EASTHAMPSTEAD BELLS

A LARGE gathering took place at Easthampstead Parish Church on the afternoon of June 11th to witness the dedication of the recast augmented bells.

The Bishop of Oxford preached at the service and congratulated the local band for the work they had done both physically and in the organisation of financing the project.

The collection, teas, on-the-spot donations and raffle for "Change Ringing" by W. G. Wilson (won by Mr. A. J. N. Rance) brought in a further £50 to the bell fund.

Tea and ringing until 8.45 p.m. completed the day—altogether too short to enable adequate renewals of friendship—but a day which will stand out in the memories of all who helped in making it possible—support without which the countryside of Berkshire would be deprived of the beauty of this delightful light octave.

After a year of silence the local band rang the first quarter on the new bells on Sunday, June 12th. The first peal was scored on Monday, June 13th, by local members and representatives of Branch, Guild and donors.

DEDICATED PIONEERS

Canon Gilbert Thurlow in an address given at Hollesley, Suffolk, on June 11th, referred to the dedication at Easthampstead as follows: "I received this week a kind invitation to the dedication of the rehung bells, now eight, at Easthampstead today. I'd gladly have gone all the way to Berkshire, if your invitation had not been accepted long before. You see, the triumph at Easthampstead today is the triumph of dedicated pioneers, people of courage and imagination.

"I think only a very few months ago Easthampstead ringers discussed with their P.C.C. the need to rehang their bells and increase them to eight. The P.C.C. replied, 'All right, you ringers, get on with it!' and they did! Whilst too many other parishes find it difficult to raise the money, or can't be bothered, or take the amazing line that somehow the right and proper support of other church activities somehow exonerates them from their responsibility to their bells, whilst occasionally one hears of parishes which even try to convert to other purposes money given specifically for rehanging bells for ringing, the dedicated pioneers of Easthampstead and their many friends have raised the large sum needed in a very short time because they really believed it was worth while."

SHEBBEAR SETS DEVON GUILD A NEW RECORD

Shebbear College Society must now be among the leading school ringing societies in the country. Their latest achievement is a peal of 14 Doubles methods at Langtree, Devon, on June 12th, which is the greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, the first for the Society and the first peal on the bells.

Mr. J. L. Queen informs us that Mr. D. J. Roberts, general secretary of the Devonshire Guild, confirmed that the peal set a new record for the Guild. The striking was of a consistently high standard throughout and came as a result of several weeks' hard practice at the methods involved, including unsuccessful quarter peal attempts in some of the methods.

A HANDBELL HALF-CENTURY

A milestone of achievement took place at 68, Warwick Avenue, Coventry, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens, on June 15th. That day marked the 50th anniversary of the first handbell peal on 12 in Birmingham, and also that Mr. Perrens, who was ringing 3-4 and conducting, rang his first on handbells in the same composition of Stedman Cinques. We feel certain that his very many friends will join us in congratulating the Central Council librarian on being spared to participate in such an anniversary.

CENTRAL COUNCIL ATTENDANCES

Mr. E. Billings, secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, who was responsible for the most successful local arrangements of the Central Council meeting at Northampton, has called our attention to the injustice done to that meeting by the inaccurate attendance figure given on page 388. The true position regarding attendances at recent Council meetings has been:—

1961	Stoke-on-Trent	147
1962	Cardiff	134
1963	Great Yarmouth	145
1964	Truro	145
1965	Northampton	154
1966	Bath	158

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY GUILD

At our last A.G.M. our retiring Ringing Master suggested that we should tour a few local towers and close the outing with a meal, an idea which was realised this term. The quarter peal attempted at Bray of 11 Doubles methods, called by R. A. Vere Hodge, failed as three leads were lost due to lights fusing.

When the rest of the party arrived two experts went on to Blessington to adjust and splice ropes! Most of the ringers depended on three long-lived cars for transport. Even Aloycus, a renowned old lady, made the hazardous ascent over the Wicklow Mountains. Only one car required pushing.

After the triumph of ringing two 120's of Plain Bob Minor at Blessington, even the fittest of us welcomed the dinner at the neighbouring hotel. At the end of the handbell session which followed, several ringers proposed that this outing should be an annual event.

H. H.

CANADIAN HANDBELL FESTIVAL

The first Canadian handbell festival was held at Yorkminster, Ontario, at the end of April, promoted by Mrs. Vera Diamond, of Willowdale, Ontario. She directs the Diamond Handbell Choir, the only Canadian membership in the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers; the choir has had the privilege of playing for many churches and clubs throughout Metro, Toronto. Seven visiting handbell choirs participated in the festival, the sacred concert being held at Yorkminster United Church. As the outcome of the festival it was decided to form a Canadian Chapter of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers and Mrs. Diamond has been elected the Chapter's first chairman. Recently she received ten additional bells, completing a three-octave chromatic set.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TENOR

Dedicating the tenor at Scole, Norfolk, which completed the ring to six, on June 14th, Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, emphasised the importance of the tenor bell.

"You might," he said, "think it hardly worth while having a special service to dedicate the new tenor bell, especially as you have had a triumphant service of dedication of the new bells here quite recently. But there is a very good reason for taking all this trouble over your new tenor, not only because it is the largest and the heaviest and most important bell in the tower, but for a greater reason.

"The tenor is the bell which gives the key of the whole ring. It is the completion of the music. We are familiar with the expression 'keynote.' We say that a speech or a meeting or a celebration had a certain keynote—a keynote of triumph or sorrow or unity or whatever we felt about it.

"It was felt here that the keynote of the ring was not good enough, so the whole ring was, so to speak, incomplete, irritatingly incomplete The five new bells sounded A, G, F, E, D, beautifully with all the resources of modern tuning. Then came C, not good enough, spoiling the completion of the music, giving a feeling that the climax was a disappointment instead of a triumph. And now you have the triumph of knowing that the keynote of your bells is complete, perfect and satisfying."

A HEREFORD BROADCAST

Listeners to the Midland Region programme "Midlands Today" on June 6th heard a recording of the bells of St. Margaret's, Wellington, Herefordshire, preceding an interview with Frederick Sharpe, who was talking about his forthcoming book, "The Church Bells of Herefordshire." At the same time listeners to the Welsh Home Service heard Mr. Sharpe discussing his recent book, "The Church Bells of Cardiganshire." Both programmes were recorded in the ringing chamber of St. Margaret's during a day visit to Herefordshire on June 4th.

Thanks are due to the Vicar, the Rev. W. P. Johns, for granting permission for the recording at a moment's notice, and to the local ringers—Christine and Angela, Julie and her father—who were called upon at teatime to make up a band to ring the bells.

The programme was repeated on June 15th. Mr. Sharpe is shortly to record another programme which will be heard in the Home Service in the near future. G. T. C.

SIXTY YEARS AFTER

Thursday, June 9th, was the diamond jubilee of the eight bells at Anstey, Leics, after previously having a very bad-toned, bad-going ring of five bells. One of only two surviving members of the band which rang the first peal on the eight in 1906, Mr. Edward W. Jackson stood outside and listened for almost the entire length of the jubilee peal and afterwards had a ring himself, his first since going to live in Canada 55 years ago.

Mr. G. Dodds points out regarding his question at the Central Council meeting as to the republishing of out-of-print publications (page 392) that the method he suggested was by use of Xerox, which is cheaper than ordinary printing.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

LOXTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., June 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Grandsire, St Clement's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps and Kennington, and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.

*†Christopher Avery	Treble	Ronald J. Snack	4
Christopher J. Royal	2	†P. John Hall	5
John S. Walton	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Minor. † First in six methods.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter,
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

17 Course Block reduced. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp

*Reginald Walls	Treble	Jack Bailey	5
†Geoffrey Bridges	2	*Clive Thrower	6
*Kevin Betesta	3	David Walklate	7
*John Dean	4	David Friend	Tenor

Conducted by David Walklate.
* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise.

MATLOCK, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Fri., June 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Minnie I. Foskett	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
Donald G. Clift	2	Burley P. Morris	6
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	3	Richard A. Inglis	7
*Peter Taylor	4	David J Llewellyn	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.
* First peal of Bob Major.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

(Shebbear College Society.)
LANGTREE Devon.—At the Parish Church.
On Sun., June 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 14 methods/variations—3 extents each of Union Bob, Stedman, Shipway's Place Bob, Antelope, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, St. Remigius' Bob St. Osmund's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*William M. Taylor	Treble	†‡David J Ley	4
†Philip J. Daniel	2	John L Queen	5
Roger J. Gay	3	*Wesley J. Moore	Tenor

Conducted by Roger J. Gay.
* First peal attempt. † First of Doubles. ‡ First "inside." First peal on the bells. First as conductor in more than one method. Greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal for the Guild, in the county, by the Society and by all the band.
Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M the Queen, and as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas,
On Mon., June 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	David J. Llewellyn	7
John E. Anderson	2	Eric N. Harrison	8
Michael Maughan	3	John Hartless	9
Philip N. Tubbs	4	Ronald N. Marlow	10
George S. Deas	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Frank L. Harris	6	Brian J. Luff	Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS Mary and Michael.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	John J. Gipson	5
Claudia A. Critchley	2	G. William Critchley	6
Eric Edmondson	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	Frank E. Haynes	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
Rung in honour of the wedding of David S. Osenton and Margaret Nurse, who were married this day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT WALTHAM Essex.—At the Church of SS Mary and Lawrence
On Sat. May 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26½ cwt in D.

*Keith W. Brown	Treble	Christopher K. Cooper	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Peter S. Bennett	6
Yvonne A Murray	3	Peter G. Brown	7
Dennis A. S. Symonds	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Peter G. Brown.
* First peal of Major

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.
On Sat June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Lesley Ward	Treble	Herbert M. McArthur	4
Neil V. Avis	2	†Roy Stephenson	5
*Derek W. Bloyce	3	Adrian G. Semken	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian G Semken.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 70 methods, comprising 96 changes each of Aldenham Apsley, Barnesbury, Benington Bristol, Cherwell, Chester Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Derwent, Dublin, Eastcote, Elford Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Maulden, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northholt, Painswick, Ramsey Rutland, Scawthorpe, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative Thorne Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, and 64 changes each of Cambridge, Campsall, Falmouth, Hanbury, Hitchin, Pudsey, Radlett, Richmond Tring, Watford and Warwickshire, and 32 changes each of Bicester, Coddenham, Comisbrough, Dartford, Dorchester, Fordham, Framley Hendon, Highgate Kettering, Lincoln, Malmesbury, Northwood, Otley, Pyrford, Quinton, Shenley, Stoke, Umberslade and Xavier with 158 changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Maurice A. New	Treble	James R Taylor	5
Elisabeth A G. Bowden	2	Brian Bladon	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Edward R. Venn	7
Anthony R. Peake	4	*Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 100th peal for the Gloucester and Bristol Association. The greatest number of Surprise and Major methods yet rung to a peal.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James,
On Sat., May 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb

*Aileen E. McAteer	Treble	†William A. Patterson	5
†Rosemary Thompson	2	†Gerald D. Brown	6
†Maud Austin	3	†John Lindsay	7
Harry Brown	4	John T Dunwoody	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by John T Dunwoody.
* First peal of Major. † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St John the Baptist.
On Fri., June 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Peter S. Muchlinski	Treble	John W. Smith	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Tony Lewis	6
Frederick J. Cullum	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	*Ian H. Oram	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* "Circled the tower" twice.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to David Osenton and Margaret Nurse, to be married the following day at Long Sutton, Lincolnshire.

EYNSFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St Martin.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Peter S. Muchlincki	Treble	Ian H. Oram	5
*Tony Lewis	2	Arthur S. Richards	6
Richard G. Crosland	3	Ralph Bird	7
Doris E. Colgate	4	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal in the method "inside." First on the bells since rehanging.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin, On Mon., June 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt.

*Martin Green	Treble	Shirley Burton	6
John M. Jelley	2	Brian S. Chapman	7
J. Martin Thorley	3	Herrick B. Bowley	8
Richard Prime	4	E. Alan Jacques	9
*Howard Palmer	5	William J. Root	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.

* First peal of Royal.

ANSTEY, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary, On Thurs., June 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

A. Maxwell Lindsey	Treble	Roland H. Cook	5
Martin Green	2	David G. Wilford	6
G. Barry Brown	3	William A. Lacey	7
Howard C. Palmer	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by William A. Lacey.

Rung on the diamond jubilee of the eight bells (1906).

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARLAXTON, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Peter, On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Graham D. Thompson	Treble	Thomas A. Relf	4
Leonard G. Thompson	2	John F. Pearson	5
Fred W. Pinchbeck	3	Louis Willders	Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to the wife of the Rev. C. G. C. Robertson on her departure to America to visit their daughter.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

WESTMINSTER.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, On Mon., May 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	Timothy G. Pett	6
Roger D. Bailey	2	Edward F. P. Bryant	7
Yvonne Edwards	3	Richard O. Humphries	8
Anthony H. Smith	4	Martin C. Faulkes	9
Michael W. Coleman	5	*Roger W. Powell	Tenor

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant

* First peal of Stedman.

RADLETT, Hertfordshire.—At Christ Church, On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in the following seven methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Double Oxford C.B., (3) Oxford B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's C.B., (6) Cambridge S., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

David L. Cawley	Treble	John Q. Pladdys	4
Timothy G. Pett	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	5
Edward D. Elderkin	3	Roger D. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

First peal on the bells in more than one method.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary, On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' four-part.

Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb in E.

Robert C. Kippin	Treble	Maurice G. Ingram	5
Frederick R. Scott	2	J. Keith Ward	6
*Mary G. Gage	3	David P. Hilling	7
Roger A. Gage	4	*John A. Elliott	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

* First peal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWAFFHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb in E.

Sidney Marshall	Treble	George P. Adams	5
*Rev. M. C. C. Melville	2	Kevin S. Hohl	6
Robin Shipp	3	Leslie F. Bailey	7
Shelagh R. Collins	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

* 200th tower for a peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COOKHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, comprising 576 Yorkshire, 640 Bristol and 768 each of Cambridge, London, Pudsey, Rutland and Superlative with 142 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

Frederick R. Scott	Treble	William H. Jackson	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	J. Keith Ward	6
Gibson Jackson	3	David P. Hilling	7
Ronald F. Diserens	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, Berkshire.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Mary Magdalene

On Mon., June 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 9 lb. in C.

Charles H. Kippin	Treble	Alan R. Pink	5
Sandra L. Goodship	2	Bernard C. Castle	6
Joan A. Rance	3	Arthur J. N. Rance	7
Stanley G. Scott	4	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Frank C. Price.

First peal on the bells, which were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford on June 11th.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church.

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James, On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*Reginald J. Foster	Treble	Maurice G. Ingram	4
David P. Hilling	2	Frank W. Lewis	5
Beryl R. Simpson	3	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

* First peal on six bells. The conductor has now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARKET DRAYTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary, On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*William J. Chester	Treble	Graham C. Paul	5
James Linnell	2	Alan A. Paul	6
†Raymond A. Vickers	3	*Charles E. Truman	7
Barry E. Saunders	4	George W. Holland	Tenor

Composed by M S Bruce. Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* 50th peal together. † First in the method.

EDITH WESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary, On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt.

Christopher J. Groome	Treble	Ronald Russell	4
*Lionel Atton	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
J. Charles Hudson	3	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal. The conductor has now "completed the circle."

Rung on the 122nd anniversary of the birth of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, On Thurs., June 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

David J. Purnell	Treble	Graham C. Paul	7
Martin D. Fellows	2	Edward W. Colley	8
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	Michael J. Fellows	10
John C. Eisel	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
George E. Fearn	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, On Thurs., June 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt 21 lb. in D.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite	Treble	John C. Eisel	7
Roderick W. Pipe.	2	Edward W. Colley	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	Clifford A. Barron	9
John R. Insley	4	Martin D. Fellows	10
Michael J. Fellows	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
George E. Fearn	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Wed., June 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Richard J. Parker	Treble	*Clifford A. Barron	5
Norman J. Goodman	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
John R. Insley	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
*David J. Purnell	4	*George E. Fearn	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Guild.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
HAGLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., June 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*Stanley W. Illidge	Treble	Richard B. Dorrington	5
Edward R. Fairbrother	2	Elizabeth Timmins	6
W. George Page	3	Philip R. Johnson	7
†Christine Slater	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal of Major. † First on eight bells.

ALVELEY, Salop.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Christine Slater	Treble	Philip R. Johnson	4
Edward R. Fairbrother	2	Philip G. K. Davies	5
Elizabeth Timmins	3	Richard B. Dorrington	Tenor

Conducted by Richard B. Dorrington.
* First peal in two methods First peal as conductor.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary,
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Geoffrey H. Pullin	Treble	*Michael J. Bew	6
Cecil W. Pipe	2	J. Barry Pickup	7
*Catherine M. Powell	3	*Peter M. Adcock	8
*Angela M. Wright	4	Roderick W. Pipe	9
Lawrence R. Pizzey	5	David E. House	Tenor

Composed by C. K Lewis. Conducted by David E. House.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

HINTLESHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas,
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two each of Kent T.B., St Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Ronald W. Stewart	Treble	E. James Lockwood	4
Jennifer M. Andrews	2	Lawrence R. Pizzey	5
*Simon Christian	3	Neville F. Whittell	Tenor

Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.
* Most methods "inside" to a peal of Minor

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
CURDRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in D.

Kathleen E. Fletcher	Treble	*Jeffrey L. Claughton	5
*Catharine J. Maundrell	2	*John W. Blackwood	6
*David Wilson	3	John Hartless	7
Philip N. Tubbs	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal in the method. First in method as conductor.
A compliment to Gordon Benfield and Mary Lowe, who were married this day in Winchester Cathedral.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans' 5-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*Janice M. Hurst	Treble	†Richard H. Youdale	5
*Barry R. M. Johnson	2	J. Ashmore Dodd	6
†Catharine J. Maundrell	3	William G. Young	7
†Richard L. Underwood	4	†Terry C. Holland	Tenor

Conducted by J. Ashmore Dodd.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples. First as conductor.

LONGPARISH, Hants.—At the Church of St. Nicholas,
On Wed., June 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 7 cwt.

*William Furness	Treble	*Philip Taylor (14)	4
*Robert Crocker	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Frank R. Tonge	3	*Charles Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal.

BURITON, Hants.—At the Church of St. Mary,
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*Elizabeth M. Whittom	Treble	*Andrew P. Reeves	4
Kay J. Tremeer	2	David M. Hughes	5
Keith Sansom	3	R. Brian Walton	Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Walton.
* First peal attempt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., June 16, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	Kenneth B. Sissons	5
James S. Webb	2	*Robin Brown	6
Susan Jackson	3	*C. Barrie Dove	7
Allan Sheppard	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in the method.

SHELLEY, Yorkshire.—At Emmanuel Church.
On Fri., June 10 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Capel T.B., (2) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Ockley T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Iris Lemare	Treble	Peter Carbutt	4
Elizabeth Peace	2	David S. Johnson	5
Trevor Tarbatt	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
Rung to welcome David Edward Corby, and also as a wedding compliment to Joan Dunn-Birch and Rodney Pagdin.

CROFTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints,
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Plain Bob, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

*Margaret White	Treble	Irvin Slack	4
Patricia Lockwood	2	Ian North	5
Alan Clifton	3	Rodney Stephenson	Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.
* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At "Bombay," 24, Ridge Crescent.
Hawk Green.
On Wed., June 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-Part. Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	†Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
*Robert B. Smith (cond.)	3–4	‡Alan Scholfield	7–8

* 700th peal. † First of Grandsire Triples "in hand." ‡ First of Grandsire and of Triples.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
COVENTRY.—At 68, Warwick Avenue.
On Wed., June 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.

Ernest Sibley	1–2	Hubert E. Ashley	7–8
Frank W. Perrens	3–4	Geoffrey Pratt	9–10
Paul K. Williamson	5–6	Hubert G. Summers	11–12

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James,
On Fri., June 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

Maud Austin	1–2	John T. Dunwoody	5–6
John Palmer	3–4	John Lindsay	7–8

Composed by M. Bangham. Conducted by John Lindsay.
First peal of Major as conductor.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James,
On Fri., May 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor size 14 in D.

*†Maud Austin	1–2	‡John T. Dunwoody	5–6
*†John Lindsay	3–4	*John Palmer	7–8

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.
*First peal of Plain Bob Triples "in hand." †25th handbell peal together. ‡175th peal.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

COVENTRY.—At 68, Warwick Avenue.
On Wed., June 15, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor size 15 in C.

Ernest Sibley	1–2	Hubert E. Ashley	7–8
Frank W. Perrens	3–4	Geoffrey Pratt	9–10
Paul K. Williamson	5–6	Hubert G. Summers	11–12

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first handbell peal on 12 in Birmingham.
The ringer of 3-4 rang his first on handbells in the same composition of Stedman Cinques, rung on June 15th, 1916.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At 3, Honington Crescent.
On Wed., June 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED ROYAL
In six methods, comprising Wellington Little Court, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob and Plain Bob, with 299 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	A. Robin Heppenstall	5–6
Margaret A. Parker	3–4	George E. Fearn	7–8
Jack L. Millhouse	9–10		

Arranged and Conducted by George E. Fearn.
Each course rung W, R, D, G, L, L, P.
First peal of Spliced Royal in six methods by all the band and for the Guild.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At Hadleigh, The Avenue.
On Tues., June 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	Frank G. Bloomfield	5–6
Gwen I. Bloomfield	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse	7–8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
(in 70 Methods)

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Arranged by Stephen J. Ivin.

23456	M	W	H		
45236		—	—	Malmes. Umber. Wem.	
24536			—	Ben. Quinton. Barnes.	
52436			—	Hendon. Trow. Shenley	
43526		—	—	Highgate. Lincs. Xavier.	
54326			—	Thorne. Ald. Wordsworth.	
35426			—	Uxb. Bicester. Camp.	
42356		—	—	Shore. Lang. Scawthorpe.	
63254	—		—	Elf Sup. Vauxhall.	
26354			—	Chester. Kettering. Clay.	
32654			—	Ram. Lincoln. East.	
56423	—	—		London. Apsley. Less.	
42563		—	—	Ick. Yorks. Northolt.	A.
35264	—		—	Lind. Cher. Rut.	
34562	2		—	Der. Bristol. Dart. Conis.	[Glos.
45362		3	2	Stock. Jers. Cray. Stoke. Dublin. Northwood. New	
23564	—		—	Deben. Minsmere. Mauld.	
56234		—	—	Fordham. Tring. Wem.	
25634			—	Ben. Hitchin. Barns	
62534			—	Hanbury. Trow. Rad.	
53624		—	—	Wat. Lincs. Falmouth.	
65324			—	Thorne. Ald. Words.	
36524			—	Uxb. Pains. Camp.	
52364		—	—	Shore. Lang. Scaw.	B.
43265	—		—	Elf Sups. Vauxhall.	
24365			—	Chest. Warwicks. Clay.	
32465			—	Rams. Puds. East.	
36245		A.		A.	
35642	2		—	Der Bristol. Dorch. Codden.	[Glos.
56342		3	2.	Stock. Jers. Cray. Camb. Dublin. Richmond. New	
23645	—		—	Deben. Mins. Mauld.	
64235		—	—	Framley. Tring. Wem.	
34256		B.		B.	
36452	2		—	Der. Bristol. Pyrford. Otley.	[Glos.
64352		3	2	Stock. Jers. Cray. Camb. Dublin. Richmond. New	
23456	—		—	Deben. Mins. Maulden.	

Contains 96 each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnesbury, Benington, Bristol, Cherwell, Chester, Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Derwent, Dublin, Eastcote, Elford, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Maulden, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northolt, Painswick, Ramsey, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Thorne, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, 64 each of Cambridge, Campsall, Falmouth, Hanbury, Hitchin, Pudsey, Radlett, Richmond, Tring, Watford and Warwickshire, and 32 each of Bicester, Coddenham, Conisbrough, Dartford, Dorchester, Fordham, Framley, Hendon, Highgate, Kettering, Lincoln, Malmesbury, Northwood, Otley, Pyrford, Quinton, Shenley, Stoke, Umberslade and Xavier, with 158 changes of method.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 11th, 1,272 Norwich S. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Carol Cousins 2, Amanda Powell 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. A wedding compliment to Mary Taylor and John Faircloth. Also on June 12th, 1,344 Annable's London S. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Wendy Wallace 2, Amanda Powell 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method 2 and 3. For Matins, and as a birthday compliment to Margaret Godfrey.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): Miss M. Wilkinson 1, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 2, Miss V. Jones 3, Miss B. Shaw (first "inside") 4, C. Wright 5, R. Nash 6, C. Nash 7, D. Knewstub 8. First quarter 1, 3 and 7. In honour of the 102nd birthday of Mrs. Elizabeth Fulcher, great aunt of the tenor ringer, who lives in the parish.

BRISTOL.—At St. George's, on May 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. Martin 1, T. Newlands 2, J. Collard 3, D. Reynolds 4, F. J. Sampson 5, J. R. Taylor 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, Miss G. M. Hussey 8.

BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob's, on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Hemmings 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, D. Powney 3, G. King (first quarter) 4, R. J. Bowden (cond.) 5, J. Hillman 6.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Louise Cockerton (first quatter) 1, F. Williams 2, D. A. Wills (cond.) 3, F. D. Mack 4, A. R. Williams 5, A. E. Knight 6.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wells 1, W. White 2, Mrs. P. Aplin 3, L. F. Cox 4, C. J. Garlick 5, G. W. Bishop 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, B. Wheeler 8. For the Dedication Festival.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On June 12th, 1,504 Plain Bob Major: F. C. Price (cond.) 1, S. L. Goodship 2, Joan A. Rance 3, S. G. Scott 4, A. J. N. Rance 5, C. W. Bailey 6, W. R. Churchill 7, J. E. Chilcott 8. First of Major 6 and 7. First quarter on the augmented bells. For Evensong.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On June 12th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Jacquie Hedges 1, Beryl Platt 2, Gloria Simpson (first of T.B.) 3, Teresa Langdon 4, Trudy Newcombe 5, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 6. For Hospital Sunday Evensong.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On May 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: W. E. Morris 1, Miss F. Munt 2, Mrs. J. Morris 3, Mrs. R. Davey 4, E. J. Thoday 5, A. J. Davey 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, G. W. Henson 8. For morning service. Also on June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Munt 1, J. I. Reed 2, Mrs. J. Wells 3, Mrs. R. Davey 4, Miss J. Davey 5, P. E. Wells 6, A. J. Davey (cond.) 7, G. W. Henson 8. Rung for the wedding of Trevor John Upchurch and Jacqueline Megan Morris, with best wishes. Both rung on the middle six.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Sears 1, C. Hagger 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, C. Meakes (first of Grandsire "inside") 4, S. Smith 5, W. Avery 6. For Evensong. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: C. Meakes 1, Mrs. G. Hazell 2, K. Seymour 3, C. Hagger 4, W. Avery 5, R. Hazell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Anne's, Brookfield, on Trinity Sunday: Doreen Deverell 1, J. M. Payton 2, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 3, J. T. O'Dell 4, P. G. Foote 5, R. D. Bailey 6. A welcome to the ministry to all ordained this day and in particular to David Hinge, a new curate at St. Anne's, and Ian Z. Ogilvie, a former member of the band.

LYDIARD MILLICENT, WILTS.—On June 11th, 1,224 London Surprise Minor: D. Dancey 1, P. Tombs 2, B. Bladon 3, A. R. Peake (cond.) 4, D. J. Carr 5, M. A. New 6. First of London Minor by all except 3 and 4.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. R. Wratten 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Evensong.

MADRON, CORNWALL.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Troon 1, Mrs. R. White 2, Miss N. Cadey 3, W. A. White 4, G. Taysom (cond.) 5, T. Poynter 6. A compliment to Mr. Francis Monk, lay reader and headmaster of Madron School, ordained deacon at Truro Cathedral on Trinity Sunday.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (eleven methods): Julie Hopkins 1, J. G. Edgson 2, P. M. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Anne Rigby (first quarter) 6. A 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. G. Key (cond.) 1, Mrs. G. Rowley 2, L. Walley 3, G. A. Moore 4, E. Young 5, Mrs. M. Simms 6, W. H. Harris 7, Miss E. Timmins 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Young, on their 30th wedding anniversary.

HALF PEAL

KENT, CONNECTICUT, U.S.A.—At Kent School, on May 13th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: D. de Ganahl 1, G. Kee 2, W. Budd 3, C. Newton 4, J. Nicholl (cond.) 5, J. Conolley 6.

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Knowles (first quarter) 1, P. Jones 2, D. Kerley 3, George Kerley 4, Geoffrey Kerley 5, J. Clatworthy 6. First quarter on the bells with the tenor rung in. Rung on the occasion of the church service of the High Constable of Miskin Higher (Mr. H. Noel Thomas).

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Leigh 1, E. Chapman 2, C. Clarke (cond.) 3, A. Leigh 4, G. Burge 5, F. Ashman 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. A farewell compliment to the Rev. J. C. Russell. Also on June 11th, 1,428 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. B. Bindon 1, K. E. Beale 2, L. H. Arscott 3, J. E. Brewer 4, H. Churchill 5, R. F. Arscott 6, A. H. Reed (cond.) 7, R. M. B. Cullen 8. First in method for all the band. Rung for H.M. the Queen's official birthday and Commonwealth Day.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On June 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Helen E. Gilbert 1, Rosemarie A. Frith 2, Marion R. Panton 3, P. J. Gibson 4, P. S. Bennett 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. First in the method for all except 5 and 6.

CARDIGAN, CARDS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. P. Griffiths 1, D. J. Morgan (first "inside") 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 5, Mrs. Jean Thomas 4, R. Pateman 5, B. Griffiths 6. To mark the centenary this day of the local paper, "The Cardigan and Tivyside Advertiser."

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Brentnall 1, W. J. Atkins 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, F. H. Walters (first in two methods) 4, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 5, C. J. Harpley 6. For Confirmation.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.—At the Cathedral, on May 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. N. Dunn 1, Mrs. R. Barber (first quarter) 2, Miss C. Masefield (Australia, first of P.B. Major) 3, J. H. G. Gardner 4, N. F. Reeve 5, G. N. Sloan 6, R. G. T. Bennett 7, C. H. Ward (first of P.B. Major as cond.) 8.

COBHAM, SURREY.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Catharine Parlett (first quarter) 1, Marian Randall (first quarter) 2, A. F. Wren 3, W. R. Hayward 4, W. E. Matthews 5, A. W. Holden (cond.) 6. For the official birthday of H.M. the Queen.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Cheryl Paul (first quarter) 1, J. Linnell 2, Daphne Webb 3, B. E. Saunders 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5, A. A. Paul 6.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On May 20th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Slade 1, M. Lush 2, H. Slade 3, M. M. Godley 4, R. H. Duke 5, T. F. Collins 6, E. H. Amey (cond.) 7, G. J. Goringe 8. A thanksgiving for the restoration work on the church and tower.

DORNEY, BUCKS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda Jackman 1, S. Hare 2, G. R. Shedden 3, W. Birmingham 4, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 5, R. Hare 6. First quarter 1 and 2. Rung for the dedication of a new stained glass window by the Bishop of Buckingham.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Suzanne Carrick (first quarter) 1, R. H. Roberts (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth Banks 3, R. Allinson 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, T. Matcham 6. Conductor's 50th quarter.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On June 6th, 1,320 8-Spliced Plain Major: Rosemary J. Palmer 1—2, Janet I. Rogers 3—4, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 5—6, R. H. Rogers (100th quarter) 7—8. First of 8-spliced by all.

HERTFORD.—On May 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. J. W. Folley 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, D. Digby 3, P. M. F. Searles 4, R. A. Cochrane 5, J. Kemp 6, E. Edmondson 7, G. Penney (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3 and 4. For the annual Diocesan Eucharist.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On June 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. J. M. Marsh (first Doubles) 1, R. D. Marsh 2, W. G. Marsh (first as cond.) 3, R. Blackshaw and D. Barker 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On May 29th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: W. Ransom 1, Mrs. R. Davey 2, D. G. Papworth 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. Also on June 12th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: W. Ransom (cond.) 1, Mrs. R. Davey 2, W. Papworth 3, G. L. Goodyer 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On May 8th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Frances Dodds 1, Carol Blagdon 2, M. P. Thomas 3, H. R. Blagdon 4, Joyce Dodds 5, G. Dodds 6, R. J. Collis 7, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 8, H. W. Rogers 9, I. C. Cooper 10. Also on June 5th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: June Creak 1, Carol Blagdon 2, P. Felton (cond.) 3, H. Blagdon 4, Kathleen Parr 5, Olive Rogers 6, I. Cooper 7, R. Collis 8, H. Rogers 9, C. Rogers 10. Also on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Felton (first quarter) 1, R. Collis 2, Kathleen Parr 3, Olive Rogers 4, June Creak 5, C. Richards 6, H. Rogers (cond.) 7, P. Felton 8.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Fairs 1, F. Whiterod 2, A. Hunwick 3, J. Papworth 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, E. Coulsdon 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alfred May, sidesman and honorary member, Essex Association.

LEIGH, LANCS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret E. Fort 1, Valerie E. Watts 2, P. Gregory 3, D. Makin-Taylor (first "inside") 4, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 5, J. P. Leigh (first quarter) 6. For the Ecumenical Rally.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Smith 1, R. Mitchell 2, Louise Evans (first "inside") 3, Diane Presdee 4, L. Floyd (cond.) 5, A. Presdee (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of David Pratt and George Pearce.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on June 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Pauline Bligh-Cheesman 1, Diana Chapman 2, Gillian M. Brearley 3, D. B. Williams 4, M. A. Gilbey (first of Surprise Major) 5, J. T. Parsons 6, M. G. R. Zobel 7, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 8. Rung by the U.B.S.C.R. to celebrate the end of term.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Gillian Heywood 1, K. Richards (first "inside") 2, Mrs. C. Evans 3, W. J. Harris 4, J. Astbury (cond.) 5, K. Heywood (first quarter) 6, Rev. G. T. Heywood 7, Rev. T. O. Evans 8. Rung to mark the awarding of the M.B.E. to Mr. W. J. Harris, ringer of the fourth.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. P. Parker (first quarter) 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 3, D. R. Fallick (first "inside") 4, J. Hartless 5, W. R. Gilks 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on May 22nd, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: D. E. Cobb (cond.) 1, A. M. Faulkner 2, M. C. Austin 3, C. G. Wright 4, D. Ellisdon 5, A. J. Slade 6, I. L. Dear 7, K. Warner 8, D. A. Hewitt 9, F. V. Gant 10. For Evensong. Also at St. Clement Danes', on June 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, R. R. Churchill (first of Stedman) 3, E. D. Elderkin 4, T. G. Pett 5, J. Pladdys 6, A. E. Bagworth 7, R. D. Bailey 8. Rung by U.L.S.C.R.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas', on June 12th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Miss M. A. Welch 1, S. K. Thompson 2, R. E. Burbery 3, J. P. Coad 4, R. A. Yeates 5, A. P. Foster (cond.) 6.

PURTON, WILTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Richards 1, P. Tomes 2, D. Dancey 3, G. W. Land 4, D. J. Carr (cond.) 5, M. A. New 6.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On June 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. H. Coatsworth 1, C. F. Mew (cond.) 2, Alison M. Mann 3, A. R. Millidge 4, B. J. Bull 5, G. Reynolds 6, N. R. Waite 7, D. C. Brookes 8. An engagement compliment to Brian Coatsworth and Patricia Randall, of Norwich, and formerly of Kingston, Surrey.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Knipe 1, K. G. Game (cond.) 2, Joan Hanning 3, W. Dunn 4, A. T. Shelton 5, W. Inwood 6, C. Dawes 7, Angela Hugher (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On June 14th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Wood 1, T. Hollis (first quarter) 2, R. Harper (first "inside") 3, Mrs. E. Chaddock 4, A. Holroyd 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, D. Nichols 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8.

SAMLESBURY, LANCS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Clayton 1, Miss P. Gardner 2, A. Gardner 3, Mrs. G. Clayton 4, D. H. McCormick (cond.) 5, R. Barnes 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 4.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Guest 1, B. Holland (cond.) 2, J. Seager 3, W. Holland 4, L. Smith 5, D. Holland 6, H. O. Chaddock 7, A. Friskney 8. For the Queen's birthday.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On June 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, G. E. Fearn 2, V. W. Rigg 3, Merryn Hutchings 4, Pamela M. Turner 5, H. H. Fearn 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, P. D. Warren 8, C. W. Bragg 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong. Also on June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret A. Busby (first quarter) 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Verona Naylor 3, Merryn Hutchings 4, E. J. Cole 5, J. W. Belshaw 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, A. Crabtree 8. For evening service.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Whit Sunday, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: B. V. Butler 1, Diane Hickman 2, Joy Butler 3, Patricia Pitfield 4, Mrs. M. Francis 5, C. J. Butler 6, T. H. Francis (cond.) 7, A. Jackson 8, M. J. Butler 9, J. Pitfield 10. First on ten 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8. A welcome back to the tower of the captain, John R. Faithfull, also for a 16th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Bellew (first of Minor) 1, D. Bentley 2, Miss E. Brocklehurst 3, S. Bendle 4, Mrs. J. Gray 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Bissat 1, M. Crowell 2, C. Mutton 3, Mrs. M. E. Egglestone 4, H. Heard 5, H. Stacey 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 8. First quarter Bob Major at first attempt 2 and 3.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Perkins 1, F. James 2, G. Stock 3, D. French 4, J. Perkins (cond.) 5, R. Sutor 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Knight. Also on June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. D. Stock 1, D. French 2, G. Stock 3, R. Spray 4, J. Perkins 5, M. White (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to R. Spray and D. French.

SWINDON.—At St. Mark's, on April 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: E. Sutton 1, Mrs. J. Minchin 2, D. J. Carr (first of Major as cond.) 3, Miss S. Little 4, P. Tombs 5, P. Minchin 6, D. Dancey 7, M. A. New 8. First of Major 5 and 7. For Confirmation.

SWINDON.—At Christ Church, on May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Sutton 1, Miss J. Davidge (first as cond.) 2, R. Hulme 3, Mrs. E. Jaques (first of Triples "inside") 4, M. Scowen 5, W. Merritt 6, M. Stanley 7, P. Tombs 8. To celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Hulme and the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. M. West.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Mrs. G. Cater 1, R. Cater 2, Miss A. Johnson 3, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 4, T. Tarbatt 5, D. Barker 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Fullbrook 1, H. V. Booker 2, H. White 3, J. P. White 4, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 5, K. Leach 6. A tribute to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mulford, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On June 12th, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: C. Gibbs 1, K. G. Weeks 2, D. M. Smith 3, W. Lampard 4, B. K. Lewis 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. First in the method 1, 2, 3 and 4. For Patronal Festival.

WASHINGTON, U.S.A.—At the National Cathedral, on May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Quilla Roth 1, Betsey Proctor 2, Ann Gardner 3, Diana Wriggins 4, Christine Kelsey 5, Rick Dirksen (cond.) 6. First quarter in method 3, 4 and 5. Rung half-muffled for Memorial Day.

WILLESDEN, MIDDX.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. R. Bird 1, Valerie E. Ware (first as cond.) 2, Elsie Lankester 3, E. H. Kilby 4, A. Cutler 5, D. T. C. Smith 6. First of Minor 1 and 2.

WIMBORNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Shute 1, Maureen A. Bishop 2, R. E. Groves 3, E. A. Bishop 4, C. Burt 5, G. C. Grant (cond.) 6, L. J. Lockyer 7, M. Jenkins 8.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): F. Williams (first in three methods) 1, D. A. Wills 2, H. L. Crisp 3, G. West 4, F. D. Mack (cond.) 5, A. E. Knight 6. For Evensong. Also on June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. Colton 1, F. Williams 2, D. A. Wills 3, H. L. Crisp 4, C. D. Yates 5, G. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. First of Plain Bob Triples 1 and 5. For Evensong.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pauline Parkyns (first quarter) 1, Lynn Walker (first quarter) 2, D. Divall 3, A. Lewry 4, J. Warner 5, R. Osbon 6, E. Ladd (cond.) 7, E. Parkyns (first quarter) 8.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Weeks 1, M. Clark 2, S. Cole 3, Jean Parsons 4, P. Gardner 5, J. Ewered 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8.

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GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—A Cambridge and Stedman practice will be held on Saturday, July 9th, at Newton St. Cyres, 7–9 p.m.—G. Skinner. 9404

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — There are still a few vacancies for the ringing week-end at Moor Park, Farnham, July 15th–17th. Any ringer interested please contact P. Smart, Okemead, Hutton Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hants. 9419

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UNIVERSITY OF WALES ASSOCIATION.—Summer Tour, August 18th—24th. H.Q. at Wimborne Minster, Dorset. Freshers especially welcome. Details from Miss H. Essen, 50, Wensleydale Road, Hampton, Middlesex. 9416

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ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Magdalen, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9368

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The final of the striking competition will be held at Mistley on Saturday, July 2nd, commencing at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. E. Honeywood, 27, Harwich Road, Mistley, Manningtree, by Thursday, please.—H. Turner, Deputy Master. 9322

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Quarterly business meeting to be held at Wickwar, July 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. Minors, Quarry House Farm The Quarry, Cam, Glos. 9385

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District — Knebworth, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to A. A. Peters, 17, Milestone Road, Knebworth, by previous Thursday. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 9349

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, July 2nd, Elstree (6), 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 9359

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch. — Meeting at Ribchester on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—Brian Tomlinson, Sec 9381

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 2nd. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Luncheon 1.30. Application for tickets (8s. each), accompanied by remittance, must reach Mr. A D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough. A list of towers on receipt of s.a.e by Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxburrow Road, Radley.—Miss M. R. Cross. 9328

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting, Oxendon, July 2nd. Names to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 9384

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Knowle July 2nd. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please notify for tea: G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 9357

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District).—Joint half-day outing on Saturday, July 2nd, by private cars. Towers arranged as follows: Epworth (Lincs) (8) 2 to 3.30 p.m.; Gainsborough (Lincs) (8) 3.30–5 p.m.; St. Giles', Lincoln (8) 6 p.m.–7.15 p.m.; Tuxford (Notts) (8) 7.30 p.m.–9 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements in Lincoln. — Andrew King (Wentworth Vicarage, Rotherham) and Donald Beach (17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Notts), Hon. Secs. 9298

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District. — Meeting, Saturday, July 2nd, Ruddington. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 9376

SUFFOLK GUILD (North-East District) and NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Eastern Branch).—Joint ringing meeting at Beccles on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea

to Mr. R. W. Bickers, 6, Ballygate Street, Beccles, Suffolk. Barsham bells (5) also available.—T. N. J. B. and N. P. J. C. 9305

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Ringing meeting, Rougham (6), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., meeting follows. Please **do help** the tea caterers by sending names for tea to Mr. L. Wright, Horringer Road Stores, Bury St. Edmunds. 9371

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting on July 2nd. Ringing at Walton-on-Thames 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Oatlands Park Surprise ringers, look up Watford. Names for tea to Mr. D Miseldine. 44, Garden Road, Walton-on-Thames. — B Bull, Asst. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Evening practice meeting. Saturday, July 2nd, at SS Mary the Virgin and Andrew, Fletching. Bells 6–9 p.m. — E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 9342

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Special 12-bell practice at Manchester Town Hall on Wednesday, July 6th. Ringing 6–9 p.m. All welcome. 9411

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Royston, near Barnsley, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring food.—J. W. Buxton, Hon. Sec. 9415

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Radstock (6), Saturday, July 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. F. Carter, 39, New Bath Road, Radstock.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Sandy (6) on Saturday, July 9th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Fleming, 106, Dunstable Street, Ampthill, **essential** by 6th. Tel. 3131. 9422

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Scalby (6) and Scarborough (8), Saturday, July 9th. Bells: Scalby 2 p.m.–4 p.m.; Scarborough 3.45 p.m.–8.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. King, The Cottage, Manor Farm, Muston, Filey, by previous Wednesday. 9343

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — Meeting at St. Michael's, Houghton-le-Spring, on Saturday, July 9th. Please send names for tea to Mr. W. F Sheraton, 27, St. Aidan's Terrace, New Herrington, Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham, not later than Wednesday, July 6th. 9425

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Slaugham on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing at Turner's Hill 6.45–8.30 p.m.—B E. J. 9394

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Oaksey, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon. 9406

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting Chertsey (not Old Woking), Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea following. Names to Rev G. S. Archibald, The Vicarage, Chertsey. 9394

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Evening practice, Claverley, July 9th Bells (8) 6–8 p.m.—Joan Bennett. 9421

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourne, July 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourne 9410

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Lenham, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Groves, 50, Heather Drive, Maidstone.—M L. H. 9369

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch — Meeting at Shore (Littleborough) on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr J. Lee, 12, Hodder Avenue, Shore, Littleborough, by Wednesday, 6th, please. — G Cheetham. 9391

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Market Harborough, July 9th Bells (8) 3 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 Names for tea to Mr. R. Binley, 32a, Coventry Road. Market Harborough, by July 6th Great Oxenden (5) and Great Bowden (6) bells 3 to 4 p.m. and after meeting. General Committee meeting June 29th, Church House, 7.45 p.m.—A. J Poynor, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9344

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Lutton, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. R. G. Butler, Victoria House, Lutton, Spalding, Lincs, by Tuesday previous. —K. R. Davey. Hon. Sec. 9402

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Meeting, July 9th, at Lower Machen. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Willetts, Oakleigh, Chatham, Machen, Mon. 9377

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, July 9th, Christ the Saviour's, Ealing Broadway, W.5, 3.30–5 p.m; St. Mary's, South Faling Road, W.5, 6.30–8 p.m. Own tea. No business.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 9418

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — Monthly practice for Western Deaneries at Mattishall, 3 p.m.–6 p.m., July 9th. Service 4.15 p.m. Bring own food, but tea provided. Garveston 6 p.m.–8 p.m.—L. Kelly. 9348

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Banbury Branch.—A.G.M. Banbury (10), Saturday July 9th Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 Names for tea to C. F. Herbert, 2, Beesley Road, Banbury, by Tuesday, 5th. 9389

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shabbington, Saturday, July 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon, by Wednesday, July 6th. 9409

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch—Meeting, Whilton, Saturday, July 9th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Haynes, Whilton, Daventry, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 9401

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Swanage on July 9th. Bells 3 p.m and 6.30–8. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Fuller, 21, Bonfield Avenue, Swanage, by July 7th.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Montgomery on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing after tea till 8 p.m. Names for tea must be sent to Rev. C. M. Semper, The Rectory, Montgomery, by Thursday, July 7th. —E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9413

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Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15, by July 7th. 9336

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District).—Joint meeting July 9th. Great Wakering (6), 2.30 to 3.15 p.m. Prittlewell (10), 3 p.m. Service, Prittlewell, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Further ringing after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Gedling, July 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. Dawson, 33, Cambridge Street, Carlton, Notts, by Wednesday previous. 9337

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting, at Staunton (5), Saturday, July 9th Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Staunton Hall. Names essential to Mrs. B. N. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton, Newark. 9400

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Striking competition to be held at Thakeham (6) on Saturday, July 9th, starting at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Service at 6 p.m General ringing after the contest. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 9417

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District. —Quarterly meeting, East Tytherley, July 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing till 9. Mottisfont bells (5) 2.45–4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. T. H. Francis, 41, Bassett Green Close, Southampton. 9314

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Cassington, July 13th, 7 p.m.—Ted Patching.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea **important** by July 13th. Committee meeting at Five Burges, Coventry, on July 8th at 8 p.m.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 9427

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — Quarterly meeting at Minster Abbey, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Leworthy, 20, Marian Avenue, Minster, Sheppey, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton. 9397

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — Meeting at Marsham Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr H. F. Carter, Clovelly Buxton Road Aylsham, Norwich NOR 07Y.—C Bird, Hon. Sec. 9382

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting Puddletown, Saturday, July 16th Bells (6) 2.30 Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. C. J Knight, 43, High Street, Puddletown, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous 9386

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting Sherborne St. John, Saturday, July 16th Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30 Tea 5.15. Monk Sherborne bells after tea Names for tea to Mr. J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, July 12th. 9392

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Little Baddow on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting Ringing after tea at Danbury (6) until 8.30 Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827). 9424

LATE NOTICES

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Stapleford and Little Shelford, Saturday, July 9th. Stapleford (6) 3, followed by service at 4.30. Tea 5, Little Shelford Church Hall. Bells (6) after meeting. —B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 9430

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Evening meeting, Saturday, July 9th, Burwell (8). Bells from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m Special methods: Stedman and Double Norwich. 9433

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at Killamarsh on July 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield. Special methods: Double Oxford and London S. Minor.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Aston, Saturday, July 9th, 5.30–8.30.—P. M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec. 9434

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Langdale on Saturday, July 9th Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Birkett, Braegarth, Elterwater, near Ambleside.—T. F. Metcalfe. 9432

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Halewood, Saturday, July 9th Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. Robinson, Field Cottage, Church Road, Halewood, by Wednesday.—M. E. D 9428

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION — Meeting at Draycott on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m Names for tea to Mr F. Shelley, Cresswell Farm Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent, by Wednesday previous. — D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 9431

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Minor: Mrs. Stockwell 1, J. Whorlow (first quarter) 2, Miss J. Persey 3, Miss M. Elsdon 4, A. Bridges (cond.) 5, Miss Taylor 6. Also on June 12th, 1,260 Minor: J. Whorlow 1, S Firman 2, A. Bridges (cond.) 3, Mary Elsdon 4, Miss E. Exwood 5, P. Inskip 6, W. Bridges (cover) 7 For the wedding of Miss Mary Taylor and John Fairclough, West Wickham.

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THE BIRMINGHAM HANDBELL TRADITION

THE recent attempt by the Birmingham men to recapture the Stedman Cinques record has turned our mind once again to the contemplation of the Birmingham Stedman Tradition, and particularly to the impressive run of handbell peals that began just fifty years ago. Recollection was stimulated and encouraged by the glimpse we had at Bath of the forgathering of J. F. Smallwood, F. W. Perrens, and F. E. Haynes, for these three are the survivors of a brilliant company, one distinguished for a remarkable series of performances, some of them feats that may possibly be equalled but can scarcely ever be excelled.

For more than a century the Birmingham men were noted for their Stedman and handbell ringing. Chattell and Perks were competent performers "in hand," and so were many of the later St. Martin's Youths. In the year 1888 The Holt Society rang at Aston, which was not at that time in the city of Birmingham, a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques. It was the first half-and-half peal of Cinques to be rung, the second handbell peal of Stedman Cinques to be performed, and it was conducted by that fine old ringer and conductor Henry Bastable. One of the participants in this noteworthy peal was Thomas Russam, and he lived on to provide a link between that fine band and the equally notable company that grew up during the First Great War.

Fifty years ago this year, on June 15th, 1916, the first handbell peal of Stedman Cinques in the city of Birmingham was rung in the belfry of St. Martin's Church by F. W. Perrens, G. F. Swann, A. Walker, J. E. Groves, J. F. Smallwood and J. George. It was conducted by James E. Groves, and it was rung at the fourth meeting of the band. The referee was Thomas Russam, and thus the tradition was maintained. Tom was a sound exponent of Stedman on handbells and in the tower, and those of us who had the privilege of ringing peals with him in his latter years can testify to his abiding skill and a sureness of touch that never left him.

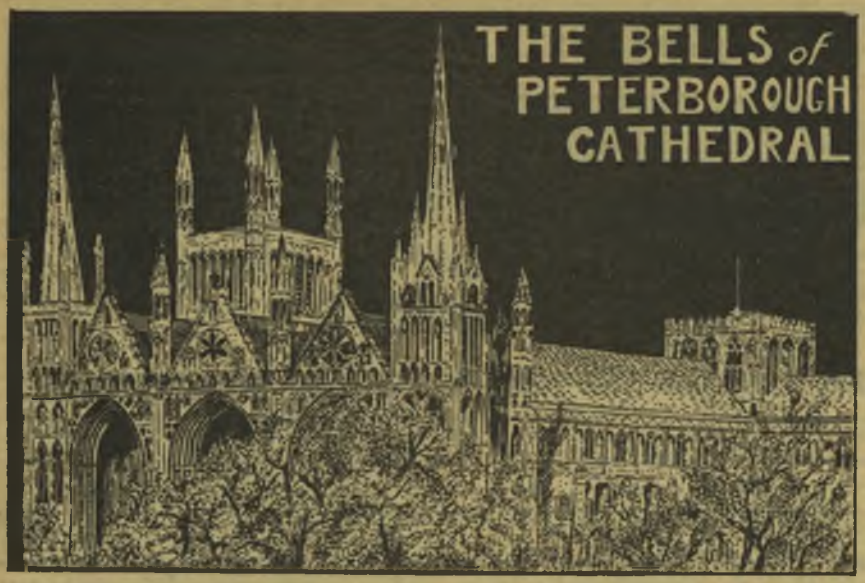
By the end of the Great War the Birmingham men were expert ringers of Stedman on handbells, and in the year 1922 they set their sights on an unusual and difficult target. They decided to ring a peal of Stedman on 13 bells, and seeing that they were so well versed in the anatomy of Stedman on the higher numbers, they anticipated no great difficulty in achieving their aim. For the composition of this unusual thing they went, of course, to the versatile John Carter, who produced for them a 5,055 of what he called Stedman Sextuples. It was a half-and-half composition and the opening course had 13 bobs. The turning course was a most formidable piece of work, for the getting of 7890XET to 8709TEX involved the use of twenty calls. It was the only part of the peal likely to cause anxiety. The peal was rung on June 24th, 1922 and the band sat as follows: T. Russam, A. Walker, P. O. Laflin, G. F. Swann, J. E. Groves, A. E. Norman and M. J. Morris. It was conducted by Albert Walker, and he has often related how they neared the half-way turning point with misgiving and how this long and difficult course was rung without the slightest misblow.

The handbell company was now growing in strength and competence. Percy Laflin was incomparable as a ringer and striker, the youthful Albert Norman, known affectionately as "the Pup", had much of the genius of Swinfield and Poole, and Morris J. Morris was rivalled on the back pair only perhaps by his notable namesake Josiah at Leicester. To these must be added that great lover of Stedman Cinques, Alfred Paddon Smith; and with the coming of Frank Pervin and F. E. Haynes a truly great company emerged.

For more than ten years handbell peals of Stedman Cinques came in great profusion, and at the meetings of the company it was customary to take turns in acting as umpire for the current peal attempt. Very few attempts failed. On December 15th, 1933 the climax was reached with a really brilliant performance. Agreement on a composition to be rung having been made, six men met, and with the exception of the man reserved for the tenors, each drew from a hat the number of the pair of bells he was to ring. Then, with each man on his merit as ringer and conductor, the peal was rung in complete silence. It was Albert Walker's 100th peal of Cinques on handbells, and the hospitality at 81 Baker Street afterwards was of a perfection to match the ringing that had preceded it. The performers of this fine feat were F. W. Perrens, G. F. Swann, A. E. Norman, A. Walker, F. E. Pervin, and M. J. Morris.

Other times other manners. Handbell ringing has gone from Birmingham, and a century-old tradition has given place to the founding of another great reputation and the growth of another brilliant company, one highly skilled in the practice of Surprise Maximus. But perhaps the Stedman tradition is only veiled. Birmingham is seeking the Cinques record on tower bells. It may be that in the coming years there will be a return to the old love.

E.C.S.



By TREVOR A. BEVIS

(Continued from page 426)

Should the tenor bell and parish church clock strike together, a death will occur in the Minster precincts. (Ancient Peterborough tradition.)

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For many years regret has been expressed that the bells of Peterborough Cathedral are not rung in the traditional manner. Not unnaturally, city folk were considerably annoyed when the ring of ten, which surely sounded so resonant on the still air, was reduced to the meagre number of five. Not to be outdone, however, despite ominous assertions by leading architects, a gathering of volunteer ringers had an interview with a member of the Chapter, urging restoration of the bells. This gentleman evidently expressed willingness to further the desires of those concerned, but on application to the cathedral architect the opinion was again forthcoming that ringing would very likely endanger the West Front.

However, it seems that some progress was made despite difficulties. A few years later, in 1899, it was agreed that the five bells be quarter-turned and rehung at a cost of £300. But again bad luck dogged the ringers' efforts. Several people arrived at the Cathedral to ring the bells for the first time after renovation, one, Mr. A. J. Abrams, journeying 28 miles from Chatteris on his penny-farthing. He claimed to be the last person to ring the tenor to an extent of Grandsire Doubles. The wedding of a well-known couple was as good an excuse as any to ring the bells, and word had been passed round far and wide that the five would be ringing that particular afternoon. The attendant of misfortune was not far away and this memorable reopening proved too much for him. Architect and the West Front won the day. For 67 years the bells have remained inactive.

The present bells—of good casting— occupy the same positions alongside empty spaces for five more. They have never been rung to a peal. Each bell is suspended from a substantial wooden headstock, and has plain bearings. Wheels and stays are in good order. The steel frame is excellent and practically rust-free. In fact, with the exception that there are no ropes, one would think that the bells were rung only yesterday. To ring them would require a little grease on the bearings, otherwise everything appears to be in very reasonable condition. The ringing chamber is spacious, and leather toe-holds, despite intentions of vandals, still remain fixed to the floor.

Argument against ringing the bells seems a little less feasible when viewing the unequal weight distribution—over four tons— wholly directed to one side of the tower. This could, over the years, weaken the structure; perhaps more so than actually ringing bells which have been scientifically hung. To centralise them or, better still, install a light ring of eight, would not, I think, jeopardise the safety of the fabric. In recent years the West Front—major obstacle as far as ringing is concerned—has been very effectively secured by an elaborate tie-rod arrangement. In the past the bells may well have been too heavy for this type of architecture, but one feels that a ring with a tenor not exceeding 15 cwt. hung perhaps 12 feet lower in the tower would do no harm. The tower is solid enough and shows no tendency to slide back, as does its unfortunate twin, 60 or 70 feet away.

Sympathetic inclinations have been forthcoming from powers that be regarding the possibility of restoring the bells, but the Dean and Chapter are at present heavily committed with urgent restoration work to the fabric. Bell restoration at this stage is therefore looked upon as an expensive "luxury" item. It is hoped that the day is not too far distant when a ring of bells is heard again from the north-west tower of this very lovely building.

The "old five" have been sounded for curfew at 8 p.m. in winter and 9 p.m. in summer, and on Sundays they are "clocked" for ten minutes before each service . It seems ironic, for they are capable of better things.

Footnote.—The writer desires to acknowledge the co-operation of Canon Cartwright, a Cathedral librarian, and Mr. Brook, head verger.

FARNHAM DISTRICT STRIKING COMPETITION

The striking competition of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Bentley on June 25th, when nine teams entered. A blustery afternoon at the start turned to rain before half the teams had "done their stuff" and the judge, Mr. Frank Darby, with his lady assistant had to complete their duties under the shelter of a good tree in the churchyard. This was good-humouredly remarked on by Mr. Darby after an excellent tea, when he announced the results. Placings were: 1 Farnborough (20 faults), 2 Aldershot "A" (22), 3 Bentley (23).

The District Master, Mr. Tom Page, was in command for the evening ringing, a wide variety from rounds to Surprise catering for everybody. R. B.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

THE 87th annual general meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday. Ringing commenced at the Cathedral at 10 a.m. and attempts were made to cater for all who wanted a ring before the service at 11 o'clock. This was conducted by the Cathedral Precentor, the Rev. T. Pugh, and the sermon was given by the Bishop of Colchester, a vice-president of the Association.

The meeting started soon after midday with Mr. R. C. Heazel, Master of the Association, acting as chairman, supported by other officers and approximately 100 members and friends. Proceedings were carried through expeditiously. Mr. P. J. Eves, the treasurer, presented the accounts and it was pleasing to note that an increase of £12 15s. 10d. in the General Account had brought the total realisable assets of the Association to just under £400. Grants totalling £45 had been made to Tolleshunt D'Arcy and Bentley Common out of the Bell Restoration Fund.

The annual report for 1965 (which had been circulated to members) was received for discussion. Criticism of the annual report came from various members and it was pointed out to the Master that a comprehensive check had taken place as to the accuracy of the annual report by two members, and that no less than 118 mistakes had been found. The majority of these mistakes were only small, negligible items but there were some to which the chairman could offer no explanation.

GOOD YEAR FOR PEALS

The Master, in his report, congratulated all the younger members of the Association upon ringing more peals, often of an intricate nature, but he asked that wherever they might be ringing due consideration should be given to the incumbent and local ringers.

The peals secretary, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, in his report, had recorded 106 peals rung, this being the greatest total since 1961, when 112 were rung A pleasing feature was that the number of methods rung in a peal of spliced had risen to 11 Surprise Major methods and 105 Minor methods, both conducted by J. E. G. Roast. A peal of Stedman Cinques rung entirely by members of the South-Eastern Division at Chelmsford was successfully brought round. The leading peal ringer was James L. Towler, who scored 39, and the leading lady was Miss Lesley Ward, who rang 23. Seventeen members' rang their first peal during the year

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Since no other nominations were received, the honorary officers were all re-elected: Master, R. C. Heazel; Deputy Master, H. Turner; hon. secretary, P. W. Saltmarsh; hon. treasurer, P. J. Eves; auditors, F. Goddard and D. J Mayell; trustees. J. Crowley, I. Panton and D. A. S. Symonds.

It was mentioned that it might not be possible to hold next year's annual general meeting on Whit Monday because the Government was proposing to move the Bank Holiday to another Monday in May. The Master assured the house that the 88th annual general meeting would be held on the official public holiday.

A vote of thanks was given by Mr. Heazel to all those who had been concerned in the arrangements and who had assisted in the meeting; special mention was made of the members of the South-Eastern Division who were preparing lunch and tea.

After an excellent lunch in the Cathedral Hall ringing was resumed at towers surrounding Chelmsford until 9 p.m.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On June 11th the Biggleswade District went to Potton for the first time in many years. The attendance unfortunately was rather low, Potton ringers and our District members making the majority. The business meeting was held before tea in the church. Our thanks to the Vicar for the service and his kind permission to use the bells; and the ladies for the sumptuous tea. L. E.

KLOKKEN EN KLOKKENGIETERS
(Bells and Founders)

By VICTOR SHEPPARD

DURING a visit to the Netherlands last winter I was most hospitably received by members of the Dutch bellringing fraternity and given the rare opportunity of ringing at Amsterdam's famous Westertoer. The tower and the church Westerkerk are always spoken of separately, for the ownership of the tower passed to the Municipality during the 18th century, and performances on the 47-bell carillon or chiming the three bells are by permission of the Mayor; they are consequently concerned with civic and state occasions, and only incidentally with the church services; Christmas was one of these occasions.

The carillon recital late on Christmas Eve was a musical experience of a high order, and Mr. Ritter's playing on this four-octave instrument brought forth nuances of expression I had never before associated with the bell. While this was going on people flocked into the great church; they came from all directions, by car, by tram, on foot and on the ubiquitous bicycle splashing through the rain; it was a dramatic sight to witness a multitude converging on the Westerkerk until the deacons shut the doors to latecomers. That great gathering sang to lift the roof. Next morning while it was yet dark I returned to the Wester', where at the invitation of Mr. Hans Waarnars I was to join the band. As a special treat we were allowed to climb to the upper gallery and watch Christmas Day dawn over the city.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Returning past the bells I noted they were by F. Hemony (24 cwt. and 29 cwt.) and Claud Fremy (60 cwt.). Intended for swing chiming they are well tucked up in steel headstocks, indeed the tenor's bearings are halfway down her waist; the wooden wheels are made from solid segments and the rope channel merely a shallow groove without side cheeks; there are of course no stays. Most of the draught of 65 feet is taken up by wire rope and only the final 10 feet in the ringing chamber is of sisal rope, one inch diameter! Fourteen young people had assembled and I took the opportunity of speaking for ten minutes on change ringing before we began chiming—this was carried out in complete ignorance of the rudiments of striking—on these fine-toned bells.

Some days later I was able to visit the village of Aarle-Rixtel and tour Petit and Fritsen's foundry. P. and Fritsen, as they are called, claim to be the world's largest and oldest bellfounders, supplying 80 per cent. of America's needs. Petit was an itinerant French founder, in 1660 he settled in the Catholic south of Holland, and the statue of the Virgin still presides over their largest furnace. The present foundry was erected in 1899, and in 1958 an erecting shop was added. The factory employs 75 people and full use is made of electric welding: headstocks and wheels being fabricated from M.S. plate. The large furnace mentioned above is seldom used, for few bells over 40 cwt. are made now; when it is required the wood fire is lit at 7 a.m. for 4 p.m. casting: smaller furnaces are oil-fired.

One department of this factory is solely concerned with assembling automatic player mechanisms, and a few years ago after a survey of the American market part of the plant was retooled for quantity production of handbells; their output over a range of 49 sizes is impressive. Interesting differences from English handbells are the patent clapper system using a circular leather "tap" washer with a see-saw type spring; the handles of bells over 4½ inches diameter are reinforced with a metal under-strap; whilst the bell's profile with its machined right-angle shoulder is quite distinctive. The importance of P. and Fritsen to the village economy over three centuries was recognised in 1960, when the road to the foundry was named Bell Founders Street and in return the Parish Church received a chime of bells.

CASTING DIFFERENCES

Ten miles from Aarle-Rixtel is the small town of Asten, home of Messrs. Eisbouts' bell foundry. Here I found Mr André Lehr, their designer and distinguished historian of the subject. In casting tower bells there are again differences from English practice. The core is built upon a turntable while its strickle board is stationary. On this core the false bell is made in loam and finished with a thin (¼ mm.) skin of wax; the ornaments and letters, also of wax, are easily attached This foundry's marks are two scenes in the style of mediæval wood carvings depicting the miracle at Cana and the Adoration of the Magi. The cope, a prefabricated assembly of ring sections is now built over the false bell: when baked dry, cope and core are separated and the false bell brushed out. At P. and Fritsen's they provide a by-pass for the liquid metal to run in at the bottom of the mould.

Eisbouts, who do not make handbells, apply electronic tuning to an accuracy of one-hundredth of a semitone. During both world wars it was the practice of the Germans to take bells for munitions and in this way Holland's churches were widely pillaged. Today the Dutch Historical Bell Commission has power to prevent the destruction of any bell made before 1860, thus recasting old bells occurs only once or twice a year.

Few towns in Holland are without their carillon in church or secular tower, and many commercial buildings, schools and hotels are enlivened with automatic chimes of nine or twelve bells, similarly any jeweller's shop of repute is glad to advertise itself with a charming melody four times an hour.

The Dutch society of ringers (N.K.V.) publish "Bell and Clapper" (Klok en Klepel) twice a year: it is invaluable for anyone interested in the carillon, there are articles on old founders and new installations throughout the world, notices of meetings, broadcasts and belfry gossip, too. The editor is Rinus de Jong, Dinkelstraat 2, Enschede, Holland. Membership, including all publications, costs 12s. per year.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On June 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Wellburn 1, M. Kirkham (first quarter) 2 A. Burbidge 3, B. D. Sims (cond.) 4, M. Matthews 5, R. Foster 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Bernard and Sandra Sims.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.—On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Rosemary Smith 1, R. Smith 2, M. Horseman (cond.) 3, M. Heymann 4, A. Perry 5, A. Butt 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. Cottle, captain of Timsbury ringers, cremated earlier the same day.

KEEP 'EM MOVING!
21-Team Entry in Devon Contest

TUCKED away in the rolling countryside of the South Hams, the village of Diptford was, on June 25th, the scene of the annual invitation six-bell festival organised by Mr. B. E. Bartlett, secretary of the South Devon Ringers' Association. The team from Modbury was first into the church tower at 1 o'clock and a further eight teams, each ringing the prize peal—60 on Thirds—were to ring by service time at 4 o'clock. In conducting the service, the Rector, the Rev. L. W. Ford, was assisted by the Association's president, the Vicar of Kingsteignton.

With the shortest possible interval between peals, the rest of the 21-team entry followed each other into the tower until Plymstock "A" team brought the bells "down" at a few minutes after 8.30. There had been no pause for tea during the ringing. The judging was by Messrs T. G. Daw, C. J. Rice, R. M. Elliott and A. Tapper. The George Middleton Shield and certificates were presented by the Rector to the six winning teams: Plymstock "A" team with no more than 9½ faults, West Alvington "A" (11½ faults), Down St. Mary (12½), Stoke Gabriel (15), Bigbury (19½) and West Alvington "B" (22½). Mr. Tapper as spokesman, remarked on the very high standard of ringing reached and the excellent co-operation shown throughout the competition in getting such a large entry "through" in such good time

The financial side of the festival means that approximately £20 will be shared between Diptford and Blackawton Churches, the latter needing funds to "waterproof" its tower.

OUTINGS
PENN, STAFFS

St. Bartholomew's ringers and friends, some 40 in number, enjoyed their annual outing on May 21st, and for Penn ringers the route was unusual

Leaving Penn at about 7.45 p.m., Hinckley was reached at approximately 9.30 a.m., when we enjoyed some fair ringing. Before leaving for Rugby there was a coffee adjournment. The fine ring of eight at St Andrew's, Rugby, was not put to good use, but the weight prevented the Penn contingent from giving of their best

After lunch we wended our way, keeping clear of the main trunk roads, to Uppingham, where the ringing was much more satisfactory. Tea was taken at Leicester, and then we rang on the delightful ring at the Cathedral

Arriving back at Penn at about 11 p.m., it was agreed a good day had been had by all.

Our thanks to all incumbents and the ringers who met us also to Harry, our coach driver, who has now completed ten years of outings with Penn ringers. C. F. W. E.

ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT

A leisurely and very pleasant tour took in five of the best towers in the area of the Cotswolds. Double Norwich was rung at Charlton Kings and Bourton-on-the-Water; at Stratford-on-Avon a ladies' band was made up to ring the bells for a short time Last tower of the day was Ledbury, where a high standard of ringing was maintained, matching the delightful weather. Mr. John Smith was responsible for the efficient organisation. K. C. J.

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Letters to the Editor

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dear Sir.—I do not propose to reply point by point to the contributions of Messrs. Corby and Ainsworth because the time is inopportune to risk being drawn into a lengthy correspondence. It may well be that either or both have as a secondary motive the purpose of ascertaining whether the new broom has more bristles than hair

Most of the features had not been unobserved, and in particular the undesirable consequences of having to conduct the business meeting to an inconvenient timetable.

Obviously, the Council is unable to tell its hosts when and how they shall entertain, but I do hope that in future it will be possible for arrangements to permit the Council to give undivided attention to the whole of the agenda.—Yours sincerely,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary,
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

LOCAL VIEW

Dear Sir,—I feel that some local comment is required concerning the "strict" timetable of the Central Council meeting at Bath. It does seem that an impression has arisen that insufficient time was allotted to the afternoon session of the Council and that it was imperative that the business be concluded as expediently as possible in order to enjoy the social arrangements to the full.

The timetable was agreed after careful study of the programme of recent years and, in fact, the Civic Reception was timed for a quarter of an hour later than those of 1965 and 1964 at Northampton and Truro. It was unfortunate that the meeting took place in a building that was open to the public and that the only room available for the reception was that in which the meeting took place. Consequently the Spa Director had to insist that the room be cleared at 4 p.m. so that preparations be made. It was his suggestion that members might like to fill in the intervening period by viewing the Roman Baths. It was possible for the business to continue after the reception and the room was available for a longer evening session if required.—Yours faithfully,

GWILYM SALMON,
Secretary,
Bath and Wells Diocesan Assn.

TUTORS' HANDBOOK

Dear Sir.—The ladder to successful change ringing might be said to contain three main rungs:

(1) Handling a bell.

(2) Ringing a bell in time with several others, which involves correctness both (a) in dovetailing with the rest and (b) in leading.

(3) The basic essentials of change ringing itself.

One may say that all this is fairly obvious. In the "Beginners' Handbook," however, whilst (1) and (3) form the main divisions, item (2) is treated as a subsidiary part of (1).

Considering its importance, would it not be more suitable to make this item a separate section, even though a smaller one? My own observations suggest that it would. — Yours faithfully, D. MOTTERSHEAD.
Wilmslow, Cheshire.

MANUAL FOR TUTORS

Dear Sir,—In the report of the proceedings of the recent meeting of the Central Council it is stated that "There is need for a companion to the 'Beginners' Handbook,' catering for the instructor,' and that a Tutor's Handbook was called for. This was realised some ten years ago, and we would draw attention to the fact that such a book, i.e., Part I of the Ringers' Manual of Reference, was first published in 1957 and has run through two editions. It deals with "Bell Handling and Control in the Elements of Change Ringing" and is the first exposition of the teaching of the "mechanics" of method ringing, before ringing of the methods themselves is attempted It caters for beginner and tutor alike, and has been used successfully by tutors of this College in teaching up to the stage when method ringing can be readily performed on learning the structure of the method itself.

At the moment it is out of print, but a steady trickle of enquiries prompts our Administrative Committee to consider a third (again revised) edition. As a non-profit project these publications are a considerable financial responsibility, however, and a firm indication of demand is essential.

The development of progressive ability to ring methods of increasing difficulty is being dealt with in the projected Part III of this Manual series—"An Introduction to Method Ringing on Tower Bells." Six other Parts are planned to follow.—Yours faithfully.

P. and P.R.O.,
College of Campanology.
Southsea.

WANTS FRONT PAGE CHANGE

Dear Sir, — The item "Christmas Card Bells" (page 232) seems an appropriate encouragement to "have a go" at the frontispiece of "The Ringing World." I am of the opinion that the time is overdue for change to something more in keeping with the bells used for change ringing.—Yours faithfully,

H. E. TAYLOR.
Darley Dale, Derby.

ISLE OF THANET WEDDING

There was a big gathering of ringers at St. Peter's-in-Isle of Thanet on June 11th for the wedding of two popular members of the Kent County Association, Mr. John D. Faircloth, former Ringing Master and "Ringing World" correspondent for the Lewisham District, and Miss Mary Taylor.

The Vicar, the Rev. T. E. Prichard, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Major H. Taylor, wore a full-length white rose-designed brocade dress and carried a white prayer book and a spray of red rosebuds.

Mr. Geoffrey Fielding was best man and Messrs. Ian Oram and Tony Lewis groomsmen. Among the ringers present were Kate and Andrew Macve, who had travelled from Buxton, Derbyshire, and Dave Manger and Jennifer Wright from Chelsfield. The reception at the Grand Ballroom Sun Lounge was attended by about 60 guests. In honour of the occasion a peal was rung at West Wickham, where John was a member of the local band for a number of years.

CORNISH CORRECTIONS

When the Diocese of Truro was founded in 1877 the jurisdiction of the See comprised the whole of the county of Cornwall, the Isles of Scilly and three parishes in Devonshire, viz.: St. Giles-in-the-Heath (5 bells) with Virginstow (1), North Petherwyn (6) and Werrington (8). As from April 1st this year North Petherwyn and Werrington have been transferred to Cornwall and that bulge of Devonshire into Cornwall has been eliminated. The line of the River Tamar is the line of demarcation. Thus Cornwall gains a ring of six and a ring of eight to Devon's loss. Owners of "Dove" and peal ringers of the future please note!

Another correction to be made is that the five tubular bells at St. Peter's, Newlyn, have given place to one new bell of 2 cwt. supplied by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Unfortunately the tiny tower will take no more, otherwise the Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Hosking, might have done better than this, for when Vicar of St. Mawgan-in-Pydar he completely restored the ring of eight there a few years ago.

Yet one more correction. Dove's Directory lists St. Clether as "Unringable." On Whit Monday the peal band from St. Mary's, Launceston, less the three Central Council representatives who had departed for Bath but augmented by Mrs. Carveth, were guided by Alan Carveth to Laneast (a useful and pleasant six) and from there to St. Clether (a ring of five). Both rings come under the care of the same incumbent, who had given permission to ring them.

On arrival at St. Clether a typed note on the door to the bell-chamber was to the effect that the bells must not be rung until a new frame had been installed, but this must wait for more important undertakings to be completed. The first sight of an almost unused set of ropes was rather surprising. The key was obtained and the bell-frame inspected. Apart from birds having got partly through the wire mesh over one set of louvres, all was remarkably clean and the frame solid and apparently secure with fittings likewise. The bells were rung up singly, and then Alan remained aloft whilst they were rung in rounds. Such is always a moment of suspense, with the fear that tower and bells might momentarily collapse! As all seemed well a six-score of Grandsire was rung, and all that seemed needed was some oil. This will be taken on the next visit.

St. Clether originally possessed four bells, but the tenor was recast into two trebles to make a ring of five. The present fourth and tenor are pre-Reformation bells. The day ended with a visit to a field called Chapel Park not far from the church, where can be found the remains of an altar and the Holy Well and which is the largest well chapel in Cornwall. A. S. R.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

About 40 people attended the meeting at Appledore on the hot, thundery afternoon of June 11th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. N. Towse, who gave a very interesting address about the history of the church. Tea was enjoyed at the Village Hall, organised by the Appledore ringers. Mr. J. Willis took the chair at the short business meeting at the conclusion of which a comprehensive vote of thanks was expressed by Mr. Phelips of New Romney.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m. but was not of a high standard in spite of the presence of the "Lurker" himself. R. J. S.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

PIXIES AT OTTERY ST. MARY

According to legend, the pixies who resided at Pixies Parlour at Ottery St. Mary, Devon, during the 15th century, when the first bells were ordered for the Parish Church, hatched a terrible plot to get rid of those "horrid pieces of copper and tin," for the sound of bells is abhorred by pixies and such folk.

A spell was cast, and the train of horse-drawn wagons bringing the bells to the church was diverted towards the high cliffs overlooking the sea at Ladram Bay. With the first wagon and its precious load about to plunge some 500 feet into the sea, the man leading the horse trod on a thistle and was heard to utter "God bless my soul and St Mary."

These words were the antidote to the spell apparently, and so at the last possible moment the bells were saved and the pixies defeated. Defeated at least for another year that is, until the next Midsummer Day, when they would be able to try again to rid themselves of the sound of bells.

Each year the local inhabitants have been successful in outwitting the pixies and this year was no exception, although they tried their hardest. At 7 p.m. the bells were ringing merrily but within a few seconds hoards of screaming little folk dressed in yellow and green with funny pointed hats arrived at the church and the bells came to an abrupt stand The ringers, as if under a spell, emerged from the tower one by one and were immediately trussed up and taken away by the pixies to a cave which they had erected in the town square and where they were to be imprisoned for ever. When all hope seemed gone and the townsfolk were resigned to the fact that the bells of Ottery St. Mary would now be silent for ever, one ringer who was being exceptionally harshly treated by one of the little folk uttered the now famous words "God bless my soul and St. Mary," and so the spell was broken for another year. The ringers escaped from the cave and hurried back to the tower and celebrated their fantastic escape by ringing a quarter peal of Stedman Triples.

Rumours heard by those "in contact" with the little folk during the weeks previous to their celebrations led them to persuade the tower captain, Charles Turner, to leave the town in order to avoid a nasty experience. Normally this man would not let this sort of threat worry him, but even he could not afford to take a chance with the little folk, and it is no surprise that he left early on that very day for his annual holiday.

C.C.T.

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By STEPHEN IVIN

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Four times repeated.
First rung at Woburn, April 10th, 1966.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch was held at Clevedon St. Andrew's (8) on June 18th. Ringing preceded the service which was conducted by the Vicar, Preb. T. P Nicholls, and afterwards the company enjoyed a splendid tea.

At the business meeting two new members were elected from Wraxall. Meetings, subject to permission, were arranged as follows: Quarterly, Nailsea (September): practice, Clapton-in-Gordano (July): joint with Frome Branch. Farnborough (August).

Strong criticism was received that the Annual Report had not yet been received. It was stressed that members should have it before the annual meeting to give them the chance to study it beforehand. Excuses for the delay in its production came in for caustic comment

Further sharp criticism was levelled at the handling of the discussion on Rule 8 (Peal Booking Fees) at the annual meeting. Members pointed out that although the Association supported "The Ringing World" by sending half the booking fee to the journal, this should not be a **rule** but subject to the decision of each annual meeting. A resolution to this effect was passed, for submission to the next A.G.M.

Two Branch members, both from Long Ashton, were singled out for special mention: Peter Bridle, who had that day taken part in the latest record-breaking peal of Surprise Major in 70 methods, and John Gilbert, for his part in the arrangements for the C.C meeting at Bath.

J. B.

OBITUARY

MRS. KATHLEEN LOCK

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Kathleen Lock, widow of Mr Albert Lock late Ringing Master at Abingdon, Berkshire and a prominent member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Mrs. Lock shared her husband's interests in ringing but had not rung during the past 15 months following an operation A memorial service will be held in St. Nicolas' Church, Abingdon on Thursday, July 7th. at 7.30 p.m.

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OUTINGS

KEELE UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

THE University of Keele Society's outing to the Lake District began on June 17th as the pessimists predicted, with a thunderstorm followed by torrential rain. Consequently there was a hasty evacuation of the camp site on the following morning for the warmth and shelter of a local cafe.

Starting at Ambleside (8, 32¼ cwt.) proved somewhat optimistic; only Plain Bob Major came round, the tenor stubbornly refusing to stay up for the remainder. To make matters worse, the hon. secretary broke a rope during the lower The next tower, at Langdale (6, 8 cwt.), proved more successful, Cambridge, Original and Spliced Minor coming round. The party then split up for lunch.

At Keswick (8, 14 cwt.), the local organist demonstrated his instrument to those interested, and methods rung here included Stedman, Cambridge and Kent, in which the local Ringing Master joined us. The next call was at Bowness-on-Windermere (8, 13 cwt.), where we rang the only course of Yorkshire of the outing

En route for Heversham the hired car acquired a flat tyre; the jack provided was useless and so a passing mini owner was flagged down to provide the means out of our difficulty. At Heversham we met Diana Handley and her husband, who accompanied us to the last tower of the day, at Crosthwaite (6, 10¾ cwt.) and kindly invited us back to their home for coffee and handbells Our performance at Crosthwaite had better be glossed over by admitting that the bells were just too much for us.

The following day some of the band rang at Kendal for morning service, and at Hawkshead before departing for Keele.

Grateful thanks are due to the organiser (Philip C Kimber), to the drivers, cooks, local incumbents, North Staffs ringers, who swelled our numbers sufficiently to make the outing possible, and finally to all those people who met us

M. J. R.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS

Leckhampton, Glos., ringers made the most of a halfday outing on June 11th by a prompt start and good timekeeping.

The light six at Siddington are very noisy, and after a brief visit the coach left the county, and passengers enjoyed typical Wiltshire downland scenery en route to Bishop's Cannings said to have the first octave in the county. The bells are impressive, although an alarming bump from the tenor is disconcerting.

Masien's Café, Calne, produced a most satisfactory tea, including the traditional Wiltshire cake The bells of St Mary's Church are three times the weight of our home tower, and we were content with standard methods to do justice to these excellent bells.

Feeling more at home at Malmesbury, we caught up on the organiser's selected methods and rang Oxford Bob Triples and Little Bob Major The six at North Cerney were last, and touches were suspiciously short when it became apparent that refreshment was very close at hand The final Cambridge Minor was much enjoyed by those ringing and the more thirsty listening!

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THE 1966 HEREFORD RINGING COURSE



I WONDER how long it takes for an annual event to become a tradition. The week-end ringing course held at Hereford at the end of April was the fourth to be held in this ancient cathedral city and, to judge from the enthusiastic comments of those who attended it, it will certainly not be the last.

The course, held as usual at the Hereford Training College, was directed by Mr. W. F. Moreton with the able assistance of Mr. G. T. Cousins. Lecturers were Messrs. F. Sharpe, N Chaddock and C. A. Wratten, and the domestic arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. A. T. Wingate. It is to these people that 40 ringers, from a very wide area, owe their thanks for an instructive and most enjoyable week-end. Indeed, when one considers the wide variety of age and ability in the "students," it speaks well of the teaching and organisation that everyone was asking at the end: "Will there be another course next year?"

The syllabus, ranging from the fundamentals of teaching and learning bell control through elementary change ringing on tower- and hand-bells, care and maintenance of bells and tune ringing to composition, was carefully planned to cater for the wide range of abilities and interests. There were also periods of practical work in the tower. In between all these sessions we did however manage to visit a local Chinese restaurant: admittedly this was due to a slight omission in the printed programme—or at least in the copy that was given to the cooks!—but it did enable us to enjoy the novel experience of having a meal in a restaurant without having to face a bill in the end.

But perhaps the outstanding feature of the week-end was the friendliness and enthusiasm that abounded. The lecturers had a sympathetic ear for all problems, a seemingly endless supply of patience and, above all, a dedication to the art that did not fail to inspire even the humblest to greater things. It is difficult to think of any other circumstances where the old, the young and—dare I say it?—the middle-aged work together in such harmony. The Hereford course is to be commended to all: long may it flourish.

M. W.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. B. Crowder 1, J. Machell 2, Miss L. Clarke (first "inside") 3, Miss C. Reed (first as cond.) 4, D. Gebbett 5, P. Royds-Jones 6, D. G. H. Hollis 7, M. Tunnicliffe 8.

BALDOCK RINGERS IN LINCOLNSHIRE

IT WAS 7.30 a.m. on June 11th when the somewhat sleepy Baldock ringers clambered into their coach to journey to Lincoln and the surrounding district for their annual outing. Already on the coach were ringers from Kimpton, Hitchin and St. Ippolyts, as Baldock's outings have always been a District affair rather than just a tower outing.

After two and a half hours' journey we stopped at Sleaford for morning coffee and then sampled the 19 cwt. eight. This ground-floor ring is somewhat unwieldy but when struck at a crisp pace go like the proverbial "tops."

The early morning mist was still lying around Lincoln Cathedral, high on its hill-side, when we reached the city from the south side. We had first to ring at St. Giles' on the 18cwt. eight, which are excellent to handle.

After lunch, ringers gathered at St. Hugh's tower. When the ringers reached the ringing chamber, after climbing a mere 126 steps, they were extremely pleased to find the bells up. Here was a fine ring of 12, but due to the numbers of learners in the party only rounds were accomplished, but Stedman was obtained on the ten, and all enjoyed this musical ring.

Back to the coach, and now on to Newark, where the tenor of this ten brought beads of perspiration to the forehead of even Jack Dear—no easy bell this, although with the help of two local ringers Cambridge Royal was achieved. Tea followed.

Our last port of call for the day was Caythorpe. The new incumbent informed us that a rope had broken, so we could only have seven bells. Inspection revealed that the third indeed had no rope at all, but searching in the belfry brought a rope to light, which was then fitted to the bell. We now proceeded to ring this 10 cwt. eight up in peal, but, alas, the third refused to go more than halfway: still closer inspection showed that the Hastings stay was too long, and speedy removal of the offending stay permitted ringing to start. These bells are tuneful and reasonably easy going, but lack of use and disrepair may soon render them unusable.

It was a weary but satisfied party of ringers that eventually disembarked in Baldock at an early hour on Sunday morning after a stop at Grantham. A truly excellent outing, well organised as usual by Eddie Buck, to whom, together with the incumbents, we extend our sincere thanks.

J. K. O.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

A quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Shroton on June 18th. The bells were rung to a variety of methods, ranging from rounds to London Surprise Minor, before the service, conducted by the Master of the Guild, Rev. R. N. Longridge, with Mr. F Greenway (also a ringer) at the organ. The Rector, Rev. Dr. R. M. Taylor, gave a most helpful address, his theme being that we as Christians are all members one of another. Afterwards 30 members and friends, including visitors from Yeovil and Lyme Regis, sat down to a sumptuous tea, served by ladies of the church. At the business meeting eight new members were elected, including three under 17. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to those who had made the Branch so welcome. Further ringing was enjoyed both there and at Childe Okeford.

Marlborough Branch

Musical honours were accorded the Rev. R. Keeley at the monthly meeting of the Marlborough Branch at Chisledon on June 18th, when it was discovered that the day was his birthday. Roger officiated as Ringing Master for the afternoon and evening ringing.

Mr. G. Bowman (lay reader) conducted the service, with Mr. W. Drewitt as organist. A lavish Chisledon tea prepared and served by Mrs. Court, Mr. Bob Court and helpers was enjoyed.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. G. Newman, a hearty welcome was given to the visitors, who included Mr. Tony Peake, fresh from another record-breaking peal of 70 different Spliced Surprise Major methods accomplished that morning at Stratton St. Margaret.

Next three monthly meetings: Overton, Aldbourne and Burbage-with-Milton (subject to permission). Branch outing: September 24th, Lymington area of New Forest.

LAVENHAM RINGING ANNIVERSARY

On June 18th upwards of 50 ringers from Suffolk, Essex, Norfolk, Cambs, Lincs, Staffs and London attended the Lavenham ringing anniversary, the bells being kept going from 2.30 to 9 p.m., methods ranging from Plain Bob to Yorkshire Surprise. This also coincided with the Church Flower Festival, which attracted over 9,000 visitors during the week-end.

ELEGY—FOR A SOLEMN PARTING

(Sung on the departure of the Rev. Peter Bond from St. Augustine's, Gillingham)

There's a large clergyman we all very well know:
Singing Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter!
Three years he has been here, and now he must go.
Singing Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter!
Our hearts being broken, no tongue can express
The sorrow that fills them. Yet we must confess
The place will be quieter, nevertheless,
Without Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter.

The nylon surplice must go on its way
With Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter;
The fishing-net underwear washed every day
By Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter.
Of instruction on bell-ringing we are bereft.
To mend our clocks there's none so deft.
To talk of diets there's no one left
Like Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter.

Now Gussie's slips gently back into its doze
Without Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter.
A notable chapter we finally close
About Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter.
We suffer no longer that back-slapping zest:
"Believe you me!" troubles no longer our rest;
But a laugh we may hear when the wind's west-nor'-west
From Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter.

The Missions to Seamen are in for a shock
From Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter,
Where the angel flies over Tilbury Dock
Above Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter.
When the chaplain sets foot in a rather small boat,
We must all hold our breath: will it still stay afloat,
Or a splash and a wave and some bubbles denote
That was Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter?

When at length Peter's called from this valley of woe,
Crying Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter,
To his heav'nly reward we trust he will go
Flying Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter.
But we doubt not that, should he at length reach the gate,
Saint Peter himself will be forced there to wait
While our Peter explains seven times why he's late—
Knowing Peter, oh Peter, oh Peter

To be sung to the tune of Tit Willow (from "The Mikado"). Gilbert and Sullivan.

SEVENTY-SEVEN AND BACK IN HARNESS

Ringers in East Devon will be extremely pleased to learn that the Branch vice-chairman, Mr. John Arbury (77) is back ringing again after an extremely serious operation It says much for his physical and mental ability that only two and a half months after undergoing the operation he celebrated his second visit to the tower by ringing the treble faultlessly to a quarter peal of Stedman Triples.

Brother James (75) on the tenor contributed much to this quarter by setting an excellent beat which was maintained throughout. When asked why he is able to set such a cracking pace, James attributes his fitness for most things to a regular pinch of snuff,

PEAL BAND CHANGED

It had been intended in the peal of Stedman Cinques at the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Liverpool, to ring it for the University of London Society, but one of the band was taken ill and felt he would not last the peal. Mr David Wilford, of the Liverpool University Society, stood in at an hour's notice and the band is very grateful to him for doing so.

CLITHEROE, LANCS.—On June 6th, 1,440 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): S. Wright 1, P. Norman 2, F. Price 3, J. Pilkington (cond.) 4, J. P. Jenkinson 5. To mark the election of the Mayor, Mr. T. Robinson.

AN AMERICAN QUERY

Mr. Rick Dirksen points out that the quarter peal of 1,260 Doubles in two methods rung on Easter Day at Calgary, Alberta (page 279), was not the first quarter rung in North America in more than one method. He states that one in three methods was rung at Washington Cathedral on June 1st, 1965. He inquires if this was the first.

"Let me say I always look forward to 'The Ringing World' and have no grumbles."—A Cornish reader.

Mr. Roy H. Jones informs us that the peal at Marston on January 15th was his 100th peal for the Oxford Diocesan Guild and not his 100th.

Among interesting "plural" orders received for the new book "Method Structure in Change Ringing" are those from New Zealand and from the County Librarian, Norfolk Education Authority, for seven copies. They already have several copies of Part One of this series, "The Ringers' Manual of Reference."

Mr. F. Reed, R.A.F., Little Rissington, Glos, writes correcting the claim that the peal of London Surprise Royal at East Retford on June 4th (page 400) was the first in the method on the bells. The first was rung on August 26th, 1950, for the Yorkshire Association, conducted by the late James C. E. Simpson.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. H. Whittell 1, S. Christian 2, L. J. S. Parry 3, R. C. Groom 4, S. J. Hammond 5, M. J. Howes (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The ringer of the sixth in the peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Marple (page 471) was Alan F. Scholfield and not as submitted.

The peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Bulwell on May 1st was 5,152 changes and not 5,040, as submitted.

Thirteen-year-old Timothy Hollis, son of the Vicar of Rotherham, rang the treble of the back eight there to his first peal on June 25th. He is the 40th pupil of Mr. Norman Chaddock to reach this standard, almost invariably in separate peals.

At Ruishton, Taunton, a birthday quarter peal was rung on June 22nd to Mr. R. F. Arscott. His ten-year-old daughter, Sylvia, and 12-year-old son, Adrian, both took part while father kept a measured beat on the tenor.

We regret that details of a quarter peal of T.B. Royal at Southwark Cathedral on March 23rd had either been lost or overlooked while we were moving offices, as it was an engagement compliment to Deborah M. Hopkins and A. S. Bishop, who have both done much for the advancement of ringing in Metropolitan Surrey and S.W. London.

An interesting point about the peal at Croydon Parish Church on June 25th is that the last all-local peal was in 1953 and that it was the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the present bells, the previous one being in 1927 on the old eight. Incidentally, the local Society are proud of their title—The Ancient Society of Croydon Parish Church Bellringers (Est. 1730).

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THE REV. W. H. R. TREWHELLA'S JUBILEE

The Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, who now lives in retirement at Penzance, celebrated the jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood on June 28th. Father Trewhella has had a lifelong interest in bells and ringing and, apart from serving his title at St. Margaret's, Barking, has spent all his ministry in Cornwall. He returned to his native county in 1918, when he went to Truro Cathedral as curate of St. Mary's Parish. After further curacies at St. Paul's, Truro, and St. Agnes, he became Vicar of Zennor and then returned to St. Paul's, Truro, as Vicar before moving to Crantock.

Father Trewhella has done much for ringing in Cornwall in his own quiet way. When curate of St. Paul's, Truro, he found a fund still in existence from the sale of a set of ten tubular bells, and persuaded the Vicar to install a beautiful 12 cwt. ringing bell by Taylors. Unfortunately in recent years the wheel has been dismantled because of fears for the safety of the tower.

At Zennor, Father Trewhella found three ancient bells and he at once had these restored and augmented to six. At Crantock he took over six bells of which the tenor only was hung for ringing, and had the whole restored as a usable ring. All this work is a sign that for over 30 years the Truro Diocesan Guild had a secretary whose interest in the bells of Cornwall never flagged and, further, Father Trewhella is one who can pride himself upon having rung on all the rings in the county capable of being rung.

In honour of the occasion a quarter peal of Bob Major was rung at Probus on June 18th.

MR. CHADDOCK'S WORK FOR YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mr. Chaddock, who, due to pressure of other commitments, recently gave up his vice-presidency of the Yorkshire Association, served six years in this office, nine on the General Committee and 16 on the District Committee.

Mr. Chaddock has trained 65 of his pupils from handling a rope to ringing their first 720 to qualify for membership of the Yorkshire Association. Most of these have gone on to ring a quarter peal and 40 to ring a full peal, all these performances being conducted by their tutor. Some of these ringers have constituted bands at four previously silent towers near Rotherham and some of them have taken part in recent outstanding achievements in Yorkshire ringing.

UNDER THE HAMMER

Sold in Northampton Auction Galleries on June 20th, Lot No. 277, one ship's bell.

"What for it?" asked the auctioneer. "£5 may I say?" Reply: "Yes, £5 I've got. Any advance on £5? Yes, £6 over there; £7 to the lady: £8 to the gentleman on my left: £9 to a fresh bidder: one more to you, sir? Yes, £10. Any advance on £10? £11; any advance on £11? Yes. £12. I'll take 10s. if you like! £12 10s. I'm bid. One more to you, sir? Yes, £13 he says, and I'm selling at £13—any advance?" Hammer down at £13. P. A.

STOWMARKET BELLS AT THE FOUNDRY

Stowmarket bells were lowered last weekend and are now at John Taylor's foundry, Loughborough. In charge of the removal of the bells was Mr. Eric Fowler and he was assisted by a 19-year-old apprentice, Stephen Key. A picture of the lowering of the 24 cwt. tenor appeared in the "East Anglian Daily Times" on June 22nd. Two of the bells are to be recast and the rest retuned and to have new clappers. Except for the pre-Reformation Sanctus bell, the tower will be silent for the best part of the year..

Stowmarket bells were last rehung in 1894, and the ringers have been wanting the bell chamber to be restored for the past 20 years. The work is estimated to cost £1,600 and nearly all this sum has been raised by parish efforts plus a grant of £250 from the Barron Bell Trust One bell (the fourth) is 500 years old.

RETURN VISIT FROM GROTON

Two quarter peals were especially arranged for Mr. Thurston B. Clarke, Groton, Yale, and now of New York City, in England for a short visit. He was here previously in 1962 with Russell S. Young's party from Groton School.

Hillingdon.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Thurston B. Clarke 1, Miss R. M. Mylys 2, Miss P. A. Copas 3, J. Sexton 4, M. W. Seymour 5, A. R. G. Twinn 6, J. Hill (conductor) 7, W. H. Coles 8: for Evensong.

Stoke Poges.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Coles 1, Miss R. M. Mylys 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, Thurston B. Clarke 4, Miss P. A. Copas 5, M. J. Palmer 6, J. Hill 7, R Lister 8.

PROGRESSIVE STEPS

Following the appointment of Mr. T. Timms as Ringing Master of the Chipping Norton Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild just over a year ago, regular monthly practices have been held at different towers throughout the Branch. Another innovation, starting at Burford on June 18th, is a series of quarter peal attempts with the object of giving members an opportunity to ring their first or first in the method The performance on the 18th enabled a first of Triples to be scored.

OXFORD GUILD FOUNDER MEMBER'S BIRTHDAY

Sexton at St. Mary's Church, Banbury, for over 20 years and a founder member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. Frederick Selwyn, of 33, Castle Street East, Banbury, celebrated his 95th birthday on June 24th. Mr. Selwyn was taught to ring at Bromsberrow, Glos, and was an active ringer until a few years ago.

On the eve of his birthday a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by the following members of the tower: J. M. Stretton 1, C. T. Wightman 2, Mrs. D. Bentley 3, J. E. F. Eastley 4, Mrs. M. O. Gillett 5, R. P. Bentley 6, H. H. Alexander (conductor) 7, C. F. Herbert 8, H. Hyde 9, K. H. Bolton 10.

EXCITING NEW GROUND IN RINGING

Headed "Scientific—but Attractive," Canon Gilbert Thurlow gives a comprehensive view of Wilfrid Wilson's book "Change Ringing" (Faber, 63s.) in the July issue of "The Norwich Churchman." He writes:

"Although it is a scientific textbook, it should prove attractive to the general reader—to anyone who wishes to exercise his mind on a mathematical subject. Much of it is already familiar to the practised ringer, but chapters have a habit of attracting and encouraging the reader by their familiarity, and then of leading him on to exciting new ground.

"And Mr. Wilson has a happy knack of making abstruse matters seem easy. This is because he is himself thoroughly at home in all branches of the art. He has in the past written many valuable articles and books on ringing, and has proved a brilliant and popular lecturer at ringing courses—which are becoming increasingly popular at educational and youth centres. . . Everywhere the reader is led to explore further for himself."

SALTER STREET, WARKS

Eventually there is a first peal by most local bands. To the many must be added that at St. Patrick's, Salter Street, Warks, where the first by the locals was scored on May 15th. Miss B. E Jessop, the tower secretary, writes telling of the progress during the past four years, when a very small band was only able to ring plain courses. Encouraged by the captain, Mr. R. H Hicken, and Dr. A. J. Collings, these recruits progressed and eventually a band was formed that could ring touches of Grandsire.

Unfortunately Mr. Hicken and Dr. Collings left the district but under a new captain, Mr. J H. Upton, the band carried on by gaining experience through ringing in other churches. In reaching their ambition they were fortunate to have Mr. Hicken to return and ring in the peal with them. St Patrick's has now 12 regular ringers, all of whom are under 21 years of age. It is the peal ringers' desire to train the others to peal status.

A HYMN FOR RINGERS AT DEDICATION SERVICE

Words by Percy Amos. Tune, A. & M. 38.

Hallow Lord our bells to Thee,
Given to Thy service be.
Those who ring and those who hear,
Ever to Thyself draw near.

Blest, annointed by Thy hand,
Sound their tongues throughout the land.
Guard their use from acts profane,
Rendered only to Thy name.

Consecrate the hands that ring,
To the church all people bring.
Use them as the holy dove,
Tell forth Thy redeeming love.

Love of Thee, their God, their Lord,
Graces send with one accord.
To the sick, bereaved and lone,
May they, Saviour, be Thine own.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Parker (first quarter) 1, R. Woodyatt 2, J. Whittall 3, Julia Reardon 4, A. Morgan (cond.) 5, H. Homans 6. By the Sunday service band.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MILBORNE PORT, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist
On Sat. June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in D.

Gillian M. Hussey	Treble	Andrew Howard	5
Michael H. Gregory	2	John C. Slater	6
Richard W. Sweet	3	D. John Hunt	7
Dennis Chapman	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by D. John Hunt
* First peal of Surprise Major "inside."

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ORMESBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat. June [illegible], 1966, in [illegible] and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 14 lb. in E.

*Susan Roach	Treble	Thomas M. Cox	5
Ann Lawson	2	†James Burton	6
Margaret Lawson	3	Jack Roach	7
Enid Lawson	4	Kenneth Lawson	Tenor

Composed by D John Hunt. Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.
* First peal. † First "inside."

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROUGHTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 25, 1966 in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

Christine Andrew	Treble	Dennis Latham	5
Sidney Hough	2	Giles B. Thompson	6
Neil D. Lomas	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
Kenneth Davenport	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by S J Ivin. Conducted by Denis Mottershead

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

KENILWORTH, Warwickshire—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Kent T.B and Childwall.
Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb. in F sharp.

*E. Anthea M. Sparshott	Treble	Anthony J. Cox	4
†Shirley E. Jones	2	†Christopher J. Royal	5
†Paul S. Reading	3	Peter S Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett
* First peal of Minor. † First of seven Minor methods "inside."
Rung to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the great siege of Kenilworth.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STAVELEY, Derbyshire—At the Church of St John the Baptist
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr 22 lb. in E flat.

Fred A. Adams	Treble	John Ford	5
*Marjorie Yarnold	2	Timothy Wylie	6
Malcolm P Phipps	3	†John D Arkwell	7
Verena Simpson	4	Edward Mould	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton Conducted by Malcolm P. Phipps
* First peal attempt. † First of Major.
Rung at the Rector's request to mark the 100th anniversary of the centenary of the restoration of the church Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

NORTH PETHERWYN, Devon.—At the Church of St. Paternus.
On Thurs., June 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

D. Roy Bould	Treble	Wilfred C Boucher	4
John Mitchelmore	2	George Mudge	5
Thomas G. Myers	3	Arthur Sandy	Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
Rung in memoriam Horace Hicks, of Launceston.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Cuthbert
On Thurs., June 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Janet Cooke	Treble	Thomas M Cox	5
Fred Hodgson	2	Ernest Pannell	6
*Stanley Hardy	3	Roland Park	7
Janet Warwick	4	Thomas Cooke	Tenor

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by Fred Hodgson.
* First peal
To commemorate the centenary of the augmentation of the bells from six to eight.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary the Virgin, Peter and Cedd
On Mon., June 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES
Comprising 20 courses Tittums and 18 courses Handstroke Home in four parts Tenor 34 cwt. in C sharp.

Claire Hudson	Treble	Christopher K Cooper	7
Peter G. Brown	2	Ian R Panton	8
Andrew S. Hudson	3	Dennis A S Symonds	9
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	George W. Pipe	10
Joe E. G. Roast	5	Howard W. Egglestone	11
Richard J. Harrison	6	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.
Rung as a compliment to the Very Rev. W. Eric Gordon, Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral, upon his appointment as Bishop of Sodor and Man.

PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18½ cwt

Terrance I. Jones	Treble	Roy D. Tomlin	6
Frank B. Lufkin	2	*Frank C May	7
Harry Turner	3	Alfred J House	8
John W Stephenson	4	Ian R. Panton	9
James L Towler	5	Bernard C. Sadler	Tenor

Composed by John Freeman Composed by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 100th peal
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Lufkin on their 30th wedding anniversary; also to David Sloman and Susan Rothera on their 21st birthday

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Redcliffe.
On Sat. June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt 2 qr. 21 lb in B

William Hibbert	Treble	Philip J Rothera	7
Susan Rothera	2	Patrick I. Bird	8
Maryl R Crossthwaite	3	Tudor P Edwards	9
Albert M Tyler	4	Frederick Shallcross	10
Richard S. Starkie	5	Rev Roger O Fry	11
Kenneth J. Hesketh	6	John H Fielden	Tenor

Composed by J E. Chilcott. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ALDERSHOT Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORK[illegible] SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt 3 qr 16 lb in A

*John C Davidge	Treble	‡Peter G Smart	5
Beryl R Simpson	2	†Dennis G. Blows	6
†John L. Hayns	3	G. Kenneth Williamson	7
Alan J. Smith	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by C H. Hattersley Conducted by Tom Page.
* First peal of Surprise † First in the method ‡ First of Surprise Major.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harman

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURGHILL, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 25 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 3 qr. 21 lb

William F. Scudamore	Treble	Peter G Holden	5
Vernon Green	2	Brian W Hall	6
George T Cousins	3	D Kay Adkins	7
Peter Pearce	4	Frank Reed	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Sun., June 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt 4 lb. in C

Tudor P Edwards	Treble	Margaret E Fort	7
F. John Nelson	2	Christine Andrew	8
Edward Jenkins	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	9
Jeffrey Kershaw	4	Neil Bennett	10
J. Colin Ashworth	5	Derek Butterworth	11
Philip J. Crossthwaite	6	Jeffrey Fox	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Chilcott. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Basil Jones and Marjorie Blundell, who were married the previous day at Hope Congregational Church, Denton: also to Tudor P. Edwards, who is shortly leaving the district to return to South Wales.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., June 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

Christine Andrew	Treble	Neil Donovan	7
Edward Jenkins	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	8
Patricia Rogers	3	Derek Butterworth	9
Kathleen Higgins	4	Jeffrey Brannan	10
Tudor P. Edwards	5	Stuart Armeson	11
Margaret E. Fort	6	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., May 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 960 London and Rutland and 320 Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt 95 lb. in E

*David Chadderton	Treble	Derek Butterworth	5
*Christine Andrew	2	Neil D Lomas	6
Neil Bennett	3	*Jeffrey Brannan	7
Edward Jenkins	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 12 methods.

WALTON-LE-DALE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, being 2,624 of Yorkshire and 2,432 of Cambridge.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Margaret E. Fort	Treble	Tudor P. Edwards	5
*Roger Barnes	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	6
Christopher Watson	3	Frank Reynolds	7
Dennis McCormick	4	Cyril Crossthwaite	Tenor

Arranged by N. Smith. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Surprise.

HALEWOOD, Liverpool.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Friday, June 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*David F. Moore	Treble	Richard J. Parker	5
Julie E. Lethbridge	2	David G. Wilford	6
Rupert A. Clarke	3	Phillip J. Crossthwaite	7
†James H. White	4	Richard S. Starkie	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard J Parker.
* 125th peal. † First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung as a 19th birthday compliment to James H. White.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire. — At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sun., June 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

Thomas W. Smith	Treble	‡Michael Thompson	5
*James Andrews	2	Albert Greenhalgh	6
†Alan Keene	3	§Joseph Thornley	7
Harold Worrall	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ First of Cambridge Major. § First of Surprise "inside."
A compliment to Rev. H. W. Hewitt, M.A., lately Rector of Droylsden, who has left this diocese after 28 years' ministry.

GOOSNARGH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
In seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Miss J. Reynolds	Treble	J. Pilkington	4
*Miss P. Gardner	2	D. H. McCormick	5
J. Ashcroft	3	R. Barnes	Tenor

Conducted by D. M. McCormick.
* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., June 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp

*Percy J. Spice	Treble	*Ian H. Oram	4
†Peter S. Muchlinski	2	†D. Paul Smith	5
†Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	‡Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* 25th peal together. † First in the method.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to John D. Faircloth and Mary S. Taylor, who were married at St. Peters-in-Thanet on June 11th, 1966.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Martin Green	Treble	William A. Lacey	6
Malcolm E. Wade	2	Samuel J. Haines	7
Derek P. Jones	3	John E. Cook	8
Joseph William Cotton	4	A. Maxwell Lindsey	9
W. Ernest Rawson	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

SOHAM, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. in E

*Janet E. Hubbard	Treble	†Keith R. Davey	6
Beryl E. Cawser	2	Geoffrey M. Brewin	7
††Alan G. Payne	3	‡J. Martin Thorley	8
§Alfred Ballard	4	Russell S. Morris	9
§J. Edward Cawser	5	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Royal † First of Surprise Royal. ‡ 100th peal together. § 50th peal together. First of Yorkshire Royal in the County.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Thurs., June 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 MEASHAM COLLEGE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

William F. Woodward	Treble	Roland Beniston	5
Joseph W. Cotton	2	Gordon H. Lane	6
*Edwin Deakin	3	Norman W. Attaway	7
Arthur E. Rowley	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* 50th peal. First in the method (C.C.C. Plain Major No. 279).
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. J. Day, Vicar, and for the 11th anniversary of his induction to the benefice of Measham.

NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

James Linnell	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
R. Kingsley Mason	2	Charles E. Truman	6
William A. Yates	3	Derek P Jones	7
Barry E. Saunders	4	William F. Woodward	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat, June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr. 20 lb.

David J. Midgley	Treble	Charles S. Ryles	6
Leslie T. Walley	2	*Denis J. Pitstow	7
*Caroline Stewart	3	Andrew Thompson	8
†Eric Young	4	†G. Arnold Moore	9
Geoffrey Fothergill	5	William Watkin	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by G. A. Moore.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 40th peal together.
Rung for the wedding of Patricia Durber and Harry Chadwick.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CASTLEACRE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., June 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Edward Howes	Treble	Shelagh R. Collins	4
Wallace W. Cousins	2	Claude Cousins	5
Leslie W. Houghton	3	Norman V. Harding	Tenor

Conducted by Norman V. Harding.
Rung for the wedding, which took place the same day at the Parish Church of Seething, Norwich, between the Rev. J. H. Bloom, Vicar of Castleacre, and Jill Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. C. E. Scott, Vicar of Seething, and the late Mrs. Scott.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	*Frederick W. Soden	5
Brian W. Hall	2	Frank Reed	6
Peter G. Holden	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Peter Pearce	4	Kenneth R. Dunstan	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* 100th peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., June 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

*Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	Reginald W. Rex	5
*Jillian Pike	2	David L. Wilcox	6
*Mrs. A. D. Smith	3	Reginald F. Crook	7
*Roger B. Pike	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt.

WENDOVER, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

*Douglas K. Whitlock	Treble	†Leslie F. Floyd	4
*Diane W. Presdee	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
Brian J. Edwards	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal off cover bell.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

CHIDDINGFOLD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Margaret A. Bould	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Rosamund M. Rawlings	2	Peter M. Wilkinson	6
M. Jane Foster	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Joan Beresford	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hallett, of Batheaston, on their golden wedding. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr 26 lb. in F sharp.

TURNERS HILL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sun., June 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 864 Rutland, 672 each of London and Pudsey, 640 each of Cambridge and Superlative, 608 Adelaide, 544 Brighton and 384 Bristol, with 146 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Yvonne Edwards	Treble	*Stanley G. Ponting	5
Ann Jenner	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Joan Beresford	3	Stanley Jenner	7
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of eight-Spliced.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., June 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 MILFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Rosamund M. Rawlings	Treble	David J. Tubbs	5
David D. Smith	2	C. Martin Press	6
Tom Page	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Stanley G. Ponting	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

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BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., June 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
Norman J. Goodman	2	John C. Eisel	8
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	3	Peter J. Stretton	9
Richard S. Starkie	4	Martin D Fellows	10
J. Alan Ainsworth	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
George E. Fearn	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 38 lb. in E.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	Martin D. Fellows	6
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
James Insley	3	George E. Fearn	8
Michael J. Fellows	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
David J. Purnell	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

GUILDFORD Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 108 lb.

George E. Fearn	Treble	Martin D. Fellows	6
Roderick W. Pipe	2	David J. Purnell	7
Norman J. Goodman	3	Peter Border	8
Michael J. Fellows	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
James Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE'S YOUTHS.

UPPER CAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

John H. Taylor	Treble	Michael H. Gregory	4
Roger FitzGeorge	2	Allan Tubb	5
Ronald J. Cox	3	Andrew Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Allan Tubb.
First peal for the newly-formed Society.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

HOAR CROSS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Angels.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

Edward R. Fairbrother	Treble	Philip R. Johnson	4
Cyril T. Collins	2	Norman W. Attaway	5
Rev. Peter N. Bond	3	*Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* 700th peal.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

PATRINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Patrick.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Geoffrey W. Randall	Treble	Rev. Frederick Ross	5
Elizabeth J. Foster	2	Michael Armstrong	6
*Peter J. Church	3	†Simon Humphrey	7
Robert C. Hawtree	4	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Arranged by S. Humphrey. Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* First peal of Major "inside." † 75th peal.
Birthday compliments to Miss Susanna Poppleston and P. J. Church.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MELKSHAM. Wilts.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., June 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's 8 part. Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E.

*Robert J. Purnell	Treble	Norman G. N. Knee	5
Charles F. Andrews	2	Eric J. Hitchins	6
Charles P. Quartley	3	Frederick S. Slatford	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	Laurence E. Hitchins	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.
Rung to mark the birth of twin sons to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hitchins.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

Margaret E. Chilton	Treble	R. Brian Mills	5
Mary C. Poyner	2	Peter Wakefield	6
Christine L. J. Mills	3	Colin W. Reed	7
Beryl N. Reed	4	William L. Exton	Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by William L. Exton.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Guild. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

SWINDERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., June 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in B.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	*Elizabeth J. Foster	3
*Robert Marsh	2	Maurice W. Harrison	4
		George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First of Grandsire as conductor.
In memoriam Percival Tomlinson.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

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CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 25, 1965, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-Part (7th Obs.). Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Roydon Davies	Treble	Richard C. Stevens ..	5
*Christine Snelling	2	Kevin Taber	6
Norman G. T. Steere ..	3	Frederick E. Collins ..	7
†Norman D. Brown	4	†Andrew J. C. Brown ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. 100th peal as conductor.
Rung at the request of the Vicar to mark the Patronal Festival (on June 24th).

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

KEYMER, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Cosmos and Damian.
On Tues., June 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*Wendy B. Everest	Treble	Catherine M. Powell ..	4
Edna M. Everest	2	John R. Norris	5
†Roger E. Peckham	3	Michael J. Bew	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Bew.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL, Lancs.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Pier Head.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

Robert E. J. Dennis ..	Treble	*Timothy G. Pett	7
Yvonne Edwards	2	Martin C. Faulkes	8
Diana M. Frost	3	John Hill	9
David G. Wilford	4	Philip Mehew	10
Alan F. Thirst	5	Alan J. Frost	11
*Anthony H. Smith	6	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

* First peal on 12 bells. First 12-bell peal as conductor.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Tues., June 21, 1966, in 1 hour and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in C sharp.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	†Malcolm A. Phillips ..	4
Julie E. Lethbridge ..	2	David F. Moore	5
*David G. Wilford	3	Tudor P. Edwards ..	Tenor

Conducted by David F. Moore.

* First peal of Plain Bob. † 50th peal.
Rung as a farewell from the Liverpool University Society to Tudor P. Edwards, an honorary member.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount.
On Tues., June 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents.

Pauline Bligh-Cheesman (Bristol)	Treble
*Christine Webb (Bristol)	2
Derek B. Williams (Bristol)	3
†Gillian M. Brearley (Bristol)	4
K. J. Darvill (Cambridge)	5
Richard O. Humphries (London)	Tenor

* First peal of Minor "inside" † First of Surprise Minor.
To mark the completion by the Rev. Vyvyan-Jones of 31 years as Rector of St. Michael's and to celebrate the graduation of Miss P. Bligh-Cheesman, K. J. Darvill, D. B. Williams and R. Havard (Wales).

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORFOLK BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Charles Ball	Treble	Philip Taylor	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	Albert Green	5
Peter Furness	3	Charles Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal in the method for the Guild and by all the band.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 HUNSLET BOB ROYAL
Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

George Pluckrose	Treble	Kenneth B. Sissons	6
James S. Webb	2	Ronald R. Warford	7
Allan Sheppard	3	John Potts	8
Ronald J. Snack	4	C. Barrie Dove	9
Adrian C. Boorman ..	5	Ronald H. Dove	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
The first peal of Hunslet Royal.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*John R. Knight	Treble	†Arthur Dunn-Birch	6
†R. Ann Johnson	2	George Hancock	7
Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	3	J. Henry Fielden	8
Peter Woodward	4	John E. Kirby	9
Linda Banks	5	R. Gordon Corby	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal. † First on ten bells. First on the light ten.

(Sheffield and District Society.)

HANDSWORTH, Sheffield.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F. sharp.

*John Wood	Treble	Herbert O. Chaddock ..	5
Iris Lamare	2	David Nichols	6
Richard Tibbetts	3	Neil Donovan	7
John N. D. Chaddock ..	4	Norman Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by David S. Marshall. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.

* First peal.
Rung to welcome a grandson to Horace and Dorice Kelly, of Handsworth.

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

*Timothy Hollis	Treble	George S. Lee	5
Elsie Chaddock	2	David Nichols	6
Stuart Armeson	3	John N. D. Chaddock ..	7
Neil Donovan	4	Norman Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by David S. Marshall. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.

* First peal.
Rung by the Sunday service band.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Mon., June 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Forty-two extents (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

C. Barrie Dove	Treble	*Olivia A. Marshall ..	4
*Josephine M. Haskins ..	2	Kenneth B. Sissons ..	5
Ronald H. Dove	3	Brian J. Lambourne ..	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Doubles.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

SALTER STREET, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Patrick.
On Sun., May 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

Jane L. Barton	Treble	Beryl E. Jessop	3
R. H. Hicken	2	M. F. Bissell	4
J. H. Upton	Tenor		

Conducted by J. H. Upton.
First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band.
Rung to welcome the Rev. A. St. J. Lemon.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL, Lancs.—At Derby Hall, Liverpool.
On Fri., June 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Rupert A. Clarke	1–2	Richard J. Parker	5–6
David F. Moore	3–4	Phillip J. Crossthwaite ..	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., June 24, 1966, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent Grandsire, two extents Windsor Single Bob (II) and four extents Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary Whalley	3–4
*Kevin M. Price (cond.) ..	5–6		

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.
Rung for St. John the Baptist's Day.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.
On Thurs., June 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,880 London, 800 Bristol, 736 Cambridge and 704 Superlative, with 120 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

A. Robin Heppenstall ..	1–2	John Freeman	5–6
George E. Feirn	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse	7–8

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by John Freeman.

HALF PEAL

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.—On June 15th, 2,592 Plain Bob Major: P. Woollven 1, Ann Harris 2, D. R. McLean 3, R. C. Woodward 4, J. G. Hallett 5, S. Humphrey 6, I. V. J. Smith (first half of Major) 7, D. R. Ingram (first as cond. for the Society) 8. First half peal 1, 3, 4 and 8. By the Nottingham University Society.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas', on June 24th, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. P. Halling 1, M. J. Hiller 2, J. R. Poole 3, J. R. Rowson 4, C. 1. Rowson (cond.) 5, M. C. E. Hodge 6. Rung by the Abingdon School Campanological Society.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 19th, 1,320 Nethersale Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Carol Cousins (first "inside" in method) 2, Wendy Wallace (50th quarter) 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, Amanda Powell 5, C. H. Macve 6. First in method 3 and 5. For Evensong.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Bailey (first of Triples) 1, G. Newman 2, H. Craig 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, T. A. Palmer 5, F. J. Read (cond.) 6, A. K. Peake 7, J. Cuss 8. To mark the dedication of the rebuilt organ by the Bishop of Salisbury.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles (unconducted): Diana M. Gough 1, S. W. Brown 2, Valerie Mepham 3, Ann E. Sharpe 4, H. W. Brown 5, Pamela R. Gough 6. Rung by past and present captains of Aldrington as a compliment to Valerie Mepham and Thomas Haxton, Burntisland, Fife, on their recent engagement.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On June 26th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Newton 1, Angela Williams 2, Catherine M. Powell 3, Janette Kipling 4, F. Rowsell 5, D. P. Snoswell 6, A. W. Bond 7, M. J. Bew (cond.) 8. First of Major "inside" 2 and 4.

BRIGHTWELL-cum-SOTWELL, BERKS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Heyworth 1, A. Cope 2, C. Corderoy 3, J. Berry 4, M. Bishop 5, R. Heyworth (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank C. Castell, sexton and tower captain of this tower, who was buried the same afternoon.

BURFORD, OXON.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, T. W. Timms 2, J. Benfield 3, P. R. Coveney (first of Triples) 4, J. J. Westmacott 5, W. J. Dixon 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, C. Tompkins 8.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Knight 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 3, L. Sweatman 4, B. Johnson 5, E. Clifton 6. First in method 1, 4 and 5.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: W. King 1, Penelope Raine 2, A. J. Ede 3, P. Raine 4, E. Brazier (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6. For Confirmation service. Also on June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Wickens 1, W. King 2, Carol Wickens 3, A. J. Ede 4, E. Brazier (cond.) 5, B. Ede 6.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Privett 1, Miss J. Collins 2, Miss P. Hill (first "inside") 3, J. W. Priest 4, Miss A. Pickering 5, C. K. Hill 6, Roy Collins (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8. For Parish Communion. Also on June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Blows 1, G. Coldman 2, Miss J. Collins 3, Miss P. Hill 4, Miss A. Pickering 5, A. Harman 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, P. J. Privett 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman, on their golden wedding (June 24th).

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Paul Barrett (first of Minor) 1, Pamela Osborne 2, R. Fisher 3, B. Osborne 4, C. Hillier 5, D. Bailey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—On June 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. V. Bottomley (cond.) 1, D. Archer 2, Ruth Richardson 3, H. Marsden 4, V. Bottomley 5, J. Wightman 6, G. Richardson 7, D. Carruthers 8. First quarter 3 and 8.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss I. J. Cordier 1, N. Tuffin (first "inside") 2, Miss M. Lush (first as cond.) 3, Miss B. J. Dyke 4, R. H. Duke 5, I. R. Meiklejohn (first on tenor) 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sally Reed (first quarter) 1, H. Reed 2, S. Reed (first in method) 3, Beryl Simpson 4, C. H. Kippin 5, G. S. G. Joyce 6, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 7, Jessie M. Kippin 8.

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.—On June 5th, 1,272 Minor (Kent T.B. and Kent and Oxford combined): F. Hodgson 1, J. Roach 2, E. Jackson (cond.) 3, T. Cox 4, E. Pannell 5, T. Cooke 6. For the annual service of the Dunelm Lodge of Freemasons.

QUARTER PEALS

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Lilley (first quarter) 1, D. Cobb (cond.) 2, D. Heath 3, D. Ellisdon 4, A. Crowson 5, K. Warner 6, C. Wright 7, D. Knewstub 8.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods/variations): R. Hillman (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, E. J. Ovens (first as cond.) 3, M. R. Brain 4, K. G. Weeks 5, B. K. Lewis 6.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Cox 1—2, S. F. Royal 3—4, P. C. Randall (cond.) 5—6. First handbell quarter by all the band.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Shirley E. Jones 1, E. Anthea M. Sparshott (first of Minor "inside") 2, A. J. Cox 3, S. F. Royal 4, P. S. Reading (first as cond.) 5, C. J. Royal 6.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Taylor 1, M. J. Wilson 2, I. N. Goldthorpe 3, K. Kirk 4, G. K. Smith 5, A. B. Cooper (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LEAMINGTON HASTINGS, WARWICKS.—On April 8th, 1,440 Doubles (12 methods/variations): A. J. Cox 1, P. C. Randall 2, S. F. Royal (cond.) 3, C. J. Royal 4, G. W. Randall 5. Rung half-muffled on Good Friday.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Spence 1, Mrs. E. Taylor 2, A. Newman 3, T. Stevens 4, A. Pendlebury 5, E. Taylor 6, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 7, H. Harrison 8. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on June 19th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bower 1, R. Dennis 2, D. Elderkin 3, D. J. Stoter 4, D. L. Cawley 5, J. Pladdys (cond.) 6. Rung by U.L.S.C.R. for Matins. First quarter rung from the new ringing chamber.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Claire Skellern 1, Penny Raine 2, Judy Weekes 3, R. V. Clarke (cond.) 4, P. Raine 5, H. Burton 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Judith Brooks 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. Birch 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong. Also on June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. R. Wratten 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, D. B. Cox 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. P. Brotherston 6. For Mothers' Union Festival. Also on June 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Butcher 1, Elizabeth Sargeant (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Anderson 1, P. Langton 2, R. Lee 3, W. Moore 4, T. A. Bevis 5, D. Feek (first as cond.) 6. For Morning Prayer. Also birthday compliment to J. Moore (82), and Mrs. M. Hayes and Mrs. R. Durrant (22), twin daughters of the ringer of 4.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob: Mrs. R. Short 1, C. Kortwright 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, J. Mitchell 4, H. Hardwidge 5, L. Childs 6.

PIDDLETRENTHIDE, DORSET.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Cooper 1, T. F. Collins 2, Maxine Lush 3, R. J. Vardy 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, on June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Draper 1, Gillian M. Boyd 2, Renee Sturgess 3, F. E. Fagg 4, R. K. Hawkins 5, G. Love 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, A. E. Hoodless 8. For the bicentenary service of thanksgiving for the life and work of John Pounds and rededication of John Pounds School.

POUNDSTOCK, CORNWALL.—On June 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. Chapman (cond.) 1, M. J. Crowell 2, Margaret Chapman 3, C. F. Mutton 4, R. A. Large 5, H. Stacey 6. First in three methods 2, 4 and 5.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Howes (first quarter) 1, P. Norman 2, G. Colbourne 3, M. G. Ingram 4, R. E. Stillwell (first quarter as cond.) 5, V. Cherrill 6. A farewell compliment to Ruth Howes, who is leaving Reading upon gaining her degree.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On June 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Knipe 1, Christine Snelling 2, K. G. Game (cond.) 3, C. M. Foster 4, A. P. Cannon 5, I. Wickens (first of Caters) 6, A. T. Shelton 7, W. Inwood 8, A. Streeter 9, Joan Hanning 10. For Evensong, and for the birth of a son to Alan and Freda Streeter.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Dunstan 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, A. J. Davidson 3, A. Locke 4, G. F. Dunstan (cond.) 5, A. Beattie 6.

SALFORD, LANCS.—At Sacred Trinity, on March 6th, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: R. L. Coley 1, C. R. Calton 2, Margaret Whitehead 3, A. S. Taylor 4, D. J. Jukes 5, J. W. Gander 6, E. A. Harrison 7, D. J. Baker (cond.) 8. Also on May 8th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: S. Taylor 1, D. J. Baker 2, D. J. Jukes 3, Margaret Whitehead 4, A. S. Taylor 5, P. Coddington 6, J. W. Gander 7, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 8. Also on May 29th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: D. J. Baker 1, Margaret Whitehead 2, D. J. Jukes 3, A. S. Taylor 4, J. W. Gander 5, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 6.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON, S.E.—On March 23rd, at the Cathedral, 1,480 Treble Bob Royal (Cambridge S. and Oxford T.B.): Deborah M. Hopkins 1, Alison M. Mann 2, Diana M. Frost 3, P. A. Brand 4, T. G. Pett 5, M. R. Ashmore 6, M. J. Uphill 7, A. S. Bishop 8, C. H. Rogers 9, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 10. A compliment to the ringers of 1 and 8, on their recent engagement.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On June 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. A. Adams 1, Marjorie Yarnold (first "inside") 2, M. P. Phipps 3, H. Paddison 4, J. Ford 5, T. Wylie 6, J. D. Arkwell (first of Major) 7, E. Mould (cond.) 8. Rung for a special service attended by 16 former curates to mark the 100th anniversary of the restoration of the church.

STEEP, HANTS.—On May 25th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda Wilson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Hall 2, R. A. Routh 3, A. P. Reeves 4, D. W. Struckett (cond.) 5, Miss C. C. Roberts 6. A birthday greeting to Julie-Ann Elsey, born on May 9th, 1966.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Sangwin 1, M. J. Crowell 2, C. F. Mutton 3, Margaret A. Ladd 4, R. A. Large 5, C. Sangwin 6, H. Stacey 7, T. Chapman (cond.) 8. Rung for Fathers' Day, and 6th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chapman.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob), 7 covering: Celia Chandler 1, Lavina Mumford 2, Katharine Burchnall 3, Susan Moxon 4, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 5, Eleanor Rose 6, A. Wilson 7.

SYDLING, DORSET.—At St. Nicholas', on June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. G. Grandfield 1, J. Cooper 2, Maxine Lush 3, T. F. Collins 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gay Meyrick (first quarter) 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, A. Carveth (cond.) 3, D. A. Trethewey 4, A. J. Davidson 5, G. F. Dunstan 6.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Banwell 1, B. G. Williams 2, H. R. Toogood 3, S. Lewis 4, G. Prescott 5, P. J. Hall (cond.) 6. Rung for St. George's Day, and the wedding of D. C. Osborns and Miss J. Pitt.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.—On June 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Stacey 1, M. J. Crowell 2, Margaret A. Ladd 3, C. F. Mutton 4, R. A. Large 5, T. Chapman (cond.) 6. First of Minor 2 and 4. Birthday compliment to Margaret Chapman.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Lawrence 1, Susan Price (first quarter) 2, B. Spiers 3, E. D. Wilson 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, J. Lawrence 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. L. Robinson.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Martin 1, Jennifer Coombs 2, A. Dando 3, J. Ferris 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, J. Powell 6. For the baptism of Martin John Powell, son of the tenor ringer.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): F. Clarke 1, Miss Vivien Cross 2, E. Leggett 3, B. Lord 4, D. Culham (cond.) 5, H. Warren 6. Rung half muffled in memoriam D. H. Boggis Rolfe.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): C. Gumbrell 1, C. Slyfield 2, K. Underwood 3, R. Tickner 4, J. Avenell 5, J. Collier (cond.) 6. R. Jordan cover. An 80th birthday compliment to Dr. G. Cranstoun.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Burton 1, M. Jennings 2, Judy Weekes 3, P. Raine 4, R. V. Clarke (cond.) 5, G. Jennings 6.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Anne Kingcott (first in the method) 1, G. Prescott 2, Hilda M. Kingcott 3, P. J. England 4, M. M. Collins 5, A. E. Cox 6, W. H. Kingcott 7, E. T. Lee 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kingcott.

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BIRTH

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PERSONAL

"They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in the waters; these see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep."—Psalm cvii, 23 and 24.

PUBLICATIONS

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MISCELLANEOUS

BRIGHTON.—Saturday, July 9th. Visiting band, with permission to ring at St. Nicholas' (10) from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., would welcome assistance. 9451

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—**Annual Cricket Match** at Tanfield on Saturday, July 16th. President's XI v. Western District XI. Meet at Tanfield Lea Post Office from 2 p.m. to start game at 2.30 prompt. Tea at Tanfield Vicarage about 4.30 or 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m., followed by ringing. If raining, meet at Tanfield Church. Names for tea in good time, please, to Rev. A. J. G. Ellery, Church House, Tanfield Village, Tantobie, Newcastle upon Tyne. 9443

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—Ringers' Sunday on July 10th at Gaywood Parish Church. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing for Evensong and ringers' service at 6.30 p.m. Preacher the Rev. Canon A. G. G. Thurlow. All ringers and wives welcome. Numbers for tea, as soon as possible, to Mr. C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 9398

WANTED.—Recording of High Wycombe twelve. The local ringers have forgotten what they sound like. 9447

THE PARISH CHURCH, DISS, NORFOLK

United Flower Festival, July 8th–11th.

Ringing:

Saturday, 9th,	7.00 p.m.– 9.00 p.m.
Sunday, 10th,	10.00 a.m.–11.00 a.m.
	5.30 p.m.– 6.30 p.m.

Refreshments available.. All welcome. 9464

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Flower Festival July 8th—11th.

Ringing:

Saturday, 9th	2.30–4 p.m.
Sunday, 10th	9.00–9.45 a.m.
	2.15–3.00 p.m.
	5.45–6.30 p.m.
Mon., 11th	7.15–8.00 p.m.

All welcome 9395

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Annual Tour, in Warwickshire, September 15th–20th. Those interested please write **now** for details to David Keast, 1, Glentworth Terrace, Lostwithiel, Cornwall. Freshers especially welcome.—P. A. Freeman. 9466

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Radstock (6), Saturday, July 9th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. F. Carter, 39, New Bath Road, Radstock.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting at Killamarsh on July 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea **essential** to Mr. A. Parr, 2, Quarry Road, Killamarsh, Sheffield. Special methods: Double Oxford and London S. Minor.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Slaugham on Saturday, July 9th Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Evening ringing at Turner's Hill 6.45–8.30 p.m.—B. E. J. 9394

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Stapleford and Little Shelford, Saturday, July 9th. Stapleford (6) 3, followed by service at 4.30. Tea 5, Little Shelford Church Hall Bells (6) after meeting —B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 9430

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Ely District. — Evening meeting, Saturday, July 9th. Burwell (8). Bells from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m Special methods: Stedman and Double Norwich. 9433

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting Chertsey (not Old Woking). Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea following. Names to Rev G. S. Archibald, The Vicarage,, Chertsey. 9394

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Redbourne, July 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourne. 9410

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Aston, Saturday, July 9th. Bells: Aston (6) now 5–6.30; Walkern (6) 6.45–8.30 p.m.—P. M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 9434

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Lenham, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m Names for tea, please, to Miss D. Groves, 50, Heather Drive, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 9369

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Langdale meeting on July 9th cancelled. Please note meeting now at Broughton-in-Furness on July 9th. Names for tea to Mr. T. F. Metcalfe, 49, Station Road, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands, Lancs.—T. F. Metcalfe. 9449

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting and Branch ringing competition at Chipping, Saturday, July 9th. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided. Bus No. 10 from Preston Coach Station 1.40 p.m.—L. Walmsley. 9454

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Lutton, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. R G. Butler, Victoria House, Lutton, Spalding, Lincs.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Sec. 9402

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Meeting, Saturday, July 9th, Christ the Saviour's, Ealing Broadway, W.5, 3.30–5 p.m; St. Mary's, South Ealing Road, W.5, 6.30–8 p.m. Own tea. No business.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon Sec. 9418

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Banbury Branch.—A.G.M. Banbury (10), Saturday July 9th Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 Names for tea to C. F. Herbert, 2, Beesley Road, Banbury. 9389

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Shabbington, Saturday, July 9th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxon. 9409

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Quarterly meeting.

DEDICATION OF THE GEORGE CROSS MEMORIAL

on

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in

St. Martin-in-the-Fields

Ringing:

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St George-in-the-East (8) 6.45–8 p.m.

Tea at 5.15 p.m. at St. Martin's, followed by business meeting.

Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London. S.W.15. 9336

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District).—Joint meeting July 9th. Great Wakering (6), 2.30 to 3.15 p.m. Prittlewell (10), 3 p.m. Service Prittlewell 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Further ringing after tea Names for tea to Mrs. B. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Bingham District. —Meeting, Gedling July 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. Dawson, 33, Cambridge Street, Carlton, Notts. 9337

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD — Newark District.—Meeting, at Staunton (5), Saturday, July 9th Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Staunton Hall. Names essential to Mrs. B. N. Reed 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton, Newark. 9400

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Western Division.—Striking competition to be held at Thakeham (6) on Saturday, July 9th, starting at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock Service at 6 p.m General ringing after the contest Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 9417

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District. —Quarterly meeting, East Tytherley, July 9th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing till 9. Mottisfont bells (5) 2.45–4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. T. H. Francis, 41, Bassett Green Close, Southampton. 9314

LADIES GUILD. — Western District. — Practice meeting, Colerne (8), Wednesday, July 13th. Bells available 7.30–9 p.m.—M. de Jong. 9437

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Evening meeting at All Souls', Bolton, on Wednesday, July 13th, 7–8.30 p.m. Methods: Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge Minor.—M. E. Fort. 9453

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Harefield, July 15th Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome. 9363

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Butleigh (6), Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting.. Names for tea by previous Tuesday.—P. Hull, Dinder, Wells. 9446

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Farndon, Saturday, July 16th. Eve of Rushbearing Festival—Decorated Churchyard. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Numbers for tea, please, to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester, by Thursday, July 14th. 9459

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Hartford (6), Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. W. Worrall, 33, Riddings Lane, Hartford, Northwich, by Thursday previous. 9442

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea **important** by July 13th. Committee meeting at Five Burges, Coventry, on July 8th at 8 p.m.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold. Ashorne, Warwick. 9427

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Brampton (6), Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9467

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Tibshelf, July 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.–7.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify Mr. T. H. Radford, 35, High Street, Tibshelf, Derbys by Thursday previous. Morton bells available 6 p.m to 9 p.m. 9458

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting to be held at Quedgeley on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (8) (7th unringable, cracked) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Clarkson, 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Glos. by Friday, July 15th. All welcome. 9462

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.—Stroud Branch.—Practice, Cranham, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please. — E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud. 9441

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—South Mimms, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening. North Mymms. S.M.: Hertford Surprise. Names for tea, please, to Miss T. West, 58, Brookside, South Mimms, Potters Bar.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9439

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Albury, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Evening ringing at Brent Pelham. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Clapgate, Albury. Much Hadham.—D. Kingston. 9460

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Etwall on Saturday, July 23rd. Learners 3 p.m General ringing 4.30 p.m. and after tea. Tea at 5 p.m Names to Clive A. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon. 9440

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Great Holland on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. S. Leach, 3, Holland Villas, Great Holland, Frinton-on-Sea. 9445

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Aldington, Saturday, July 23rd Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Canon J. Frank, The Rectory, Aldington, Ashford, by Thursday, July 21st.—A. P. S. B. 9387

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch. — Meeting at Pulham St. Mary on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich. NOR 01X, by Wednesday, July 20th. 9435

QUARTER PEALS

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On June 19th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minor (all singles): A. C. Banton (cond.) 1. T. W. Brighton 2. Susan Mitchell (first of Minor "inside") 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, Mary 1. Hildred 6. Ringers of 1 and 6 have now "completed the circle" to quarters; the conductor has also conducted a quarter from each bell. For Evensong

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. A. Harfield 1, Miss P. R. Gough 2, B. J. Harfield 3, J. R. Norris (50th quarter on the bells) 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6, A. M. Humphrey 7, S. J. Osborne 8. Also on May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. M. Humphrey 1, Mrs. S. A Harfield (first "inside") 2, H. W. Brown 3, B. J. Harfield 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, S J. Osborne 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a son, Jonathan Paul to Anthony and Angela Humphrey.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on June 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Susan Davis 1, Mrs. W. Oatway 2, C. A. Hughes 3, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 4, Jennifer K. Murphy (first of Caters) 5, A. M. Stacey 6, R. Mitchell (first of Caters 'inside") 7, W. Oatway 8, J. Porter 9, A. H. Fulwell 10. Also on June 19th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Deborah Hopkins 1, Julie Armstrong (first of Caters) 2, Mrs E. Bagworth 3, B Bull 4, A. E. Bagworth 5, A. S. Bishop 6, M. Parry 7, N. S. Bagworth 8, M. J. Uphill (first in method as cond.) 9, R. E. J. Dennis 10.

NEWINGTON-next-HYTHE, KENT. — On June 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: L. Sweatman 1, Rachel I. Sinden 2, H Deacon 3, A. Berry 4, E. Clifton (first of Minor "inside") 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On June 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: John Arbury 1, K. T. Clarke 2, Mrs Y. L. Woodley (first of Stedman Triples) 3, E. J. W. Manley 4, C. C. Deem 5, R. C. Woodley 6, C. C. Turner (cond.) 7, James Arbury (first of Stedman Triples) 8. Rung to welcome John Arbury (77) back to the tower after a serious operation, also for Pixie Day celebrations.

PROBUS, CORNWALL.—On June 18th, 1,344 Plain Bob Maior: Barbara J. Duck 1, D. A. Trethewey 2, G F. Dunstan 3, W. C Boucher (first of Major) 4, A. Locke 5, A. Carveth 6, Rev. A. S. Roberts 7, A. J. Davidson (arr. and cond.) 8. Rung on the jubilee of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. W H. R Trewhella.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor Sandra Jacklin 1, Stella Browne (first of Minor) 2, C Geary 3, G. Browne 4, A. Humphrey (cond.) 5, J. Harvey 6. First quarter 1 and 4.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On June 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Maior: G. Kenward 1, Jane Foster 2, Joan A. Hayward 3, N. Bearne 4, G. A. Naylor 5, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, R. Finch 8. First of Surprise Maior 3 and 4. A 76th birthday compliment to Mr. S. B. Dobbie.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Claire Skellern 1, Penny Raine 2, Judy Weekes 3, H. Burton 4, R. V. Clarke (cond.) 5, P. Raine 6.

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

BELL-ringing for the past year and a half has been enslaving me. I would do anything to ring, get up at six, do the dishes, thumb rides, not a normal attitude for me. I have tried to find a reason for this passion, but it just escapes me.

It's got something to do, I know, with antiquity. I have always been in love with the past, the clear, clean-cut time (it seems to me) when the world was simpler, and this one activity seems to have kept a little of the old simplicity, like a breath of wind from the time that the world was young and men were daring. The sheer audacity of making such a vast amount of noise, with no excuse but the pure joy of it and the fact that we are making such a joyful noise unto the Lord, is a bold and uncharacteristic gesture in the world of today.

With antiquity goes tradition. The very young delight in repeating a formula which old, slightly stooped men, in towers a quarter the size of ours, have said for three hundred years: "Look to, treble's going, treble's gone!" We know she'll say that; we have said it ourselves, and taken on for a moment an automatic leadership. And we all know the old sayings: "Everyone in a belfry is a friend," and, less moral, but equally cheerful, "Drunk as a bell-ringer." It's all part and parcel of ringing through the ages, and we are on the crest of the wave. Yes, it is we, the students of National Cathedral School, and the boys and men and women who have heard the tower calling, who have brought the sound of bells from across the wide Atlantic. Of course, there were bells before, but not "proper" bells, not "change-ringing" bells.

For ringing as we practise it is an art, a pattern of sound. The bells hunt up, course down, bob with each other, weave in and out, up and down in the dance. In this pattern lies the challenge to have at our command perhaps a ton of solid metal, to bring it in or hold it back at touch, to silence it or to make it speak at will. And in the pattern lies the sense of kinship as we bind ourselves to one another in the careful steps, building up row on row the waves of sound which shake the stones beneath our feet. There, too, comes the sense of victory, when we hear the words, "That's all," and we stand still a moment and our legs tremble with joy, relief, and just plain weariness, and we sit down very hard on the floor and cry. The joy of being weary for such a cause! The privilege of callouses won so assiduously!

Tied up with my passion is the longing to go back to England where it all began; where once I walked unheeding in the streets of Oxford while passing by Magdalen Tower; where the great bells of St. Paul's hang high above dingy streets; where you only need go to a church door and say, "I'm a bell-ringer," and you're with friends.

If it is not to go to England, how shall I leave the Cathedral; how can I look up at the Tower which is my home and know that I am going where no purple sallies rise and fall in rhythm, where no windows look out, out, out across the world? When I come back, there will be new faces in the Tower, younger arms at the ropes, and we who started it all will be forgotten. Or perhaps we will be welcomed some day, and stand to again, with the familiar lump in our throats, wondering at our own deeds as the bells cry out. It doesn't matter, really.

As long as ringing goes on, as long as the bells are not forever muffled, and the very reason for their sound is not forgotten, there is a hope in the world. The bells must ring on and on, ring out statesmen, ring in bishops, weep for Passiontide, and shout for Christmas...

Still I have not captured it. But listen to the bells, and they will tell it themselves.

Ann Gardner, '66

[From "Half in Earnest" magazine of the National Cathedral School, Washington, D.C.

PROSPECT OF DIVISION CONFRONTS OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

THE MASTER'S QUESTIONS IN OUTSPOKEN SERMON

CANON C. ELLIOT WIGG, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, questioned in the course of his sermon at the Guild Festival, held in Christ Church Cathedral on July 2nd, whether the Guild was too unwieldy and too complex in its organisation. If the Diocese of Oxford is divided, and many suggestions have been supporting that view, should not the Guild with its 16 Districts also be divided? To relieve senior officers of District visiting it is suggested that Assistant Masters or stewards be appointed—probably one for each of the three counties—Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire. The Guild is one of the richest, with funds exceeding £2,000, and a membership above the 2,000 mark.

The festival service was most impressive and there was a long procession of robed choristers—boys and girls, women and men—that filed behind the Guild's banner and the cross carried by the Deputy Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe). The Feast of the Visitation was observed in the lesson read by Mr. Sharpe and the text selected by Canon Wigg for his sermon: "My soul doth magnify the Lord," in which he spoke of Mary's complete dependence upon God.

TECHNICAL ADVANCE

Turning to modern problems, Canon Wigg said in the last few years they had noticed an enormous increased efficiency in the technical side of their art. Who would have thought it even 20 years ago that one band of men and women should ring a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 70 methods?

There was an enormous increased efficiency in every walk of life, but they must not lose sight of the first object of ringing—to the glory and service of God. They rejoiced in ringing advanced methods. Today more people showed that they could ring advanced methods even in the first year of their ringing. But they must not forget that bells were put in God's houses and they had for their prime purpose ringing to God's glory and ringing for Sunday service.

Secondly, they had an enormous organisation. Think what it was like in the time of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the first Master. Then it was possible for the Master to visit all the towers each year: there was nothing of the wonderful organisation in the Guild like it was today. Today there was also the fellowship—the fellowship of like-minded people who were organised for the joy of serving God together.

GOOD THING

"We note that some day this great diocese will be broken up. When it takes place it might be a good thing for the Guild, because the Guild can get unwieldy and too complex in its organisation. If this is the case it would be a good thing to cut it down. At the present time there is division in the district and we get people of one district taking a different view from another district and we have something which is not satisfactory. There is just a possibility if you get too unwieldy of these things happening. When this division comes those who think wisely might not think it to be a bad thing; it might be to the advantage of the Guild as a whole."

His third thought was the secularisation of life. This secularisation, he said, went through all sections of life. Even public holiday are dissociated from Church festivals. They were to have a Whitsun holiday with no part of the religious festival—a kind of early summer festival.

Finally, the Canon asked the Guild never to hold a practice or a Sunday service without the foreman saying a short prayer dedicating that service to God. Little things like that could help them to keep away from the secularisation of their art. He agreed with the writer who said: "There is nothing secular in life except sin."

THE MEETING

The annual meeting was held in the Chapter House, the Master (Canon C. Elliot Wigg) being supported by the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe), the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) and the hon. general secretary (Miss M. R. Cross) Proceedings opened with the Collect, followed by the presentation to the Guild library of a copy of "Change Ringing" from the author (Mr. W. G. Wilson), who was present to hear the Master's thanks.

The apologies included one from the hon. librarian (the Rev. E. B. Wood), who was expecting that day to be the father of twins.

Before the officers' reports were presented the hon. editor (Mr. Philip Walker) expressed regret that the reports were not on hand. He had been let down by certain Branch secretaries, who were late in sending in their copy; it was also partly due to the printers. Unless there was better co-operation from the Branches he could not continue as editor.

COMPLEXITIES

The Master, in his report, said the 33 years during which he had held office in the Guild had been marked by a gradual increase in the complexities of life and the consequent stresses to which they were subjected. The organisation of the Guild itself had increased considerably in its scope and complexity, with the addition of such annual fixtures as ringing courses, secretaries' meetings, striking competitions, Branch dinners and a general meeting in the autumn. He had come to the conclusion that the time had come to lighten the load of the senior officers. They suggested that the Deputy Master be relieved of some of his routine duties and assistant officers be appointed for visiting Branches on a regional basis. The title of steward was suggested for these additional officers.

With a thrill of pride and pleasure they read in "The Ringing World" that the first peal of Major on tower bells in America had been rung by members of Oxford Diocesan Guild at Groton School. They liked to refer affectionately to Groton School as their overseas branch.

TOWER INSPECTIONS

The Deputy Master, who had visited seven Branches and attended nine meetings during the year, reported that his chief work had been the inspection of towers and bells, submitting reports on their condition and making recommendations for their restoration. Thirty-six requests for inspections and reports were received from churches in the Oxford Diocese. Thirteen were from Berkshire, 11 from Buckinghamshire and 12 from Oxfordshire. One parish sought advice on augmentation and five on the recasting of one or more bells. Twenty churches asked for advice on re-hanging, or were advised to completely rehang their bells: in nine of these the existing frames could be reused. Twenty-nine towers asked for advice on maintenance and normal routine repairs and it was a matter of great satisfaction to know that many more parishes were taking a greater interest in belfry maintenance.

Sixteen towers asked for advice on sound control. In one tower where he distinctly specified in writing that 144 square feet of sound exit was desirable, he found that only 36 square feet had been provided, and the parishioners were complaining that the bells were subdued too much.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

Nineteen-sixty-five was a year of steady progress in most Branches, reported the hon. general secretary. Membership was 1,740 (last year 1,463) ringing; 29 (29) life; 63 (54) honorary. Total 1,831 (1,540). Fifty non-resident life members were also elected and two resident members transferred on leaving the diocese. She felt that a number of other people should be on the list, particularly students and other young people leaving home.

The report set out fully the activities of the Guild.

FINANCES SOUND

The hon. general treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) reported that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £2,056, of which £1,766 was in the Restoration Fund. During the year £41 19s. was contributed by 51 Parochial Church Councils. Grants were paid to Ludgershall, Stowe and Sutton Courtenay. £25 had been transferred to the Reserve Fund, which now totalled 105.

The hon. librarian's report mentioned that requests were often made for information about peals rung in a particular tower. Canon Felstead (St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton) had this information at his fingertips and had kindly said that it was no trouble to him to answer such questions.

The reports and accounts were adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There was a surprise over the election of officers. The Master, the Deputy Master and the hon. general secretary were re-elected and thanked for their work. For the hon. treasurership the first nomination was Mr. F. Lewis, of Reading. Mr. A. D. Barker, the retiring hon. treasurer, was then nominated. On a show of hands he secured re-election by a big majority. "I'll do the best I can," he assured the meeting in returning thanks.

The Rev. Eric Woods was re-elected hon. librarian, Mr. P. Walker editor of the Report, and Ernest Francis and Son auditors. There was a vacancy on the General Committee as Mr. E. Parsons did not seek re-election. Those elected were: Mrs. Barker, Miss D. Fletcher, Messrs. A. Diserens, F. Lewis, P. Walker and F. A. White.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

An application for a grant for Longcot was referred back for further information. The committee's recommendation for £50 to Stanford-in-the-Vale was agreed to. The committee had recommended an additional grant of £25 to Easthampstead (they had previously been voted £50), but Mr. A. D. Barker said he was opposed to it as it was not a wholehearted recommendation, the committee voting being 16 for and 14 against.

Mr. W. H. Coles said he attended the dedication and the Guild had, in that corner of the diocese, an extremely valuable asset as their type of bell was ideal for teaching youngsters. He was extremely impressed at the amount of work the ringers there had done: they must have saved more than £100, and the ladies there did dirty labouring work. He moved that the Guild give Easthampstead another £50. This amendment was seconded by Mr. Ward.

Mr. Diserens felt he could not support an additional £50 but strongly supported the additional £25.

Mrs. Rance pointed out that the ringers themselves had provided £200 for the two new trebles.

OXFORD FESTIVAL—continued.

Mr. F. Price, in reply to a question, said the total cost was £1,100 and they had undertaken to provide the money in 18 months. They would work harder themselves to raise the £25 rather than upset the treasurer.

After further discussion the committee's recommendation of an additional £25 was carried.

The meeting also reaffirmed the recommendation made in 1964 of a grant of £50 to Coleshill.

The hon. general secretary asked for the confirmation of the election of 200 new members during 1965. In answer to Mrs. Rance, the Master said this figure was additional to the strength of 1,831 given in the general secretary's report and would give a membership of roughly 2,000.

The autumn general meeting arranged for Wantage on October 1st was agreed to.

SEPTEMBER FESTIVAL

Miss Cross said the Dean and the steward had asked if the festival could be held in September. A business meeting in March would then be appropriate. The meeting left the arrangements in the hands of Miss Cross as it was necessary to give a reply by Monday to the steward.

The committee's recommendation that the annual subscription remain at 3s. 6d. was opposed by Mrs. Rance. She said the treasurer told them they had no money to spend She would like to see the subscription raised by one shilling.

Mr. W. Butler appealed to the meeting to have confidence in the General Committee, who had considered the matter very carefully The meeting endorsed the recommendation.

Outstanding business was referred to the autumn meeting.

THE LUNCHEON

The luncheon followed in the hall of Christ Church, with the Master in the chair supported by the Archdeacon of Oxford (the Ven C. Witton Davies).

Mr. F. Sharpe, who has been a churchwarden for 34 years, seven when there was no incumbent, proposed the toast of "The Church." He thought that one of the causes for young people drifting away from the Church was the shortage of clergy. They should endeavour to get more lay help to see them through this sticky patch. Mr. H. L. Roper replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. L. Oglesby, who mentioned Miss Jennifer Murphy, of Melbourne, and Mr. Ron Russ, formerly of Adelaide and now living at Uxbridge.

The Editor, in reply, said there had been a request from the English College in Rome, to whom the Central Council had given three bound text books on ringing, for a copy of Morris's "History and Art of Ringing." The Council, through its secretary, asked if, for the advancement of Church Unity, anyone was prepared to help meet this request.

The Master said they had three copies in the Guild library. He asked the members present if they agreed to one copy going on permanent loan to the English Theological College at Rome. This was agreed to.

The vote of thanks to all who had helped in the festival was proposed by the Deputy Master, who mentioned the Dean and Cathedral authorities, the governing body of Christ Church for the use of the hall and amplifying apparatus, the organist (Mr. A. G. Kemsley) and the choir from Winslow and other choristers.

Ringing followed in many towers.

GOLDEN WEDDING OF MR. AND MRS. A. HARMAN



On June 24th, 1916, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, Kent, Mr. Albert Harman married Miss Mildred Bush, and, fifty years later, on June 25th, 1966, Mr. and Mrs. Harman received the congratulations of their family and a host of friends, particularly those connected with bellringing. Their two daughters, Mrs. Stacey and Mrs. Coldman, gave a golden wedding party at the home of the latter, at Cedar Close, Bagshot, to which their parents had travelled during the previous week from their own home at The Mount, Godshill, Isle of Wight.

Mr. Harman, a very active 77, and a retired master builder had been Ringing Master of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and later, for 16 years, Master of the Guild, having followed the first Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse) when the latter moved to Somerset

Mrs. Harman and her daughters and sons-in-law took a great interest in the activities of the Guildford Guild when resident in Leatherhead, particularly in its annual dinner, and many remember the beautiful table decorations, mainly of chrysanthemums, which Mr. Harman delighted in growing. At the party at Bagshot the profusion of flowers, gifts and congratulatory cards, together with the good wishes of the guests, gave ample proof of the popularity, affection and esteem in which the Harman family is held.

The bells at Chobham, where Mr. and Mrs. Coldman and their daughter, Meriel, ring regularly, were rung on the previous Sunday to a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples and Mr. Harman took part. Bagshot bells were rung on the morning of the 25th, and a peal in honour of the occasion was rung at Aldershot the same day. A quarter peal at Capel unfortunately failed because of the illness of one of the ringers.

The toast to the couple was proposed by Mr. Charles Denyer (Farnham), an old friend of the family and who succeeded Mr. Harman as Master of the Guildford Guild, and a toast was also drunk to Mrs. Alice Bush, Mrs Harman's sister, who was a bridesmaid at the wedding. A two-tier golden wedding cake, decorated with golden bells, was cut, and Meriel Coldman who is 15, was in evidence attending to the welfare of her grandparents.

On their return to their own home another party was to be held to which all their ringing friends on the Isle of Wight were invited, and no doubt this was also a typical evening—well organised and pleasantly informal.

May Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harman both continue to enjoy good health and have many years together to receive the love of their family and friends. C. D.

THE TAYLOR SHIELD

THE Taylor Shield is a wooden shield on which is mounted a bell metal plate showing the mark of the Watts family. This was presented to the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild by Paul L. Taylor in 1964 to be used as a trophy for the annual striking competition.

Six teams met at St. Andrew's Church, Rippingale, on June 25th, to take part in the third competition, in which each team had to ring 240 changes of any Minor or Doubles method of their own choice and were allowed 20 minutes in the belfry.

Before the competition a service was held, conducted by the Rev. J. R. Worsdall, after which the judges (J. L. Millhouse and G. Paul) were installed in the sitting room of the local across the road and Team 1 ascended to the belfry

Everything went quite smoothly until Team 4 struck off in rounds, six bells for four pulls and then only five, the treble had stopped. Cries of "broken rope" were heard from the belfry. Had someone been at work with a knife? Cold sweat broke out on the brows of Team No. 3, who thought of what might have happened during their 240 had it snapped. The rope was spliced, adjusted for length, and the remaining three teams rang their 240's without any further mechanical failure. During the ringing a black dog sat in the churchyard, head thrown back, and howled. Was it his opinion of the striking or was he joining in the music?

After tea the judges presented their report. They considered that many teams spoilt themselves by ringing too slowly Results in the order that the teams rung were: St. Andrew's, Billingborough, "B" team (twelve changes) 80 faults; All Saints', Stamford (Cambridge Minor) 49; St. Wulfram's, Grantham (Plain Bob Minor) 33 (winners); SS. Peter and Paul's, Bourne (Cambridge Minor) 59; St. Andrew's, Billingborough "A" team (Plain Bob Minor) rung out: St. Andrew's, Folkingham (Grandsire Doubles) 83.

Members of the winning team, St. Wulfram's, Grantham, were: T. A. Relf 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, J. A. Colborne 3, H. L. Squires 4, V. P. Evans 5, G. J. N. Colborne (conductor) 6. They were presented with the shield and a framed certificate by the Rector of Rippingale. Further ringing followed.

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Letters to the Editor

WINCHESTER BOB CATERS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Dodds' inquiry (page 428) I would point out that the normal "Grandsire" bob is in fact a Grandsire Doubles bob and not really practicable for this type of method. This bob has only two calling positions (leads 2 and 7), which leave the back bells undisturbed, also a bell can only be in 5th or 6th place for a few courses each time. A double call (leads 3 and 6) which puts a big bell into the hunt for three leads can be used, but this also affects the 5th and 6th place bells.

The "Double Norwich Cater" type of bob permits of full courses with the back bells undisturbed and a bell fixed in 5ths as required.

These points also apply to other "Caters" methods, including Oxford Bob.—Yours sincerely,

ALFRED J. HOUSE.

Hockley, Essex.

TENTERDEN PROTESTS

Dear Sir,—With regard to the protests about the peal at Tenterden, Kent, on a recent Saturday afternoon, I hasten to point out that St. Augustine's Hospital is some **20 miles** from Tenterden, so I very much doubt if the bells disturbed the patients!

The fact is, a few patients from St. Augustine's Hospital were being entertained in Tenterden that afternoon, but as they did not arrive until 3 p.m. and the peal ended at 3.35 p.m. I feel that the complaint is without foundation.

In passing, I may as well point out that the peal in question was by the Royal Cumberland Youths and that the ringing in the main was very good indeed—I heard most of the peal and could find no cause for complaint; there were one or two **minor** errors in the ringing, but when one remembers that these bells are rather "lumpy" and the day very hot, minor errors are almost bound to creep in but, as I have said before, the bulk of the ringing was of a high standard and I congratulate the band on their performance. —Yours sincerely,

WILFRED W. RING.

Bethersden.

RINGING BOOKS FOR ROME

The Bishop of Ripon, chief Anglican observer at the Vatican Council, has appealed for books covering the whole area of Anglican theology and activity, which will be housed in a library at the Anglican Centre to be established shortly in Rome. He has accepted with pleasure the gift from the Central Council of a set of the four publications which have been the subject of donations to the theological colleges.

He would be grateful to anyone who would donate a copy of Morris's "History and Art of Change Ringing" for this library. If there is anybody who is prepared to make this sacrifice in the cause of ecumenism, will he please write to me.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary,
The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Note.—When the appeal was announced by the Editor at the Oxford Guild Festival there was an immediate response from the Master, as the Guild library contains three copies.

"THANK YOU" TO THE NORTH-WEST

Dear Sir,—I would like to take this opportunity of expressing through your columns my sincere thanks to all my friends in Lancashire and Cheshire for making my stay in the North-West for the last six years such a pleasant and enjoyable one.

Their hospitality and friendship have been second to none and I doubt whether anyone could have been made to feel more sincerely "at home" anywhere in the country.

I trust that our friendship will last for many years to come and I hope to spend many more happy times in their company in the North-West and elsewhere in the future.

Again, thank you all.—Yours sincerely,

TUDOR P. EDWARDS.

Pentre, Rhondda, Glam.

SOMERSET PEAL LEVY

Dear Sir,—I am sorry that my criticism of Mr. Massey is being regarded by Mr. Heymann as unfair, unwarranted and a personal attack on him (Mr. Massey). It was not meant to be, I can assure you. I based my criticisms on the facts known to me. And although Mr. Heymann goes out of his way to explain what really happened, there are no grounds as far as I am concerned to warrant any retraction on my part.

I am sorry also that your correspondent had to use the word "democratic." What the chairman did with a proposition which was properly put can not only be described as extraordinary but very undemocratic. I do not think that Mr. Heymann's question: "Now I wonder why we are having so much difficulty over this?" is relevant, in view of all that has happened, but rather "Where do we go from here?"

In my view the answer is simple, but twofold:

(1) Not to ring any peals at all, or

(2) Ring peals non-Association.

I would choose the latter and in doing so would voluntarily contribute, and hope my fellow members would do the same, by equal amounts to "The Ringing World" and to the church where the bells were used. I would do this also whether the peal was **successful or not.**—Yours truly,

R. BEALE.

Taunton.

QUARTER PEAL AT PUDDLETOWN

Dear Sir,—I would be interested to know whether the quarter peal rung recently at Puddletown, Dorset, is the first to be rung on the bells. The quarter peal, which was one of 1,440 Doubles, was completed on these fine old mellow bells in 57 minutes. It is known to be the first on the bells since their rehanging last year, but any record of a previous quarter peal or peal here has been lost.

Four of the band, with the aid of other ringers, have recently rung a quarter peal on the bells at Long Bredy—only the second quarter peal on the bells—Piddletrenthide, Sydling St. Nicholas and Leigh, all of which are rarely rung.—Yours faithfully,

TIMOTHY F. COLLINS.

Charminster, Dorset.

GOSSIP PARS

Mr. John T. Dunwoody regrets that he incorrectly stated the number of changes in the handbell peal of Bob Major at Holywood on page 436. It should be 5,024.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES MARVEN

The funeral took place on July 2nd at Tendring, Essex, of Mr. Charles Marven, who for over 60 years was sexton and church clerk of that parish. He was 91. When he started to ring Tendring had only four bells, but in 1907 they were augmented to six. Charlie Marven was a life member of the Essex Association, and although he only rang one peal himself it latterly became the custom of his friends to ring a peal in his tower on his birthday.

It was fitting that the two churchwardens, Mr. A Barton and Sir Philip Southwell, should walk immediately behind the coffin, on which someone had placed a wreath made in the shape of a bell.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by A. Cole (Great Bromley), Mrs. Hales (Tendring), F. Erith (Ardleigh) F. Harvey (Thorpe-le-Soken), D. Bloyce (Great Bromley) and E. E. Davey (Little Clacton).

MR. J. G. THOMPSON BONE

The Norwich Diocesan Association has lost a most colourful and remarkable character in the person of John ("Cheerful") Bone. For many years he had been a regular ringer at Wiveton and was active to within a few days of his death.

Born at Blakeney, he was but three months old when his parents moved a mile or two to Wiveton, and here he lived all his life except for the years of the first world war, when he served in the Bedfordshire Regiment. At Beaumont Hamel he lost a leg, but he made light of a disability that would have soured a lesser mortal.

Taking up market gardening, he went on his rounds with Toby and his "dickey cart," selling his produce and endearing himself to the whole neighbourhood and to the numerous visitors to the area.

He retired but four years ago at the age of 76, when Toby, now being taken care of in the village, was reputed to be 30. N. G.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

The holiday season made little difference to the attendance at the meeting on July 2nd at Kirkheaton Parish Church. The Rector, the Rev. T. Anscombe, gave us a warm welcome and his address was on "A bell called Gabriel." The local band, under Mr. Richard Senior, the Guild's Ringing Master, provided an excellent tea.

Mr. J. Anscombe, of Kirkheaton, and Mr. G. Richardson and Miss Ruth Richardson, of Dewsbury, were elected to membership. Mr. P. Birkett, on our behalf, extended best wishes to Mr. Vernon Bottomley on his appointment as secretary to the Central Council and president of the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley invited the Guild to the Yorkshire Association's meeting at Bridlington, on September 17th.

The bells rang out with London, Cambridge and Woodbine until nine o'clock. W. M.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Horsley Cup Contest

Held at Horsley on May 21st: 1 Derby Cathedral (Cambridge) 244½ points; 2 St. Peter's, Derby (Kent) 244; 3 Sawley (Bob Major) 213; 4 Sandiacre (Kent) 210; 5 Breadsall (Bob Doubles) 202; 6 Old Brampton (Bob Doubles) 197; 7 Burbage (Oxford) 186; 8 Long Eaton (Bob Doubles) 181; 9 Old Whittington (Oxford) 179; 10 Fairfield (Bob Minor) 152.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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THE RECORDS COMMITTEE

TABLE OF FIRST PERFORMANCES
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The date for Nantwich should be 13-12-65, not 12-12-65.

Alderney reference number should be 61, not 37B.

Deddington reference number should be 13B, not 16B.

APPENDIX B

The following will bring up to date the Central Council Collection of Surprise Methods as far as the end of the year 1965.

1. NUMERICALLY ORDERED TABLE

A. SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

1B. Nantwich (l) —34—14—12—16—34—58—34—7.
2B. Uffington (d) —34—1458—56—36—34—1458—16—7.
3B Thurston (j) —34.58. 16—12—36. 14—14. 38—34—1.
4B. Chorley (f) —38—14—12—38—14—1258—16—5.
5B. Bloxham (b) —38—14—1258—36—34—1238—16—7.
6B. Griffin (b) —38—14—58—16—12—38. 14—3456. 7.
7B. Lusitania (b) —38—14—58—16—12—38. 14.56.12. 7.
8B. Mauretania (b) —38—14—58—16—12—38. 14.56.34. 7.
9B. Filton (a) —38—14—58—16—14—1238—16—1.
10B. Debenham (c) —38—14—58—16—34—38. 16—34. 1.
11B. Xingu (c) —38—14—58—16. 34—34. 58. 14.56.14. 3.
12B. Finedon (a) —38—1458—56—16—12—38—14—3.
13B. Deddington (b) —38—1458—56—36—14—38—34—7.
14B Kippen (b) —38—1458—56—36—14—38—56—7.
15B. Quantock (d) —38—16—56—38. 14—14. 58. 14—12. 5.
16B. Ditcheat (mx) —58—14—12—36—14—38. 16—36. 1.
17B. Finborough (b) —58—14—56—16—34—58. 16—16. 5.
18B Wyrardisbury (e) —58—14. 58—58. 36—14—58 14.36—1.
19B. Skelton (a) —58—14. 58—58. 36. 14—14 58—14.56. 7.
20B. Chelsfield (b) —58—1456—58—16—34—58—34—1
21B. Marsham (h) —58—16—12—36—12—58—14—1.
22B. Douai (e) —58—16—12—36—14—38—56—5.
23B. Eccleston (b) —58—16—12—38—34—58. 14—16. 7.
24B. Highclere (b) —58—16—12—38—34—58. 36—16. 7.
25B. Selwood (e) 34—58. 14—58—36—14—58—14—1.
26B. Shepperton (d) 34.56.38.16. 58—12. 36. 12—14 38. 16—16. 7.
27B. Alford (c) 34.58.34.16—12—16. 34—34. 58—14—1.
28B. Brentham (jx) 36—56.14. 58—58. 36. 14—14. 58—34.56. 1.
29B. Sprotborough (e) 38—38.14—58—16. 34—14. 58—12—1.
30B. Uppingham (a) 38—58.16—56—38. 14—14. 58. 14—16. 7.
31B. Henley (c) 58—58.14—58—38—14—58—16—5.

B SURPRISE ROYAL METHODS

32B. Primrose (g) —30—14—1250—36—1470—58—16—70—18—9.
33B. Minehead (f) —30—16—50—16—70—18—36—50—18—3.
34B. Gosforth (f) 30—50. 14—12—30—14—50. 14.36—70—38.14. 9.
35B. Fulham (mx) 56—56. 14—50—36. 14—14. 50—14—30—34—1.

Errata for 1964 Appendix

Add the following Surprise Major method:

36B. Ilminster (d) —34—14—58—16—34—38—16—7.

ST. PETER'S, BRIGHTON

St. Peter's, Brighton, and outings make a popular appeal, and this year's, on June 11th, included in the party ringers from St. Nicholas and Good Shepherd, Brighton; Lewes, Heene, Hurstpierpoint, Shoreham, Aldrington, Wivelsfield, Burgess Hill, Keymer and Duffield.

A sunny two-hour drive brought us to Alton, where Bristol was attempted. More friends were waiting for us at Basingstoke, including Angela Newing, a former secretary Because of a funeral the ringing schedule had to be adjusted with the help of Jeffery Hill, and we were ringing on the nationally-famous nine earlier than planned.

Lunch was at the Wheatsheaf and at 1.40 p.m. we were en route for Newbury. On the way we rang on the eights at Aldermaston and Thatcham (an ice cream parlour nearby rivalled the belfry for popularity). A very pleasant hour was spent on the ten at Newbury, followed by tea at the Plaza Grill. Incumbents and tower captains are thanked. C. P.

MELTON MOWBRAY

An attractive programme with the route clearly defined was provided for those participating in the annual tour of St. Mary's Society, Melton Mowbray, on June 25th, to the county of John Bunyan.

First ringing was on the lovely bells of Burton Latimer, while non-ringers admired the marvellous flower arrangements for the festival. Elstow (6), with its detached tower, was next, and the bells were put to good use. Some visited the church and John Bunyan's cottage.

After lunch at Bedford, the glorious ring at Woburn was enjoyed and tea taken at the Abbey. Evening ringing was at Newport Pagnell and Olney, where we were met by the Vicar and Mr. Cook. The party assembled in the church at 8 p.m., where the Vicar conducted Compline.

Melton was reached at 10.15. The excellent arrangements were made by Mrs. D. A. Day (tower secretary) assisted by Mr. R. E. Manton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Cheltenham Branch

MORE than 40 ringers, some of them coming from as far away as Kenilworth, Walsall, Mitcheldean and Stratton St. Margaret, met at Welford-on-Avon on July 21st. This was at the half-annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch.

The ringing was of very good standard, ranging from first lessons in bell handling for two lads from Staverton, to well-struck touches of Cambridge and London. Without exception, the Branch meetings have been well attended this year, even at the four-bell tower at Stanway.

Evensong was conducted by the Rev. John Homtray and the Rev. Peter Newing, who is assistant curate at Blockley, a local ordinand read the lessons, and the Rector of Welford, Father Kenneth Gray, who, like the other clergy, is also a ringer, played the organ and gave the address. Bellringers were evangelists for Our Lord, he said, if they did their job properly, especially as regarded good striking and ringing on Sunday.

After tea on the Rectory lawn a business meeting was held, at which Mr. Gray took the chair and, after a thorough discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"It is the opinion of this meeting that no boundary changes should be made at present, but that any changes that should take place in the future should follow Deanery boundaries."

Thanks were then expressed for the welcome provided by the Rector and his wife and by the local band and helpers.

During the remainder of the evening the bells of Clifford Chambers (6) and Quinton (6) were rung, thus ending a happy and enjoyable meeting. J. H.

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SEVENOAKS, KENT, NEW BELLS DEDICATED

THE dedication of a new ring of bells must always be a great occasion in the life of any parish. It represents the making of history and, in the case of Sevenoaks, it is the first time since 1769 that a completely new ring of bells has hung in the church tower Thus it was that on June 25th the congregation of St. Nicholas' Church turned out in force to witness the solemn dedication by the Bishop of Tonbridge, the Rt. Rev. Russell B White, of eight bells in the key of F with a tenor bell of 16 cwt 2 qr. 10 lb., recently cast at the Whitechapel foundry of Messrs Mears and Stainbank, successors to Pack and Chapman, who, at the same premises, cast the earlier bells which had given outstanding service for nearly 200 years.

The 1769 ring was cast from metal from the earlier ring of six, from which no doubt the nearby Six Bells Lane took its name. A new frame had been made of oak from Knole Park, just over the road from the church, and in this present restoration a section has been cut from one of the foundation beams of this old frame which bears the date cut out in beautiful copperplate script It is hoped to preserve this as an interesting relic of the belfry as it was for so long.

In 1892, when the Rev. Thomas Curteis, a bellringer, was Rector of Sevenoaks, there was a major restoration of the bells by John Warner and Sons of the Cripplegate foundry. At that time Nos. 2, 4, 5 and 7 were recast, the Rector's name appearing on the new 7th. Just before the last war the back four bells were put on ball-bearings and in 1948 the remaining four were similarly dealt with.

Some years ago Sevenoaks Church had suffered a disastrous fire, and about eight years ago a major restoration of the church including the provision of a new roof was completed at a cost of some £32,000. It was realised at that time that a major overhaul of the bells would be desirable, but in view of the probable cost this could not be undertaken, and certain temporary extra supports were put under the bell frame. The "go" of the bells, already unsatisfactory continued to deteriorate, and by December, 1965, when the bells were finally taken out, they needed overhauling, particularly after spells of dry weather.

RAVAGES OF TIME

Early in December, 1965, Harry Parkes and Arthur Lewry, from the Whitechapel foundry, appeared on the scene with their hoisting tackle and in a matter of days the bells were standing in the churchyard awaiting their return to the foundry All who were able to witness this task of dismantling were amazed at the speed and skill with which it was carried out. When the old timbers were stacked at the foot of the tower the ravages of time were only too plainly to be seen, and this represented the final confirmation that the complete renewal of the frame was vital.

At this stage it was known that the sixth was cracked and would be recast, and it was intended that the remainder should be retuned and all hung in a new metal frame. It was a great shock to the parish, therefore, that when the bells reached the foundry all three of the other Pack and Chapman bells, the treble, third and tenor, were also cracked. Various alternatives were considered, but it became plain that if this generation shirked the responsibility of doing a complete job an even greater burden would fall on those who follow. The Parochial Church Council bravely decided that notwithstanding the extra expense they would have a new ring of bells cast from the old metal, and would invite individual donors to pay the cost of individual bells.

The response to this invitation was dramatic and within a matter of days there were more donors than bells required. As a result, three families are associated with the tenor and one each with the remaining bells except the treble, which is a parish memorial to Mr. B. W. Fennell, until lately for many years people's warden

Many from the parish were present when the new bells were cast in May, and since then in an atmosphere of suppressed excitement the parish has waited to hear how the new bells would sound On the great day the congregation assembled in silence, local people being joined by many visiting ringers, including Mr. John Willis, vice-president of the Kent County Association, and the officers of the Tonbridge District of the Association, who were combining a District meeting with the dedication service.

The service commenced with "All people that on earth do dwell . . ." The 150th psalm was sung and the lesson from I Chronicles 29, verses 6–19, was read by Sir John Dunlop, followed by "Now thank we all our God . . ." Under the tower, the Rector's warden, Mr. Maxwell Creasey, presented a bell rope to th Bishop in token of the eight ropes in the ringing chamber above, and asked him to dedicate "this ring of bells." A few rounds were rung by members of the local band, and the service continued with the singing of "Unchanging God who livest . . ."

The Bishop, who was formerly the Vicar of Tonbridge, knew many of the ringers present and, being still president of the local change ringing society at Tonbridge Church, knows a great deal about ringing and was thus able to take as the theme of his sermon the pattern of change ringing as illustrating the pattern of Christian life. Thus resulted an inspiring sermon, made the more interesting to the ringers present as well as to the remainder of the congregation.

82-YEAR-OLD VETERAN CONDUCTS

The service concluded with "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven . . .," prayers and Blessing, and as the Bishop, clergy and choir returned to the vestry, the local ringers commenced a touch of 504 Stedman Triples. This was followed by a touch of Grandsire Triples by the remainder of the local band, conducted by Percy Turley, the 82-year-old veteran member, who has been ringing at Speldhurst and Sevenoaks for over 60 years, and then by a well-struck touch of 504 Stedman Triples by officers of the Tonbridge District and other invited members of the Association under the leadership of Mr Walter H. Dobbie, the Tonbridge District secretary

In the meantime tea was being served in the Rectory for the Bishop and other distinguished visitors, and a buffet tea for members of the Association and other friends in the Red Cross Room, adjacent to the church. The Bishop joined the ringers and gave a few words of welcome to them, and afterwards went up into the tower to see the bells whilst the touch of Stedman was still in progress.

The business meeting of the Tonbridge District took place at 6 p.m. with Mr. John Willis in the chair. The business was mainly of a routine nature and included a report from Mr Dobble on the very successful ringing school at Frindsbury for the Tonbridge, Rochester and Lewisham Districts. It was announced that the next meeting of the District would be the annual District meeting at Tonbridge on October 1st, and there would be a joint meeting with the Southern District of the Surrey Association at Godstone on October 29th. It was the turn of the Tonbridge District to arrange the Association dinner, and this would take place at Tonbridge on September 24th. Mr. Dobbie asked for the full support of all members of the District. The usual votes of thanks were moved by Mr. Douglas Woodcock, particularly to Mrs R. V Fuller and other ladies of the Mothers' Union who had prepared and served the tea.

No account of all that took place at Sevenoaks would be complete without a sincere tribute to the kindness, sympathy, encouragement and practical help received from the Rector, the Rev. E. M. T. McLellan, without which the great work of restoring the bells would never have been achieved. For long years to come ringers will express their opinion of Sevenoaks bells, but as far as the local ringers are concerned the bells are regarded as a triumph of the bellfounders' art. Thanks are due to many who have helped, not least to Mr. C. W. Finney, Rector's warden, who has acted as unofficial clerk of works.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

Treble.—In memory of B. W. Fennell, churchwarden 1950–1964. (4 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F.)

Second.—The gift of William Cook, a chorister since 1904. (4 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb in E.)

Third.—In memory of Canon A. J. Beanlands, M.A., F.S.A., of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C., and Rochester, Kent, d. 1917, and his son and daughters. (5 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.)

Fourth.—The No 4 bell of 1771 bore the inscription "Good people all who hear me ring be faithful to your God and King." recast in 1966 as a gift of the Dunlop family, J. K. D., A. M. D., I. G. D., J. H. D. (6 cwt. 14 lb. in C.)

Fifth.—In memory of Mary Jane Corby, 1878–1961, given by her sons John and Philip. (7 cwt 13 lb. in B flat.)

Sixth.—The gift of Edith and Stanley Berwick—in thanksgiving. (8 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in A.)

Seventh.—Alice Maud Johnson, 1874–1965. (11 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb in G.)

Tenor.—This ring of eight was made in 1966 from the metal of the previous ring which was originally cast at Whitechapel in 1769 and 1771 from the metal of six old bells augmented by the parishioners' gifts

Richard Sydney Brownlow—1872–1955;

Eva Annie Brownlow—1878–1960.

In loving memory of:—Sir Herbert Emerson, 1881–1962; Lady Emerson, 1884–1964; Charles Alan Emerson, 1912–1943.

In happy memory of Joseph Blanchet Rowell, 1877–1963, for many years Rector's warden, and Dorothy Manvell, his wife, 1877–1940, from their family.

(16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.)

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

The final of the striking competition took place at Mistley on July 2nd. This is a six-bell competition in which each team is allowed two minutes' practice rounds before ringing 240 changes. At a turnround of 15 minutes per band there was plenty of time for the six teams to perform before the service at 4.30. After the tea which followed, Mr. R. C. Heazel, the Association Master, presided.

Mr. R. Leavett, who acted as M.C. in the belfry, commented on the timing, and said that those teams from the six-bell towers rang at a considerably steadier pace than those from towers with eight or more bells.

Mr. F. B. Lufkin, for the judges, said the standard of striking was high, and it was difficult to choose between the teams. Marking had been done by counting faults, but "rhythm" had also been taken into consideration.

The winning team was St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, Colchester, who started with a steady beat and maintained it throughout—22 faults. The next team was Thorington, who rang Doubles; they might have won if the covering had been a bit better—27 faults. Boreham rang Doubles, with excellent covering—41 faults. They were closely followed by Prittlewell with 43 faults, Waltham Abbey with 44 faults, and Danbury 44 faults, the ringing in all cases being very good indeed.

Mr. Heazel then presented the trophy to Mr. Peter Pitt, for the Hythe ringers, who also won it last year at Orsett. The Master finally thanked the judges, Mr. Lufkin, Mr. R. J. Lindsell, and Mr. Howard Egglestone, the M.C., and the Honeywood family and other helpers from Mistley.

COLLECTION OF DOUBLES

By G. K. DODD and R. H. JONES

(Continued from page 263)

PART E

These methods have twenty changes to their plain course

READING		CROSBY	CANNON DOUBLES	ST. DUNSTAN	OLD ANTELOPE
12345	Bob	12345	12345	12345	12345
21435	41253	21345	21345	21354	21354
24153	14235	23154	23154	23145	23145
42513		23514	32514	32415	32415
24531		23541	35241	34251	34251
42351	Single	32541	53421	43521	43521
24315	41253	32514	54312	45312	45312
42135	14253	32154	45132	54132	54132
41253		31245	41523	51423	51423
14523		13245	14523	15432	15243
15432	Called:	13254	15432	15342	12543
51342	PBPBPSX2	31254	51432	51324	21534
53124		32145	54123	53142	25143
35214		32415	45213	35412	52413
53241		32451	42531	34521	54231
35421		23451	24351	43251	45321
53412		23415	23415	42315	43512
35142		23145	32145	24135	34152
31524		21354	31254	21453	31425
13254		12354	13254	12435	13245
12345		12345	12345	12345	12345

NEWBURY			"Wallflower Bob"		
This is Reverse Reading.		Calls not known	Bob Plain Bob Bob Single Grandsire Single	Bob Grandsire Bob Single Grandsire Single	Bob Grandsire Bob Single Grandsire Single Called: PSPSPB

DOUBLE BOB	DOUBLE CANTERBURY	WALLINGFORD	CATHNESS	TRENT	MARLBOROUGH
12345	12345	12345	12345	12345	12345
21435	21345	21345	21345	21354	21354
24153	23154	23154	23154	23154	23145
42513	23514	32514	23514	32514	32415
45231	32541	32541	32541	32541	23451
42531	35241	23541	35241	35241	32451
45213	35214	23514	53214	35214	23415
54123	53124	32154	53124	53124	32145
51432	51324	31245	51342	51324	31254
15342	15342	13245	15342	15342	13245
15432	15432	13254	15432	15432	13254
51342	51432	31254	51432	51423	31245
53124	54123	32145	54123	54123	32154
35214	54213	23415	54213	45213	23514
32541	45231	23451	45231	45231	32541
35241	42531	32451	42531	42531	23541
32514	42513	32415	24513	42513	32514
23154	24153	23145	24153	24153	23154
21345	21453	21354	21435	21453	21345
12435	12435	12354	12435	12435	12354
12345	12345	12345	12345	12345	12345
Call unknown	Call unknown	Call unknown	Call unknown	Call unknown	Call unknown

WALES	WEYMOUTH	OXFORDSHIRE	ENGLAND	LINDEN	HORSETAIL (DELIGHT ?)
12345	12345	12345	12345	12345	12345
21435	21354	21345	21345	21354	21435
24153	23154	23154	23154	23154	24153
42513	32514	32514	32514	23514	24513
42531	35241	23541	35241	32541	42531
45231	32541	32541	32541	35241	45231
45213	35214	23514	35214	53214	54213
54123	53124	32154	53124	53124	54123
51432	51324	31245	51342	51324	51432
15342	15342	13245	15342	15342	15342
15432	15432	13254	15432	15432	15432
51342	51423	31254	51432	51423	51342
53124	54123	32145	54123	54123	53124
35214	45213	23415	45213	54213	53214
35241	42531	32451	42531	45231	35241
32541	45231	23451	45231	42531	32541
32514	42513	32415	42513	24513	23514
23154	24153	23145	24153	24153	23154
21345	21453	21354	21435	21453	21345
12435	12435	12354	12435	12435	12435
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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Hunslet Royal at Leeds on June 11th was Mr. R. H. Dove's 50th peal on the bells.

The peal of Clyde Surprise Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne, published on page 346, was rung on Tuesday, May 10th, and not May 11th.

Saffron Walden bells were on the air on Sunday, July 10th, in B.B.C. 1 programme "Songs of Praise."

The peal marked "Non-Association" rung at Salter Street was rung for the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

Messrs. Taylor have dismantled the bells at St. Paul's, Bedford, prior to rehanging on new bearings and iron headstocks. Activity is accordingly suspended for the present.

Mr. R O. Humphries informs us that the composition of the seven extents in the peal of Cambridge Minor rung for the Universities Association at Bristol on June 28th was C.C.C. Nos. 31, 32, 42, 43, 44, 48 and 49.

The reconditioned bells at Ballarat were dedicated on July 3rd. The local ringers have done the rehanging themselves and have done a good job. Both Sydney and Melbourne ringers were represented. The bells were sent to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in England for reconditioning.

After ringing a quarter peal to welcome the new curate, the Rev. Roderick Wallis, to Holy Trinity, Cookham, Berks, on June 26th, Mr. Wallis visited the belfry to meet the ringers. As there were five more minutes to ring before the service, to everybody's surprise he took hold of the seventh when a touch of Grandsire Triples was announced. An unexpected asset to local ringing.

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A STRONG HANDBELL CENTRE

Around Stroud, Glos, there are over 20 sets of handbells (used and abused), including one of 42 bells. To stimulate interest the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association promote an annual handbell festival, which this year was held at Randwick on June 18th. About 90 visitors were present who attended a service in the church conducted by the Branch chairman (Mr. R. P. Nicholas). The Blessing was given by the Vicar (the Rev. N. R. Morrison). Tea provided by church ladies followed.

The Village Hall was filled to capacity for the handbell programme in the evening, with the Vicar acting as compere. Some of the teams came from schools. The girls of Longford School, conducted by Mr. Brian James, formed less than a year ago, did very well. The youngest team came from Whitminster School and they had a unique system of ringing from colours with charts that looked like paint boxes. Other teams included those from Cam, near Dursley, and Bredon, but the climax of the evening's entertainment was Mr. Frank Barnett's team from Worcester, which was formed about 15 years ago to raise money for the restoration of Leigh Church bells. Since then it has given over 600 public performances. Teams from Bisley (17 bells) and Woodchester (31 bells) were unable at the last minute to take part. A team using 12 bells is about to be formed at Horsley.

The local arrangements were made by Mr. A. R. Barnett. The next festival has been provisionally fixed for June 17th, 1967, and an invitation is extended to all handbell teams to support the event.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY GUILD

One of our ringers, Andrew Pike, was ordained deacon on June 26th in St. Mark's, Belfast. Thus the annual outing of St. Patrick's, this year to Enniskillen, fitted in nicely with the plan to ring for Andrew's ordination and for his first service.

On the journey from Dublin to Enniskillen we were delayed by Customs due to a technical hitch (the officer was at lunch), but this made our own lunch all the more welcome. After general ringing, three of us, with the "importer" and gentleman of the party driving Charlie Reede's car, crossed over to Belfast. Here we descended on the Hall household.

The next morning Elizabeth Hall, the Guild secretary, conducted us to St. Mark's, Dundela, where, after ringing for service, we saw Andrew ordained. While congratulating Andrew, Ann Sadler photographed father with his two sons—bishop, priest and deacon. On the spur of the moment we rang John Lindsey. An hour later, supported by five of the local band, we were ringing a good touch of Grandsire Triples in Carrickfergus, where the ringing chamber is over the lych gate. We appreciated the friendly welcome at such short notice.

Some of our friends met us at Bangor and Andrew was able to ring with us before his first service. Archdeacon Quin welcomed the ringers and invited us back to the Rectory for supper.

We thank Mrs. Hall and Elizabeth, the Hannas and the Quins for their typical Irish hospitality. H. H.

ANOTHER YOUNG VICE-PRESIDENT

The South-Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association followed the example of the Southern District at its annual meeting at Hemingbrough on June 18th in appointing a young vice-president, Mr. A. Sheppard, of Sherburn-in-Elmet.

Mr. H. Walton, the retiring vice-president, was also nominated but the ballot went in favour of Mr. Sheppard. Thanking the members who voted for him, Mr. Sheppard said he hoped to justify the confidence placed in him.

Tributes to Mr. Walker's past services for the Yorkshire Association, and also in the forming of the Doncaster and District Society, which still had a Harold Walker Cup, were paid by Mr. L. M. Woodhead. Mr. Vernon Bottomley and Mr. W. F. Moreton also wished to be associated with the remarks of gratitude

District Committee members elected to serve for three years were as follows: Miss M. E. Wilkinson (York), Miss J Gray (Walkington) and R Warford (Selby), also General Committee.

A motion by Mr. D. S. Johnson on whether or not the Eastern District still had a useful function to perform in view of the activities of the Beverley and Selby and District Societies and the Joint Council of Ringing Societies, brought about considerable discussion. It was finally decided to call a District committee to discuss the situation and perhaps circularise the District.

One new member was elected—Miss Barbara A. Taylor of Kirk Ella A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. V Bottomley

An attendance of around 35 may be considered good, but only 17 of those present were actually eligible to vote as Eastern District members. Further good ringing continued up to 9 p.m. to conclude a pleasant and successful meeting.

Next meeting: August 27th, Hessle and Cottingham if available.

A SUFFOLK SIX SILENT SINCE QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE

The ring of six bells at Kersey, near Hadleigh, Suffolk, is likely to be renovated next year. These bells, which have not been rung since the jubilee of Queen Victoria, will cost about £2,000 to renovate. Friends of the fabric and bells of St. Mary's Church have already raised £500, of which over £300 was forthcoming from the church's first floral festival held last August Bank Holiday.

A WILTSHIRE FOUR RINGS AGAIN

To add splendour on the occasion of the dedication of a memorial to the Rev. Mr. Kilvert in Langley Burrell Church, the Rector approached a local ringer to have the bells rung.

This request was passed on and the willing hands of Dick Lovelock and Bob Purnell were engaged for several hours tightening the frame, unclogging bearings, splicing rope, etc., amid the usual clutter of an unloved tower and seven years with no ringing.

Sunday afternoon saw four ringers assembled, a spare rope fitted to the 2nd, and the bells raised in peal

Method ringing was not attempted, the temperature seeming to be in the 80's, but the "go" improved as call changes progressed until service time. Verdict: Quite safe and ringable with effort. E. C.

NORTH DEVON TEAMS SHOW THEIR SUPERIORITY

June 11th was the Devon Association's final day at St. Budeaux, Plymouth, when the best five teams from South Devon competed for the Ross Shield against the best five teams from North Devon. Qualifying competitions had been held at Stokenham for South Devon and Bickley for North Devon.

The afternoon started with a short service conducted by the Rev. J F. Parkinson. The church was filled and the singing just wonderful—all those male voices with the majority as tuneful as the bells at St. Budeaux. Handshakes followed as the ringers filed out of church, many not having met since the last final at Poughill Jack Hine, captain at Plymstock, the holders of the shield, was shaking hands with Merv Phillips, captain at West Down, who always seem to start favourites, having been either first or second for the last 14 years.

Ed. Coles, the secretary, was soon getting things moving, taking the judges to a caravan sited in the churchyard. The judges were Herbie Pidler (High Bickington) and Brian Drake (North Tawton), representing North Devon, and Arthur Tapper (Yealmpton) and Rub Elliott (Bridford) , representing the South. Fred Stevens (West Alvington) was scrutineer. The captains draw, and West Down is No. 1.

At the sound of the warning bell West Down's Merv Phillips, Des Smale, Chris Ridge, Gerald Stevens, Ivor Hookway and Len Smale enter the church There is a big rush to get the tape recorders set and it seemed as if every team had a tape recorder. Everyone is waiting, with ears pricked. There they go, "Nice pitch in," "Not a bad rise, not a bad pitch, either." "Ain't giving away much." "Coming round," "It's all over." "Lovely lower, anyone that beats that one will win," says Sam Down to farmer Gerald Hookway, churchwarden at West Down, who had travelled down with the team.

Plymstock, Swimbridge and Kenn ring before tea supplied by the women of St. Budeaux, with enough for an army. Down St. Mary's turn. and if anybody is going to beat West Down it could be St. Mary's. "Nice pitch in." "Rise fair," "Whatever is Ralph about with the tenor?" "Dragging like nort on earth one side," "Still doing it," "Gived away too many on top," and so the remarks go on.

The presentation of the shield by Mrs. Parkinson is in the Village Hall, and Fred Stevens announces the result: No. 1, with 21¼ faults, West Down, and Merv Phillips collects the shield and 1st certificate; No. 2, Talaton, with 25¾ faults, and John Bambury, their captain, receives the Shelley Cup and 2nd certificate. Others are: 3 Down St. Mary, 29 faults: 4 Plymstock A, 30¼; 5 Plymstock B 32½; 6 Swimbridge, 36¼; 7 Kenn, 45; 8 West Alvington B 49½; 9 Plymtree; 10 Stoke Gabriel.

So ends another Devon Association final with North Devon taking the first three places. LISTENER.

WELLESBOURNE, WARWICKS.—On June 29th, 1,274 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. J. Gower 1, Clare F. Dolphin (first quarter Surprise) 2, P. C. Randall 3, E. Holdsworth 4, I. C. Maycock (cond.) 5, J. L. Garner-Hayward 6. For the Patronal service.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 42 cwt

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	John H. Crampion	7
John Phillips	2	James G. A. Prior	8
William T. Cook	3	Alan J. Frost	9
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	Michael P. Moreton	10
Raymond G. Cousins	5	Philip A. F. Chalk	11
John Chilcott	6	James Phillips	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Harold Darke upon his retirement after 50 years' service as director of music at this church.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb in D

William A. Theobald	Treble	John D. Rock	7
Andrew N. Stubbs	2	George E. Thoday	8
J. Keith Ward	3	Frederick R. Scott	9
David P. Hilling	4	Michael P. Moreton	10
G. William Critchley	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Ralph G. Edwards	6	John H. Crampion	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., June 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF [illegible]
Being seven extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C

*Stanley C. Davis	Treble	*Robin L. Coles	4
†Ian P Cox	2	William Lampard	5
Julian E. Newman	3	Alan F. Lee	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First of Minor. † First of Minor "inside." First of Grandsire Minor by all, on the bells and for the Association.

PRISTON [illegible] At the Church of St. Luke.
On Thurs., June 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Single Court and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*Glenda M. Beckett	Treble	*Peter J. Devrell	4
†Andrew Swatton	2	‡Alan C. Perry	5
‡David C. Hawkins	3	Alan F. Lee	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First in two methods of Minor. 75th peal as conductor.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., May 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Ronald J. Sharp	Treble	Peter C Wright	5
Anthony H. Smith	2	Bernard G. North	6
Martin Major	3	Stephen Ivin	7
Robert L. Piron	4	*Cyril Goodwin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

* First peal. The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county and by the Association.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,920 London, 1,824 Bristol and 640 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 115 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

James H. Edwards	Treble	*Bernard G. North	5
Avril Ivin	2	Keith H. Fleming	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	Stephen Ivin	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

TOTTERNHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt. in F sharp.

D. John Hunt	Treble	C. Michael Orme	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	*Bernard G. North	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Jack S. Dear	7
Keith H. Fleming	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Madeleine McCallion	Treble	Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	David J. Midgley	6
T. Felicity Webber	3	Raymond J Ballard	7
F. Hector Bennett	4	Charles A S. Webb	Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Childwall, Thelwall Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

James Draycott	Treble	Arthur R. Wright	4
Mrs. Pamela Wright	2	Andrew K. Putnam	5
Raymond D. Hart	3	Geoffrey Pratt	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.

NAPTON-ON-THE-HILL, Warks.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Fri., June 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 27 methods: (1) Rodbourne, College, Buxton, St. Clement's, Childwall, Wavertree College, London, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Westlecott, Pinehurst and Lytham Bob. (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B. (3) London and Wells Surprise (4) York and Durham Surprise. (5) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise (6) Kent and Oxford T.B. (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

Richard J. Danby	Treble	Anthony J. Cox	4
Robert W. Sherriff	2	Stephen F. Royal	5
Peter C. Randall	3	John F Thorne	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal

Most Minor methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., June 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 37 methods: (1) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick Surprise (2) Rodbourne, College, Buxton, St. Clement's, Childwall, Wavertree, London, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Westlecott, Pinehurst and Lytham Bob. (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob (4) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston Sandal and Capel Treble Bob. (5) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight (6) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight (7) Single Oxford, Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

Terence G. Hill	Treble	Anthony J. Cox	4
Stephen F. Royal	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Peter C. Randall	3	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S Bennett.

The greatest number of Minor methods rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

LEWTRENCHARD, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., June 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

D. Roy Bould	Treble	Thomas G. Myers	3
John Mitchelmore	2	George E Mudge	4
Wilfred C. Boucher	Tenor		

Conducted by D Roy Bould.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYNE, Braintree, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., June 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Inswich, Beverley, Surfleet, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Plain. Tenor 6¾ cwt. in A.

Marion R Panton	Treble	Yvonne A Murray	4
George E. Thoday	2	James L. Towler	5
*Josephine A. Quilter	3	Peter G Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

* First peal in seven methods

A 21st birthday compliment to Susan Rothera.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

George W. Debenham	Treble	Keith J Walpole	6
Julia A. Fellows	2	Vernon Green	7
A Rowland Tysoe	3	Julian D. Duggan	8
Christopher Forster	4	John E Ewer	9
J. Desmond Painter	5	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by George W. Debenham.

First peal of Little Bob Royal by all except by ringers of treble and fourth. Rung for the Patronal Festival. Tenor 23 cwt.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Sun., July 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ABBOTSWOOD SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Malcolm M. Powell	Treble	Robin G. Leale	6
Gillian A. Leale	2	Alan E. Bagworth	7
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Frederick R. Scott	8
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	J. Keith Ward	9
G. William Critchley	5	David P. Hilling	Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
First peal in the method.

ABBOTSWOOD SURPRISE ROYAL
—30—14—70—18—12—30—14—50—16—50. 2nds (1352), 4ths bob.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Thurs., June 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Tony Lewis	Treble	Ian H. Oram	5
Ann Jenner	2	D. Paul Smith	6
Hazel A. Arrowsmith	3	John W. Smith	7
Peter S. Muchlinski	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Tony Lewis.
First peal of Major in the method as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Ven. Reginald George Henry McCahearty, Rector of Chislehurst and Archdeacon of Bromley, who died on Friday, June 24th, 1966.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., July 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 FORWARD MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Christopher T. Osenton	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	6
Cyril S. Jarrett	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Colin A. Tester	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
The ringer of the 2nd has now "circled the tower" twice.
First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

WROTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt 10 lb in E.

Philip A. Corby	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
Lucile M. Corby	2	Edward J. Jenner	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Ann Jenner	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., July 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 SOMERSET SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

William A. Holmes	Treble	Denis Woods	5
Janet E. Hubbard	2	Alan G. Payne	6
Maurice Bennett	3	Frank Taylor	7
James A. D. Woolford	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Mayne. Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal in the method by all.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

OVERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr 1 lb.

Joseph W. Cotton	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	5
John K. Smith	2	William A. Yates	6
Gordon H. Lane	3	Charles E. Truman	7
Richard J. Warrilow	4	James Linnell	Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

BASFORD, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Leodegarius.
On Wed., June 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

Robert C. Woodward	Treble	John G. Hallett	4
Peter Woollven	2	†S. Humphrey	5
*David R. McLean	3	Ian V. J. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.
* First of Surprise at first attempt. † 50th peal in Nottinghamshire. First of Surprise Minor as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the degrees gained by Ann Harris, David R. Ingram and the ringers of treble and 2, all members of the University Society.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 ZETLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Eunice A. Lewis	Treble	Robin G Leale	5
Gillian A. Leale	2	Frank W. Lewis	6
Maurice G. Ingram	3	David P. Hilling	7
Frederick R Scott	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
The ringers of 2, 4, 5 and 8 now complete the alphabet to Surprise Major methods.

SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Alan R. Pink	Treble	*Eric Sutton	5
*D. Kay Adkins	2	*Maurice A. New	6
*Valerie Willard	3	*†Giles R. Shedden	7
William Birmingham	4	*Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal in the method † 50th peal.
Rung in connection with the Patronal Festival. Also as a compliment to the Ven. C. Witton-Davies, Archdeacon of Oxford, and Mrs. Witton-Davies on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

STEWKLEY, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

Diana M. Frost	Treble	Stephen J. Ivin	5
*Alan W. Jeffs	2	Christopher H. Rogers	6
*Henry B. Whitney	3	David P. Hilling	7
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	Alan J. Frost	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal in the method

LITTLE MISSENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., July 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Diane Presdee	Treble	Leslie Floyd	4
*Nigel Cox	2	Ronald Snack	5
†Roger Mitchell	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove. Umpire P. John Hall.
* First peal off hunt bell † First peal. 100th peal as conductor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., June 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CLYDE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E Flat.

Stephen Ivin	Treble	Roderick W. Pipe	6
Gillian M. Hussey	2	D. John Hunt	7
Avril Ivin	3	Gerald Penney	8
Diana M. Frost	4	Alan J. Frost	9
Richard F. B. Speed	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Sam Wood. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
First peal in the method by all, in the county and for the Guild.

EASTON NESTON Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., June 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

Ruth M Thomason	Treble	Stanley M Ruddlesden	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Eric Billings	6
Alan A. Paul	3	W. Frank Eydon	7
Rev. Ernest G. Orland	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

HAZELBECH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., July 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp

*Eric J. Chapman	Treble	John G. Mitchell	5
Sheila J. Staley	2	*Edward C. Buckby	6
Frank E. Coales	3	*Richard J. Cowley	7
*Kevan J. Chapman	4	Murray A. Coleman	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal of Surprise.
A 21st birthday compliment to Richard J. Cowley.

THE SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SHEFFIELD, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Marie.
On Tues., June 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in D

*Carole Patey	Treble	Kathleen M. Higgins ..	5
Elizabeth M. Snell ..	2	Richard J. W. Tibbetts ..	6
Patricia Rogers	3	Jeffrey Kershaw	7
John E. Chapman	4	Rodney H. French	Tenor

Composed by J. Henry Fielden. Conducted by Kathleen M. Higgins.
* First peal. First as conductor. First of Surprise Major for Guild.
Rung in conjunction with Sheffield University Arts Festival.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHREWSBURY, Salop.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Frederick G. Beddow ..	Treble	Reginald H. Newton ..	5
Clifford A. Barron	2	John W. Griffiths	6
Edward W. Colley	3	Ernest F. Willcox	7
Philip J. Evans	4	Arthur Pritchard	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

COSELEY, Staffordshire.—At Christ Church.
An Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

Charles A. S. Webb ..	Treble	F. Hector Bennett	5
Christopher J. Hughes ..	2	Gordon H. Lane	6
*Richard B. Dorrington ..	3	Clive M. Smith	7
†Elizabeth Timmins ..	4	Philip G. K. Davies ..	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method.

LEIGH, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and two extents each of Kent and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Ruth A. E. Fairbrother	Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother ..	4
Frank Beech, jun.	2	Richard B. Dorrington ..	5
Jennifer M. Beech	3	Philip G. K. Davies ..	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
First peal in five methods as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH WHEATLEY, Notts.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 18 lb. in A.

Grace Burchnall	Treble	G. Leslie Lunn	4
Katherine Burchnall ..	2	Roger W. Wetenhall ..	5
A. Harry Hawcroft	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
Arranged to enable the ringer of the fifth to ring a peal on the bells where he first learned to handle a bell in 1923.

GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., June 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London Scholars' Pleasure T.B., Kingston T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Sidney Carnall	Treble	George Challans	4
Katherine Burchnall ..	2	A. Harry Hawcroft	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
Rung half-muffled as a token of great respect to Mr. A. Hather, churchwarden for over 30 years, who was laid to rest on June 22nd, aged 82 years.

EAST RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt (approx.) in E flat.

*Charles H. Baker	Treble	†Doreen Metcalfe	6
Mary C. Poyner	2	†David R. Chambers ..	7
†Linda M. Wilkinson ..	3	Richard A. G. Inglis ..	8
Denis A. Frith	4	B. Stedman Payne ..	9
Graham J. N. Colborne	5	‡William L. Exton	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal. ‡ First of Plain Bob Royal and first of Royal as conductor.
Birthday compliments to Mary C. Poyner and W. L. Exton.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 each of Bristol and Cambridge, 1,280 London and 1,248 Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Michael Howes	Treble	Roderick W. Pipe	5
*Janet I. Rogers	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
*Alice E. J. Lester	3	*Robin H. Rogers	7
Roger L. K. Whittell ..	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., June 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being seven extents in 134 methods, as follows: (1) Sharnbrook, Ringstead Beckford, Hayes, Winchcombe, Stonehouse, Stratton, Mitcham, Marlborough, Stanhoe, Mildenhall Blaxhall, Buxton, Iver, Ramsbury, Ellacombe, Finchley, Minchinhampton, Kennet, Overton, Preshute, Bredfield, Cavendish and Dennington Alliance, Little Bob, Crayford Little Court and Barking Little Bob. (27 methods by A. R. Peake, arranged by H Chant.) (2) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Pontefract, Donottar Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight, Childwall, Horsmonden, Thelwall, St. Clement's College, Wavertree, Killarney, Lytham, London, Reverse, Fulbeck, Frodsham, Plain, Canterbury, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Double, Windermere and Ullswater Bob and Belvedere Little Bob. (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. R. Peake.) (3) Dronfield, Retford, Purleigh, Minehead, Quendon, Spalding, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourne Surprise, Peveril, Melandra, Leasowe, Tollesbury, Beeston, Middlesex, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh Combermere and Crowland Delight. (19 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh.) (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanula, Royston, Penistone and York Minster T.B., Beighton, Redcar and Appleby Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatherop, Skipton, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Stisted, Bogedone, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight. (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. R. Peake.) (5) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford, Newdigate, St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden, Charlwood, Marple, Braintree, Taxal, Humber, Elston, Clarence and Ashbocking Delight and Morning Star T.B. (16 methods by A. G. Driver, arranged by P. W. Saltmarsh.) (6) Luton, Ripley, Broomfield, Rhyl, Fyfield, Thorne, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, Linden and Bamborough Surprise. (11 Surprise methods by P. W. Saltmarsh.) (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull and Keston Surprise. With 227 changes of method and a plain lead of every method included. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Robert E. Lester	Treble	Robin H. Rogers	4
Janet I. Rogers	2	George W. Pipe	5
Alice E. J. Lester	3	Howard W. Egglestone ..	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
Most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild
Bredfield Alliance: x 14 x 16 x 34 x 5; Cavendish Alliance: x 14 x 16.34. x 34.5; Dennington Alliance: x 14 x 16 x 12 x 5. 6ths place l.e. 46532.
Kennet Alliance: x 14 x 36 x 12 x 3; Overton Alliance: x 14 x 36.12 x 123; Preshute Alliance: x 14 x 123 x 12 x 3. 2nds place l.e. 42563.
Marlborough Alliance: x 14 x 123 x 12 x 5; Mildenhall Alliance: x 14 x 123 x 34 x 5. 6ths place l.e. 64523.
Ramsbury Alliance: x 16 x 123 x 12 x 3. 2nds place l.e. 42635
Barking Little Bob: x 16 x 34. 2nds place l.e. 42563.
The first extent is now rung for the first time. (Page 468.)

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 5 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 10368 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

Alison M. Mann	Treble	Michael J. Uphill	5
Catherine M. Powell ..	2	*Michael J. Bew	6
George A. Dawson	3	John R. Pratchett	7
John F. M. Maybrey ..	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Surprise Major. Longest length by all the band except the conductor, and longest length as conductor.
The longest length of Surprise rung for the Association and in the county.

CLAINES, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Martin D. Fellows	Treble	*Gillian A. Richards ..	6
Michael J. Fellows ..	2	Allen Morgan	7
Brian J. Luff	3	Robert Edwards	8
Peter L. Bill	4	John C. Eisel	9
Reginald Woodyatt	5	†Brian Wootton	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.
* First peal of Stedman and of Caters. † First on ten bells. First of Stedman as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
AMBLECOTE, Stourbridge, Worcestershire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., June 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B.

Peter J. Brown	Treble	Geoffrey Westwood ..	5
Martin D. Fellows ..	2	†Peter L. Bill	6
Brian J. Luff	3	John C. Eisel	7
*Joseph Warr	4	Michael J. Fellows ..	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † 50th peal. First of Cambridge on the bells.
Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 22¼ cwt.

Adrian C. Boorman ..	Treble	W. Eric Critchley	5
Howard Scott	2	Harold B. Schofield	6
Mrs. H. B. Schofield ..	3	Roger J. Lumley	7
Kathleen Higgins	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Thurs., June 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	†David F. Moore	7–8
*Derek Butterworth	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	9–10
Neil Bennett	5–6	‡Robert B. Smith	11–12

Arranged by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal on 12 handbells. † First on 12 bells. ‡ 150th peal on handbells. First peal on 12 handbells as conductor.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
In Room 66, Oswald Wing, Grey College.
On Thurs., June 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

Malcolm E. Johnson	1–2	David J. Marshall	5–6
John O. Freeman	3–4	*Patricia Armitage	7–8
William G. Wilson	9–10		

Composed and Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal. First of Royal "in hand" for the Society.

In the Society minibus between Loughborough and Sheffield.
On Mon., June 20, 1966, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Polly Kyme	1–2	Malcolm E. Johnson	3–4
David J. Marshall (cond.) ..	5–6		

* First peal "in hand."

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Wed., June 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In two methods, comprising 4,224 Plain Bob and 792 Gainsborough, with 132 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1–2	Hugh N. Evans	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Cyril A. Wratten	7–8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
The first peal of Spliced Major "in hand" by all the band.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LEVERSTOCK GREEN, Hertfordshire.—In The School.
On Wed., June 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in F.

*Jean Dale	1–2	Gerald Penney	5–6
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Walter Ayre	7–8

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal on eight bells. Conductor's 875th peal and 525th for the Association.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycoch.
On Sun., July 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

Ellis N. Thomas	1–2	J. Arthur Hoare	5–6
Hazel Way	3–4	Raymond J. Hoskings ..	7–8

Arranged by Brian J. Woodruffe. Conducted by J. Arthur Hoare.

A 720 IN 27 METHODS

	By A. R. PEAKE.	Arranged by H. CHANT	
23456	Sharnbrook	Beckford	Winchcombe
42635	Bredfield	Cavendish	Dennington
65324	Buxton	Iver	Ramsbury
S 34652	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.	Crayford L.C.
52463			
— 63452			
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62453	Mitcham	Stanhoe	Blaxhall
34562	Ellacombe	Finchley	Minchinhampton
25634	Bredfield	Cavendish	Dennington
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43625	Barking L.B.	Barking L.B.	Barking L.B.
64253	Little Bob	Little Bob	Little Bob
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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 26th, 1,320 Single Oxford Bob Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Gaynor Wallace 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, Amanda Powell 5, C. H. Macve (first in method as cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 5. For Matins, and as a farewell compliment to Colin Mason, assistant organist.

BAYLHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Christian 1, Dr. S. Harrison (first quarter) 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, D. J. Derrick 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. P. Whittell (cond.) 6.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Brown 1, W. Rawlings 2, S. Nicholls 3, D. Beach 4, Christine Shiers 5, A. R. Ling (cond.) 6, P. W. Cave 7, J. Dafters 8. Compliment to P. W. Cave, on his retirement.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On June 12th, 1,080 Plain Bob Doubles (6, 7, 8 covering): Mrs. H. Fisher 1, Miss A. Humphries 2, Miss A. Davies 3, Mrs. E. Price 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, A. Williams 6, A. Norris 7, M. Davies 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. C. M. Griffiths, Rector of Bedwellty.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. E. Anderson 1, Mrs. E. Wylie 2, Mrs. R. J. Sanderson 3, Miss W. Anderson 4, R. J. Sanderson (cond.) 5. On the eve of the Patronal Festival.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Payne (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Knight 2, Miss C. Wood 3, A. Bourner 4, L. Sweatman 5, B. Johnson 6, D. Dury 8.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—At Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, on June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Whorlow (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, Miss M. Elsdon 3, G. Firman 4, Rev. M. Stephens 5, P. Inskip 6, A. Bridges 7, E. Fowles 8.

BRISTOL.—On June 25th, at SS. Philip and Jacob's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Hemmings 1, P. Bridle 2, D. Powney 3, P. Shipton 4, D. C. Exell 5, J. R. Taylor 6, R. J. Bowden (cond.) 7, G. King 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1 and 8.

BROCKENHURST, HANTS.—On June 20th, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: T. Matcham 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, R. Allinson (first in method) 3, Elizabeth Banks (first in method) 4, L. D. Smith (first in method) 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. N. Parting (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Randles 2, B. R. Millward 3, G. H. Randles 4, D. Collins 5, G. Parting 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, F. C. Millward (first Grandsire Triples) 8. Rung on the evening of the St. Asaph Diocesan Missionary Festival.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Norris 1, Mrs. K. Baldwin 2, Mrs. M. Glover 3, Miss M. Carruthers 4, J. Southey 5, C. Cook 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, B. Glover 8. Rung for the visit of Bishop John Boys for Confirmation.

CHEDZOY, SOMERSET.—On June 21st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. Creber 1, I. J. Burrough 2, Miss K. Hine 3, P. W. Ham 4, F. B. Comer (cond.) 5, E. Lee 6. First in four methods by all.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Irene E. Shanks 1, Rosemary J. Cotton (first in the method) 2, Sandra C. Thexton 3, R. Jean Henderson 4, Jennifer Brown 5, B. J. Imber 6, J. R. Pratt (first on eight as cond.) 7, T. Farmer 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Susan Pratt, the conductor's sister. Also on June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. H. Netherton 1, Irene E. Shanks 2, P. Hatmil 3, B. J. Imber 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, T. Farmer 6. Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Johnson

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hartley 1, E. Eldridge 2, T. Tocock 3, M. Barton 4, J. Dieppe 5, B. Cracknell 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, W. Spicer 8. For the induction of the Rev. Roderick Wallis as curate.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Taber (cond.) 1, Miss J. Stoy 2, G. Fisher 3, G. H. Humphries 4, D. G. Hewitt 5, R. C. Stevens 6, F. E. Collins 7, C. G. Barnes 8. Rung on the back eight for the evening service on St. John the Baptist's Day.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. R. Davies 1, G. R. J. Berry (first "inside") 2, E. E. Pearson 3, W. F. Cowley 4, M. W. Sayers 5, C. C. Clarke 6, A. W. Ivings (first as cond.) 7, O. J. Hemmings (first quarter) 8. For the Patronal Festival service.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. Skelton (first of Stedman) 1, I. Ann Abrahams 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, G. W. Elmes 4, D. Wilson 5, R. N. Marlow 6, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 7, C. Churchill 8.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. J. Hickey 1, L. J. Walters 2, S. B. Bell 3, R. K. Williams 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, R. J. Bullock 6. First quarter 1, 3, 4, 6. Rung on St. John the Baptist's Day (Patron Saint).

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On June 29th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Gillian M. Boyd 1, Rosemary Kemp 2, Cmdr. J. Merritt, R.N. 3, R. K. Hawkins 4, Renee Sturgess 5, F. E. Fagg 6, J. A. G. Ball 7, J. N. Haile 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9. A. Lamb 10. For the Patronal Festival.

FECKENHAM, WORCS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Jones (first of working bell) 1, Mrs. J. Newton 2, M. Leek 3, R. H. Hunt 4, E. Styler (cond.) 5, R. C. Barker 6. First quarter in two methods by the service band. Rung before Patronal Festal Evensong.

FILTON, GLOS.—On June 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. N Blount (first quarter) 1, Miss R. C. J. Sheldon 2, G. Gooding (first "inside") 3, Miss M. N. Haslum 4, D. C. Haslum (first as cond.) 5, A. Howard 6.

HALLING, KENT.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marilyn J. Chidwick (first quarter) 1, Phyllis A. Chidwick 2, Janice M. Underdown (first "inside") 3, D. E. Garrott 4, C. Underdown 5, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 6. First of Minor by all the band except the conductor. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a wedding compliment to David S. Osenton and Margaret A. Nurse.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. A. Broadhurst 1, Miss R. C. Russell 2, Mrs. M. P. Barron 3, A. M. Smith 4, S. W. Barton 5, C. A. Barron (cond.) 6, T. Russell 7, J. N. Lindon 8. For the Patronal Festival.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On June 19th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford and 720 Kent): S. J. Hammond 1, D. J. Derrick (first Treble Bob) 2, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 3, L. J. Parry 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, R. C. Groom 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On June 26th, 1,292 Cambridge Minor: L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 1, R. Fuller 2, G. Mayes 3, F. S. Beaumont 4, P. Tompkins 5, M Major 6. For Parish Communion.

HERTFORD.—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. W. Thorn 1, Mrs. L. E. James 2, S. E. James (cond.) 3, Miss G. M. James 4, P. M. F. Searles 5, V. R. Tubby 6, B. J. W. Foley 7, J. M. Kemp 8. A birthday compliment to Peter Searles. Also on June 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. J. W. Foley 1, V. R. Tubby 2, R. J. Wilsher 3, D. Digby 4, J. M. Kemp (cond.) 5, P. M. F. Searles (first of Minor "inside") 6. In an attempted series of monthly quarter peals.

HERTINGFORDBURY, HERTS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. R. Tubby 1, D. Digby 2, R. J. Wilsher (cond.) 3, P. Owen 4, P. M. F. Searles 5, B. J. W. Foley 6. For Eastertide.

QUARTER PEALS

HINTON WALDRIST, BERKS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Judith A. Southwood 1, D. Lesley 2, H. J. Rossell 3, B. Wakefield (cond.) 4, P. J. Herritage 5, Elizabeth Stevinson 6. First of Stedman Doubles by all except 4 and 6.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, YORKS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Carey (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Gray (cond.) 2, Miss P. A. Teal 3, J. A. Waterworth 4, N. W. Castle 5, J. Ibbotson 6.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynne I. Clowe (first quarter attempt) 1, Susan Mitchell 2, T. W. Brighton 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5.

IWERNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Dennis 1, A. Woods 2, R. N. Longridge 3, J. Knight 4, J. Longridge (cond.) 5, C. Pople 6.

KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gay Meyrick 1, Virginia Drake 2, A. J. Davidson 3, A. Carveth (cond.) 4, R. P. Pearce (first "inside") 5, D. A. Trethewey 6.

KIRBY WISKE, YORKS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Heath (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Town (first quarter) 2, D. Town 3, A. Bashforth 4, E. Metcalfe 5, E. Hudson (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On June 26th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: G. K. Smith 1, M. J. Wilson 2, C. Holmes (first in method) 3, K. Kirk 4, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 5, H. C. Palmer 6. For Evensong.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Haynes (first on treble) 1, G. M. Cox (cond.) 2, Helen Lattimer (first "inside") 3, T. N. Kedge 4, Barbara Sawden 5, S. Barratt (first quarter attempt) 6. For Evensong.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anita J. Nickells 1, P. N. Felton 2, Pamela E. Brown 3, J. R. Pratt 4, M. E. Harrisson 5, R. J. Collis (cond.) 6. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ben Ridout 1, R. N. Longridge 2, F. Hilliar 3, N. Lewis 4, R. Ridout 5, J. Longridge (cond.) 6.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy M. Huggins 1, L. Tremeer (cond.) 2, Prisca Hornby 3, Kay Tremeer 4, P. N. Tubbs 5, J. Huggins 6. For the wedding of Azalea and Philip.

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, WORCS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: M. Kennard 1, J. R. Niblett 2, P. L. Bill 3, J. C. Skidmore 4, P. J. Brown 5, J. Lawley 6, M. D. Fellows 7, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 8. On the occasion of the 414th anniversary of the granting of the charter to King Edward VI Grammar School, Stourbridge. Also on June 15th, 1,250 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. J. Luff 1, M. Powell 2, G. Westwood 3, P. L. Bill 4, J. Warr 6, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 7, M. D. Fellows 8. First of Surprise "inside" 2 and 6. Also on June 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. Kennard 1, P. Bill (cond.) 2, B. Sutton 3, J. Lawley 4, R. Tandy 5, M. Clewes 6, J. Roden 7, B. Wootton 8. First of Major 5, 6, 7, 8. By the local band for Evensong.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On June 26th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. R. Mathews 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, H. Smith 3, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 4, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

OXFORD.—On June 19th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Elaine Dixon, A. P. Foster, B. R. White, G. R. Mordaunt, P. Walker, H. J. Rossell, P. J. Heritage, R. M. Heyworth, R. J. Chaundy, V. Griffin, F. A. White, W. C. Porter, R. Yates, W. F. Judge (cond.). For morning service at the Cathedral.

PUDDLETOWN, DORSET.—On June 29th, 1,440 Doubles (three methods): J. P. Cooper 1, E. H. Amey 2, Miss M. Lush 3, I. F. Collins 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, R. H. J. Mears (first quarter) 6.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On June 18th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, Alison M. Mann 2, Julie S. Armstrong 3, B. J. Bull 4, A. R. Millidge 5, A. Wilbey 6, M. J. Uphill 7, N. R. Waite 8. A birthday compliment to 2 and 3.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On June 26th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: L. Ann Gasson 1, Alison M. Mann (first of Major as cond.) 2, C. F. Mew 3, Julie S. Armstrong 4, A. R. Millidge 5, L. W. Allen 6, B. H. Coatsworth 7, D. C. Brookes 8. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. D. Tomlin 1, P. Bedford 2, Mrs. P. Bedford 3, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 4, F. C. May 5, D. E. Belcham 6, A. J. House 7, J. Laken 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Laken on the birth of a daughter (Deborah Jane), and to Don Bedford, on his birthday.

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Smith 1, Rev. F. F. Rigby 2, R. Chew 3, E. D. Wilson 4, K. F. Tyler (cond.) 5, T. Bourne 6. Rung half-muffled immediately after the funeral of Thomas H. Gazey, faithful ringer at this church for many years.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. K. Gardner (first quarter) 1, R. C. Moore 2, Delia M. Langton 3, R. W. Smith 4, C. C. Stokes (first as cond.) 5. Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar.

RUISHTON, Taunton, SOMERSET.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (2 methods): Sylvia Arscott (aged 10) 1, M. Beale 2, A. Arscott (aged 12) 3, B. Bindon 4, A. H. Reed (cond.) 5, R. F. Arscott 6. First in two methods 1, 3 and 4. A birthday compliment to ringer of 6. His son and daughter rang 1 and 3 respectively.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Whorlow 1, Miss M. Elsdon 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, G. Firman 4, Miss E. Exwood 5, P. Stockwell 6, A. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. For St. Peter's-tide.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On June 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. W. Simpson 1, Mrs. L. Hopkin 2, Nita West 3, W. Simpson 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey 7, D. Marshall (cond.) 8. First of Major 2, 3 and 5. First by an all local band. A compliment to Mrs. Cynthia Charter, a member of the band, on the birth of a daughter.

SHILTON, WARWICKS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith L. Wright (College of Education, first quarter) 1, Jacqueline Allen (College of Education) 2, Maryl R. Crossthwaite (College of Education) 3, J. H. Fielden (Lanchester College) 4, S. C. Walters (Lanchester College, cond.) 5, K. F. Gardner (Lanchester College) 6. Rung by the Coventry Colleges Guild.

SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.—On June 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Maine (first quarter) 1, J. W. Belshaw 2, R. J. Weekes 3, A. H. Fiuer (cond.) 4, R. Farmer 5, M. F. Edwards 6.

S. LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On June 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Foreman 1, J. Boast 2, H. Fuller (cond.) 3, D. Boast 4, A. W. Foreman 5, R. Filby 6. First quarter 2, 4 and 6. To celebrate the first anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On June 5th, 1,344 Spliced Rutland, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire Surprise Major: E. Short 1, Marguerite Battram 2, J. Thorley 3, H. Scott 4, E. Dalingwater 5, H. Wagstaff 6, G. Jackson 7, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 8.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Sheila Ingram 1, S. Royal 2, G. Ingram 3, J. A. Print 4, R. Chapman 5, E. Cubberley 6, C. R. Steed 7, R. W. Sherriff 8, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 9, F. C. Lyne 10. For Evensong.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Newing (cond.) 1, D. P. Treble 2, Wendy Treble 3, Rev. P. Newing 4, J. Clements 5, R. G. Morris 6.

TORMOHUN, DEVON.—On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. J. Ley 1, K. E. Fursdon 2, P. J. Daniel 3, J. P. Coad 4, R. J. Gay (cond.) 5, W. M. Taylor 6. First of Stedman for all except 2.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On June 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. F. A. Penn 1, R. H. Johnston (first of Caters "inside") 2, R. L. Gardiner 3, R. D. Quartley 4, N. P. Spencer 5, G. H. Harding 6, F. A. Penn 7, D. Jones (first of Caters) 8, C. P. Quartley (cond.) 9, R. H. Lucas 10. Rung as a welcome to the Bishop of Salisbury for Confirmation.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On June 26th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, 6 and 8 covering): M. J. Hawkins 1, R. L. Coles 2, J. H. Thompson (first in three "inside") 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, Shirley A. Cox 6, I. P. Cox 8.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Gray 1, M. T. Haynes (first "inside") 2, Miss E. M. Haynes (cond.) 3, Miss P. A. Teal 4, G. E. Drew 5, N. W. Castle 6. For Ascension Day.

WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, BRISTOL.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Gillimore 1, B. Huddleston 2, D. Huddleston 3, M. H. Gregory 4, R. Huddleston 5, A. Howard (cond.) 6.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Practice meeting at Crewkerne on Saturday, July 16th, 7 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 9494

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Stratford-on-Avon, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow Numbers for tea important.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. 9427

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Brampton (6), Saturday, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9467

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Tibshelf, July 16th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.–7.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify Mr. T H Radford. 35 High Street, Tibshelf. Derbys. Morton bells available 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. 9458

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—South Mimms. July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening. North Mymms. S.M.: Hertford Surprise. Names for tea, please, to Miss T. West, 58, Brookside, South Mimms, Potters Bar.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis Sec. 9439

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Albury, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Evening ringing at Brent Pelham. Names for tea to Mr. A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Clapgate, Albury, Much Hadham.—D. Kingston 9460

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Rochester District — Quarterly meeting at Minster Abbey, Saturday July 16th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M Leworthy, 20, Marian Avenue, Minster, Sheppey, please.—T. Barton. 9397

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch — Half-annual meeting on Saturday, July 16th. Ringing, St. Philip's, Hulme, 2–4 p.m. Dedication of handbell cupboard in Cathedral ringing room 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in refectory. Town Hall bells available from tea until 9 p.m No ringing at the Cathedral. — J. Brannan, Branch Sec. 9450

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, July 16th, at Christ Church (8). Bacup. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—P. A. Mason, Sec. 9500

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD — West Lindsey Branch —Meeting at Broughton near Brigg, Saturday, July 16th Bells afternoon and evening Service 4.15 Tea for those who notify me. Special methods: York Surprise and Bastow Little Court.—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 9457

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —N. and E. District.—Evening meeting, Finchley, Saturday, July 16th. Ringing from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All welcome.—E. H. Kilby,. Dis. Sec. 9453

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch. — Summer meeting, Saturday, July 16th. West Deeping (6) 3–4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Service 6.30 p.m. and evening ringing at Maxey (6). Names for tea essential to R. H. Daw, 97 Fane Road, Peterborough. 9452

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY —Evening practice meeting Saturday, July 16th (tomorrow). Bells available: Colwich (6), near Stafford, 6.30–8, and Sandon (new 5) 7.30–9 p.m.—C M. S., Hon Sec. 9487

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Practice meeting at St. Mary's (10), Grundisburgh. Saturday, July 16th, 7–9 p.m.—W. L. 9501

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on July 19th at 8.15 p.m. Practices July 19th, St. Paul's Cathedral; July 26th, St. Mary-le-Bow; August 2nd, St. Andrew's, Holborn; August 9th, Southwark Cathedral.—J. G. A. Prior. 9481

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, South Cadbury (6), Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. North Cadbury (6). Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Ringing after. — L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 9476

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch. — Practice meeting at Porlock (6) on July 23rd at 7 p.m. 9493

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 23rd, Tilsworth (6) 3 p.m. Stanbridge (5) from 5.30. Business at Tilsworth at 5 p.m. Bring own tea.—K. G. Spavins, Hon. Sec. 9497

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Acton, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, by July 20th. 9506

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—St. Bridget's, West Kirby, July 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous. — Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 9507

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Etwall on Saturday, July 23rd. Learners 3 p.m. General ringing 4.30 p.m. and after tea. Tea at 5 p.m. Names to Clive A. Thrower, 51, Church Street, Spondon. 9440

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Great Holland on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. S. Leach, 3, Holland Villas, Great Holland, Frinton-on-Sea. 9445

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Little Baddow on Saturday July 23rd Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing after tea at Danbury (6) until 8.30 Names for tea to I. R. Panton 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827) 9498

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Practice meeting at the Slaughters on Saturday, July 23rd Bells available from 6–8 p.m. Upper Slaughter (5) and Lower Slaughter (6). Branch Sec., Mr. L. C Dowdeswell. Please note new address: 5, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos. Tel. Stow/Wold 350. 9498

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS Mid-Devon Branch.— — Quarterly meeting at Ipplepen on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Names to A. B Shingler, 8, Ness View Road, Teignmouth, Broadhempston 6.15–7.15 p.m. 9387

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Aldington, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Canon J. Frank, The Rectory, Aldington, Ashford, by Thursday, July 21st.—A. P. S. B 9475

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Deal, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 2s. 6d. per person. Service at 4.30 p.m. Names, together with cash, to Mr. S. N. Mockett, 325, London Road, Upper Deal, Deal.—T. C. P. 9475

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, Shoreham, July 23rd Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by Wednesday, the 20th. 9495

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 23rd, Kirkby Mallory (6), 3–4.30 Service 4.30. Tea at Peckleton, 5. Evening ringing Peckleton. Names for tea to Mrs. Kibble, Charnwood, Peckleton, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 9448

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch. — Meeting at Pulham St Mary on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses Bunwell, Norwich NOR 01X, by Wednesday July 20th 9435

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Denham, Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea to Miss Hobbs, 4, Broken Gate Lane, Denham, by Monday, July 18th.—Miss Hague. 9473

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Walgrave on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to M. Coleman, 20, Copelands Road, Desborough, by Tuesday previous. All welcome. 9479

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Ludgershall, July 23rd. Bells 3 p.m., Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street., Wilton, by Tuesday, 19th 9477

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 23rd. Mansfield Woodhouse (6) 3–5 p.m.: Sutton-in-Ashfield (8) 6.30–9 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting to be held —D J. Beach. Dis. Sec. 9505

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 23rd. Joint meeting with Southern Division and LADIES' GUILD (Sussex). Ringing at St. Saviour's 3–4 p.m. Service at Christ Church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing Christ Church 6 p.m. Names for tea to me at 8, The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield, Sussex, by Wednesday, July 20th.—G. FitzHugh. 9472

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at St Faith's, Havant, July 23rd. Bells 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 m Windsor Café, North Street. Names for tea to Mr. H. M. Marshall, Springfield, Rectory Lane, Havant, by previous Wednesday, please. 9491

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at St. Mary's, Ealing, Monday, July 25th. Ringing 7 to 8.30 p.m. Special method: Rutland S.M.—W S. Deason.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening meeting. Thurnby (6), Tuesday, July 26th. Ringing 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9509

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N & N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting, Chittlehampton, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, Devon. Visitors welcome.—D. Pearce, Sec. 9520

LADIES' GUILD — Central District. — Meeting, Loughton, Saturday, July 30th. Ringing 3.30 Tea and business meeting 4.30. Service 5.15, followed by further ringing until 8.30. 9504

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Billingborough, Saturday, July 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. J. Baxter, Buckminster House, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs, by Monday, July 25th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon Sec 9496

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Diocesan Festival, July 30th, at Truro Cathedral Guild Office with address by the Bishop of Truro at 4.30 followed by tea. Towers open: Cathedral (10), Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), Probus (8), Perranarworthal (6), St. Erme (6). All bells available 2.30–4.15 and after tea. Numbers for tea by July 27th, please.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec., Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro. 9452

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The West Dorset Branch quarterly meeting at Hawkchurch on June 11th did not attract a large attendance but there were sufficient for the Guild service, which was conducted by the Rev. K. G. C. Rowcliffe, and to enjoy the excellent meal laid on by local ladies.

Business transacted included arranging for the following meetings: Next quarterly, September 17th, Thorncombe; practice meetings: Broadwindsor, August 10th; Whitchurch, August 24th; Bridport, September 7th; Askerswell, September 28th; Hawkchurch, October 12th; Lyme Regis, October 27th. All subject to confirmation. J. D.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSN.

Eastern Branch

Some 40 members attended the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch at Pakefield on May 21st. Touches in a wide variety of methods up to Cambridge were rung on the very light octave. The service was conducted by the Rector, Canon D. E. Bringloe, and Mr. P. Kindred, leader of the local company, read the lesson. The tea (or banquet) followed in the Church Hall and was succeeded by the business meeting. The chairman (Miss D. Lidbetter) expressed the gathering's pleasure to see their president (Mr. F. Nolan Golden) in action once more.

Next meeting: Happisburgh on October 8th. J. S.

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WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Gower (first quarter) 1, P. Staples 2, P. Richardson 3, R. Carlton 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, C. Sharp 6. For Confirmation, and as a 99th birthday compliment to E. S. Ruck, sole surviving founder member of the K.C.A.C.R. Also on June 26th, 1,280 Bob Doubles (five methods): D. Gower 1, P. Staples 2, P. Richardson 3, R. Carlton 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, C. Sharp 6.

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RINGING LITERATURE

The Professor Comments

"IF," remarked the Professor, "the amount of literature published on a subject is an indication of its vitality, I suppose that ringing is as much alive today as it ever was."

"Perhaps," I countered, "it is merely because the urge to write is greater or printing facilities easier."

"Maybe. Of course any art diffuses as it progresses and the need for special books or articles on different branches becomes necessary. Whereas at one time almost all aspects of the art could be adequately covered in one volume, today this would be impossible in the detail required for specialists in each subject. And so we find, for instance, that in Ernest Morris's 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' probably the greatest book on change ringing ever written, and more recently in W. G. Wilson's book, huge tracts of certain aspects (for example, six-bell ringing) must perforce be left largely uncovered."

"What about the early books?"

"Stedman was responsible for the first two, 'Tintinnalogia' in 1668 and 'Campanalogia' in 1677. The former was reprinted from the office of 'The Bell News' in 1895 and, although it may be, as Trollope says, 'one of the best **written** books on ringing that has ever been published,' it contains much that is now obsolete and of interest mainly to historical students of bellringing."

"That it was so well written," added the Professor, "was due to the fact that the actual text was prepared by a Rev. R. Duckworth, then Rector of Hartest in Suffolk, a ringing friend of Stedman."

"And Campanalogia?"

"Technically a much more advanced book. Single-change methods and other odd concoctions appear as in the previous book with delightful names such as 'Nightingale,' 'My Lord' or 'A Cure for Melancholy,' but methods which we regard as 'standard' methods now make their appearance although not always under the names in which we now know them. Double Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, amongst others, appear in print for the first time."

"In 1702," he continued, "another 'Campanalogia' made its appearance, this time with two authors, J. D. and C. M., who were, it is believed, John Doleman and Charles Marsh, members respectively of the Society of London Scholars and the Society of College Youths. Four more editions appeared, the last, edited by Monk in 1776, containing Cambridge Surprise Major, the Minor version having made its debut in the previous edition in 1753. Snowdon in his Preface to the fifth edition of 'Standard Methods' points out that slight adjustments were made to Cambridge Surprise Major in 'Clavis' in order to give it regular lead-ends."

"In what year did 'Clavis' appear?"

" 'Clavis' or 'Clavis Campanalogia', to give the work its full title, was published in 1788 and was the result of the joint efforts of three men: William Jones, John Reeves and Thomas Blakemore, Jones being responsible mainly for the text and arrangement whilst his partners supplied most of the technical knowhow. It is interesting to note that attempts were made in this book to explain internal falseness, the possibility of which occurring in certain methods had been discovered about twenty years previously. Shipway in his 'Campanalogia' of 1816 arranged his methods into organised systems (twelve in all) and his book is in three parts, the second of which makes the first real attempt to explain "In-" and "Out-of-course" rows and to unravel the mysteries of composition. Hubbard's book, "The Art of Ringing," published 1845, contained little that was new, although there is evidence that the brothers Snowdon thought highly of it. It was well written and subsequent editions appeared in 1854, 1864, 1868 and 1875. Thackrah's book appeared in 1852, Sottanstall's massive tome in 1867, Troyte's in 1869 and Bannister's in 1874. Sottanstall is often abused, frequently without justification, and Trollope had not a very high opinion of Thackrah."

"But what do **you** think?"

"Thackrah's book 'The Art of Change Ringing' has not perhaps the polish of Troyte nor the style of Bannister but he was a better ringer than either and certainly, in the North, was far more influential. Nor must it be forgotten that he rearranged Cambridge Surprise Major to form New Cambridge, and called a peal of it before the hierarchy realised that rearranging the rows with the treble in 3-4 would, as he pointed out in his book, remove the falseness."

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THIS YEAR'S LEADER OF AUSTRALIAN RINGING

ONE of the best known of Australian ringers, Mr. "Bill" Pitcher, of Kingswood, South Australia, is a familiar name in the old world and the new by his vigorous editorship during the past four years of "Ringing Towers," the bright quarterly that gives so much pleasure to its readers. Bill was elected president of the Australia and New Zealand Association at the annual festival at Sydney from June 11th–13th (page 430) and he is combining this office with two others, the editorship of "Ringing Towers" and peal secretary to the Association.

The new president is nearly 41 years of age and a bachelor. It was at St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, that he was taught to ring and one of the proud moments of his ringing career was when Bishop Tom Reed entrusted the care of these bells to him. Bill still thinks that the ring of eight at Adelaide (tenor 41 cwt. in C) contains the finest bells in the world. Certainly they run Sherborne Abbey (tenor 45 cwt.) close in majesty and mellowness and are the second heaviest octave in the world. For six years he has been captain and when Great Adventure II visited Adelaide last year they found Bill had a competent band, four of whom stood in one of the peals rung by the tourists and a former captain of the tower in another.

Bill has visited England twice— in 1951 and 1956—and, sad to confess, on both those occasions he was unaware of church bells! About nine years ago he learned to handle a rope and since then campanology in its various departments has entered very fully into his life. To date he has rung seven peals, one of which was with the tourists. None of these has he conducted, although once he tried to enter the lists of conductors and lost the peal 140 changes from the end. However, with quarter peals he has been more successful, with 81 to his credit, having conducted—Bill prefers to use the word "called"—30.

His professional life was started as a school teacher—science being his subject, but 14 years ago he took to book-selling and owns his own business in Adalaide. Needless to say, books relating to bells and change ringing have a special niche on his shelves and hopes are being entertained that his shop will become a depot for Central Council publications in Australia.

His work is a labour of love because Bill classifies bookselling and bell ringing as his hobbies with very occasionally a little cine photography (he made a film of the production of "Ringing Towers") and philately, in which he finds the beautifully engraved issues of France attractive.

We wish him a happy year of office that will continue the good work done in 1965–66 for the advancement of ringing in Australia and New Zealand.



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LONG LENGTH AT ESHER

Congratulations to Mr. A. P. Cannon and his band, which included two ladies, who rang the peal of 10,368 Yorkshire Surprise Major at Esher on July 2nd. It was the longest length of Surprise for the Surrey Association but not the longest length. This was a 10,400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major called by Mr. C. H. Kippin at Christ Church, Epsom, in April, 1926. The Esher peal was rung in 5 hours and 26 minutes.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN, SOCIETY

Regarding the reference to Trinity College, Dublin, Society, quoted from the "Irish Bell News," a correspondent asks us to state that Mrs. J. Porter (née Marilyn Smith) was a promising Grandsire ringer when she came to Dublin; Miss E. Ann Sadler learned to handle a bell and ring Grandsire and Plain Bob in Preston, Rutlandshire; R. Anthony Vere Hodge learned to handle at Kingswood and change ringing under Miss Marie Cross, coming to Dublin competent in Grandsire, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

ALL SAINTS', BENHILTON, TOWER OPEN NIGHT

Instead of the usual practice on June 29th the ringers at All Saints' Church, Benhilton (Sutton, Surrey), opened their tower to visitors. The purpose was to interest local inhabitants in the only ring of bells in the borough, with a view to the appeal for £5,000 for restoration, which must be launched in the near future if the record of continuous ringing since 1893 (when the bells were inaugurated) is to be maintained.

The evening proved most successful, with the ringing chamber packed to capacity. The visitors, who showed a lively interest, climbed to the top of the tower for the view, saw the bells and after an explanatory talk by the vice-captain, heard rounds and methods rung to demonstrate the art. The local Press were in attendance and gave wide publicity to the event.

GOING OVERSEAS

St. Peter's, Nottingham, is losing two members who are going overseas. Charlie Towers, of Thrumpton, Notts, who is chairman of the Nottingham District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, is emigrating with his family to Western Australia at the end of July. Following a farewell quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal on July 3rd, Fred Salter, on behalf of the company, presented Charlie with gifts—a pen and Wedgwood pottery. Wishing him every success in his new venture, Mr. Salter said in all the years he had known Charlie he had always found him the same—friendly and helpful.

The other departure is that of David Ingram, who has been a member of the band during his three years at Nottingham University. He is leaving in September to do research work at Hamilton, Canada. The band wished him success and thanked him for his support.

RINGING LITERATURE

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"Where do the Snowdons fit in?"

"They popularised the text book and concentrated more on the specialisation I mentioned earlier: books such as 'Rope-Sight,' that classic of campanological clarity, 'Treatise on Treble Bob,' with its lucid explanation of 'In-' and 'Out-of-Course' rows and its masterly exposition on proof, 'Grandsire' with its Thompson papers proving that a peal of Grandsire with ordinary Singles was impossible, 'Double Norwich' and the popular 'Standard Methods.'"

"I learnt a lot from 'Rope-Sight' and much of my theory from 'Treble Bob' and 'Grandsire,'" I observed.

"They were good books nevertheless!"

We discussed (or rather the Professor propounded and I listened, pushing in, as I was wont, an occasional query or observation) various other publications. He dissertated on "Church Bells," "The Bell News" and "The Ringing World," on how Sir Arthur Heywood's "Duffield" had clarified the system of proving by "course-ends," the valuable contribution made by the Central Council's many publications ("although what a mess they made of the first edition of 'Minor Methods'"), and discussed the excellence, or otherwise, of the different Associations' reports. I asked him what he thought about the independent publications which are advertised week by week in "The Ringing World."

"It is a good thing that someone has the initiative to undertake this work. Much valuable ground is tilled that, for various reasons, could not be cultivated satisfactorily by either 'The Ringing World' or the Central Council. These people deserve all the support we can give them. Of course much interesting, and indeed valuable literature never enjoys printers' ink. I refer, of course, to the thousands of notebooks and manuscripts that must have been privately prepared or compiled over the years. Many of these are simply records of deeds of individual prowess; peals scored, touches rung, etc., but others are more valuable and may contain touches, methods, compositions and peals which in some cases have never appeared in print, and could possibly serve as pointers to settle some historical argument, fix some obscure date or fill in the details of some half-completed picture. One has only to cite the case of Annable's notebook which was picked up for a few coppers on a second-hand bookstall and which now proudly reposes in the British Museum. How many times have we seen the footnote 'Found in Annable's notebook'? I sometimes shudder to think of the priceless material that has been destroyed by indifferent or ignorant spring-cleaners!"

I left him shuddering H. C.

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DEDICATIONS

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE

TWO new treble bells have been added to the ring at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Hathern, through the initiative of local ringers. The bells have been purchased for £695 from Messrs. J. Taylor and Co, and of this sum Hathern ringers have raised approximately £500. The Parochial Church Council gave the ringers permission to go ahead and promised to underwrite the balance until such time as the ringers could repay them.

There was a nearly full church to welcome the Bishop of Leicester (the Rt. Rev. R. R. Williams) at the dedication service on June 21st. This attendance, which included ringers from all over the county, was an encouragement to local ringers, who greatly appreciate the support from the Leicester District towers. Two ringers—Mr. B. S. Payne, president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and Mrs. Valerie Carter, tower secretary—read the lessons. The Bell Carol was sung after the dedication, followed by the ringing of the bells.

The Bishop, in his address, showed how history revealed itself in the dates on the bells. Bells Nos. 6 and 7 are the oldest and are dated 1618 and 1620 and were hung in the reign of James I, who was largely responsible for the translation of the Bible. Bells 4, 5 and 8 were cast in 1791 and 1792—in the middle of the Georgian era. It was interesting to be reminded that even the comparatively newer bells had an exciting connection with time, as they were hung just about the time that our Bishop and many other Church leaders and Archbishops were beginning their ministry. The new No. 2 bell is inscribed to the Lord Bishop, and he reminded us that when his voice has long been silenced his bell will go on calling the faithful to worship.

Light refreshments were served in the Church Rooms after the service, and approximately £21 was raised during the evening towards the fund. This was the result of the collection during the service and also the sale of the food, all of which had most generously been given. V. M. C.

SUTTON-CUM-LOUND, NOTTS

THE three bells at St. Bartholomew's, Sutton-cum-Lound, Nottinghamshire, were re-dedicated on Sunday, July 10th. They have been retuned and hung in a steel six-bell frame by John Taylor and Co.

The treble has no inscription but a cross repeated, and the shield of R. Mellors just below the inscription band.

The second has IHESUS BE OVRE SPEDE 1583 in Gothic capitals with a king's head stamp on the left of the date and H. Oldfield's mark on the right. The tenor has FILI DEI MISERERE MEI 1627 in Roman capitals, with the vine border associated with the Nottingham foundry. Its weight is approximately 10 cwt. and its note is a little sharp of G.

The clock has also been restored and chimes on all three bells. Ringing is from the base of the tower. The draught is long but there are rope guides. Several recruits have come forward and are being instructed by N. Notts members from East Retford and Babworth.

A grant of £50 was made from the Southwell Diocesan Guild Bell Repair Fund towards the cost of the work. It is intended to increase the ring in the near future. Practice night, Friday, 8.30 p.m. H. P.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild

THE 38th annual festival was held at St. Mary's, Swansea, on June 25th. The weather was disappointing but in spite of this over 60 attended the meeting, the Central and Southern Districts being well represented. The service was held in the Trinity Chapel and the Bishop gave the Blessing. An excellent tea followed.

The meeting, which was presided over by the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon (Dr. J. J. A. Thomas), was held in the Vestry Hall. The business opened on a sad note, with the president expressing sympathy with the bereaved of the late treasurer, Mr. D. H. Bennett, and also Mr. R. Sparkes (Builth Wells) on their deaths early this year. All stood in silence to their memory.

The shield was presented to the winners of the ringing competition (Cadoxton), with congratulations on their success. Certificates were also presented to the runners-up (Sketty and Newton Nottage).

RADNORSHIRE—WHICH GUILD?

The hon. secretary, in his report, stated that in post-war years festivals of the Guild had been held in Radnorshire—Knighton and New Radnor being visited. Records showed that subscriptions had not been received from any towers in the northern area since the inauguration of the Guild. The matter of affiliation fees could be food for thought in the near future.

The Hereford Guild was holding District meetings in Radnorshire, visiting the towers mentioned, and in that Guild's last annual report Knighton was listed as being in the Clun District and Glasbury-on-Wye and Talgarth as in the Clifford District. It would be interesting to see what would happen if they decided to print their own report and entered the towers as in the Swansea and Brecon Guild. These towers could not be in both dioceses.

The number of ringing members in the Central District was increasing and more interest shown in the quarterly meetings, but the records of the Southern District showed that numbers had fallen considerably since 1962, which was due to the constitutional build-up of the District and Rule 9.

Arising from the report, Mr. Stan Edwards made it quite clear that the Swansea and Brecon Guild came first, in referring to affiliation to other Guilds. Referring to the Hereford Guild's annual report, the secretary was asked to write to Mr. Cousins re the towers in question, which should be headed under—Towers in other dioceses, but affiliated to the Hereford Guild.

The Peal Records report was given by Mr. G. I. Lewis, who stated that the number of peals had fallen compared with the previous year. This was due to less handbell peals being rung.

The Central Council's meeting at Bath was fully expounded by the Guild's representative. The 1967 Central Council meeting will be held in Nottingham.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The committee recommended the nomination of Mr. G. I. Lewis as Master. Further nominations were, however, received, viz.: Miss E. Watkins, proposed by Mr. J. T. Williams; and Mr. E. J. Morris, proposed by Mr. J. Hughes. At this stage Mr. Lewis withdrew his name, but was afterwards persuaded to stand for the office and, on a vote being taken, was elected by a good majority.

The hon. secretary (Mr. J. A. Hoare) was again re-elected. The office of treasurer was now vacant through the death of Mr. D. H. Bennett and nominations were invited. Mr. Peter Thomas and Mr. E. J. Morris were nominated and the latter was elected. Mr. Stan Edwards was re-elected hon. auditor.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following notice was submitted by Mr. J. Hughes: "That due to negligence of Guild matters in the Northern District, and also to the non-payment of subscriptions to the Guild from that District, the same Northern District be dissolved and that all towers in this District become once more affiliated to the Central District of the Guild." This was seconded by Mr R. Hoskings.

Mr. M. Thomas said there was a difficulty in visiting these towers in the Northern District. Mr. T. M. Roderick asked if there had been any correspondence from the secretary of the same District. The hon. secretary replied that there had been no reply to his letters. It was then agreed that the towers in question be affiliated to the Central District.

Another notice of motion by Mr. B. J. Woodruffe sought to alter the rules of the ringing competition by including call changes and a time limit for raising and falling the bells. This was discussed at length. Mr. Roderick proposed that the raising and falling in peal should be discontinued. This proposal was voted out. After further deliberations a proposal by Mr. E. J. Morris, that the motion be left to committee, was duly carried.

The 1967 annual festival will be held in Brecon Cathedral, and Mr. M. John proposed a visit to Builth Wells for the ringing competition next year. This was unanimously agreed to.

A letter was to be sent to Mr. W. Dobbins, who would be 81 on June 29th, expressing the good wishes of the meeting. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £2 17s. 6d.

A vote of thanks by Mr. T. M. Roderick to Canon H. C. Williams for taking the chair, which had been vacated by the Bishop during the meeting, and for the excellent arrangements made for the festival, concluded the business. J. A. H.

EAST GRINSTEAD'S ANNUAL OUTING

A 6.15 a.m. start was made by the East Grinstead ringers on July 9th for their annual outing. Arriving at Oxford just after 9.15, coffee was partaken in one of the many cafés.

Ten o'clock saw us safely in the tower of the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin. The excellent 27 cwt. ring of six was made good use of—London going particularly well. At Christ Church Cathedral ringing consisted of rounds, Bob Royal and a poor effort for Little Bob Maximus. The bells at St. Martin's and All Saints' were enjoyed. Cambridge not going too well but a good touch of Oxford Bob Triples was tapped off.

After lunch some fine ten-bell ringing was heard at Magdalene College. Superlative went well at St. Ebbe's, as did most of the ringing. We then said goodbye to Mr. P. Walker, who had been our guide in Oxford, and our thanks go to him for his arrangements.

Henley-on-Thames was our last tower. Mr. Tigwell met us and some of the best ringing of the day took place here, including Yorkshire, Cambridge and Double Norwich. We arrived home at 12.15 a.m., tired but happy. F. H. H.

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Letters to the Editor

MAKING A USEFUL BELL REPAIR FUND

Dear Sir,—I do feel that some notice should be taken of the letter from the secretary of the Council for the Care of Churches, Miss Judith Scott, published on June 3rd. A national bell repair fund may not be workable, but there is no reason why ringers should not run worth-while funds in their own Associations. The present standard of donations is totally inadequate, and will be so, so long as the present methods of collection, passing the hat round at a meeting or taking a collection at the service, are persisted in.

The **only way** to raise sufficient money to be of any use is by taking a part of the annual subscription for that purpose. I am sure no one these days would miss an extra 10s., which would give an Association of 500 an income of £250 a year. This seems obvious—but when one hears people talking anxiously of a rise of £10 in the cost of printing, or a loss of £15 on the year's working, one wonders if they really realise how little these amounts are amongst such a number of people. In former days the subscription had to be kept to a minimum because ringers were largely drawn from the poorer classes, and people could be really badly off; but now these conditions no longer apply.

In most Associations the annual subscription is still about equal to the cost of tea at the annual general meeting. But whereas the tea may go up a shilling or two without anyone appearing to notice, a proposal to raise the subscription by as little as sixpence will meet with violent opposition! This cannot really be due to solicitude for poorer members, else Associations would long ago have introduced family membership (no family should have to pay for more than one report if they do not want to); and abolished booking fees, through which peal ringers may have to pay their subscription many times over.

On the subject of booking fees, the greatest saving in any one year in the Hertford County Association amounted to 9½d. per member. Had the subscription been raised by only one shilling instead, the Association would now be much better off, and this, I think, would apply in **any** Association. If **all** members of an Association would only pay the extra they impose on others, the Bell Repair Fund would become a really useful institution.—Yours faithfully,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

STEDMAN CINQUES "IN HAND"

Dear Sir,—E. C. S. writes in splendid style of the Birmingham handbell ringers who scored their first peal in the city of Birmingham on June 15th, 1916. He did well to revive memories when peals of Stedman Cinques "in hand" were not very plentiful, yet I trust he will forgive me when I point out the dates of peals rung in London as far back as April 18th and October 3rd, 1910.

The following year three more were recorded, while in 1912 another was rung on December 2nd. In 1913 three more appear, the first being a 6,063, which is still the record, while in 1914 four more were rung, the first one a short course peal of 69 courses, the first ever rung on handbells. During 1915 another six peals were scored, but the rest of the band have passed on. In those days we carried out the Central Council ruling regarding umpires for peals "in hand."—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

CORRECTION CORRECTED

Dear Sir,—I was a little disturbed to read "Cornish Corrections" last week, with its account of ringing at St. Clether about which the ringers were so pleased. I visited St. Clether a few months ago to see the bells—not in an advisory capacity but to check their dimensions and inscriptions. I saw the notice on the door; I also saw that the ends of the foundation timbers of the frame were rotten where they rested on the wall offset. Perhaps the band who rang there did not have a torch powerful enough to show them this, but if they take one next time they will find that it is so, and they may be less inclined to ring there, especially as the frame, like so many of William Aggett's, is not an ounce too heavy for the bells and has very little reserve strength.

Miss E. M. Bliss's observations on Brimpsfield, Glos (June 24th, page 416), interested me very much, but I think that Walters is wrong in attributing these Gloucestershire bells to the Exeter foundry. Miss Eunice Overend some years ago obtained some casts for me from bells with this lettering, which showed them to be very like but not identical with the Exeter stamps. I believe that they are Gloucester bells and that the Exeter foundry may have been an offshoot of the Gloucester business, starting with a set of stamps copied from those in use at Gloucester. These Lombardic capitals were used by two or three founders, the last to use them regularly being Robert Norton, who introduced black-letter at Exeter. I think that the Gloucester bells are earlier, about 1370–90. The Dorchester 7th is an Exeter bell, and one of the finest. It shows that soon after its foundation the Exeter foundry was possessed of a very high reputation and standard.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN G. M. SCOTT.

Clawton Vicarage, Holsworthy.

CORRECTION TO "CHANGE RINGING"

Dear Sir,—Since Mr. Wilson is preparing a second edition of "Change Ringing," I would like to point out that the place notation for Bourne and Hull Surprise Minor appears to be incorrect.

If I am the umpteenth person to note this, perhaps he would forgive me.—Yours faithfully,

ROY THREADGOLD.

Braintree, Essex.

I thank Mr. Threadgold for pointing this out—he is the first, which is a pity as it has missed the reprint. I regret this further example of the difficulty of producing a faultless book on change ringing. The correct notation is, of course, x 3 x 4 x 2 x 3 x 34 x 3, etc.

WILFRID G. WILSON.

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested to read about the bells of Peterborough Cathedral. I seem to remember my old friend, Mr. Tom Tebbutt, telling me he rang the Cathedral tenor to Grandsire Doubles when the 1914-18 war ended; he was then working in Peterborough on munitions. He also helped to teach the ladies to ring at Woodston, where the late Mrs. H. J. Poole and Mrs. Rupert Richardson were members.—Yours sincerely,

G. S. VALENTINE.

Duston, Northampton.

BELFRY TACT IN TEACHING

Dear Sir,—If my recent experiences of seeing others teach ringing are in any way typical, then the proposed "Tutors' Handbook" should include a large section on such matters as belfry tact and human relationships.

The latter is frequently neglected, and I have seen many good recruits lost, not because the technical aspects of ringing are beyond them, but because they do not receive any real encouragement. When they realise that the ringers would rather ring Cambridge Surprise than teach them, is it to be wondered at that they drift away?

When are teachers going to realise that if recruits do not become ringing maniacs from the start they are not likely to persevere, especially now that there are so many counter-attractions? Many teachers are too old to appreciate the needs of modern youth, and these should be replaced.

The good teacher should attempt to give the recruit a great interest in ringing. It is not enough to give him a copy of the "Beginners' Handbook," though there are many towers that even do not do this. They should be lent a copy of "The Nine Tailors" or Tom Ingram's book "Bells in England," which will give them a greater interest and perspective. Why not take them to a meeting or on an outing, even if they cannot ring? It will give them experience of the ringing fellowship and a chance to hear ringing to aspire to.

Much can be achieved in a short time to give a recruit enthusiasm. Unfortunately the selfishness of many ringers, who prefer practising the latest methods to ringing rounds for learners, has been the cause of many lost recruits. Learners must not be looked upon as a sore spot to be given a few soothing rounds at the beginning of practice with the hope that they won't start itching again until next week. Learners must be treated with consideration and, in my opinion, as priority. I have known of too many silent towers to think otherwise.—Yours faithfully,

KEITH LEWIN.

Luton.

WYMONDHAM ABBEY BELL APPEAL

IN order to preserve the fabric of the tower, on which the Church Council has recently spent some £9,000, we are now advised that the bells, which are the heaviest ring of eight in Norfolk, should not be rung again until they are rehung lower in the tower to reduce the strain on the building itself. This work will cost about £3,000 at least, but the opportunity thus presents itself to have the bells recast at the same time.

If we do this, and we very much hope to do it, Wymondham Abbey, where so many ringers from all over the county have rung in past years, will have a really first-class ring, which will perfectly match the magnificent church in which they are situated. But recasting will put the total sum to be found up to something between £5,000 and £6,000. The order for the rehanging has been placed with Mears and Stainbank, the work to commence in September this year, by which date we shall have to decide whether or not the bells are to be recast at the same time.

If any readers are able to help us in our appeal for funds, particularly any who have rung in Wymondham in the past, it will help us to achieve our object, which is to do the full job and have the bells ringing again by early next summer.

The Vicar of Wymondham will be very pleased to receive and to acknowledge any contributions which may be sent to him or to Mr. H. Tooke, secretary of the Wymondham Company, 33, The Lizard, Wymondham.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

THE annual outing of the St. David's Guild, which was very poorly supported (only the towers of Tenby, St. Florence, Pembroke and Burry Port being represented), was held on July 2nd in the Glamorgan area.

The first tower visited was at Baglan (6). The bells, which were rehung three years ago, were pleasant and easy-going. Various Doubles methods and Plain Bob Minor were rung.

At Newton Nottage was a ground-floor ring with a delightful light eight, and here we were joined by two local ringers to ring some good Grandsire Triples. The eight at Bridgend proved too heavy for most of our younger members as the bells are on plain bearings, but here again, with the help of Mr. Petty, the local captain, we rang Grandsire Triples.

Coity (6 bells) was visited next. We did better here, methods rung including Little Bob Minor, April Day and Plain Bob. We noticed that there was a five cwt. difference in weight between the second and third bells, although the tenor was only 11 cwt. 2 qr. Here we partook of light refreshments at a place appropriately named "The Six Bells."

Ringing in the afternoon was at Cowbridge, where we really did not do justice to the bells. Rather more success was met when we visited Llantwit Major (6), where the bells were particularly heavy-going, and St. Bride's Major (6). We can only attribute our tiredness for our disappointing ringing at our last tower, at Aberavon, which has a musical eight. Richard Warburton, our secretary, joined us here, having made the long journey from Fishguard by train.

The outing was thoroughly enjoyed and our thanks are due to the Rev. Russen Thomas, who made the arrangements, incumbents and local ringers. B. M. R.

JOINT MEETING AT ROUGHAM

The Suffolk Central District were joined by members of the N.W. District for their quarterly meeting on July 2nd at Rougham. A variety of Minor and Surprise methods was rung. The tea was served by Mrs. Nice and her helpers, who were thanked by Mr. C. Hancock.

At a short business meeting Mr. Hancock was voted to the chair and Mr. A. Balham secretary. It was decided to arrange the August monthly meeting at Mildenhall and the September one at Horringer. The October meeting, being the annual District meeting, will first meet at Fornham All Saints and adjourn to West Stow for the evening ringing.

Ringing continued after tea under the District Ringing Master, Mr. Wright.

The use of the bells after rehanging was greatly appreciated, particularly by those who were unable to attend the rehallowing service in May. G. R.

Will the band visiting Inveraray during August contact John H. Allen, 8, Oriel Drive, Fordhouses, Wolverhampton, Staffs, as he has some information that may be useful.

LEEDS FIND MEDIÆVAL CHURCHES AND INNS

An extra tower, unashamedly added to the programme to enable the organiser to complete England's smallest county, proved a most pleasant surprise on June 4th, for a more delightful spot on a perfect summer's day than the 1,000-acre park at Exton would be difficult to find. The "vital statistics" of the outing were 275 miles, 14½ hours from start to finish, 4½ hours' ringing, seven towers.

In addition to several mediæval churches, mediæval inns were also visited—the Angel and Royal at Grantham for morning coffee and the Hind Hotel, Wellingborough, for tea. The former is highly recommended, but, to be charitable, perhaps the Hind have not heard that rationing has ended.

Oundle bells are not the easiest to ring. An interesting sight here was our tallest member (6ft. 6in.) standing on the two-foot high table provided to enable the ringer of the second bell to see the third man across the top of the clock case.

Just as Thrapston Church is a "must" for American tourists by reason of the Washington tablet bearing the original "Stars and Stripes," so are the bells a "must" on any outing in the Valley of the Nene, although we gathered we were favoured to be allowed even half an hour on this "vintage Taylor" eight.

The long, unguided ropes at Raunds proved difficult for some—this excellent eight sounds rather better inside—whilst at Wellingborough—the heaviest eight in the county (one of Gillett's less successful pre-war rehangs)—the Sutton-on-Trent ringers on similar bent to ourselves provided tea-time music for us and saved us the labour of pulling up the bells, and so repaying us for leaving the bells up for them at Oundle and Raunds.

In 600 years a ring of three, then a five, the light six (which the ringers have ambitions to make eight) at Stanwick are a pleasure to handle.

Homeward bound, good use was made of the ten at Kettering, where our course of Cambridge, when Stedman Caters wouldn't go, was a fitting finale to an outing which was distinguished by strict punctuality. R. H. D.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD RINGING CONDITIONS

Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell, Branch secretary of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, is now the new tower secretary of St. Edward's Church, Stow-on-the-Wold, and all requests for the use of the bells should be addressed to him at 5, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold. Ringing is restricted to 45 minutes, and the bells are always available to visiting ringers. It is regretted that no peals are permitted. Tower secretaries planning ringing outings in the Stow-on-the-Wold area are advised to contact Mr. Dowdeswell, who will assist in giving information on towers that are available.

The only ring of eight in the Stow Branch available for peal ringing is Bourton-on-the-Water These bells are restricted to four peals a year and are booked up to the end of 1966.

HUNTINGON EXPLORE OXFORDSHIRE CHARMS

Saturday, July 2nd, found us encoached on the way to Oxfordshire on a lovely summer's day. We were soon at the first tower, Launton, which has a pretty little six. Here we needed two Ringing Masters, one organising the six ringers on the ground and despatching them up the near-vertical iron ladder, where Frank Baker awaited them in the tiny ringing chamber. From here we went on to the eight at Bicester, where the fall was as good as anything.

During a good lunch at the Kings Arms Hotel a crash from the kitchen produced the explanation that "he missed a 3-4 up." On to Middleton Stoney, where the church is in a beautiful park setting. A nice rise, and straight into Cambridge Surprise, rung at a cracking pace with John Bluff on the tenor, made the next touch—Bob Minor—seem very tired.

Back into the coach it was possible to listen to the Test Match and Wimbledon simultaneously on the way to Lower Heyford. All went well here until the stay of the fifth broke, the bell being stood up at the time.

After tea at the Cromwell Café, Deddington, we journeyed on to Bloxham, where Grandsire Triples sounded well. Many of us were impressed by the beautiful tone of the tenor.

Unbeknown to us the day was moving to a climax which coincided with our arrival at Adderbury, where the well-cared-for church was filled with exquisite floral arrangements for the patronal festival. Here an assortment of methods was rung A many-bobbed touch of Stedman Triples did not quite make it, but Yorkshire Surprise went well at the second attempt.

Homewards now, with much singing, including "For he's a jolly good fellow" for Paul Wells, who had organised the day in such an immaculate fashion. Thanks, too, to the incumbents for allowing us to ring.

L. B. J.

STILL GOING STRONG AFTER 64 YEARS

After the peal at St. John's, Leicester, on June 25th, it was noted by members of the band that it was the 64th anniversary of the ring of eight being installed and their "go" leaves nothing to be desired. They are still on plain bearings, and Mr. Sidney Harrison is to be congratulated for the care that he shows for them

The band would also like to associate the names of Mr. John Selby and Mrs. Monica Selby with the peal as it should have been Stedman Caters but unfortunately on arrival at the church Mrs. Selby had her thumb accidentally trapped in the car door, which necessitated treatment at the Leicester Royal Infirmary.

Mr. Peter Wenham, of Chester-le-Street, reports that the peal at Netheravon, Wilts, was not the first on the bells. A peal of Bob Minor was rung here on June 21st, 1947, conducted by William A. Theobald.

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STEDMAN "CYCLICS"

By A. York-Bramble

(College of Campanology)

MR. D. BUTTERWORTH'S commendable article entitled "'Coursing Order' in Stedman Triples" ("Ringing World," April 7th, 1966, page 227) has no doubt evoked considerable interest Although it speaks of coursing order it indicates, of course, what **bells** are to be encountered in certain parts or positions ("position bells," we may call them) of the "blue line" of the method; and with the particular case of the 7th regarded as "fixed" or observation bell. Mr. Butterworth relates these factors to a particular cyclic order, 7165234, of the method, which he calls "The Coursing Order for Stedman Triples." And he shows that by transposition, according to calls made. the relative cyclic orders may be determined for courses other than the plain, i.e., for whole compositions. These findings are positive enough, but are they, viewed technically, aptly named and inclusive? The following observations, based upon some investigations of the Stedman principle over the years, are submitted as a possible answer to the query, and to show that the proposition may be extended to include other factors and to apply with any one bell as "fixed."

1. **Coursing Order.** First consider this term "coursing order." It may be noted that Mr. Butterworth has, in fact, put these words in quotes, which suggests that he may already appreciate the point we would make. It is this;

2. **Method Cyclics.** Every regular method exhibits cyclic orders. Two of these are reciprocal. The first is a cyclic order of the **positions** into which a bell falls at successive division partings (lead ends), and every working bell follows this "position cyclic." This cyclic, in fact, turns out to be what we know as the "coursing order" of the method. For example, in Plain Bob Major, the 8th falls, at successive division-heads of the plain course, into these **positions:** 7-5-3-2-4-6-8. All other working bells follow this cycle, which is, of course, the method's coursing order. (Read figures from left to right, starting with any bell.) As it stands it applies to the plain course, with its head row of rounds; but, modified by calls, this (changed) cyclic will apply to every other course that can be produced, in the form or "ratio" of: "As the new course-head is to rounds ,so the new position cyclic is to 7-5-3-2-4-6-8." The second of the two cyclics referred to above is that of the order in which the **bells** fall into any one set position at the successive divisions. Take, for example, in Bob Major again, the eighth position at each div-head, and, starting at rounds, note the **bells** that appear at these successive points. They are: 8-6-4-2-3-5-7. This is the method's "bell cyclic." Note the interesting feature that it is precisely the reverse order of the method's position cyclic. So we come to the conclusion that **a method's bell cyclic is not its coursing order.** In the "Ringers' Manual of Reference," Part II. Chapter VIII—recently published—the subject is discussed at some length.

3. **Stedman Bell Cyclic.** Consider these facts in relation to the Stedman method. Here alongside are the div-heads of the plain course of its Triples stage. (For those unfamiliar with their derivation the encircled numbers alongside the plain course in the "Ringers' Note-book and Diary" will indicate them.) Now regard them and the seventh bell just as we did above, with the div-heads of the plain course of Bob Major and its eighth bell. We shall make out the position cyclic of Stedman Triples to be 7-4-3-2-5-6-1; and this, therefore, is its basic (i.e. plain course) coursing order. So the reverse of this, i.e., 1-6-5-2-3-4-7, must be its bell cyclic. This can be seen, for example, in the right-hand column of figures above. It is this latter cyclic, the bell cyclic —1-6-5-2-3-4-7—that Mr. Butterworth has (rightly) taken as the basis of his article; but, as seen, it is not the position cyclic or, as he would say, the "coursing order."

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
6 3 4 7 2 5 1
5 4 7 1 3 2 6
2 7 1 6 4 3 5
3 1 6 5 7 4 2
4 6 5 2 1 7 3
7 5 2 3 6 1 4
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

4. **Bell Cyclic Gives Sequences.** So, while the coursing order or position cyclic shows the order of the **positions** into which a bell falls at the division partings, the bell cyclic shows the sequences of **bells** performing various parts of the work; as, for example, the order of bells entering alternately the slow sixes and the quick sixes It also shows what bells are engaged in specific parts of the work relative to the situation of the fixed or observation bell. At this stage the student may check the first of these claims, using the bell cyclic against the plain course, For example. he may check that the order of bells entering "slow" is 7-1-6-5-2-3-4; or again check that 6-5-2-3-4-7-1 is the order of bells entering "quick." Note that both these checks are at 12-row intervals, which is just another case of division-head interval application of the bell-cyclic. For checks of the second of these claims, i.e., additional and general application, we must first examine the way in which the "dissected" bell cyclic is employed.

5. **Bell Cyclic Dissected.** As Mr. Butterworth points out, if the seventh be selected as a fixed bell the remaining six bells of the cycle (7-1-6-5-2-3-4) can be considered in three pairs; and these pairs will indicate the bells associated with the seventh in various parts of the work thus:

7	16	52	34
Fixed	First	Quick	Last

An alternative way of naming the pairs is to call the "First"—"Left" (L): the "Quick"—"Mid" (M); and the "Last"—"Right" (R). The "Fixed" can be called "Observation" (O). The object of this is to avoid misinterpretation of initials of the terms when used in tables or otherwise. We now have:

O	L	M	R
—	—	—	—
7	16	52	34

This is for the particular case of 7 as the observation, but we can make out a Table—A—as below, showing the bells that will come in pairs, keeping to the cyclic, when each bell in turn is the observation. (Mr. Butterworth's arrangement of the paired row is seen as the last in the Table.) The Table forms the basis of information of sequences and/or individual functions of bells throughout a plain course. With transpositions by calls the sequences and/or functions may be derived for "called" courses. The Table is easily built up or memorised by reference to the way in which the bells, taken in turn to act as observation, "remainder" in the order of the bell cyclic.

TABLE A

O	L	M	R
1	65	23	47
6	52	34	71
5	23	47	16
2	34	71	65
3	47	16	52
4	71	65	23
7	16	52	34

6. **Use of Table A.** First we must ascertain what bells are actually associated with the observation bell in specific parts of the work throughout the plain course. For this any observation bell will do, so we will select, say, the treble. We note from Table A that the associated pairs of bells are 65, 23 and 47. We now trace the blue line of the treble right through the plain course, making a list, as we go, of the parts of the work encountered, and the actual bells associated, if they be any of the three given pairs—65, 23 and 47; if not, that part of the work is not included. The result of our effort should appear as in Table B. The two right-hand columns indicate the associated bells, that with the letters being in general application, and that with the numbers being in specific application—in this case with the treble as observation. As we have seen, Table A gives meaning to the pairs letters according to the bell chosen as "O."

7. TABLE B.

Work Serial number	Specific Part of the work	Tr. as O. Bells Assoc'd	Pairs Letters
(1)	O in quick six of front work ..	.. 23	M
(2)	O crossing up, 3/4 & 5/6	.. 47	R
(3)	O dodging up after Quick, 4/5 and 6/7	.. 65	L
(4)	O dodging down before Slow, 6/7 & 4/5	.. 23	M
(5)	O crossing down 5/6 3/4	.. 65	L
(6)	O enters slow, bells in front	.. 47	R
(7)	Bells entering **slow** sixes as O is in Slow	.. 65	L
(8)	Bells entering **Quick** sixes as O is in Slow	.. 23	M
(9)	O dodging up after Slow, 4/5 and 6/7	.. 23	M
(10)	O dodging down before Quick, 6/7 and 4/5 ..	.. 47	R
(11)	Bells leaving front Quick, when O is in Slow	.. 23	M
(12)	Bells leaving front Slow, when O is in Slow	.. 47	R
(13)	Bells in front when O leaves Slow	.. 65	L

Examination of the Table shows some interesting and useful features. The number of "Parts of work" is as small as possible compatible with usefulness. For example, the cases of "O enters Quick" and "O leaves Quick" do not appear as such because they are implied in work-part number (1)—"O in quick six of front work." On the other hand the same numbers-pair applies to several parts of work. We may therefore collect the work-parts into three groups under the three pair-letters, and we may make some rearrangement within the group. (For example, work-parts (4) and (9), under "M," can be brought together.) The result is shown in Table C.

8. TABLE C. Work positions and sequences "generalised." This is possible because, while "O" and its associated bells are variable. the pairs-letters remain "fixed" in regard to the work serial numbers, i.e. to the work-parts.

Pairs Letters	Work-parts by serial numbers
L	(3) (5) (7) (13)
M	(1) (4) – (9) (8) – (11)
R	(2) (6) (10) (12)

9. **Plain Course Ringing.** The foregoing Table C summarises, in rather contracted form, the results of the investigation of the Stedman principle (Triples stage) from the standpoint of work sequence and bell cyclic. To make

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STEDMAN "CYCLICS"—continued.

use of it reference is made to Tables B and A, proceeding by these steps:

(a) Decide on the bell you will ring, or the "observation," then note, from Table A, its bell cyclic in pairs. For example, if 2 is your chosen bell, you will find the cyclic pairs are L 34, M 71, R 65. These pairs must be kept firmly in mind.

(b) From Table C note that the pair L (in this case 34) will appear in the ringing (plain course) in four work-parts, (3), (5), (7) and (13).

(c) From Table B see what these parts are, then, when "in" them, look out for bells 3 and 4.

(d) Repeat step (b) with pair M (in this case 71), which will appear in five work-parts, (1), (4)-(9) and (8)-(11).

(e) Repeat step (c), looking out for bells 7 and 1.

(f) Repeat step (b) with pair R (in this case 65), which will appear in four work-parts, (2), (5), (10) and (12).

(g) Repeat step (c), looking out for bells 6 and 5.

The foregoing process may seem, at first, to be rather complex; but the student (ringing any bell) may practise it in the ringing of Stedman plain courses, and parts of courses as far as the first call He will find that concentration and perseverance will bring its reward, in knowledge of related bells throughout. In any case there is much good to be derived from the preliminary work-out on paper.

10. **Use Beyond Plain Course.** The conductor who finds the process useful will wish, no doubt, to extend its use beyond that of the plain course. This, though rather difficult, can be achieved, as Mr. Butterworth points out, by transposition according to calls. Tables of Stedman Transposition Functions can be drawn up and would require commission to memory. In the application of these, some conductors would probably find it onerous to go beyond the use of one bell as observation, say, the 7th: because of the necessary changing of the cyclic pairs with any change of observation, and the consequent application of the new cyclic pairs, in addition to the calling.

It may now be seen that in Mr. Butterworth's setting out of the figures of Dexter's Variation the sub-title "Coursing Orders" might more appropriately read "Bell Cyclics of the Courses," since the figures, apart from the given course-ends, are simply that.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD

To mark the 21st anniversary of St. David's Diocesan Guild a commemorative booklet has been produced in which is incorporated a short history of the Guild in addition to the usual features of a year book. There is a particularly happy phrase from the Master, the Rev. Russen W. Thomas, in commending this booklet: "I hope that the reading of this book will fire you with enthusiasm to become one of us—we who use mind, muscle and skill in the satisfying control of rhythmic music that praises Almighty God and tells of His care of all His people."

A feature of the life of this Guild is the annual diocesan shield competition inaugurated in 1948 for a silver shield presented by the late Dr. D. L. Prosser, Archbishop of Wales. At all these competitions, except in 1952, when there was no contest, Mr. Frederick Sharpe has been the adjudicator. He contributes an interesting chapter on these competitions and he mentions the annual visit of the Launton Handbell Ringers.

The editor, Mr. D. P. Griffiths, has made a very good job of the souvenir. Copies are available, price 2s. 6d., from A. F. Walters, 172, Maesglas, Cardigan.

COMPUTER MANAGER AS NEW YORKSHIRE VICE-PRESIDENT



MR. ALAN SHEPPARD

THE election of Mr. Alan Sheppard of Sherburn-in-Elmet as the new vice-president of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association in succession to Mr. Harold Walker was announced on page 464. His friends wish him every success in his new office.

Aged 38, Mr. Sheppard is married with two children. A chartered secretary, he is at present employed as computer manager for a well-known Yorkshire brewery group. His short-term ambition is to process a peal on the computer. After a very short time he has solved Plain Bob plain courses. His present handicap is shortage of time, but Alan is confident that by trial and error he will succeed. The computer is relatively small, but with a printing speed of 300 lines a minute a peal would only take 16 or 17 minutes.

Mr. Sheppard was introduced to a bell rope at Sherburn-in-Elmet between the ages of nine and ten and has been ringing ever since. His Sunday schedule is morning ringing at Tadcaster and evening ringing at Sherburn-in-Elmet. On Friday evenings he will be found at Bramham, where he started a band from scratch for change ringing along with Mr. J. Webb.

His qualifications for the vice-presidency include Ringing Master for both the Selby and District Society and the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association. At present he is one of the two representatives from the Selby Society on the Joint Yorkshire Council.

To date he has rung 188 peals (conducted about 50). These range from 1—21 Doubles methods on tower- and handbells, various Minor methods and standard Triple and Major methods up to London Surprise.

THE YOUNG AND OLD

There was a difference in age of over 70 years between the ringers of the third and fourth bells in the recent local band quarter peal at Dewsbury, Yorkshire. Ruth Richardson, aged 11 years, rang the third to her first quarter steadily and confidently, whilst on her left Harry Marsden rang with the competence of many years' experience.

With the object of teaching other nationals English, Macmillan and Co. Ltd. have a varied series of pattern books at all levels—beginners', intermediate and advanced. In the series is "The Bells of England" (2s. net) by Geoffrey Barnard. It is a bright production and illustrated in an amusing fashion (not always accurate) by Terence Freeman. The book was printed in Tokyo.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Messrs. Faber and Faber have approached Mr. Frederick Sharpe and Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson to write a modern version of Morris's "History and Art of Change Ringing."

A carillon festival is being held at Loughborough on August 6th and 7th next, when recitalists will be Piet Van Den Broek and Jef Rottiers, of Malines, and Alfred Dubois.

The Cumberlands record their first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 12 methods, rung at Tottenham on July 4th. Half the band were ladies!

Great Rissington, Glos, bells, cast by A. Rudhall of Gloucester in 1791 and one of the few complete Rudhall rings in the county, are, it is hoped, to be rehung in the near future.

Darsham, Suffolk, has been presented with the bell of H.M.S. "Darsham," an in-shore minesweeper that had done great work at Hong Kong in putting down piracy. It is expected that when the necessary faculty is obtained the bell will be put in the parish church.

Miss Freda Cannon calls attention to the fact that two quarter peals on page 402 were listed as having been rung at Bromley, when they were rung at Greenwich. May we implore contributors to our quarter peal pages to write their reports in the journal's style, starting off with town and county.

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MR. PERCY J. SPICE IS NOW 75

Mr. Percy J. Spice, who for the past 51 years has been ringing at Bromley and has a membership record of the Kent County Association of 60 years, was not allowed to let his 75th birthday on June 29th to pass unnoticed. He is still very active in public and ringing circles and has under him as tower captain of Bromley a very keen band of some 25 teenagers, all of whom he has taught to ring.

As a very small token of the tower's thanks to Mr. Spice for all he has done in the past, Bromley ringers and friends bought a gas lighter, which was presented to him on July 8th at a small get-together at the Beech Tree, Bromley.

Good health and many more ringing years is the wish of countless ringing friends.

PADDLING THEIR OWN CANOE

The Charing, Kent, band are very proud of their performance in ringing their first quarter peal without the assistance of the Rev. Peter and Mrs. Robbins. When the Vicar and his wife came in November, 1963, the band was struggling over a course of Grandsire Doubles, but now, in July, 1966, touches of Surprise Minor are a regular feature of the Tuesday practice.

"I would like, through your columns, to thank the Rev. and Mrs. Robbins for what they have done for ringing in Charing in the last three years," writes Rhian Bagshaw.

KENT POSTER OF 70 YEARS AGO

After a recent practice at Bicester Mr. C. H. Kinch and other ringers adjourned to the Swan. The landlady presented them with a printed poster advertising the annual meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association for Saturday, October 17th, 1896, at St. Mary's Church, Lewisham. To this and the service the public were earnestly invited to attend and to inspect the tower and bells. The poster was printed by W. Bedwell, printer and stationer, Campanology Office, 221, High Street, Lewisham. This, she stated, was found in an attic on the back of an old mirror with the frame broken. The poster, at Mr. Kinch's request, has been forwarded to Miss M. Andrews, secretary of the Kent County Association.

YOUNG PEMBROKE

The day after his 11th birthday, Andrew Lingard rang his first quarter peal, the treble to Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles, at St. Mary's, Pembroke, and received the congratulations of the conductor on his good performance. Also ringing were Simon Rogers (aged 12) on the second and Mrs. B. M. Rogers on the third.

PUTNEY MASTER TO WED

Ringers in Metropolitan Surrey will doubtless forgather or have in their minds on August 6th St. Mary's Church, Putney. It is here that Christopher Mew, the popular Master for the past five years, is to marry Anne Gasson. Although Chris intends to continue ringing at Putney for some time to come, he has decided to hand over the office of Master to Brian Bull. There is no question that the healthy state of this tower is mainly due to Christopher's inspired leadership.

"ENSLAVED" BY BELL RINGING



MISS ANN GARDNER

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Miss Ann Gardner's front page article in our issue of July 15th has charmed many readers. Both Mr. Douglas Hughes and Mr. Fred Price called the Editor's attention to Ann's article in "Half in Earnest," the magazine of the National Cathedral School, Washington, D.C., and expressed the hope that he would treat it as a "must" as regards publication.

Ann was among the first group of students from the Cathedral School to learn to handle a rope from Mr. Harry Parks about a year and a half ago, and Mr. Fred Price, who spent some five months at Washington, told the Editor that she was one of the brightest and most enthusiastic of pupils, as is so adroitly revealed in her article. She has taken part in quarter peals at the Cathedral, her last being one of Plain Bob Minor on Memorial Day (May 30th).

In her letter to the Editor, Ann writes: "I hope I can go on ringing all my life—although regrettably that is a lot more difficult in America than in England. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank 'The Ringing World' for all the encouragement it has given to our struggling band. We need it."

Ann's home address is 5315, Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, Maryland, U.S.A., and many we are sure, will like to have the pleasure of welcoming her to England.

BIGGEST BELL IN THE STATES

An anonymous donor has presented to Chicago's First Presbyterian Church a bell weighing ten tons, said to be the biggest bell in the U.S.A.. It has been cast at the Petit and Fritsen bell foundry at Aarle-Rixtel, Holland, and is believed to be the heaviest bell produced in that country. The cost is $33,500.

BELLS UPSET TENNIS

Radlett ringers can hardly believe the protest over their bells by the Radlett Tennis Club men's 1st team, who, according to the "Hertfordshire Advertiser," claim that they are constantly being distracted by the bells of Christ Church, 100 yards away. "It drives us up the wall," one of the players said.

The captain of the team, Mr. Michael Hodgkinson, complains that every time the team go out to practise or play a match their concentration is upset by the constant clangour

What are the facts? The Rev. Christopher Newton (Vicar) states that the bells are rung for a short period before morning service on Sunday and for about 40 minutes on Sunday evening. There is a practice on Wednesday and the bells are also rung after weddings. Occasionally visiting ringers are allowed to ring a peal on a Saturday afternoon. (One was rung on June 4th.)

Radlett has a ring of six with a three cwt. tenor. The tennis courts are adjacent to the main St. Pancras-Bedford railway line and fully 100 yards from the church on the other side of the very busy Watling Street A.5. Apparently the screeches of motor cycles, the roar of traffic and the thundering past of express trains do not upset concentration. It is probably what the bells stand for that disturbs the conscience

WASHINGTON RINGERS SCORE THEIR FIRST PEAL AT LEICESTER

Two members of the Washington Cathedral band—Christine Kelsey and Betsy Proctor—are over in this country and, with Mr. Peter J. Staniforth calling the bobs, successfully rang their first peal on July 5th at St. Andrew's Church, Aylestone, Leicester. The method was Stedman Triples.

JOY AT THE RECTORY

There was joy in the Darley Rectory on July 6th. Miss Ann M. Smith, who has just turned 18, had fulfilled a long-standing ambition to ring Stedman for her first peal. The Rector confesses to a secret ambition to call her first peal. The last time the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith called a peal of Stedman was in 1936, before even Ann was born. We should like to join in the widespread congratulations.

TO SETTLE IN SWANAGE

When Mr. Hugh Falkner visited Meysey Hampton, Glos, on July 8th, where Mr. W. Godwin taught him to ring in 1953, his tutor of bygone years insisted on a quarter peal that evening. The band included three of his original ringing friends and one first-pealer. Mr. Falkner has been in Jamaica for seven years. He is buying a house at Swanage and looks forward to meeting Dorset ringers.

EMPLOYEES' GIFT OF CARILLON

To mark the 75th anniversary of Philips, the electric light bulb company, employees in the Netherlands are presenting a carillon with 61 bells, weighing a total of 20 tons, and a tower of 150 feet in a central park in Eindhoven, where the firm is building an exhibition hall in the shape of a flying saucer. The cost is $300,000.

TOWER BELL PEALS

PEALS RUNG ON THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY'S SUMMER TOUR, 1966

(All peals rung for the above Society except where stated.)

WITCHAMPTON, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Mary, Cuthberga and All Saints.
On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents: Oxford T.B., Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement's Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in A flat.

Timothy G. Pett	Treble	John S. Seager	4
Richard O. Humphries ..	2	Roger D. Bailey	5
Robin R. Churchill ..	3	Robert E. J. Dennis ..	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
50th peal as conductor.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Thurs., July 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F

*Roger D. Bailey	Treble	John S. Seager	5
†Robin R. Churchill ..	2	Graham W. Elmes	6
*Robert E. J. Dennis ..	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
Gerald W. Reynolds ..	4	Richard O. Humphries ..	Tenor

Conducted by Richard O. Humphries.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal. First peal of Major as conductor and first of Cambridge Major.

SHREWTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., July 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Westminster and Allendale, (3) Durham and York, (4) Berwick and Hexham, (5) Primrose and Norfolk, (6) Cambridge and Ipswich, (7) Beverley and Surfleet, with 33 changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Robin R. Churchill ..	Treble	Edward D. Elderkin ..	4
*Robert E. J. Dennis ..	2	Timothy G. Pett	5
Roger D. Bailey	3	Richard O. Humphries ..	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
* 50th peal. The conductor's 100th different tower for a peal.
Rung for Jessica, born on July 2nd.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WAREHAM, Dorset.—At the Church of Lady St. Mary.
On Friday, July 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part. Tenor 15 cwt 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*Roger D. Bailey	Treble	Graham W. Elmes ..	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	Robert E. J. Dennis ..	6
Adrienne Gibson	3	*†Richard O. Humphries	7
Roger W. Powell	4	‡Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Conducted by Roger O. Humphries.
* 25th peal together. † 75th peal. ‡ 100th peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.
On Tues., June 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*Donald Peers	Treble	*David F. Moore	5
*Charles F. Pocock	2	Eric J. Gilbert	6
Ernest T. Carvell	3	Alexander J. Martin ..	7
*Robert Peers	4	Jeffrey J. Fox	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.
* First peal in the method.
To welcome the new Rector, the Rev. W. Stanley Walker, on his return to the Wirral.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 4. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Madeleine McCallion ..	Treble	*Geoffrey Gardner	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Raymond J. Ballard ..	6
Felicity T. Webber	3	Dennis Latham	7
F. Hector Bennett	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal of London.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
On Mon., July 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

David Allman	Treble	Keith W. Eaton	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	2	Leon A. Perry	5
Frank R. Morton	3	John R. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

YORK.—At the Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of St Peter.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 4 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 59 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb in B flat.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Alan McFall	7
Peter J. Staniforth	2	George E. Fearn	8
Basil Jones	3	Derek Butterworth	9
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Brian Harris	11
John Worth	6	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by John Worth.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of St. Peter, also for the service of presentation of the family offering, which followed immediately after the peal.

BETLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Wed., July 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eleven methods/variations, being a 240 of Grandsire and four extents each of Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Dedworth, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St Columb, Southrepps and Wychbold. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

Keith W. Eaton	Treble	John R. Scott	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	2	Frank R. Morton	5
*Leon A. Perry	3	David Allman	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton,
* First peal in 11 Doubles methods.

IGHTFIELD, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., July 8, 1966 in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations, being three extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Dedworth Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and Fortune. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Keith W. Eaton	Treble	*Leon A Perry	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	2	Frank R. Morton	5
John R. Scott	3	*Gordon K. Green	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton,
* First peal in 14 methods.

DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of three extents Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Christopher J. Jones ..	Treble	Stuart W. Bracegirdle ..	4
Geoffrey Green	2	*Michael Smith	5
Ashley C. P. Pugh	3	Harry W. Howard ..	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal attempt.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

KENILWORTH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb in F sharp.

*Stephen F. Royal	Treble	*Paul S. Reading	4
†E. Anthea M. Sparshott	2	Anthony J. Cox	5
Shirley E. Jones	3	Christopher J Royal ..	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Cox.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First "inside." First of Minor as conductor. First of Minor by the Sunday service band.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev F. S Bull on the morning of his institution and induction.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid of York.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5168 BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

Arthur Sheppard	Treble	Kevin Betesta	5
Jack Chadwick	2	Geoffrey Bridges	6
*George Futers	3	David K. Walklate	7
†Robert Tanner	4	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope Conducted by D. K. Walklate.
* First peal † First on eight bells.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbys.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., June 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt

Arthur Sheppard	Treble	John Moore	4
*Joyce Chadwick	2	Ivan Barlow	5
Jack Chadwick	3	Denis R Carlisle	Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
* First peal away from treble.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLEY DALE.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Wed., July 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 15½ cwt.

Ronald H. Bullen	Treble	†Timothy Wylie	5
George H. Paulson	2	Burley P. Morris	6
*Ann M. Smith	3	Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	7
Felicity Webber	4	Anthony Laughton	Tenor

Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
* First peal. † First of Triples.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

KELLY, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., July 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Wilfred C. Boucher	Treble	H. Frederick Myers	4
Thomas G. Myers	2	Robert A. Southwood	5
*John Mitchelmore	3	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.
* First peal of Minor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., June 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

R. Frank Baker	Treble	Peter S. Abbott	4
J. Jefferies	2	L. B. Jefferies	5
E. J. Whiting	3	Hilary Knight	Tenor

Conducted by R. Frank Baker.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, Herts.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Mary S. Faircloth	Treble	†David Redfearn	4
*Geoffrey R. Fielding	2	John Faircloth	5
†Brenda P. Redfearn	3	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Conducted by John R Mayne.
* First peal. † First in the method.

THE LANCASHHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALEWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*Graham K. Austin	Treble	Jack N. Brown	5
*Nigel P. A. Goulding	2	John Robinson	6
*James Dunbavin	3	Thomas W. Hesketh	7
*John R. Ridley	4	*Terence M. FitzGerald	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Terence M. FitzGerald.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal as conductor.

STANDISH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*Marilyn Bennett	Treble	David J. Bennett	5
Kenneth Edwards	2	Frank Heyes	6
James E. Andrews	3	Harold Worrall	7
Reginald A. Dorling	4	James Hedgecock	Tenor

Composed by Henry Hubbard. Conducted by Harold Worrall.
* First peal. First of Plain Bob Triples by all the band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Sandra E. Chesterton	Treble	Ian J. Frazer	5
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	2	Peter J. Staniforth	6
Peter J. Chilton	3	A. James Poyner	7
G. Harry Bray	4	*C. Peter Davis	Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Peter Chilton and congratulations to him on his engagement to Miss Sue Ashton, both members of the local band.

KIBWORTH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G.

*Edward Guy Slater	Treble	Edward W. Martin	5
Ronald Russell	2	Ronald D. Hughes	6
Philip Bosworth	3	Harold Bray	7
*N. Roderick Ellway	4	Raymond H. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* First peal of Major.
Rung with 21st birthday compliments to Miss Judy Cox, of Humberstone, and Mr. Richard Cowley, of Finedon.

AYLESTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E.

*Christine Kelsey	Treble	A. James Poyner	5
*Betsy Proctor	2	Peter J. Staniforth	6
Mrs. Monica Jelley	3	John M. Jelley	7
†Tony Natt	4	Russell S. Morris	Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal. † First in the method.
Specially arranged and rung for the ringers of treble and 2, both members of the Washington Cathedral band.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*Alan Evans	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	5
*Beryl E. Cawser	2	†Geoffrey W. Randall	6
Alfred Ballard	3	Russell S. Morris	7
*J. Edward Cawser	4	Brian S. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of York Major. † First in the method.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN, Lincs.—At St. Hugh's Tower of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL of 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	*Judith M. Corby	7
*Hilary F. Hinde	2	Robert W. Hinde	8
John Freeman	3	Peter A. Sharp	9
Andrew J. Corby	4	Geoffrey Paul	10
*Lucile M. Corby	5	Geoffrey R. Parker	11
A. Robin Heppenstall	6	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.
Rung with the congratulations of the band to Jean and Jim Woolford on the birth of a daughter on July 6th, 1966.

BURGH-LE-MARSH, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., July 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

Thomas Cummins	Treble	Jack L. Millhouse	5
R. Arthur Goldsmith	2	Harold Barsley	6
Roy Stephenson	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	7
Phillip H. Reynolds	4	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung for the Flower Festival.

HORNCASTLE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of London, York, Beverley, Ipswich, Primrose, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt.

Horace Bennett	Treble	Cecil Wade	4
James A. D. Woolford	2	Harold Barsley	5
R. Arthur Goldsmith	3	James W. Haw	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil Wade.
Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bennett.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Sun., July 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

*Josephine Pole	Treble	Peter J. Woodgyer	4
Barbara Walpole	2	Jeffrey Britchford	5
†Colin Stevenson	3	William S. Deason	Tenor

Conducted by William S. Deason.
* First peal. † First of Minor.
A 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Venn, of Hillingdon.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LOWESTOFT, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sun., July 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

*Diane Toone	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	5
†J. Barry Pickup	2	William B. Duncan	6
‡Norman P. J. Cossey	3	Richard J. Parker	7
*†Stephen F. High	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Surprise Major "inside."

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

J. Roger Mitty	Treble	Dennis A. Leslie	6
Frederick A. H. Wilkins ..	2	Brian R. White	7
Norman H. Leslie	3	Frederick C. White	8
J. Richard Chaundy ..	4	Francis A. White	9
Walter F. Judge	5	Edwin Drewitt	Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Brian R. White.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Kathleen Lock, whose ashes were interred at Appleton earlier the same day.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., July 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Frank W. Lewis	Treble	Edward R. Venn	5
David P. Hilling	2	G. William Critchley ..	6
Noel J. Diserens	3	Frederick R. Scott	7
Claudia A. Critchley ..	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. R. Simpson, priest-in-charge of St. Matthew's, a daughter church of St. Mary the Virgin's, Reading.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., May 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Richard J. Danby	Treble	Michael J. V. Chown ..	6
*Anne B. Speed	2	*John K. Foot	7
Linda M. Foot	3	Barry E. Saunders	8
Shirley E. Ruddlesden ..	4	Richard F. B. Speed ..	9
Charles E. Truman ..	5	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

*James W. Belshaw	Treble	Maurice G. Ingram ..	7
George E. Fearn	2	Norman J. Goodman ..	8
James Insley	3	Edward W. Colley	9
John R. Insley	4	Peter J. Stretton	10
John C. Eisel	5	Michael J. Fellows	11
†Alan S. Burbidge	6	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal of Treble Bob Maximus. † First peal on 12 bells.
With the best wishes of the band to Peter J. Stretton and Elisabeth Lawrence on their engagement.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., July 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*Paul J. Rigby	Treble	Michael J. Fellows	7
George E. Fearn	2	John C. Eisel	8
Norman J. Goodman ..	3	George E. Thoday	9
John R. Insley	4	Martin D. Fellows	10
James Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* 100th peal.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Wed., July 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B.

Merrin Hutchings	Treble	Maurice G. Ingram	5
J. Alan Ainsworth	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
John R. Insley	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
David J. Purnell	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HODNET, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

Philip R. Johnson	Treble	F. Hector Bennett	5
Marilyn C. Smith	2	J. Dennis Holden	6
*Richard B. Dorrington ..	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Roderick J. Lees	4	Gordon H. Lane	Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett, Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First blow in the method. First in the method as conductor.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Mon., July 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 640 each of London, Bristol, Rutland and Watford, and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Wembley, Lindum and Ealing, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

Margaret A. Bould	Treble	Edwin A. Barnett	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	C. Martin Press	6
Joan Beresford	3	John S. Barnes	7
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
First peal of 12 Spliced Surprise Major by all the band except the ringer of the third, and for the Society.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

ROCESTER, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th observation). Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*Julian M. Sanders	Treble	Cyril T. Collins	5
†Philip R. Johnson	2	Jeffrey B. Webb	6
‡Clifford W. Bowen	3	Derek P. Jones	7
§Gillian M. Webb	4	Clive M. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal. ‡ First of Triples in the method. § First in the method.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Wed., June 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 extents Grandsire, eight extents Plain Bob and 14 extents Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

W. Gordon Marsh	Treble	George A. Dawson	4
Neil Handley	2	Maurice W. Harrison ..	5
Ruth Blackshaw	3	Albert Foster	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
A wedding compliment to Thomas Dutton and Susan Meredith, married at this church on Saturday, June 25th, 1966.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	Thomas A. Relf	4
*Margaret E. Chilton ..	2	Maurice W. Harrison ..	5
*F. William Midwinter ..	3	James A. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James A. Musson.
* 50th peal together.

ORSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., July 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Neil Handley	Treble	Reginald Stretton	4
*Arthur Newell	2	Graham Fisher	5
†Sydney Adams	3	David Oliver	Tenor

Conducted by David Oliver.
* First peal "inside." † 50th peal for the Guild.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being nine methods/variations, viz.: Two extents All Saints and four extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Seighford and Kennington.

F. William Midwinter ..	Treble	Maurice W. Harrison ..	4
Margaret E. Chilton ..	2	*Neil Handley	5
Ruth Blackshaw	3	Charles J. Copp	Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
* Most methods to a peal. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
CRESWELL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*K. Paul Mellor	Treble	Robert M. Chambers ..	5
George Challans	2	Harry Poyner	6
*Iris Cooke	3	Denis A. Smedley	7
John A. Coates	4	David A. Whetton	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal on eight bells.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
LAVENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

Howard W. Egglestone ..	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	5
Maurice T. Symonds ..	2	Peter J. Eves	6
Patrick W. Saltmarsh ..	3	†Joe E. G. Roast	7
*Wilfrid Jarvis	4	Richard Chambers ..	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast,
* First peal of Stedman. † 400th peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.
In memoriam Stedman H. Symonds and rung for the 60th anniversary of his first peal. Also a birthday compliment to Wilfrid Jarvis.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
LEATHERHEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

G. William Critchley ..	Treble	Ronald F. Diserens ..	6
Robin G. Leale	2	Frank W. Lewis	7
Patricia Rogers	3	Christopher H. Rogers ..	8
William S. Deason	4	Dennis Knox	9
Claudia A. Critchley ..	5	*John Hill	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
* 50th peal for the Association.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HORSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E. flat.

Peter Beresford	Treble	C. Martin Press	5
M. Jane Foster	2	Peter M. Wilkinson ..	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	W. Leslie Weller	7
Kenneth Newman	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
PERSHORE, Worcs.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

Alan Tubbs	Treble	James Attwood, jun. ..	5
*Lawrence J. Haines ..	2	John J. Stanier	6
Geoffrey J. Hemming ..	3	Ian Lloyd	7
Richard Bateman	4	Arthur C. Berry	Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson Conducted by Lawrence J. Haines.
* First peal of Major. First as conductor. G. J. Hemming has now "circled the tower" twice, and Ian Lloyd once.
Rung for the Pershore Festival.

STOKE PRIOR, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*Philip C. Kimber	Treble	*David G. Franklin	5
†Philip W. Gay	2	Edward G. Mould	6
Anthony P. White	3	David Beacham	7
Gerald L. Bowen	4	*Michael J. Robinson ..	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Michael J. Robinson.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal. First peal as conductor on eight bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

David Nicholls	Treble	Peter Scholfield	5
Richard Tibbetts	2	Neil Donovan	6
Howard Scott	3	Gibson Jackson	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BIRMINGHAM.—At 1, Augustus Road, Edgbaston.
On Wed., July 6, 1966, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in G.

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BIRMINGHAM.—At 1, Augustus Road, Edgbaston.
On Thurs., July 7, 1966, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Bob and six different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in G.

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NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION QUARTER PEAL WEEK

The North Wales Association held a quarter peal week starting on Sunday, June 19th. Eleven quarters were attempted in nine different towers, six being successful. The quarter peals rung on the Sundays were by the Sunday service bands.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Jean Griffiths 1, J. H. Jones 2, J. R. Williams (cond.) 3, P. Smith 4, W. Price 5, P. Downer 6. For Evensong.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Heywood (first quarter) 1, K. Richards 2, Mrs. C. Evans 3, Rev. T. Evans 4, J. Astbury (cond.) 5, Rev. G. Heywood 6. For Evensong.

HAWARDEN, FLINTSHIRE.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Brown (first quarter) 1, Dr. E. V. Woodcock 2, D. N. Collins (cond.) 3, E. M. Jones 4, G. Morrall 5, P. Tarran (first quarter) 6.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. A. Price 1, J. Griffiths 2, T. C. Bowley 3, J. Owen 4, J. H. Jones (cond.) 5, P. Downer 6.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: F. R. Evans 1, Mrs. N. Randles 2, B. R. Millward 3, J. Capper 4, W. Catherall 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, G. M. Randles 7, D. N. Collins 8, J. W. Griffiths 9, G. Parting (cond.) 10. First of Bob Royal 4, 5 and 8.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): G. Jones 1, P. H. Jones 2, Doreen E. Kendrick 3, B. R. Millward 4, D. N. Collins (joint cond.) 5, P. C. Millward 6, D. H. B. Millward (joint cond.) 7, P. Tarran 8. First quarter 1 and 2. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL

BULKINGTON, WARWICKS.—On June 4th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: H. Ashley 1, R. Liggins 2, A. Hinde 3, A. Crowther 4, A. R. Wright 5, R. D. Hart 6, J. Draycott 7, G. Pratt (cond.) 8. Rung after the wedding of the Rev. and Mrs. Moffat's daughter, Sheila.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on July 1st, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): C. I. Rowson 1, A. K. P. Poole (first as cond.) 2, L. P. Halling (first "inside") 3, M. C. E. Hodge 4, J. R. Rowson 5, M. J. Hiller 6. Rung half-muffled by the Abingdon School Campanological Society in memory of Mrs. A. E. Locke.

ASH, SURREY.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer M. Sharpe 1, J. P. Ladd (first quarter) 2, Judith M. Vince 3, C. J. Harwood 4, P. G. Smart (cond.) 5, M. E. Denyer 6. For Evensong.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On June 26th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: Valerie Perrott 1, Maralyn Astridge 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, Geraldine Piper 4, R. D. Mills 5, T. Skilton 6, D. G. Astridge 7, J. L. Hayns (cond.) 8. First of Little Bob Major 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. First of Little Bob for St. Giles' Society, Ashtead.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): M. A. Coleman (cond.) 1, A. Loasby 2, W. Hulme 3, L. A. Dunmore 4, R. E. March 5.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. J. Henderson 1, Miss R. J. Cotton (first "inside") 2, Miss S. C. Thexton 3, F. A. Benn 4, J. R. Pratt 5, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 6.

BISHOPS CAUNDLE, DORSET.—On July 6th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob): J. W. Marshall 1, J. P. Cooper 2, Miss M. Lush 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: C. Barker 1, Mrs. M. Wood 2, Miss J. A. Quilter 3, P. Wood 4, Mrs. J. Syder 5, J. Warner 6, A. Syder 7, R. Lindsell (cond.) 8. First in the method 3, 5 and 8. A farewell tribute to Michael and Margaret Gooday, on their return to Ruanda with the C.M.S.

BRAY-ON-THAMES, BERKS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Janice M. Penning 1, Juliet Hall 2, D. Russell (first on working bell) 3, Wenda R. Harris 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, R. Blewitt 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. A compliment to ringer of 5, on engagement to Miss Anne Smith.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and April Day): R. J. Mayle 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, D. R. L. Jones 3, H. Preece 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, C. Phillips 6. To mark the centenary of the "Glamorgan Gazette."

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Butcher 1, R. Poston 2, P. L. Hughes 3, A. T. Poulton 4, R. Brown (first quarter) 5, J. J. Webb (cond.) 6, F. W. Oakley 7, W. Swain (first on eight) 8.

BUCKLAND BREWER, DEVON.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Cambridge and P.B. Minor: J. L. Queen 1, D. J. Ley 2, P. J. Daniel 3, J. P. Coad 4, H. Stacey 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge 2 and 3.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods/variations): M. Eastment 1, T. Cross 2, R. J. Vardy 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5, A. J. Lewis 6.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On July 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Yvonne Turrell 1, L. Penfold 2, Lynn Wilson 3, G. Sweet 4, D. Harding (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. For Matins, and the visit of the Godstone R.D.C. Also birthday compliments to Yvonne Turrell, Lynn Wilson and P. Booer (all Burstow ringers).

CHARING, KENT.—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Alison E. Page (first quarter) 1, Diana H. M. Bradford 2, R. N. Bagshaw (cond.) 3, J. L. Anderson 4, P. J. Bagshaw 5, P. M. J. Bradford 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

CHIDDINGLY, SUSSEX.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cull 1, R. Kennard 2, J. Baker 3 T. Wickens 4, B. Stepney (cond.) 5, C. Vine 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Bennett.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On May 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Bell 1, J. Webb 2, G. Hammond 3, J. Draycott 4, B. Pratt 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.—At the Cathedral, on June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Barber 1, R. H. Idle (cond.) 2, J. N. Dunn 3, Dr. P. J. Perry 4, Dr. R. G. T. Bennett 5, R. Hainsworth 6.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret A. Phelan (first quarter) 1, D. H. Netherton (first "inside") 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, B. J. Imber 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, D. A. Hatmil (first quarter) 6. For Benedictions.

COTTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 23rd, 1,356 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob: A. Lockwood 1, H. D. Lister (cond.) 2, L. Foster 3, R. Taylor 4, T. Lockwood 5, O. G. Barnard 6. A compliment to the Rev. F. A. Cornish, on his retirement from the ministry.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On July 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Mrs. H. White 1, A. G. Hall 2, Miss M. Turner 3, H. J. Shuck 4, L. R. Hall 5, H. J. White (cond.) 6, P. Edwards 7. For the Day School Festival.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wells 1, Miss P. Hibbert 2, Mrs. M. Hibbert 3, C. J. Hibbert (cond.) 4, H. L. Bishop 5, L. F. Cox 6, W. Corderoy 7, B. Wheeler 8.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS.—On July 8th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Mrs. M. Robinson 1, Mrs. F. Adcock 2, J. Adcock 3, F. Adcock 4, B. A. Richards 5, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 6. Rung by Mansfield Parish Church ringers for the Flower Festival.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: P. Wood 1, Mrs. M. Wood 2, P. Perkins 3, E. Roper 4, F. Roper (cond.) 5, C. Hardy 6, E. Webb 7, M. Hunter 8. For the Patronal Festival.

GLASGOW.—At the Cathedral, on June 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. L. Preston (first quarter) 1, R. M. Preston 2, T. J. Winderam 3, A. Haynes 4, P. T. Fisher 5, D. M. Graham-Service 6, T. C. Winderam 7, M. J. Pink (first as cond.) 8. On the occasion of the installation of Canon McIntosh as Provost of St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On June 29th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Moody 1, F. Taylor 2, C. Denness 3, L. Bailey 4, T. F. East 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman.

GT. AMWELL, HERTS.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. J. W. Foley 1, D. Digby 2, R. J. Wilsher (first as cond. in three methods) 3, J. M. Kemp 4, P. M. F. Searles (first in three methods "inside") 5, Miss J. Digby (first quarter attempt) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Geraldine Winnett 1, Beryl Simpson 2, J. Collier 3, R. Clist 4, M. J. Church 5, M. W. Brown 6, T. A. Davies 7, P. G. Sherwood 8, A. D. Elsmore 9, P. G. Smart (cond.) 10. For Evensong. First of Royal J, 3, 4, 5, 7, and as conductor.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Jennings 1, Margaret Berndt 2, Valerie Bone 3, D. Jennings 4, K. Williamson 5, A. D. Leech (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2. For Evensong.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hawkins 1, Sandra Weaver 2, R. Weaver 3, E. Penney 4, Jennifer Durston (cond.) 5, E. Green 6. A compliment to the mother of ringer of 6, married at this church 50 years ago.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On July 8th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: B. Huddleston 1, Mrs. M. L. Taylor 2, C. Abbot 3, D. Huddleston 4, R. Huddleston 5, J. C. Slater 6, A. Tubb (cond.) 7, A. Howard 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HENDON, MIDDX.—On July 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Ruth Foreman 1, W. Knight 2, Dianne Gazeley (first of Bob Major) 3, D. Rothera 4, Christine Derby 5, D. Derby 6, M. Jordan 7, R. Moore (first as cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong. Also on July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Knight 1, G. Norris (first "inside") 2, Dianne Gazeley 3, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 4, Margaret Goodyer 5, M. Lock 6, M. Jordan 7, R. Moore 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Margaret Goodyer, who is returning to Australia.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On June 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 3, R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong.

HONITON, DEVON.—On June 26th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, T. Travers 2, F. Stamp 3, D. Slater 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, F. Lane 6. For Evensong.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On July 3rd, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): Susan Mitchell 1, T. W. Brighton 2, C. J. Groome 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, Susan E. Thompton 5, A. C. Banton (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the conclusion of the Triennial York Festival and cycle of Mystery Plays.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Buckland (first quarter) 1, Marion Hunt 2, Elisabeth Loveland 3, Susan Moore (first of Triples) 4, T. W. Harris 5, R. M. Virgin 6, J. W. Owen (cond.) 7, R. Hillman (first of Triples) 8. A compliment to Nancy Fairclough, a former ringer, and Douglas Skeeles, married at this church the same day.

KINGSBURY, MIDDX.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Pike 1, A. Warren 2, Ruth Foreman 3, Pamela Millhouse 4, J. Voss 5, W. Knight 6, G. Ellis (cond.) 7, R. Blow 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1, 4, 5 and 8. For the forthcoming marriage (on July 9th) on ringer of the 4th.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, S. Smith 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Curtis (first on eight bells) 4, R. Chambers 5, F. Boreham 6, W. Jarvis 7, A. J. Haynes 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to W. Jarvis.

LIVERPOOL, LANCS.—At St. James', West Derby, on June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Riley 1, J. Dunbavin 2, T. W. Hesketh 3, T. M. FitzGerald 4, D. C. Simpson (first as cond.) 5, G. K. Austin 6. For the dedication of the Canon Crewdson memorial narthex. Also a 26th wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor's parents.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 3rd, 1,320 Bob Doubles: R. P. Brotherston 1, R. Birch 2, B. Butcher 3, H. P. Yates 4, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Family Communion service.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On July 3rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. G. Evenden 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, P. Smith 3, T. E. Sone 4, Mrs. P. Smith 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, F. Hogan 7, G. Evenden 8, T. Cullingworth 9, F. Thwaites 10. For Evensong.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss R. Purnell (first quarter) 1, Eileen Godwin 2, W. F. Scudamore 3, H. Falkner 4, W. Godwin (cond.) 5, P. Bartlett 6. To welcome the ringer of 4, on his return after seven years overseas.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 1, J. T. Parsons 2, Gillian M. Brearley 3, Pauline Bligh-Cheesman 4, R. Powell 5, M. G. R. Zobel 6, M. A. Gilbey 7, R. O. Humphreys 8, S. C. Walters 9, B. E. Mozley 10. First of Grandsire Caters 4, 6 and 10. Rung on the U.B.S.C.R. summer tour.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jackie Whitnall (first quarter) 1, I. L. Dear 2, June Witcher 3, Jackie Young 4, R. Durrant 5, A. Slade (cond.) 6.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): R. W. Price 1, Heather A. Walters 2, A. J. Luxford 3, M. D. Trigg 4, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 5. By S.U.G.C.R. First in nine methods by all except conductor.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, on July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss A. Henson 1, F. A. Salter 2, Mrs. M. I. Foskett 3, D. Ingram 4, C. W. Towers 5, D. Stainsby 6, S. Foskett 7, T. V. Jeanison 8, G. Clift 9, R. A. Inglis (cond.) 10. For Evensong, and a farewell to C. W. Towers and family, who are emigrating to Western Australia, and to D. Ingram leaving the University after three years with St. Peter's company.

NUNEATON, WARWICKS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Liggins 1, J. Draycott 2, Shirley Ruddlesden 3, R. D. Hart 4, C. J. Royal 5, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 6, G. Pratt 7, W. R. Beebe 8.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thatcher 1, R. Valentine 2, R. A. Vickers 4, C. Gough 4, G. W. Holland (cond.) 5, A. Thatcher 6. For the 100th birthday of Mr. Levi Ambler.

PEMBROKE.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: A. Lingard (age 11, first quarter) 1, S. Rogers (12) 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, Miss N. M. Rosen 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, G. Norris 6. For Evensong, and as an 11th birthday compliment (July 2nd) to the treble ringer.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—At St. Chad's, on June 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. P. Partington (cond.) 1, J. R. Sutcliffe (first "inside") 2, J. C. Sager 3, R. I. Kendrick 4, M. H. Tompsett 5, C. S. Taylor 6. First attempt for quarter 3 and 5. A compliment to James Taylor, instructor of 3 and 5, on his recovery from serious illness.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Page 1, Betty J. Daysh 2, R. K. Hawkins 3, A. A. J. Buswell 4, L. D. Duguid 5, S. A. Scott 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, J. F. A. Rolph 8. First of Stedman 2, 3, 6, 8. To celebrate the Patronal Festival.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.—On June 27th, 1,440 Alnwick Surprise Minor: Monica Horseman 1, M. Heymann 2, J. Brain 3, P. J. England 4, E. T. Lee 5, J. H. Gilbert (100th quarter as cond.) 6. First in the method by all.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Michael's, on July 3rd, 1,260 Minor: Rosemary J. Kemp 1, Heather A. Walters 2, R. A. Partridge 3, A. J. Luxford 4, J. Taylor 5, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 6. By S.U.G.C.R. for Evensong.

SOUTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sandy 1, T. A. Cross (cond.) 2, B. Rendell 3, R. Parker 4, R. Fox 5, D. Beaufoy 6, T. Setter 7, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 8. For the Crewkerne Deanery Missionary Festival.

STAPLEGROVE, Taunton, SOMERSET.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. B. Bindon 1, A. Arscott 2, Miss M. L. Beale 3, F. C. Arscott 5, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5, R. F. Arscott 6. A 13th birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On July 5th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Carolyn White 1, W. Savill 2, S. Cobbe (first of Surprise Minor) 3, J. Collier 4, D. Tubbs 5, R. Green (cond. and first of Surprise Minor) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 4th.

STOWTING, KENT.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Clifton 1, H. Deacon 2, A. Bourner 3, P. Richardson 4, L. Sweatman 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. A welcome to Rupert James Denne, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Denne, of Wittersham, Kent, born June 26th.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. M. Taylor (first on eight) 1, C. Sangwin (first of Major) 2, H. Stacey 3, B. Vince 4, D. J. Ley 5, P. J. Daniel 6, W. Bishop 7, J. L. Queen (cond.) 8.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On June 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Susanne L. Day (first quarter) 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, Frances J. N. Brown 3, P. R. Keough 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, V. J. Baker 6. First in two methods 3 and 4. For Evensong.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On June 24th, at the Church of St. John, 1,260 St. Clement's College Bob Triples: R. Medway 1, Monica Blagrove 2, W. Barlow 3, A. C. Wenban 4, A. J. Glass 5, I. Brooks 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8. First in the method for all and on the bells. Rung for the Patronal Festival and Festival of Flowers.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bull 1, G. Edmans 2, M. Jamieson 3, F. Gregory 4, H. Wood 5, J. Hall (cond.) 6, H. France 7, I. Charlton 8. To mark the 100th birthday of Mr. L. Ambler.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire: Marion Bridges 1, C. Ridgway 2, H. Button 3, I. Wickens 4, D. Harding 5, E. Williamson 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

YORK.—At the Minster, on July 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. H. Steel 1, D. Clegg 2, M. Wilkinson 3, T. Brighton 4, M. Staniforth 5, B. Sutton 6, H. Walker (cond.) 7. First in method 2 and 4. Rung without a cover, having met short. A compliment to George Pluckrose, and Joy Watkin, on their engagement.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, South Cadbury (6), Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. North Cadbury (6). Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Ringing after. — L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 9476

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Burrington (6), Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. —M. Legg. Hon. Sec. 9510

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, St. Andrew's, Chippenham, Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Short business meeting 7.45.—H. Heath. 9527

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Deal, on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 2s. 6d per person. Service at 4.30 p.m. Names, together with cash, to Mr. S. N. Mockett, 325, London Road, Upper Deal, Deal.—T. C. P. 9475

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, July 23rd, at Walkden. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—M. E. Fort. 9513

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Denham, Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss Hobbs, 4, Broken Gate Lane, Denham.—Miss Hague. 9473

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Evening meeting, Badby, Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing 7.30–9.—F. W. Hancock. 9523

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Walgrave on Saturday, July 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to M. Coleman, 20, Copelands Road, Desborough. All welcome. 9479

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 23rd. Mansfield Woodhouse (6) 3–5 p.m.; Sutton-in-Ashfield (8) 6.30–9 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Business meeting to be held —D J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 9505

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, July 23rd. Joint meeting with Southern Division and LADIES' GUILD (Sussex). Ringing at St. Saviour's 3–4 p.m. Service at Christ Church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing Christ Church 6 p.m. Names for tea to me at 8, The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield, Sussex.—G. FitzHugh. 9472

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at St Faith's, Havant, July 23rd. Bells 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Windsor Café, North Street. 9491

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at St. Mary's, Ealing, Monday, July 25th. Ringing 7 to 8.30 p.m. Special method: Rutland S.M.—W. S. Deason. 9492

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Meeting at Breaston (6), Friday, July 29th, 7.30 p.m. Special methods: St. Martin's Doubles and Norwich Surprise.—D. J. M. 9530

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. Meeting at Arksey, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster. 9528

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Evening meeting at Great Paxton, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (5) 5.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9540

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9543

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N. & N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting, Chittlehampton, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Pearce. Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, Devon. Visitors welcome.—D. Pearce, Sec. 9520

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Meeting. Loughton, Saturday, July 30th Ringing 3.30. Tea and business meeting 4.30. Service 5.15, followed by further ringing until 8.30. 9504

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Guiseley, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. C. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley, Leeds, by previous Thursday. 9522

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting, Billingborough, Saturday, July 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. J. Baxter, Buckminster House, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. by Monday, July 25th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon Sec 9496

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Gorleston on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 9508

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting. Barking, July 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. R. E. Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Ipswich, by Wednesday, 27th. 9521

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual Diocesan Festival, July 30th, at Truro Cathedral Guild Office with address by the Bishop of Truro at 4.30 followed by tea. Towers open: Cathedral (10), Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), Probus (8), Perranarworthal (6), St. Erme (6). All bells available 2.30–4.15 and after tea. Numbers for tea by July 27th, please.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec., Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro. 9452

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch.—Method ringing practice will be held at Carbis Bay Church (10) on Saturday, August 6th, commencing 3 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided. Names to Secretary, Mrs. K. N. Mossop, The Vicarage, Constantine, Falmouth.

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Preliminary Notice

The Annual Dinner-Dance will be held at the Bowdon Assembly Rooms, Bowdon, Cheshire, on Saturday, October 15th, 1966, at 6 p.m. Details later. — Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 9544

JUNE'S SELECTED TWELVE

An excellent outing into Hampshire and Wiltshire on June 18th was arranged by June Smart, of East Grinstead. Towers rung at were Kingsclere, Overton, Laverstoke, Whitchurch, St. Mary Bourne, Goodworth, Clatford, Abbot's Ann, Durnford, St. Martin's, St. Paul's and St. Thomas's, Salisbury. Incumbents and tower secretaries are thanked, and the ringers of St. Thomas's, Salisbury, who kindly handed their practice night over to us. We must not forget Robin Elliott, who convinced us that he knows all bus stops, railway stations and timetables in England! Don't stop the good work, Jane. F. H. H.

A DEVON TOUR

A number of members of the Devon Guild under the leadership of Mr. A. L. Bennett held another successful tour on July 9th, when the Teign Valley was the objective. Fine weather and beautiful scenery added to the enjoyment of the afternoon. Towers visited were Trusham (where the ropes were in poor condition), Ashton, Christow (where our Grandsire Doubles was tape-recorded), Bridford, Dunsford and Manaton. A pleasant hour was also spent at the Steps Bridge Hotel, Dunsford, one of Devon's beauty spots, where a high tea was enjoyed. Nearly all the towers were new to some of the party. A. L. B.

LATE NEWS

A new record in Spliced Minor ringing was created at Ashbocking on July 13th with a peal in 148 methods. Mr. Howard W. Egglestone conducted.

We regret to announce that Mr. Ernest G. G. Fenn, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths from 1938 to 1945, died on July 14th, aged 85 years. Cremation took place at the City of London Cemetery, Manor Park, E.12, on July 19th.

Mr. George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, rang a specially arranged peal of 5,088 Yorkshire Surprise Major at Grundisburgh to mark his 91st birthday on July 11th. A truly wonderful performance by the oldest active peal ringer of the Ancient Society of College Youths. In view of his high standard of ringing, the ringers who took part in the peal look forward to a peal with George on his 100th birthday.

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COUNCIL-CUM-CONFERENCE

By Philip Gray

PHIL Corby and Alan Ainsworth have made some wise comments on the functions of the Central Council arising out of this year's meeting at Bath (R.W. June 24th). Like Mr. Corby, I believe that the business of the Council is every ringer's business and should be discussed not only in the bars but also in these columns. Regrettably there is all too little serious discussion published, although, paradoxically, the debates in this year's meeting were of an exceptionally high standard (not forgetting the brilliant advocacy of the members for Croydon and Worcester) and showed that there is no shortage of clear and serious thinkers amongst to-day's ringers.

In attacking the procedural arrangements of the Council's meetings, however, I think that Messrs. Corby and Ainsworth are only hinting at a still more vital topic for discussion. What job are we really supposed to be doing and are we doing it effectively? Or, more shortly, what are we here for? Even after nine years on the Council, I find it hard to answer these questions concisely. As I see it, the Council can fulfil two functions: legislative and advisory. Its legislative power is absolute in the election of its officers and in its control over "The Ringing World," its power is recognised by general respect in regard to the technicalities of change-ringing and is minimal in its control over the affairs of its constituent Associations. It seems to me highly necessary that a central representative body of ringers should be responsible for running a ringers' newspaper and for giving authoritative rulings on principles of change-ringing, and these functions are carried out by the Council as well as we have any right to expect a body of voluntary people to do them.

As a body of people with a very considerable collective experience of every aspect of ringing, I think the Council could do more to help the Exercise in an advisory capacity than it does. All of us have our problems and our views and an exchange of these with those who are more experienced is helpful. In this function the Council is seen at its best in the admirable Towers and Belfries Committee. It shows up much less well in the attempts to express a majority decision on the motions put up at the end of each meeting.

In nine years I can recall many motions which have been carefully thought out and have their origin in much hard-gained ringing wisdom but almost all were overwhelmingly defeated, sometimes most peremptorily. Yet, a serious debate on these topics could have often been most valuable to those who heard it. The contradiction has been that we have necessarily been obliged to conclude the debate with a clear cut decision for or against when all knew that such a decision could not be binding or authoritative. It is possible to be clearly for or against Mr. X as President but much less clearly for or against a ratio between resident and non-resident subscriptions for all Associations (to instance a motion at this year's Council). The latter is not, in my view, any the less important a matter for consideration but the decision-making on it is not at Council level.

I would like to see the Council do more to encourage discussion of topics that affect us all but as a Conference rather than a legislative body. I estimate that at least a third of the members present at Bath are professional men and women and the other two-thirds are of no less ability. Any member of a professional body must be accustomed to examining a topic through prepared contributions and open debate. As I have already said, Bath showed that we are not short of effective speakers with something worthwhile to say.

As an example of the sort of topic that one might treat in this way, I would suggest "How to increase the Ringing World circulation." Such a question might be more profitably discussed in a Council Conference without the shackles of having to take a binding decision at the end of it. I suggest that the Council might enhance its value by splitting its day into two—half devoted to its legitimate legislative business and half to a Conference on pre-arranged topics. If this is novel to ringing, it is not to many other activities.

Despite the fact that at Bath most of the tributes paid to past members of the Council were totally inaudible where I was sitting, I do not agree with Mr. Ainsworth that this should not be done. There is a personal touch about this that we should not let go.

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M.U.G.S. are now Bargee Ringers



Manning the decks at Stoke Bruerne locks. —Back row (left to right): Clive Calton, John Gander, Stephen Taylor, Andrew Harrison, David Jukes, Simon Taylor, Chris Morley, David Baker. Front row (left to right): Ian Goldthorpe, Allen Twyman, Rachel Atack, Brian Tomlinson, Norma Coom, Graham Long.

MANCHESTER University Guild's annual week's tour should have started at 12.30 p.m. on June 25th at St. Mary's, Bletchley, Bucks. Instead, true to character, it started at 12.15 p.m. in the nearest public house, appropriately named "The Eight Belles." However, after some initial trouble, we soon had the nice eight at St. Mary's going, regardless of the fact that a local Vicar informed us that he had returned from the dead, having been revived by the "kiss of life."

As we made our way to the boatyard to pick up the two canal barges in which we were to spend the week it, needless to say, started to rain. We were soon on our way and, having negotiated successfully both our first canal lock and our first meal aboard, we rang at Woughton-on-the-Green. We were very pleased when the local Vicar joined us for a ring here.

Sunday saw us up early and motoring along in fine weather. Not for long, however, as Susiebelle I broke down and we had to call the boatyard engineer. While waiting, we obtained permission to ring on the rather heavy six at Great Linford. At first it was thought that a service was in progress but it turned out to be no more than a rather attractive young lady practising on the organ in bare feet. Our next tower was at Old Wolverton, which contains an anti-clockwise six, then on to Cosgrove for evening service.

LOCKS AND TUNNELS

Wet and windy Monday found us at Grafton Regis in the morning. The rest of the day provided us with a good lesson in canal navigation. Firstly, we took the two barges through seven locks at Stoke Bruerne. Then we had to travel through 3,000 yards Blisworth tunnel, the journey taking half an hour. After ringing at Bugbrooke we were joined for a drink by David Marshall and Pat and Barrie Hendry.

The next morning, after ringing at Heyford and Flore, we cruised to our second flight of locks at Long Buckby. On this stretch the M.1 motorway and the London-Manchester railway track run on either side of the canal, and the trains and cars flashing by rather emphasised the slowness of water as a means of transport; but how much more peaceful!

Having moored and rung at Norton, we walked to Daventry, where David Marshall supplied us with a very fine tea. Ringing on the new ten in an equally fine Georgian church gave us all pleasure and we were pleased to be able to return the local ringers' hospitality on the boats later that nght.

Wednesday saw some of us with hangovers but all of us sunbathing on the cabin roofs. The weather was glorious and the sun did not go in from sunrise to sunset. We rang at Gayton, after a trek through some fields, and in the evening some rang Blisworth handbells. Thursday was peal day and was just as hot as the day before. We were ringing all day in Northampton but unfortunately both peal attempts failed.

A MUSEUM PIECE

We had a long way to travel, by canal standards, on Friday but found time to stop at Stoke Bruerne locks for the local Press to photograph us—ringing handbells, of course. We were also photographed by the curator of the Waterways Museum but were a little dubious when he informed us the picture was going into the museum archives. The sun shining again, we motored on, stopping only for Susiebelle II to ram the bank three times in quick succession. We rang at Simpson in the late afternoon, then at Fenny Stratford in the evening, where the Rector joined us in the pub afterwards.

The boats having been returned, the official photograph taken, we rang at Wavendon and then spent Saturday afternoon at Woburn Abbey, where the Duke of Bedford was seen to be taking his turn at the counters. The heavy eight at Woburn were thoroughly enjoyed as a change after the many light sixes of the week. That night was spent at Pat and Barrie Hendry's bungalow at Harpole. A party was put on for our benefit and some of the lads were obviously enamoured with some of the local ringers, but John Gander did not enjoy the vinegar which somebody had placed in a beer bottle. Having slept on the floor and rung at Harpole next morning, the 14 members of the Guild on the tour made their farewells.

This was probably the most successful M.U.G.'s tour and the blame must go to the organiser, Andrew "Sam" Harrison, who did an excellent job. Thanks must also go to Andrew's sister, Georgetta, for organising a menu for the week, to David, Barrie, Pat, Bridget and Ruth for their excellent hospitality, and all the incumbents for letting us ring, often at very short notice.

D. J. B.

"METHOD STRUCTURE IN CHANGE RINGING"

Reviewed by Canon Gilbert Thurlow

THE approach of a brilliant and original mind to any branch of art or science is likely to produce exciting results. This is certainly true of this book. The practical ringer and the theoretician alike will find here a great deal to provoke them to thought along unfamiliar paths, or rather along lines which, though basically familiar, are developed in ways that are new . . . .

This is not a text-book of ringing methods. Many such exist and are familiar to experienced ringers. Rather is it a scientific synthesis and analysis of method structure . . .

The author notes a long-standing difficulty confronting those who would exercise their minds in this field, namely, that "ringing" is both a complex—though exact—science and a folk art. As a science it must deal with mathematical formulæ, problems and exercises of an ever deepening character. As a folk art it has found expression in terms often exasperatingly naive in their origin and their ambiguity. This has often led to confusion in discussion of certain aspects of method structure, e.g. in method-stage variation . .

The author therefore sets himself the task of introducing definitions reduced to lucidity and order. Had he accomplished nothing more, this alone would have been of great value. The chapter on "In and Out of Course" ("row-phase" to the author) is particularly interesting and provocative. . . .

The latter section of the book, on method analysis, begins with a chapter examining aspects of the structure of the division of a method. This leads to a somewhat complex but valuable discussion, with a view to attaining a better understanding of the nature of method structure generally, and of how variation of the basic (lowest comprehensive) stage of a method in a "scientific" manner can produce the "cognate" stages of the method's family . . .

And "Stage-charts" help the reader to enter more intelligently into a discussion of the relationship of such stages. . . .

The necessary matter of Method Specification for ready reference is fully dealt with. Clearly, the more simply this can be done the better.

Finally, with a note on Q-sets, there is presented in outline the picture to be portrayed as a whole in the proposed further seven parts of the "Ringers' Manual of Reference." . . .

This remarkable treatise must be studied seriously. It shows that there is no easy road to the scientific study of change ringing, any more than the not-easy road to the practical work in the tower. But its challenging invitation is one of its chief attractions.

COUNCIL-CUM-CONFERENCE—

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To add one more word to "The Ringing World" debate: It seemed to me in retrospect that some of the criticism of the committee may have had its origin in its annual report. Year after year the report has been presented as a financial statement only; this year, indeed, with even more adroitness than usual. There is no question that keeping the paper solvent has always been a heavy labour to the committee but the fact remains that the purpose of the paper's existence is not financial. We would like to have been told also each year of how the committee thought the paper was doing as a paper and what plans they had for the future. That the committee had such views came out in the discussion, particularly from the Editor and from Mr. Smallwood, but surely there should have been something along these lines also in the reports we have been asked to adopt as well? Please, cannot we have "The Ringing World" accounts presented in future along with the other Council accounts?

SMARDEN, KENT.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Monica Phillips 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, L. Sweatman (first as cond.) 4, B. Johnson 5, E. Clifton 6. For morning service.

St. George's, Colegate, Week-end in Yorkshire

TWO cars with eight ringers arrived at Sutton-on-Trent, over 100 miles from Norwich, on the evening of Friday, May 20th, and inaugurated the St. George's, Colegate, Week-end Tour, 1966, with a touch of Double Norwich on the fine eight.

Progress along the A.1 towards the West Riding was again interrupted for a ring on the eight at Tuxford, where a new band is being taught. Here the last two members of the party caught us up just in time for a ring.

The regularly-shaped grey hills indicated that we were in the West Riding. From the main roads we struck off for the isolated six at Felkirk, where we were met by Harold Chant. Several methods, including Woodbine, were rung in rapid succession, not because of any increased zeal but due to the tenor being without a stay. At Wakefield, our base for the week-end, the day was completed with a Chinese meal.

FIRST TAIL-END

Early on Saturday morning we set off in the rain for Earlsheaton. From the churchyard, those unfamiliar with the area contemplated the view over Dewsbury. For some months we had a temporary Yorkshire tail-end fitted to a bell at St. George's for practice but the first encounter with the real thing did not lead to very accomplished ringing. A glazed tile peal "board" and one with a chopped cork surround intrigued us.

Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major sounded good at Dewsbury. The ringing chamber boasts a wash-hand basin, a useful feature found in several towers visited. A ride through Huddersfield brought us to Longwood, where we had to juggle the ringers and the many boxes until all the backstrokes were within reach. The journey to Meltham introduced our cars to long, steep hills, unknown in East Anglia. Again we proved that rising in peal is an art yet to be mastered.

Lunch was taken at Scisset (the "c" is silent!) accompanied by two dimes worth of juke (the Sound of Silence!). At Holmfirth the ringing chamber is entered directly from the ground, yet is on the first floor, so steep is the land. The dark and little-used belfry held three surprises. Firstly, Mr. J. Buxton explained that the eight were fully muffled to prevent complaints, then the tenor would not reach the balance at hand or back and, finally, the fourth rope broke immediately after the rise. So we rang Minor, omitting the fourth and tenor—a not unpleasant combination.

SPIRAL STAIRCASES

A short climb brought us to the pleasant six at New Mill, where we rang Beverley. Our next tower, at Shelley, contained a similar six. Even with help from Trevor Tarbatt (who met us and helped to make the arrangements), we were unable to master closed handstroke leads. By now we were used to narrow and steep spiral staircases, but Kirkburton had the narrowest and steepest. Arrival in the ringing chamber was mostly on all fours. Our last tower of the day was at Thornhill; the unusual telegraph-pole-like way to the floor above the ringing chamber was tested by two of the party.

On Sunday morning the eight, who had managed to sleep during the previous two nights, went to 8 o'clock Communion at Wakefield Cathedral and afterwards rang touches on the very good 12, new light ten and rounds on 13 (!) for the 9.15 service. That morning some of the party went to the sixes at Kirkthorpe and Crofton, while others returned to the Cathedral.

After lunch we followed the signs "To the South" and arrived at Surfleet in time to join in evening ringing on the light 12 housed in an alarmingly leaning tower. As if to say "Finis," the 11th rope broke when chiming after the lower.

Our thanks go to all who made the week-end possible, especially David Cubitt for making the thorough arrangements. G. H. P.

COWBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY A.G.M.

The second annual general meeting of the Cowbridge Grammar School Society was held in the school on July 4th. To mark the occasion, on the Saturday before (July 2nd) the Society had scored its first peal of Major. Three recent Old Boys, four pupils and one master stood in this peal of Plain Bob rung on the grand bells of St. Mary's, Swansea. No peals had been allowed here for some time previously and the Society is very grateful to the Vicar (Canon Harry Williams), the tower captain (Mr. Johnny Williams) and the local ringers, for granting the use of the bells.

For the annual general meeting itself, two towers had been obtained—Bridgend (8) and St. Bride's Major (6). Ringing ranged from rounds and call changes to Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and to Kent, Cambridge and other Minor methods, also various Doubles methods. We were joined by Messrs. Tom Petty and Lyn Jones of Bridgend, also by Misses Sue Harber and Gwen Bidgood of Llandaff.

At the business meeting the secretary reported a full and enjoyable year's activities, which included six tower bell peals and a successful four-day ringing tour. One honorary member, Miss Alana Thomas, of Cowbridge High School for Girls, had been elected.

David Barrington was elected Ringing Master for 1966–67 in succession to Chris Ricketts. Iolo Davies was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. Three new members were elected—Mr. Robin J. Lee (now of Great Missenden), Peter Walker and E. John Thomas.

Ringing at the Society's home tower, Llanbleddian (6), followed, and among the evening's visitors were Mr. David Llewellyn, secretary of the Llandaff Branch, and Mrs. Llewellyn. Methods rung ranged from rounds to London Minor. I. D.

MACHYNLLETH SOCIETY OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

The Society's tour, on July 9th, was held on a wonderful day, full of glorious sunshine, with good food and, more important, good ringing. The party of 12 included Mr. Alan Price, of St. David's, Newton, and Miss Gillian Graney, of the University of Wales Society.

At St. John's, Portmadoc, the Vicar (the Rev. I. M. Jones) was waiting to welcome us, and two ringers from Salisbury, on holiday, also joined in the ringing. The journey to Abergele was via Capel Curig and Llanrwst, and on arrival at St. Michael's Church we received a warm welcome from the Rev. Ll. Hughes, a previous Rector at Machynlleth, and Mrs. Hughes. We enjoyed the bells very much and, following lunch, we returned for a short service conducted by the Vicar, who also narrated an interesting history of the church.

The remainder of the day until 6 p.m. was spent at Rhyl, where another good meal was enjoyed. The journey home was perfect, travelling via Denbigh, Pentrevoelas, Tryweyrn and Bala. "We are truly grateful for the opportunity of working and travelling together and for the safety of the journey in these days of crowded roads," writes H. L. F. in expressing thanks to all who contributed to the success of the outing.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Witney and Woodstock Branch

Witney and Woodstock Branch, after their outing to Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s foundry at Loughborough, know a little more about bells;; they found the conducted tour of great interest. The foundry bells seemed to them a little unusual, and our correspondent admits that they were a little savage with the "stays."

After lunch Ashby-de-la-Zouch (8) was visited, where they had a nice ring and friendly visit from the local constabulary! Pockington provided another ground-floor ring, to be followed by Cole Orton (8), an outstanding example of a fine, well-kept church in beautiful surroundings. There was a most inviting ringing chamber, a good ring of bells and a warm welcome.

Whitwick (8) was visited after tea, and also provided good bells. Ringing during the day included Cambridge, Kent, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Home was reached about midnight, the junior choir, ably conducted by Albert Hicks, being very much in evidence.

Messrs. Orme and Dean are thanked for the arrangements, as also are the incumbents and those who met us. T. P.

OUTING

ST. MARY'S, LUTON

The members and guests of St. Mary's, Luton, met at 7.45 p.m. on July 2nd for their annual outing, which this year was into Suffolk. We had travelled some five miles when we discovered we had strangers on the coach! Another party had arranged to meet at the same place at the same time. Our first stop was at Haverhill for a cup of tea. Some were lucky, but it seemed that every other coach in the area had the same idea. Here we were able to put the strangers on to their proper coach.

Stoke-by-Nayland Church, which was a favourite subject of the great artist Constable, was our first tower and some good touches were rung at this interesting church. The unique and famous bells of East Bergholt next attracted our attention and we were very grateful to the foreman for his demonstration ring on the bells.

At the Golden Lion Hotel, Ipswich, we all enjoyed a splendid lunch. Two small village towers were visited in the afternoon—Coddenham (8) and Stonham Aspal (10), which are kept going through the efforts of one man. It is much regretted that the bells of Coddenham should have so little use. After tea at Bury St. Edmunds—with a couple of very short speeches— we headed for Mildenhall, our last tower.

It is very comforting to say how much everybody enjoyed the outing—ringers and non-ringers, young and old, including the 2½-year-old son of the secretary, who may be a ringer of the future. P. L. S. H.

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Letters

LEADERSHIP DEPENDS ON PROFICIENCY

Dear Sir,—Your expert ringers seem to be tackling the problem of increasing the circulation of "The Ringing World" from the wrong end We must face the fact that "The Ringing World" is a publication which appeals only to the keener and more proficient members of our Exercise. The only sure way of any permanent increase of readership is for our local Associations to produce more proficient ringers.

There are up and down the country a vast army of ringers who are members of no association and who never see "The Ringing World." We cannot possibly hope to gain their support if notices of meetings are confined to "The Ringing World." I would suggest two remedies for this situation.

(1) District seecretaries should be encouraged to notify all towers in their District, by means of a circular letter, of impending meetings.

(2) Association members should arrive punctually at meetings prepared to welcome newcomers and to ring something within their capabilities for the whole meeting if necessary.

In my own opinion meetings should also be held more frequently, but I have had little support for this suggestion from my own Association.—Yours sincerely,

P. R. EVEREST.

Chiddingstone, Kent.

PUDDLETOWN QUARTER PEAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Collins' inquiry, I am able to advise him that the recent quarter peal at Puddletown was not the first on the bells. Not keeping a record of my quarter peals, I do not know the exact date, but I definitely conducted a quarter of Doubles at Puddletown in the early 1950's, when I was attached to Piddlehinton tower, and I remember what hard work it was, too.

Surely Mr. Collins is wrong when he states that Piddletrenthide bells are rarely rung.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Stoke-sub-Hamdon.

AN EXTENT OF 19 METHODS OF SPLICED MINOR

By P. W. SALTMARSH

23456 Dronfield	42356 Purleigh
54632 Vale Royal	53624 St. Werburgh
26354 Dronfield	46253 Purleigh
53462 Lincoln	52364 Coldstream
62345 Peveril	64235 Tollesbury
45236 Retford	35426 Minehead
32654 Vale Royal	24653 St. Werburgh
46532 Retford	36524 Minehead
35264 Melandra	25463 Leasowe
64523 Melandra	63542 Leasowe
— 42356	— 34256

34256 Quendon
52643 Combermere
36452 Quendon
54263 Redbourn
63425 Middlesex
25346 Spalding
43652 Crowland
26543 Spalding
45362 Beeston
62534 Beeston
— 23456

Rung at Ashbocking on May 25th, 1966.

NORWICH COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

AFTER months of hard practice at Intwood, College ringers achieved the necessary standard to attempt an outing (i.e. the ability to ring pretty fair Firing Surprise and even better uncalled call changes).

As ringing outings go, there were not many mishaps; we only left scratchings of green paint on one car as we stopped for lunch at Newmarket. This was surprising considering the navigation of our driver, as only one car overtook our minibus on the 185 miles journey!

At Caxton, Bob Doubles and plain hunt on six were attempted with some success and we left feeling justly proud of ourselves at having broken no stays, yet! We were all put to shame at Gamlingay, where Keith, one of the two boys from Wroxham, raised the 19 cwt. tenor single-handed.

Neville endeavoured to emulate this example at Sandy; alas! the strands of rope parted neatly in the process. With a piece of string, thoughtfully left on the floor, temporary repairs were effected and Neville relegated to the second. All went well until "Stand" was called. The bells stood, except the second, which did the Indian rope trick with the sally, leaving Neville bewildered but, luckily, still at the bottom. Soon after this episode we calmed down slightly as a local lady ringer joined us. She was sympathetic about the stay and helped us to ring Bob Doubles.

One of the objects of the journey was to visit the Rector of Intwood's old parish, Northill, which has a fascinating ringing chamber, with every bit of available wall space crammed with cuttings and pictures of bells, handbells, clocks and their makers. Bill Wagstaff, the grand old man of Northill, joined us, ringing the 17 cwt. fifth. He it was who decorated the ringing chamber and provided our Rector with his handbells (which we had taken with us). After coffee kindly provided by the Rector we could not resist Mr. Wagstaff's invitation to visit his workshop in a beautiful setting by the village green at Ickwell, complete with maypole and surrounded by thatched cottages.

We were late arriving at Cambridge, where a delicious meal was awaiting us at the home of the writer. It took us just over one hour to reach Norwich, thus concluding a very enjoyable day out! U. S. (condensed).

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The July meeting of the Marlborough Branch took place at West Overton and attracted a good number of members and visitors. Proceedings were divided into two parts—ringing and the Guild service at West Overton, and tea with further ringing afterwards at Marlborough.

Ringing was under the direction of the Ringing Master (the Rev. R. Keeley) and the service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. Scadding), with Mr. J. Oliver as organist.

Tea was at a Marlborough restaurant, and St. Mary's lovely ring of six was put to good use afterwards. There was no business meeting as such, but it was agreed that the proposed meeting at Burbage in September should be advanced by one week, in order to fit in with the local parochial activities. W. A. E.

STEDHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 1st, 1,560 Doubles (13 methods): G. C. Walder (first away from tenor) 1. R. D. Smith 2, Rev. J. H. Greene 3, R. Osborne 4. D. A. Kirk (cond.) 5, E. J. Symonds (first quarter) 6. Rung after the Confirmation service.

LONG DRAUGHTS AND QUARTER ATTEMPTS

This is not a ringer's report on the local, nor of less than half-hearted bell ringing, but an eavesdropper's guide to some of the odd phrases and words heard in the belfry.

I went up Saffron Walden tower one practice night and was surprised to find that Sally is a woolly bit, and that Yorkshire Tail Ends are most uncommon this far south. They talk of getting the bells up— though why when you've already climbed so high do you want them any further up? And I couldn't see what difference it made. It looks the same and when I tugged one to see, the rope jerked my arms and burned my hands, and you should have heard what was said!

Of course, the bells can be In Course or Out of Course, and the definition of a Surprise method is one in which internal places are made at all crossovers, to distinguish between Delight and other methods. One of the less reverent suggested that it was so named because it was a surprise when it all came out at the end, five minutes later, but this explanation is frowned upon.

Ringers also have Principles. Apparently Stedman's is the most popular of these, but what effect this has on them I don't quite know, because when one of them was told to go out quick he didn't obey, and then they argued about striking. They didn't stop ringing though, until later, when they were talking about an outing and the road between two of the churches was described as: Thirds, Fourths, Point blow lead, Fifths, Sixths, Fifths, out to Eights, and Lie behind, Seven-Eight dodge. It sounded mad, but one of the other ringers said she had driven it from those instructions, and it was a very good description. I was getting a bit confused then, and when they said someone had better get the tenor down I remembered what had happened when the bell was up and thought I'd better go down too.

If you want to know more, why not come along one Tuesday evening—or on an open day we hope to hold later this year?

[From Saffron Walden Parish Magazine.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON, OUTING

Under the leadership of Mr. A. B. Shingler, St. Michael's, Teignmouth, ringers held their annual outing on July 16th, and accompanying them were Messrs. W. Simmonds, of Torquay, and A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh.

Towers visited were Silverton, Dulverton, Withypool, North Molton (one of the finest sixes to be heard), South Molton and Chulmleigh. A picnic lunch took place at Tarr Steps, a spot not unlike Dartmeet on the borders of Dartmoor, whilst tea was served in South Molton. Thanks are due to Mr. Shingler for the excellent arrangements made.

A. L. B.

ANOTHER LINCOLNSHIRE FLOWER FESTIVAL

The ringers of the Church of St. Mary and the Holy Rood, Donington, near Spalding, would welcome any visiting bands at the flower festival to be held on September 2nd, 3rd and 4th. For information about ringing times available, write to Mr. S. Woods, 14, Market Place, Donington, Spalding.

STOWE, BUCKS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Yates 1, R. W. Yates (first "inside") 2 Mrs. W. A. Yates 3, G. W. Holland 4, R. A. Vickers (cond.) 5. For the 80th birthday of the Hon. Mrs. Close Smith (churchwarden).

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A MOST enjoyable meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Knowle on July 2nd and was attended by about 50 ringers. In the Parish Church the Guild's form of service was conducted by the Rev. L. B. Hutchings, who gave the Guild a warm welcome to Knowle.

An excellent tea, followed by the quarterly meeting, was held in the ancient Guildhall, which dates from the year 1412. A moment's silence was observed to the respected memory of the late John Pinfold, a most valued member of the Guild.

Mr. David Main, of Yardley, was elected a member, and the election, prior to a handbell peal, of Mr. Geoffrey Pratt was ratified.

The meeting heard with regret that one of the Guild's popular young members, Mary Pryor, had sustained serious injuries as a result of a road accident and had been unconscious for several days in hospital. The latest information concerning Mary's condition was more promising and she was now making steady improvement. The members expressed their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The chairman, Mr. R. C. Ingram, extended a special welcome to Mr. William Leeson, of Solihull, now in his 81st year, and the oldest active member of the Guild.

The next meeting will be held at Yardley on October 15th, when a striking competition will be held during the afternoon. The Ringing Master emphasised that, according to the rules, every ringer taking part must be a fully paid member of the Guild.

Mr. Thomas J. Warner proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. L. B. Hutchings for conducting the service, and to Mrs. Hutchings and Miss Merryn Hutchings for preparing a most bountiful tea.

After the meeting the secretary distributed some back numbers of "The Ringing World," kindly supplied by the Editor, amongst the young ringers, with the object of stimulating their interest. Knowle is in the fortunate position of having about 25 young ringers anxious to make progress.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

Despite the glorious summer day, there was a very small attendance at the meeting held at St. Mary's, Staunton-in-the-Vale, on July 9th. The delightful setting of the church was set off to perfection in the sunlight, and the five bells sounded very well across the surrounding fields.

The short service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. Wilkinson, and afterwards we were very kindly entertained to tea in Staunton Hall, the home of Mr. Edmund Staunton and his mother, and also allowed to look over some of the paintings and other treasures.

The business meeting was very short and it was agreed to hold over one or two items until the next meeting in September, when there should be a bigger attendance. R. N. R.

JOINT OUTING TO LINCOLNSHIRE

ON Saturday, July 2nd, the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and the Sheffield and District Society held a joint half-day outing into Lincolnshire, using private cars.

The first tower visited was at Epworth (an enjoyable ground-floor ring of eight with enough spring in the ropes to make striking interesting). Being rather a distant point from which to commence, a number of members would have stayed longer, time permitting, to enjoy the delightful environment of the old church and village. However, with 13 or 14 miles to drive and the bells there already ringing, it was on to Gainsborough.

Numbers here were greater; some ringers, through necessity, having cut out the first venue and arrived direct. With time in hand, the very fine ring of eight gave ample opportunity for a variety of ringing. Tuneful and pleasant to handle, the bells hang in a tower which, from an architectural point of view, seems entirely divorced from the rest of the building. Up to this point the ringing had included most standard eight-bell methods with a good course of Yorkshire Surprise, and now it was farewell to the Church of All Saints with a course of Gainsborough Little Bob.

The first ring after tea was at St. Giles', Lincoln. The red brick tower, presiding over an almost contemporary housing estate, offered a sharp contrast to those of the afternoon. Inside the belfry, too, this contrast was maintained, both by the sound of the bells and by the furnishings, the eight emerald green sallies striking their own note of difference. Soon after the completion of a well-struck course of Cambridge it was necessary to move off once more, this time in the direction of Nottinghamshire and to Tuxford, the last call.

Back once more, as we began, to a lovely, weatherbeaten old church, whose eight bells hang in a tower which looks as though, at a pinch, it may hold six. Tuneful and quite easily handled, this ring harboured the only black sheep of the day. Occasionally, on being set, the seventh would snatch away again viciously, and one notable member of the company, gently easing it on to the stay following a touch of Double Norwich, was heard to give vent to a loud cry of rage and frustration as the monster leapt through his hands. Recognising its master's voice, the rebel came meekly to heel on the following handstroke.

A grand outing, well supported, with never more than a comfortable number of ringers in any belfry at one time. The writer recorded 152 miles. To the respective incumbents and to those who met us, our grateful thanks.

D. J. B.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A very good attendance of over 40 attended the Biggleswade District meeting at Sandy on July 9th, when at the business meeting all were delighted to see the president (Mr. A. E. Ruston) after his short absence. Ringing, under the capable supervision of Mr. B. Sims, proved on the whole to be of a good standard, with people learning, bettering, improving and widening their capabilities. L. E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Frome Branch Wants Alterations

The summer quarterly meeting of the Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Radstock on July 9th. Attendance was very poor but a handful of ringers kept the bells going before the service and the striking was good. At the service a collection amounting to £1 2s. 6d. was taken for Paulton Bell Fund. Numbers increased to 17 at a splendid tea provided by the local ringers.

The members stood in silence as a tribute to two members, Mr. Cottle, of Timsbury, and Mr. Humphreys, of Farmborough, who had died since the last meeting.

The Association peal secretary, Mr. Massey, proposed that the Branch support the alteration of Rule 8 of the Bath and Wells Association so that a donation be made to "The Ringing World" by booking fees. This was passed.

It was felt that the Association generally was dissatisfied that annual reports were received so long after the annual general meeting, especially this year, when the reports had not been received after three months. The Branch therefore proposed that the question of producing the annual report in time to be in the hands of members before the annual general meeting be placed on the agenda and discussed at the 1967 annual general meeting.

The secretary said that he intended to suggest at the Branch annual meeting that the summer meeting be dispensed with in view of the poor attendance. £1 1s. was being claimed from the Association funds to help cover the cost of this meeting.

A vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Heymann was received with acclamation.

The joint meeting with the Chew Branch is at Farmborough on August 20th, and the next quarterly meeting is on October 8th at Marston Bigott.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chesterfield District

Some 30 members and friends from over ten towers were present when the July meeting of the Chesterfield District was held at Killamarsh on July 9th. A wide variety of methods was rung during the afternoon, including the special—Double Oxford.

After tea, excellently prepared by the wives and friends of the local company in the pleasant surroundings of the newly-built Church Hall, a short business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Newman (Old Whittington). Reminding members of the forthcoming annual outing to Chester on September 10th, the secretary, Mr. M. Phipps (Chesterfield), urged the company to do all they could to ensure its success, as last year's outing was poorly supported.

The meeting concluded with the chairman proposing a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector of Killamarsh, the Rev. G. S. Cheetham, local company and ladies.

Further ringing then took place until 8.30.

Next meeting: Bolsover (8) on August 6th (joint). M. P. P.

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OBITUARY

MR. E. H. STONELEY

One of the most prominent ringers of the pre-war era, Edwin Harry Stoneley, passed away at his residence, where he had lived all his life, at Stoke Golding, Leicestershire, at the age of 77.

He was a remarkable man, who became almost a legend through his great popularity and versatility, which endeared him to a large circle of friends.

Known in the village as "Skip," he was unofficial leader of the boys' club for over 50 years and built a hut where games are played and meetings still held. He had run the cricket, football and archery clubs and, together with the boys, built a flat-bottomed boat, "Oriel II," for cruising on the local canal. He was a devoted churchman and always recited the psalms for the day by heart before his day's work.

A wheelwright by trade, he carved the crosses and candlesticks in the Parish Church from the old bell frames, but one of his main activities was Scouting, and he held the Scoutmastership both at Hinckley and Stoke Golding, which gained him the Scouts' Award of Merit. It was at the beginning of his association with Scouts that he began to wear shorts, and since that time he had never worn long trousers, a characteristic which made him a very familiar figure cycling to his Scout parades and ringing meetings around the county.

Time meant very little to Harry Stoneley, and since his mother died, in 1925, he lived alone in his house, which was always open to the many boys who had passed through his hands. He was a keen astronomer, an expert jam maker and always claimed to make a pound for every day of the year. As a prominent beekeeper he collected up to eight cwt. of honey each year.

As a bellringer he was a member of the famous Wednesday afternoon band who, together with Maurice and John Swinfield, James George, James Padgett, Charles Draper, Richard Belton and other ringers, rang over 120 different compositions of Stedman Triples. Harry's green bicycle was a familiar addition to the church furniture during the ringing of these peals, of which his total was between 550 and 600. He also took part in the long peal of Cambridge Major at Stoney Stanton, which took 11 hours and 36 minutes.

His last appearance in the world of ringing was at the veterans' reunion last May at Cole Orton, where he delighted the company by producing his miniature handbells, which accompanied him in the first world war in France, where he won the Military Medal.

The Leicester Diocesan Guild elected him an honorary life member some years ago in recognition of his long and faithful service in the advancement of the art.

Harry Stoneley was highly respected for his greatness of character and innumerable people have lost a good friend and counsellor, but we thank God for his life and example. May he rest in peace. T. C. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch

The summer quarterly meeting was held at Puddletown (6), the Guild service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. D. Harvey), and the address given by the Branch chairman (the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth). Ringing included many methods up to Cambridge Minor. Subject to the consent of incumbents, practices will be held at Martinstown on August 6th (3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.), Abbotsbury August 13th, Cattistock August 27th, Charminster September 24th, and St. Peter's, Dorchester, October 22nd. In addition a joint meeting has been arranged with the Wimborne Branch at Wool and Wareham on September 10th.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Anderson 1, D. Gagen 2, R. Lee 3, D. Feek 4, E. Mastin (cond.) 5, T. Bush 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 10th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and St. Clement's): Jacky Roberts 1, Carol Cousins 2, Amanda Powell 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. Rung for Matins.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.—On July 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Harrison 1, F. Kelly 2, L. Henrys 3, C. C. Roberts 4, J. W. Griffiths 5, J. Tilston 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4. Rung for the church centenary.

ALREWAS, STAFFS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Munns (first quarter) 1, E. Dolman 2, W. Fisher 3, E. J. Dolman (cond.) 4, G. Holden 5, J. Middleton 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Elton, a former ringer and sidesman.

APPLEFORD, BERKS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Temperton (first quarter) 1, E. C. Turner (first in two methods) 2, R. D. Hutchfield (first in two methods) 3, M. J. Hiller 4, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 5, J. Nicholas (first quarter) 6. Rung by Culham College Campanological Society for the Patronal Festival.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael-with-St. Paul, on July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Webber 1, Miss G. M. Beckett 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, A. Swatton 4, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 5, P. J. Devrell 6.

BATHAMPTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On July 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. C. Cannon (first on treble) 1, Miss J. M. Dennis 2, P. J. Devrell 3, J. E. Newman 4, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 5, D. A. J. Creed 6. First quarter for 2 and 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—At the Church of St. George, on July 10th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Dafters 1, D. P. Smith 2, R. Ling 3, Miss M. Ladd 4, M. O'Callaghan 5, R. Large (first of Caters) 6, P. W. Cave 7, E. J. Ladd 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, D. E. Beach 10. For Evensong.

BEVERLEY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's, on July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Vera Brook 1, A. E. Shingles 2, S. K. Thompson 3, G. K. Smith 4, R. D. Gibson 5, J. M. Brook (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On July 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. Bourner 1, Miss V. Relf 2, R. Swift 3, P. Richardson 4, H. Deacon 5, L. Sweatman 6, L. Garaway 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 7.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jill Temby (13) 1, Ruth Scott (12) 2, Lesley Evans (13) 3, J. Copping (13) 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts 5, K. Lucock (12) 6. 300 conducted by 5, 240 each by 4, 3 and 2, and 240 non-conducted. First by all except the 5th. Rung on the front six.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Yeomans 1, F. J. Hannington 2, Ruth Havard 3, E. Morris 4, C. Coombs 5, E. N. Thomas 6, M. J. Pryor (cond.) 7, J. Clatworthy 8. A wedding compliment to Michael Pilgrim and Anne Freeman, who were married at Caldy, Cheshire, on July 12th.

CASTLE ACRE, NORFOLK.—On July 2nd, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Houghton 1, W. Cousins 2, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 3, R. Newson 4, C. Cousins 5, N. Harding 6. Rung immediately following the wedding of Neville John Bangay and Heather Mary Ward.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, H. L. Bishop 2, Mrs. P. Aplin 3, A. H. Webb 4, M. Bishop 5, J. H. Napper (cond.) 6, G. W. Bishop 7, L. F. Cox 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Kathleen Lock, of Abingdon, whose ashes were buried this afternoon at Appleton.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER, SALOP.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Buckley 1, Miss F. Salter 2, P. Goodhew 3, J. G. Barker (first quarter) 4, A. Osbaldiston (first as cond.) 5, S. J. Caldwell 6. A welcome to the new incumbent, Rev. C. M. Oldroyd.

COULSDON, SURREY.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Aileen Freeman 1, D. Hands 2, J. Saycell 3, A. Smith 4, D. Little (first as cond.) 5. First quarter 1, 2, 3, and 4.

EDMONTON, MIDDX.—On July 10th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor (tenor covering): Pamela Mills 1, Beryl Platt 2, Gloria Simpson 3, Teresa Langdon 4, Trudy Newcombe 5, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 6, D. Langdon 8. First in method 2, 3 and 4. To welcome the Rev. Clive Taylor as curate of All Saints'.

ELSTREE, HERTS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol M. E. Johnson (first quarter) 1, R. J. Parker 2, G. C. Paul 3, H. J. Baker 4, R. A. Clarke 5, J. R. White (cond.) 6.

ELY, CAMBS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Janet I. Rogers 1, Josephine Morley (first of Stedman Triples) 2, Alan M. Barber 3, D. F. Murfet 4, B. B. Hullah 5, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 6, R. H. Rogers 7, R. Whitwood 8.

GODSHILL, I.W.—On June 29th, 1,260 Kent T.B. Minor: S. Moody 1, F. Taylor 2, C. Denness 3, L. Bailey 4, T. East 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. First in the method for all except tenor. To celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman.

GT. BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On July 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Pleasance 1, A. Coles 2, Heather McArthur 3, Gillian Wildney (cond.) 4, D. Bloyce 5.

GT. GRANSDEN, HUNTS.—On July 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: L. B. Jefferies 1, F. Bartle 2, W. Drury 3, F. Sherman 4, R. Lunniss 5, W. F. Sherman 6. Rung whole-pull and half-muffled by the local band in memory of David Milton and Ernest Crane, local ringers, who both died recently.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Keeble (first quarter) 1, Maureen Barber 2, R. Barber 3, F. Shynn 4, G. Barber 5, J. Shynn (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of Mr. A. Holman completing 60 years as a member of the church choir.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on July 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Adrienne Gibson 1, Janette Crane 2, Judith Midgley (Calgary, Canada) 3, P. J. Munday 4, G. Stevens 5, W. F. Oatway 6, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 7, J. Helder 8. First quarter of Stedman 1 and 5. First of Stedman Triples on the bells. Mrs. H. Oatway kindly stood out to let Miss J. Midgley ring, the remainder being members of the Leatherhead District of G.D.G.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—At St. Leonard's Church, on July 10th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. Keen 1, Rosemary Cotton 2, Sandra Thexton 3, C. Barnes 4, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 5, W. Grove 6. For Evensong.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Rosemary Bray 1, L. Walters 2, L. Evans 3, L. Mainwaring 4, C. Biggs 5, J. Clements (cond.) 6.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. J. Payne 1, F. Hodson 2, W. Osborne 3, J. Causer 4, A. Payne (cond.) 5, G. Hodson 6. For the christening of David Graham Thurlbourn, son of a former local ringer.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on June 27th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: R. Hulme 1, Miss J. E. Davidge 2, Mrs. E. Jaques 3, B. Bladon 4, M. Scowen 5, D. Carr 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, M. Stanley 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, W. Merritt 10. First of Stedman Caters 1, 3, 6 and 10. Rung prior to Thanksgiving Evensong at the close of the Flower Festival.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On May 16th, 1,380 St. Clement's, Little Bob and Plain Bob: T. Beech 1, B. Bradbeer 2, Susan Bostock 3, Heather McArthur 4, Gillian Wildney 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On July 3rd, 1,280 Rutland S. Major: R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, R. D. Bailey 3, J. S. Seagar 4, N. J. Davies 5, J. Blackwood 6, T. G. Pett 7, R. O. Humphries 8.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: L. B. Jefferies 1, Pamela Denney 2, C. N. Stevenson 3, Hilary Knight 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. In memoriam W. C. Taylor, a founder member of the local band, who died recently.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Denney 1, B. Austin 2, D. Witchell 3, C. Stephenson 4, J. Mitchell 5, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 6. To celebrate the birth of a son (Nigel John) to Denis and Christine Bowen.

WHITESTONE, CORNWALL.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Crowell (cond., 600) 1, Mrs. G. Bishop 2, C. Mutton (cond., 660) 3, H. Stacey 4, B. Vince 5, C. Bishop 6. First attempts at calling a quarter peal 1 and 3.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Burn 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, M. Bangham (cond.) 3, Elizabeth Zass 4, A. Bagworth 5, J. Cooke 6.

WITTENHAM ABBOTS, BERKS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. F. Freeman 1, T. W. Palmer 2, Susan Heyworth 3, A. R. D. Cope 4, M. Hiller (cond.) 5. For afternoon service.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Gunter 1, W. A. J. Knight 2, H. Purchase 3, G. Maidment 4, G. Sparks 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, A. Gale 8. To mark the retirement of the Vicar (the Rev. J. G. S. Chamberlain) and Mrs. Chamberlain, and in appreciation of their services.

COLLECTION OF DOUBLES

by G. K. DODD and R. H. JONES

PART E.—Continued from page 463.

These methods have 20 changes to their plain course.

OXFORD BOB DOUBLES		CAMBRIDGE BOB DOUBLES
12345		12345
21435	Called:	21345
24135		23145
42315	BBBPX3	32415
43251		34251
34521	(One extent	43521
35412	only)	45312
53142		54132
51342		51432
15432		15432
15342		15342
51432		51342
54132		53142
45312		35412
43521		34521
34251		43251
32415		42315
23145		24135
21345		21435
12435		12435
12345		12345
Bob		Bob
15432		As for Oxford.
14532		
41352		Called:
43152		BBBPX3.
34512		
35421		
53241		
52314		

HENLEY	WOKINGHAM
12345	12345
21354	
23145	21354
32415	23145
34251	32415
43521	32451
45312	23451
54132	23415
51423	32145
15432	31254
14523	13245
41532	13254
45123	31245
54213	32154
52431	23514
25341	23541
23514	32541
32154	32514
31245	23154
13254	21345
12345	12354
	12345
Bob	Call
Plain Bob Pl.	unknown
Single	
Grandsire	

N.B.—Those methods without a call may not have one.

Name	Plain Course
Arley or Windsor	Wallflower Bob
Breton	Wallflower Bob
Cerleigh	Wallflower Bob
St. Kew	Wallflower Bob
Hurley	Wallflower Bob
Keel	Wallflower Bob
Londonderry	Wallflower Bob
Mardox	Wallflower Bob
Willoughby	Wallflower Bob
Willow	Wallflower Bob

Bob	Single
Plain Bob Pl.	Antelope
Rev. Canterbury Pl.	Grandsire
New Grandsire Pl.	Grandsire
Grandsire Pl.	Antelope
Rev. Canterbury Pl.	Antelope
Rev. Canterbury Pl.	Pink's
Grandsire Pl.	All Saints Pl.
Grandsire Pl.	Grandsire
Grandsire Pl.	Pink's
Rev. Canterbury Pl.	All Saints

N.B.—Wallflower Bob is:—
Grandsire "thirds" on the front with 5th–4th–5th at the back.
(See Cannon Doubles Plain Course.)

PART F

This section contains methods which have a plain course containing a number of changes other than 20, 30, 40 or 60.

LITTLE CANTERBURY	
12345	15432
21345	51432
23154	54123
32145	45132
31254	41523
13254	14523
13524	14253
31524	41253
35142	42135
53124	24153
51342	21435
15342	12435
	12345

TAVERN DOUBLES	
12345	15432
21354	51423
23145	54132
32154	45123
31245	41532
13254	14523
13524	14253
31542	41235
35124	42153
53142	24135
51324	21453
15342	12435
	12345

KEY DOUBLES	LITTLE BOB
12345	12345
21354	21435
23145	24153
32154	42135
31245	41253
13425	14523
14352	14253
41325	41523
43152	45132
34125	54123
31452	51432
13542	15342
15324	15432
51342	51342
53124	53124
35142	35142
31524	31524
13254	13254
12345	13524
	31254
	32145
	23154
	21345
	12435
	12345

Calls unknown. It is possible that methods with unknown calls in Parts E and F were rung as they were, i.e. the P.C. is the entire method.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The tenor ringer in the peal at Bloxham on June 4th (page 419) was Barrie Hendry.

The Eastern District of the Herts County Association report a successful practice at Aston on July 9th, with Walkern in the evening.

The Universities' Association peal at Bristol was conducted by Mr. R. O. Humphries. This vital information, the cause of a number of queries, was omitted from the report.

Pipe's Pilgrims made a fine picture for the "Prestwick and Whitefield Guide" during their sojourn in the Manchester area. Oldest in the party was Mr. Gilbert Goodship, aged 78, who lives near Ipswich.

With the peal of Cambridge Major rung at Wimborne St. Giles on the University of London Society's summer tour, Mr. Robert Dennis completes the Cambridge family, being only the second Irishman to achieve this distinction.

Guildford Diocesan Guild's instructional week-end at Moor Park College, Farnham, was attended by 34 students. Arrangements were made by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Smart, and among the lecturers were Messrs. E. A. Barnett and F. E. Collins.

Taunton School Ringing Society enters this week into our quarter peal columns, when the Society made its first attempt on July 12th. This was to mark the retirement of the headmaster (Mr. J. G. Leathern), after 21 years' service. The band was composed of three boys, one Old Boy and two members of the staff.

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WRATTEN'S WRINGERS

Eleven peals were rung this year by "Wratten's Wringers," during their tour, out of 14 attempts, compared with 14 out of 16 attempts last year.

The greatest disappointment was at Ledbury. In 1964 Cambridge was lost there through a shift course after an hour; in 1965 Belgrave was lost after two hours as the result of a miscall; and this year Yorkshire was lost after three hours when the tenor clapper broke. A pessimist in the party was heard to remark "Next year we shall probably ring for four hours without the bells coming round."

COMBINED AGES 633 YEARS

Apart from his birthday peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major, Mr. Symonds rang in a quarter peal at Grundisburgh on July 14th, leading a party of veterans whose combined ages were 633 years. At 91 Mr. Symonds, who has been ringing for 80 years, was the senior.

Next oldest was Mr. Fred Crapnell (85), of The Forge, Grundisburgh, who rang his first peal in 1902. Others were Mr. George Finch (75), of Marlesford, Mr. Willoughby Maulden (75), of Framlingham, Mr. Charles Sedgley (79), of Ipswich, a noted ringer and composer, Mr. James Bennett (79), of Grundisburgh, who has rung over 1,300 peals, Mr. Percy May (71), of Ipswich, and Mr. Gilbert Goodship (78), of Nettlestead.

The group organiser, Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, said of their ringing to the "East Anglian Daily Times": "Despite their ages the ringing was practically perfect with extremely good ringing."

BEAMINSTER BELLS SILENT

The bells of this well-known Dorset tower are now silent. Early this month Mr. Paul Taylor made an examination of the frame and found considerable movement when the bells were rung—in fact the frame touched the church wall. For the sake of the structure of the tower, Beaminster ringers were advised not to ring.

The rehanging fund now stands at £91 10s. 9d. against an estimated requirement of £4,000. In addition, the P.C.C. are confronted with repairs to the organ, an estimate for which will be received in September. Until the P.C.C. decide on a plan of campaign the ringers are "holding par." For the time being those arranging outings must exclude Beaminster.

COVENTRY COLLEGES' GUILD

The Coventry Colleges' Guild has been making progress during the year and has recently rung two quarter peals of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. The main problem is still lack of a tower, and the Guild would like to thank the ringers at Allesley for the use of their bells, and the bands at Stoke and Stoneleigh for making them very welcome at their practices. It is hoped that numbers will justify organising Guild practices next year and that a peal will soon be rung. The secretary, S. C. Walters, 64, Anchorage Road, Sutton Coldfield, would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in joining next year.

S. C. W.

CORRECTION

Composition of Double Bob Major (page 456). The block A refers to the six courses after course head 35264.

OUR PRINTERS APOLOGISE

The prolonged seamen's strike interfered seriously with regular paper supplies, and our printers regret that it is possible that for four issues "The Ringing World" will be printed on the inferior paper as used for our last issue. They assure us that they are doing their best to obtain normal supplies as quickly as possible.

LOST THROUGH BROKEN ROPE

A broken rope prevented Mrs. T. W. Goodyer from scoring a peal of Turramurra Surprise Major at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on July 5th, and she had to be content with a quarter peal rung afterwards, conducted by Mr. A. R. Pink. It is at Turramurra where Mrs. Goodyer and her son ring, and she was anxious to include this method with Quedgeley, her English home, in the Surprise peals she rang during her holiday. It has been a great pleasure to a very large number of English ringers to meet her, particularly those who have enjoyed the hospitality of her home at Roseville, Sydney.

A WELCOME PEAL FROM SEVEN PARISHES

Peals at Maperton, Somerset, are rare, the last before the peal on July 16th being in April, 1948. The occasion was to welcome the Rev. Russell Kinsey as group minister for seven parishes in the neighbourhood. The new minister and his wife are thanked for delicious teas provided for Mr. Alan F. Lee's party on two occasions, when the tower was visited.

BIDDENDEN'S MYSTERY HALF-DAY

Organised by Mr. H. Payne and Mr. H. Deacon, Biddenden Youths had a half-day "mystery" outing on July 2nd. Ringing started at Buxted, where the church is situated in a beautiful park, followed by Uckfield, where Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

Fletching had an additional attraction—"A Village within a Village," a model erected for charity purposes, and from the miniature tower strains of Cambridge emerged to the delight of the visitors. At the "life-size" tower, ringing was disappointing, as new ropes had been fitted just before arrival.

A picnic tea outside Fairwarp Church and a welcome from the Rector preceded the ringing, when justice was not done to the bells. The programme was concluded at Rotherfield.

AFFECTION FOR ROTHERHAM TENOR

This week we record the 25th peal on Rotherham Parish Church tenor by Mr. Norman Chaddock. In all these peals Norman turned the tenor in, and the list includes the record peal of 42 Spliced Surprise Royal, a peal of Pitman's four-Spliced (all the work), which he believes is the heaviest bell (34¼ cwt.) rung to this composition, and a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major in which all his own pupils took part. He now looks forward to ringing the tenor behind to a peal sometime!

CAMBRIDGE YOUNG RINGERS PROVIDE FEATURE STORY

"The Cambridge News" of July 5th had a good feature article on "Swinging Bell Ringing," based on a visit to Harston Parish Church, where Mr. Brian D. Threlfall is captain, and his wife, Frances, assists him in instructing.

Teenage girls in jeans and sweat shirts are among the pupils and in the view of one, bell ringing—to coin a particularly apt phrase—"swinging is not at all square." Bells, they think, are most satisfying when well rung, and the sound is sweet and true.

Also interviewed was Miss Jean Sanderson, who instructs at Whittlesford, Little Munden and Wendens Ambo. She has rung a bell as heavy as 46 cwt., but explains that bells are like people, "Some are easy and good-tempered and others need knowing. So much depends on how a bell is hung and how well it is cared for."

Pointing out that ringers "collect towers" the way a train spotter notes down numbers, Mrs. Threlfall said: "This is why it is a good idea to marry another bellringer. When my husband and I go on holidays we go round ringing at different towers."

Mr. Threlfall followed this up by adding: "If you go to a strange town you need never be lonely. Just look up the local church ringing times in the 'Guide' and go along and you will be made welcome."

This article by Olive Nelson is very readable and the illustrations include one of 10-year-old Mary Threlfall ringing from a box.

MR. SHARPE AND LAUNTON RINGERS ON RADIO

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who is holidaying with Mrs. Sharpe in Oban, figured with his Launton ringers in "Home this Afternoon," a Home Service feature, on July 15th. Interviewed by Mr. Bruce Mayne, Mr. Sharpe gave a talk on bells and his experiences in examining bells for his books. ("Herefordshire" is in hand.) The oldest inscribed bell in the country, at Cacversfield, was rung, and also a touch of Stedman Doubles at Launton by J. W. Ancil 1, F. Sharpe 2, J. Marriott (82, former churchwarden) 3, Mrs. B. J. Steeples 4, D. B. Coggins 5, G. Gregory 6.

Mr. Sharpe's handbell ringers also appeared in the programme—being limited to "The Flower Carol." The ringers were Messrs. E. J. Evans, P. C. Allen, F. Sharpe, the Misses A. Ince, R. Taylor, Elizabeth Sharpe, Mrs. B. J. Steeples and Mrs. F. Dodds. It was a programme that with advantage could be extended to 30 minutes.

ROYAL VISIT TO CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY, HAMPSHIRE

On July 15th H.M. the Queen, accompanied by H.R.H. Prince Philip, paid a visit to Christchurch Priory during a tour of South-West Hampshire.

The Vicar, the Rev. Leslie H. Yorke, conducted the Royal Party on a short tour of the Priory, and Her Majesty and Prince Philip signed the visitors' book and autographed photographs before leaving.

The 12 bells were rung by the Priory band of ringers at intervals during the Royal visit, and in the evening eight members rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples to mark the occasion.

WRATTEN'S WRINGERS' PEAL WEEK

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 HAMPSTEAD SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Richard W. Sweet .. Treble	Peter Bridle 6
Diana M. Chapman .. 2	Cyril A. Wratten 7
*Frances Fairbank 3	D. John Hunt 8
Gillian M. Hussey 4	Victor Griffin 9
*George T. Cousins .. 5	Robert C. Kippin .. .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Surprise Royal "inside." First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sun., July 3. 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 BELVEDERE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Richard W. Sweet .. .. Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 5
Diana M. Chapman 2	Antony R. Kench 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	Robert C. Kippin 7
D. John Hunt 4	George E. Thoday .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of 3 and 4, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., July 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Gillian M. Hussey .. .. Treble	*George T. Cousins .. 5
Victor Griffin 2	D. John Hunt 6
*Diana M. Chapman .. 3	*Antony R Kench 7
*Richard W. Sweet 4	George E. Thoday .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Antony R. Kench.
* First peal in the method.

BADSEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SAWLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Richard W. Sweet .. .. Treble	Peter Bridle 5
George T. Cousins 2	Cyril A. Wratten 6
George E. Thoday 3	D. John Hunt 7
Victor Griffin 4	Robert C. Kippin .. .. Tenor

Composed by D. R. Carlisle et al. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

STOKE PRIOR, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Fri., July 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

D. John Hunt .. .. .. Treble	Peter Bridle 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	*George T. Cousins 6
Robert C. Kippin 3	George E. Thoday 7
Richard W. Sweet 4	Cyril A. Wratten .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday
* First peal in the method.

HANBURY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., July 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

George T. Cousins .. .. Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 5
Diana M. Chapman .. 2	George E. Thoday 6
*Richard W. Sweet 3	D. John Hunt 7
Peter Bridle 4	Robert C. Kippin .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin
* First peal in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
OXFORD.—At the City Church of St. Martin and All Saints.
On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

Robert C. Kippin .. .. Treble	D. John Hunt 5
Victor Griffin 2	Cyril A. Wratten 6
Diana M. Chapman 3	George E. Thoday 7
Gillian M. Hussey 4	Peter Bridle .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

KINGHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., July 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ALLOA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

George T. Cousins .. .. Treble	George E. Thoday 5
Diana M. Chapman .. 2	†Peter Bridle 6
Richard W. Sweet 3	Cyril A. Wratten 7
*Gillian M. Hussey 4	D. John Hunt .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* 250th peal † 150th peal of Major First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the fifth, in the county (sic) and for the Guild.

CHURCHILL, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., July 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 CHELTENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G

*Richard W. Sweet .. .. Treble	George T Cousins 5
D. John Hunt 2	Peter Bridle 6
Victor Griffin 3	Robert C. Kippin 7
†Cyril A. Wratten 4	George E. Thoday .. .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 50th peal. † 350th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 WESSEX SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr 17 lb.

Derek J. Carr .. .. .. Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 5
Gillian M Hussey 2	George T. Cousins 6
*Diana M. Chapman .. 3	Robert C. Kippin 7
Richard W. Sweet 4	†Peter Bridle .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* 50th peal. † 50th Surprise Major method to a peal. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

HIGHWORTH, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Richard W. Sweet .. .. Treble	*Maurice A. New 5
Robert C. Kippin 2	*Peter Bridle 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	*George T. Cousins 7
*Cyril A. Wratten 4	D John Hunt .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal in the method.

THREE PEALS IN A DAY

ALL RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
At the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, Leicestershire.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

James W. Belshaw .. .. Treble	George Pluckrose 4
Christopher J. Royal .. 2	Robin Brown 5
*Ronald Snack 3	†C. Barrie Dove .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 25th peal. † 25th peal in 1966. First peal of Oxford T.B. by all the band.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford T.B. and three of Kent T.B. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Robin Brown .. .. .. Treble	Christopher J. Royal .. 4
C. Barrie Dove 2	George Pluckrose 5
James W Belshaw 3	Ronald Snack .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
Fastest peal by all the band and for the Association.

On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Grandsire, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, Southrepps and Plain Bob. Tenor 2½ cwt.

C. Barrie Dove .. .. .. Treble	Robin Brown 4
Ronald Snack 2	Christopher J. Royal .. 5
James W. Belshaw 3	George Pluckrose .. .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MAPERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OLD DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in B flat.

*Michael J. Hawkins	Treble	Alan F. Lee	4
Leslie R. G. Taylor	2	Robin L. Coles	5
Julian E. Newman	3	John H. Thompson	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First away from cover bell. First in the variation by all, on the bells and for the Association. First on the bells since April, 1948.

SHIPHAM, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being ten callings. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

George Prescott	Treble	*Peter J. England	4
John Walton	2	Sidney G. Smith	5
Marjorie Legg	3	John K. Baker	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 78 lb. in G.

James H. Edwards	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	5
Alan M. Barber	2	Keith H. Fleming	6
Kathleen A. Rivett	3	Stephen Ivin	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Fred Dench. Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G. sharp.

David Allman	Treble	Keith W. Eaton	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	Frank R. Morton	5
A. Doreen Edwards	3	John R. Scott	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
STONELEIGH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*Edward L. Fardon	Treble	*Diana Wriggins	4
†Betsy A. Proctor	2	Stephen F. Royal	5
†Christine A. Kelsey	3	Paul K. Williams	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WEST HARTLEPOOL, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Wed., July 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

Ann Lawson	Treble	James Crowther	6
Margaret Lawson	2	†Kenneth Lawson	7
*Enid Lawson	3	*Peter Wishart	8
*Rodney A. Yeates	4	Eric N. Harrison	9
Michael Maughan	5	George S. Deas	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by George S. Deas.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. † 100th peal. First of Cambridge Surprise Royal as conductor.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Hodgson.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Roger Osbon	Treble	*Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Richard Haves	2	Percy J. Spice	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Philip A. Corby	7
D. Paul Smith	4	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method "inside."
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Flt.-Lt. and Mrs. A. H. Hayes, parents of the ringer of the second.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
SAFFRON-WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

*William Pye	Treble	John S. Rank	6
*Donald F. Murfet	2	John G. Gipson	7
Lawrence R. Pizzey	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Stuart Brown	9
Vivian Nutton	5	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
* First peal on ten bells.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

Diana M. Chapman	Treble	Roderick W. Pipe	6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	James R. Taylor	7
Brian Bladon	3	Peter Bridle	8
Eric Sutton	4	Michael J. Fellows	9
Michael J. Hobbs	5	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
First peal of Bristol Surprise Royal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HERTFORD, Herts.—At the Church of All Saints
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 25 lb.

*Brian J. W. Foley	Treble	*Peter Owen	5
Mrs. L. Goodman	2	George Goodman	6
Walter Ayre	3	John M. Kemp	7
*Dennis Digby	4	*†Peter M. F. Searles	Tenor

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal "inside."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
FAVERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary of Charity.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 2,528 London, 1,056 each of Cambridge and Superlative and 448 Bristol, with 87 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E.

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

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

William J. Manning	Treble	Judith M. Corby	5
Lucile M. Corby	2	Doris E. Colgate	6
*Isabel M. Pearce	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
*Paul J. Dye	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of Rutland. First peal on the new bells.
In memoriam Mary Jane Corby, born July 16th, 1878, died December 1st, 1961.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., July 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WELLS SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four extents, each called differently.
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.,

Christine M. Webb	Treble	*Michael H. O'Callaghan	4
D. Paul Smith	2	Ian H. Oram	5
Richard G. Crosland	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* 25th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.
Rung on the Feast of St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Confessor and Doctor of the Church.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, Manchester.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

David Hogg	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
Sidney Hough	2	Brian Schofield	6
Janet Rees	3	E. Andrew Harrison	7
Michael Platt	4	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.
Rung for the wedding of Peter Watson and Linda Griffiths at St. Peter's, Swinton, the same day.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, Leics.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid. On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G.

*Sheila Parsons	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	5
†Alan Evans	2	B. Stedman Payne	6
†Christopher M. Sturgess	3	Brian S. Chapman	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

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

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Thurs., July 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 ELSTREE SURPRISE MAJOR

G. William Critchley	Tenor	Claudia A. Critchley	5
Joan Beresford	2	John Hill	6
Ruth M. Foreman	3	Dennis Knox	7
Alick Cutler	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by G. William Critchley.

First peal in the method by all. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr.

William A. Theobald	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	7
Wilfred Williams	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Susan Rothera	3	Norman V. Harding	9
Alan F. Thirst	4	John S. Mason	10
George W. Pipe	5	Ralph G. Edwards	11
Giles C. Galley	6	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On Fri., June 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

David Cubitt	Treble	H. William Barrett	5
George P. Adams	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	6
Shelagh R. Collins	3	Rev. M. C. C. Melville	7
Kevin S. Hohl	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin Conducted by Shelagh R. Collins.

DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Wed., July 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

H. William Barrett	Treble	George P. Adams	5
Shelagh R. Collins	2	Kevin S. Hohl	6
Norma V. Harding	3	Leslie F. Bailey	7
Robin R. Churchill	4	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of 1 and 3. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

KENNINGHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Fri., July 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SANDRINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

H. William Barrett	Treble	*David Cubitt	5
Shelagh R. Collins	2	Geoffrey H. Pullin	6
Timothy G. Pett	3	Kevin S. Hohl	7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

* 100th peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the treble. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Mon., July 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) York, (2) Durham, (3) Bourne, (4) Cambridge and Primrose, (5) Kent and Oxford, (6) Beverley, (7) Surfleet. Tenor 11 cwt.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Frank Reed	4
Peter Pearce	2	D. Kay Adkins	5
Peter G. Holden	3	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

*Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	John Hill	6
Ronald F. Diserens	2	Thomas J. Lock	7
*G. William Critchley	3	*J. Keith Ward	8
*Frederick R. Scott	4	*David P. Hilling	9
*Edward R. Venn	5	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Bristol Surprise Royal for the Guild. Tenor 17 cwt 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Thurs., July 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 ULLESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Peter Pearce	5
Frank Reed	2	Peter J. Heritage	6
Brian W. Hall	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Peter G. Holden	4	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of 3 and 6.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe with St. Peter-le-Bailey. On Sun., July 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 INVERNESS-SHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Charles Coles	Treble	Peter J. Heritage	5
J. Keith Ward	2	David P. Hilling	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	G. William Critchley	7
Frederick R. Scott	4	Edward R. Venn	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

BRADFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Fri., July 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KING EDWARD SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Mrs. A. D. Smith	Treble	Roger B. Pike	4
Reginald W. Rex	2	David L. Wilcox	5
Robert M. Ashman	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal in the method.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

KING EDWARD SURPRISE MINOR

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PRESTON CANDOVER, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27lb.

*Norma M. Jennings	Treble	Clifford J. Garlick	4
Ronald C. Christopher	2	David L. Wilcox	5
Michael S. Holbrook	3	H. Jillian Pike	Tenor

Conducted by David L. Wilcox.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the 81st anniversary of the dedication of the church.

SHOTTESBROOKE, Berks.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: (1) Beverley Surprise, (2) Surfleet Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) College Exercise Treble Bob, (5) Norbury Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb.

Sydney M. Bailey	Treble	Leonard Stilwell	4
William Birmingham	2	Wilfrid G. Wilson	5
Howard Oglesby	3	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

Rung on the Feast of St. Osmund.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Denis. On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Ronald Russell	Treble	Stephen B Bell	4
Richard A. Webster	2	Harry Barnes	5
*Michael J. Hawkins	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung to welcome the birth of a daughter to Jim and Jean Woolford, also a compliment to Mr. H. Barnes on his 79th birthday.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
SANDON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., July 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods, being six extents of April Day, 12 extents of Grandsire and eight each of Plain Bob, St. Martin's Bob and St. Simon's Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

*Ruth A. E. Fairbrother	Treble	†Edward R. Fairbrother	3
*Jennifer M. Beech	2	Frank Beech, jun.	4
Richard J. Warrilow	Tenor		

Conducted by Frank Beech, jun.
* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles "inside."

MARCHINGTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., July 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

John H. Allen	Treble	Lucy Smith	4
*Margaret L. Ellwood	2	Cyril T. Collins	5
*Julia M. Sanders	3	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Allen.
* First peal of Surprise. First in the method as conductor.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., July 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
Diana M. Pipe	2	George W. Pipe	6
Janet I. Rogers	3	Ernest G. Pearce	7
George E. Symonds	4	Robin H. Rogers	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
Rung on the 91st birthday of George E. Symonds.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., July 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being seven extents in 148 methods, as follows: (1) Calverleigh, Wilburton, Wrentham, Allesley, Hever, Marden, Swanscombe, Snodland, Lammas, Olney, Walsingham, Fulmer, Nowton, Offton, Preston, Rougham, Sproughton, Tannington Alliance, Crayford Little Court, Little, St. Lawrence, Burstwick and Bramford Little Bob. (23 methods by A. R. Peake and H. Chant.) (2) Sharnbrook, Ringstead, Beckford, Hayes, Winchcombe, Stonehouse, Stratton, Mitcham, Marlborough, Stanhoe, Mildenhall, Blaxhall, Buxton, Iver, Ramsbury, Ellacombe, Finchley, Minchinhampton, Kennett, Overton, Preshute, Bredfield, Cavendish, Dennington Alliance, Crayford Little Court, Little Bob and Barking Little Bob. (27 methods by A. R. Peake, arranged by H. Chant.) (3) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Pontefract, Donottar, Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight, Childwall, Horsmonden, Thelwall, St. Clement's, College, Wavertree, Killarney, Lytham, London, Reverse, Fulbeck, Frodsham, Plain, Canterbury, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Double, Windermere and Ullswater Bob and Belvedere Little Bob. (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake.) (4) Dronfield, Retford, Purleigh, Minehead, Quendon, Spalding, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourn Surprise, Peveril, Melandra, Tollesbury, Leasowe, Middlesex, Beeston, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Combermere and Crowland Delight. (19 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh.) (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone and York Minster Treble Bob, Beighton, Appleby and Redcar Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatherop, Skipton, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Stisted, Bogedone, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight. (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. R. Peake.) (6) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal, Elston and Ashbocking Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob. (16 methods by A. G. Driver, arranged by P. W. Saltmarsh.) (7) Linden, Bamborough, Westminster, Allendale, Frverning, Luton, Ripley, Broomfield, Rhyl, Fyfield and Thorne Surprise. (11 Surprise methods by P. W. Saltmarsh.) With 248 changes of method and a plain lead of every method included.
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Robert E. Lester	Treble	Robin H. Rogers	4
Janet I. Rogers	2	George W. Pipe	5
Alice E. J. Lester	3	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal.
OFFTON ALLIANCE: 34.16 x 16 x 12 x 5. 2nds pl. l.e. 54632.
NOWTON ALLIANCE: 34.16 x 16 x 34 x 5. 2nds pl. l.e. 54632.
PRESTON ALLIANCE: 34.16 x 16.34 x 12.5. 2nds pl. l.e. 54632.
SPROUGHTON ALLIANCE: 34.16 x 16 x 12 x 5. 6ths pl. l.e. 65243.
ROUGHAM ALLIANCE: 34.16 x 16 x 34 x 5. 6ths pl. l.e. 65243.
TANNINGTON ALLIANCE: 34.16 x 16.34 x 12.5. 6ths pl. l.e. 65243.
BURSTWICK LITTLE BOB: 34.16 x 14. 2nds pl. l.e. 65324.
BRAMFORD LITTLE BOB: 36.14 x 34. 2nds pl. l.e. 36245.
The No. 1 extent is now rung for the first time.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
CHARLWOOD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., July 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven different extents: Five of Plain Bob, one of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and one of Plain Bob and Oxford Bob spliced. Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

*Diane Wickens	Treble	*James Nicholson	4
Carol Wickens	2	Eric Brazier	5
†David Nicholson	3	Ian Wickens	Tenor

Composed by Ian Wickens.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal.
First peal on the bells by a Sunday service band for 56 years. Fastest peal on the bells.
Rung muffled in memoriam the Rev. Canon William Grainger Thompson, M.A., Rector of this parish from 1918 to 1959, whose funeral was this day.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA, Sussex.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 20 cwt. in F.

Christine M. Baldock	Treble	Robert W. R. Percy	5
*Janet M. Percy	2	Edward F. P. Bryant	6
Betty Percy	3	Ian V. J. Smith	7
R. Ian Vaughan	4	Alan R. Baldock	Tenor

Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* 25th peal.
Rung in connection with the 900th anniversary celebrations of the Battle of Hastings.

BUXTED, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret the Queen.
On Thurs., July 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Charlotte M. Harris	Treble	*David R. McLean	5
Valerie J. Howard	2	Frank H. Hicks	6
*Janet E. Blake	3	Arthur J. Hart	7
John A. Howard	4	†Douglas J. Hoad	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal of Triples and in the method. † First peal attempt.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Canon Greville Cooke, M.A.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD and COWBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY.
SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Iolo Davies	Treble	Gareth H. Jones	5
David Barrington	2	Paul M. Evans	6
Robert MacPherson	3	Christopher Ricketts	7
Paul Morgan	4	Ellis N. Thomas	Tenor

Arranged by Ellis N. Thomas. Conducted by Christopher Ricketts.
First of Major for the Society.
Rung to mark the Society's second A.G.M. (July 4th).

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
HANLEY CASTLE, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*Royston J. M. Grosvenor	Treble	†David G. Franklin	4
†Gerald Bowen	2	Paul Cattermole	5
†Lawrence J. Haines	3	John Clements	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods. Quarterly peal for the Western Branch.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society)
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., July 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C.

Elsie Chaddock	Treble	Frederick J. Jackson	6
Tessa Hollis	2	*George S. Lee	7
Neil Donovan	3	†Stuart R. Armeson	8
John N. D. Chaddock	4	David Nichols	9
Richard J. Tibbetts	5	‡Norman Chaddock	Tenor

Arranged by S. Armeson. Conducted by David Nichols.
* 50th peal. † 100th peal. ‡ 25th peal on this tenor. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Edgbaston.
On Tues., June 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in C.

Graham C. Paul .. .. .. 1–2 | Richard J. Parker 5–6
Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 3–4 | *James R. White 7–8

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

* First peal "in hand." First peal of Major "in hand" for the Society by first-year undergraduates.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Rosemary Tailby, a former chairman of the Society.

BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Edgbaston.
On Wed., June 29, 1966, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 12 in G.

James R. White .. .. .. 1–2 | Rupert A. Clarke (cond.) .. 3–4
Graham C. Paul 5–6

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(The St. George's Guild, Jesmond)
JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.
On Mon., July 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Ann Walker .. .. 1–2 | Rodney A. Yeates 5–6
Andrew G. Craddock .. 3–4 | Helen E. Dracup 7–8

Arranged by C. W. Woolley. Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Woodville Road.
On Thurs., June 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall .. .. .. 1–2 | Robert B. Smith 5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis .. .. 3–4 | Gerald Moorhouse 7–8
*Alan Scholfield 9–10

Arranged and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

* First peal on ten bells.

A wedding compliment to Basil Jones and Marjorie Blundell, married on June 18th, 1966.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.
On Sun., July 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 2. Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall .. .. .. 1–2 | Robert B. Smith 5–6
*Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3–4 | Gerald Moorhouse 7–8

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Oxford T.B. Major "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LOWESTOFT, Suffolk.—At 22, Lyndhurst Road.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in G.

J. Barry Pickup .. .. .. 1–2 | Richard J. Parker 5–6
Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 3–4 | Graham C. Paul 7–8

Composed by G. Dodds. Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being seven extents of Spliced Oxford Bob and Plain Bob with 14 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley .. .. .. 1–2 | Mary Whalley 3–4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6

First peal of Spliced Minor by all. First peal on the bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
STONEY STANTON, Leicestershire.—At 36, Long Street.
On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

John Vernon .. .. .. 1–2 | Alfred Ballard 3–4
Michael Vernon (cond.) .. 5–6

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor "in hand" by all.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR
In six methods, comprising Wellington Little Court, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob and Plain Bob, with 377 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker .. .. 1–2 | George E. Feirn 5–6
Margaret A. Parker .. .. 3–4 | Jack L. Millhouse 7–8

Arranged by George E. Feirn. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

QUARTER PEALS

BURTON DASSETT, WARWICKS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. W. J. Benfield (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. J. Vann 2, S. F. Webb (cond.) 3, Mrs. S. F. Webb 4, J. J. Spraggett 5, W. J. Vann 6.

BUTCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On July 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Walton 1, L. Derrick 2, G. Prescott 3, S. Smith 4, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 5, P. England 6.

CAMPSALL, YORKS.—On July 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Sanderson 1, Miss A. Leigh 2, Mrs. R. J. Sanderson 3, H. Johnson 4, J. Laughton 5, E. Dalingwater 6, J. R. Whitham 7, G. W. Shanks (cond.) 7. First of Major 2 and 4.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On July 16th, 1,260 Fortune Doubles: S. M. Price 1, Sandra M. Pitman 2, B. W. Pocock 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, Janet A. Fawcett 6. First in the method for all. Rung for the wedding of Felicity Unwin (Vicar's daughter and former ringer) and Paul Boot.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—At the Priory Church, on July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. White (first quarter) 1, R. Prime 2, R. Broadest 3, R. Ingham 4, G. Scragg 5, B. Wright 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, A. Johnson 8. Rung to mark the royal visit of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. Prince Philip to the Priory this day.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Ellison 1, Audrey Alexander 2, A. H. Smith 3, K. H. Fleming 4, P. Mehew 5, B. G. North 6, M. J. Marriott (comp. and cond.) 7, R. H. French 8. Rung for the Baptism of Brian Michael Payne, son of the Bedford District Secretary, Colin M. Payne, and his wife Jean, both of whom are ringers at this church.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. M. Morris 1, Miss F. A. Munt 2, Mrs. R. B. Davey 3, Mrs. J. Wells 4, E. J. Thoday 5, G. W. Henson 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, W. E. A. Morris 8. Rung on the middle six for the wedding of Richard Burdett Coulson and Adrienne Mary Wells, with the best wishes of the band. For morning service.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Hibbert 1, Mrs. C. Hibbert 2, C. Hibbert (cond.) 3, L. Cox 4, D. Jordan 5, R. Blond 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Boaley 8.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—At 7, Bertie Road, on June 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Cox (cond.) 1—2, P. C. Randall 3—4, E. Anthea M. Sparshott (first handbell quarter) 5—6.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lorna V. Cull 1, Rosemary A. Spicer 2, K. Sheppard 3, F. Byrne 4, J. G. Cull (cond.) 5, Miasie Harding (first quarter) 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Birch 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On July 8th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Elizabeth Duncan (first of Minor) 1, Jacqueline S. Young 2, R. J. Chapman 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, A. J. Slade 5, I. L. Dear 6. First of St. Clement's Minor by all the band.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On July 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Kennard 1, J. E. Lawley 2, J. A. Tandy 3, M. Clewes 4, P. Bill (cond.) 5, B. Sutton 6, B. Wootton 7, R. Tandy 8. By the local band for evening service.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.—On July 1st, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: L. B. Jefferies (first of T.B.) 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, Miss J. R. A. Cook 3, C. J. Blain 4, A. J. Davey 5, J. R. Hough (cond.) 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On June 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. I. Simpson 1, Mrs. L. Hopkins 2, Nita West 3, W. E. Simpson 4, W. Barwell 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey 7, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 8. To celebrate the birth of a daughter (Sylvia June) to Mrs. Cynthia Charter, a member of the Sawley band.

STAPLEGROVE, Taunton, SOMERSET.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Drowley 1, Dr. D. L. Gullick 2, A. P. Rothwell 3, S. J. Gullick 4, N. J. Maggs (cond.) 5, W. H. Stock 6. First quarter 3 and 6, and for the Taunton School Ringers' Society at the first attempt. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. G. Leathern, on his retirement after 21 years as headmaster.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On July 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: W. C. Shute 1, Miss N. M. Julius 2, H. J. Ralph (first in the method) 3, Mrs. M. M. Godley 4, F. Priddle (cond.) 5, A. E. Woods (first in the method) 6.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—At Immanuel Church, on July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Keen (first quarter) 1, Sandra Thexton 2, Rosemary Cotton 3, C. Barnes 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, W. Grove (first quarter) 6. For Matins, and a farewell to the Vicar.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carol V. Blood (first attempt) 1, J. M. Chatfield 2, M. E. Addy 3, A. Turner 4, W. G. Ledward 5, D. H. Thorpe 6. For service of Confirmation by Bishop of Lewes.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On July 3rd, 1,267 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Church 1, C. P. Starbuck 2, Jane Blackler 3, S. Humphrey (cond.) 4, R. Blackler 5, P. R. Humphrey 6. First of Treble Bob 1, 2. Rung on the birthday of Mr. G. A. Dawson, of Gedling, Notts. Shortest possible quarter peal of Treble Bob Minor.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Rosemary Sheldon 1, M. Edwards 2, Beryl Park 3, H. Fitter 4, R. Weekes 5, A. Burbidge 6, I. Belshaw (cond.) 7, K. Park 8. A farewell to Rosemary Sheldon and her family, leaving for Australia.

YARNTON, OXON.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Abbott 1, T. G. Holden 2, Hilary Osborne 3, P. Pearce 4, D. Floyd (cond.) 5, P. G. Holden 6. As a farewell to the ringer of 3, on her departure to Canada.

YETMINSTER, DORSET.—On July 13th, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: B. Rendell 1, T. Marks 2, T. Cross (cond.) 3, Rev. C. Marshall 4, F. Sandy 5, D. Beaufoy 6.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On July 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Bond (14) 1, R. Bath 2, A. Feist (14) 3, W. J. Parker 4, M. J. Church (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, F. J. Farr 6. First in two methods 1 and 3.

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BIRTHS

NEWMAN.—To Susan and Ken, at 53, Bradstock Road, Stoneleigh, on July 17th, 1966, a son, Richard Peter, a brother for Joanna. 9546

WOOD.—On July 21st, 1966, to Pat and the Rev. Eric Wood, Vicar of Mapledurham, twin sons, Giles Richard and Patrick Charles, brothers for Alban. 9578

WYLDE.—To Barbara (née Stephens) and Brian on July 15th, 1966, a son, John, brother for Sara. 9547

DEATH

LOCK.—On June 26th, 1966, at Portsmouth, in her 80th year, Kathleen Lock (née Holifield), widow of the late A. E. Lock, of Abingdon, Berks. 9565

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DAMERELL.—The address of Mr. R. M. Damerell is now Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, 9569

TELEPHONE NUMBER

COBB.—The telephone number of Don and Sally Cobb, of 1, Elm Close, Waltham Abbey, Essex, is Waltham Cross 20920. 9549

PERSONAL

"Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." — Proverbs xxvii, 17.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BILSTON (ST. LEONARD'S), STAFFS. — Regret no practice during August owing to holidays. Resume Friday, September 2nd, 1966, at 7.30 p.m. Sundays as usual. Visitors always welcome.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

ST. ANDREW'S, THURSBY

Saturday, August 13th, at 3 p.m. Rededication by the Archdeacon of Carlisle of the restored ring of six bells in new frame. Names for tea to the Rev. C. R. Ridley, Thursby Vicarage, near Carlisle, by August 10th.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 9568

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Special practice at Guildford Cathedral, **Thursday, August 4th.** Please make a special effort to attend. Everyone who comes will get a ring. All welcome. — J. Collier. 9539

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Tuesday, August 2nd, 1966, at 7.30 p.m. Rededication by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Dover of restored ring of six bells in new frame.

Combined practice, Wednesday, August 3rd, at 7.30 p.m.

WILLINGDON, EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX. —The second annual ringers' service will be held on Sunday, July 31st, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Ringing 5.30–6.30. Light refreshments after service. — R. W. R. Percy. 9516

PEAL AND QUARTER PEAL CARDS

The new charge for sets of 12 cards (minimum) is 10s. post free. For quarter peal cards second copy, written out in style of a peal is essential. Receipt sent only with stamped addressed envelope. — "Ringing World" Office, Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Meeting at Breaston (6), Friday, July 29th, 7.30 p.m. Special methods: St. Martin's Doubles and Norwich Surprise.—D. J. M. 9530

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Evening meeting at Great Paxton, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (5) 5.45 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9540

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Leverington, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9543

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting and prize contest, Armitage Bridge, near Huddersfield, July 30th. All teams welcome. Mr. H. Chant judge. Teas: Mr. Armatage, 22, Hanging Stone Road, Berry Brow, near Huddersfield. Draw 2.30 p.m.—T. T. 9555

LADIES' GUILD — Central District. — Meeting, Loughton, Saturday, July 30th Ringing 3.30 Tea and business meeting 4.30. Service 5.15, followed by further ringing until 8.30. 9504

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Gorleston on Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—N. C. 9508

ST. LEONARD'S PARISH CHURCH SOUTHMINSTER, ESSEX

Rededication of the Bells

on Sunday, July 31st, at 3 p.m. by the Archdeacon of Southend. Followed by a reception at which refreshments will be served.

Bells will be available after reception.

All will be welcome.

The bells (tenor 12¼ cwt.) have been rehung and two trebles added, to complete the octave, by John Taylor and Co. 9536

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Will readers whose subscriptions were due on June 30th please renew AT ONCE to avoid disappointment. Rates: 3 months 12s., 6 months £1 2s. 6d., 12 months £2 2s. to J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting, Barking, July 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5, followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. R. E. Lester, 40, Stowmarket Road, Needham Market, Ipswich. 9921

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, August 1st, at 7 p.m. 9548

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Evening meeting, Cople, Saturday, August 6th. Bells (6) from 5.15 to 8.45 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec. 9531

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris (6), Saturday, August 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special methods: Double Court and London Surprise. 9564

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Arnold, 20, Green Springs, Crondall, Farnham, Surrey, by previous Wednesday.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 9536

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch. — Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 6th at St. Thomas's, Exeter. Bells 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. — G. Skinner, 38, Harston Road, Exeter. 9572

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, August 6th, Rushden (5), 5.30 to 6.45 p.m.; Ashwell (6), 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. No Norton practice in August. —C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 9552

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District. — Meeting, Bushey Heath (8), August 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30 p.m., Bushey (8). Names essential to Mrs. E. Norris, Ashfield Avenue, Bushey.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 9567

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by business and further ringing.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 9558

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Bispham Parish Church, All Hallows Road, Bispham, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 9562

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Moorside (Oldham) on Saturday, August 6th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. — G. Cheetham. 9559

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at All Saints Parish Church, Rainford, on Saturday, August 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea required by Rev. C. J. Herbert, 44, Eagle Crescent, Rainford, St. Helens, Lancs.—K. F. Wilson, Branch Sec. 9557

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District. — Meeting at Knighton, August 6th. Bells (5) 5.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. No business meeting. Everyone very welcome.—Ron Hughes. 9471

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —S. and W. District.—Business meeting at Cranford, Saturday, August 6th. Ringing 3.30–5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Chiswick from 6.30 p.m. Good attendance, please.—W. S. Deason. 9519

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, West Haddon, Saturday, August 6th. Names for tea to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 9579

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and DERBY ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District). — Joint meeting at Bolsover (8), Saturday, August 6th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. D. Cooper, 84, New Bolsover, Bolsover, near Chesterfield, by previous Thursday.—A. King and M. Phipps, Hon. Secs. 9571

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Withyham (8) on Saturday, August 6th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec., Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, Sussex, by Wednesday, August 3rd. 9560

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, August 13th, at Penshurst (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. R. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smarts Hill, Penshurst, Kent, by Wednesday, August 10th. Names, please, to secretary for annual outing on October 8th. 1966. 9561

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—A joint meeting will be held at Saturday, August 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Littlebury (6), followed by ringing from 6 p.m. to 8.30 at Wendens Ambo (6). All welcome.—B. D. Threlfall, Harston, Cambs. G. Blake, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9577

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — Monthly practice for Western Deaneries at Reepham, Saturday, August 13th, 3 p.m. Bring own teas. 9553

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Daventry Branch) and COVENTRY GUILD.—Joint meeting at Burton Dassett, Saturday, August 13th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, Leamington Spa, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 9551

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD and COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting at Burton Dassett on August 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5, followed by business meeting and more ringing. Names for tea to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, Warwickshire (Tel. 387). Avon Dassett may also be available.—F. W. Hancock. P. S. Bennett. Secs. 9580

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Mildenhall (10) on Saturday, August 13th. Bells from 6.30 to 8.30.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 9566

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Merton on Saturday, August 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Evening ringing at Christ Church, Colliers Wood. Names for tea to G. Hawkes, 21, Cecil Road, S.W.19, by Tuesday, 9th.—B. Bull, Assist. Sec. 9556

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Smith (first quarter) 1, J. Hill 2, Mrs. R. A. Fardon 3, Miss P. A. Copas 4, R. A. Fardon 5, M. W. Seymour 6, W. H. Coles 7, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 8. Before Evensong, and to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Venn.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS. — On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Kingston 1, Audrey S. H. Hopkins 2, A. Richardson 3, R. Hayden 4, E. White 5, J. Smith 6, G. Goodman (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8. For the Patronal Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne M. Baldwin (first quarter) 1, Christine A. McGarrick 2, Carol C. Bunn 3, K. I. Davis 4, R. H. Glover 5, A. B. Eldridge 6. Conducted by Roderick H. Glover and Keith I. Davis. For the wedding of Mr. Brian Gipson to Miss Sylvia J. Cox.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On July 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Lucile M. Corby 1, R. J. Everest 2, Judith M. Corby 3, A. S. Richards 4, R. W. H. Hayes 5, P. A. Corby 6, A. J. Corby (cond.) 7, J. W. Smith 8. In honour of the silver wedding of Flt.-Lt and Mrs. A. H. Hayes. Also on July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. Everest 1, C. Cheseman 2, N. S. Butcher 3, R. J. Everest 4, D. R. B. Collins 5, R. W. H. Hayes (cond.) 6, W. J. Bear 7, M. Clarke 8.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): E. Green 1, R. Weaver 2, H. Hawkins 3, R. Hawkins 4, Jennifer Durston (cond.) 5, Rev. A. G. Durston 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs. F. Denning, married 50 years ago this day at this church.

HERTFORD.—On July 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Thorn (first of Minor) 1, G. James (first of Minor as cond.) 2, Mrs. L. E. James 3, J. Kemp 4, S. F. James 5, P. M. F. Searles 6. A birthday compliment to Brian Foley.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On July 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Joiner (first quarter) 1, R. Crocker 2, P. Furness 3, P. Taylor 4, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 5, C. Kendall (first quarter) 6. By the local band for morning service.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Anne Trinder (first quarter) 1, D. Digby (first of Bob Triples) 2, C. Anne Agg 3, J. S. Dear 4, C. M. Orme 5, P. M. F. Searles (first of Triples) 6, A. R. Agg (cond.) 7, W. F. Todd 8. Rung half-muffled on the eve of the funeral of Mr. H. Cooke, churchwarden for 17 years.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ransom 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, W. Papworth 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. Also on July 10th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: W. Ransom 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, W. Papworth 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. For morning service.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. K. Smith 1, Barbara A. Taylor (first "inside") 2, I. G. Goldthorpe 3, C. Holmes 4, M. J. Wilson 5, A. B. Cooper (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's on July 5th, 1,344 Turramurra S. Major: J. Adams 1, C. C. Clarke 2, Mrs. T. W. Goodyer 3, R. K. Russ 4, M. F. Lock 5, T. J. Lock 6, C. Coles 7, A. R. Pink (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on July 8th, 1,346 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus: Mrs. P. Lewington 1, A. E. Diserens 2, F. R. Scott 3, Helen M. Diserens 4, P. J. Shipton (first in the method) 5, R. F. Diserens 6, J. N. Diserens 7, F. W. Lewis 8, C. H. Kippin 9, J. K. Ward 10, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 11, N. J. Diserens 12.

RUISHTON, Taunton, SOMERSET.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. M. Dade 1, Mrs. Whatmore 3, Miss M. Norman 3, W. D. Whatmore (cond.) 4, Miss M. J. Beale 5, K. E. Beale (first quarter) 6. First in method 1 and 3. For St. Swithin.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Laura Grindrod 1, June Whitcher 2, R. Durrant 3, A. J. Slade 4, D. E. Cobb 5, I. L. Dear 6, K. Scrimshaw 7, H. Duncan (first of Royal) 8, M. C. Austin 9, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 10. For Matins. Also on July 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Susan Thomas (first of Caters) 1, June Whitcher 2, Laura Grindrod 3, I. L. Dear (cond.) 4, D. Hawkins 5, M. B. Jefferyes 6, M. C. Austin 7, H. Duncan 8, R. J. Chapman 9, D. E. Cobb 10. For Evensong. Also on July 10th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: D. E. Cobb (cond.) 1, June Whitcher 2, Laura Grindrod 3, A. J. Slade 4, I. L. Dear 5, R. Durrant 6, K. Scrimshaw 7, H. Duncan 8, E. T. Newnham 9, R. J. Chapman 10. First in the method by 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. For Matins. Also on July 17th, 1,562 Grandsire Cinques: Susan Thomas (first of Cinques) 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, Laura Grindrod 3, June Whitcher (50th quarter) 4, M. C. Austin 5, A. J. Slade 6, R. Durrant 7, M. B. Jefferyes 8, E. T. Newnham 9, H. Duncan 10, R. J. Chapman 11, I. L. Dear 12. First of Cinques "inside" by 3, 7, 8 and 9. First 12-bell quarter by the regular Sunday morning band. Rung before Matins as a farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Brian Barnes-Ceeney, who are moving to Falfield, Glos.

SILSOE GUILD'S LONG DAY

WARWICKSHIRE, Staffordshire and Shropshire were visited by Silsoe Guild of Change Ringers on July 2nd, when the high standard of organisation was again upheld despite involving a 6.30 a.m. start.

The eight bells at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, provided a good start to a fine day's ringing. Before lunch there was also a good 45 minutes' ringing on the easy six at St. Augustine's, Rugeley.

A splendid lunch was arranged at the Barley Mow Hotel, after which we proceeded to Lilleshall. We were most impressed by the condition of the beautiful church, so well cared for and obviously loved by the worshippers. The countryside around it is some of the most beautiful and left some of us longing to revisit it at some future date. Here Mr Arthur Rowley joined us and the ringers were glad to have him with them.

Due to a traffic holdup we were five minutes late at St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth; the tower was locked, the Rector had gone out and there was no ringing. This was a pity as the timing throughout the day was perfect, due to Mary Mann's navigating and a good driver! Tea was arranged at Bridgnorth and then we went on to St. John's, Henley-in-Arden, where the day's ringing was concluded. The captains for the trip were R. Piron, T. P. Harris, R. J. Sharp and R. Ward.

We all appreciated the restfulness of this tour, and it would have been a pity to "rush" through some of England's most lovely scenery. Thank you, Mary and Colin Mann and Des Brazier, for all you did, and our thanks to the incumbents and all who welcomed us. And thank you, "singers," who sang us safely home in the early hours of Sunday. A splendid outing, long to be remembered. M. A.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. COLEMAN

With deep regret we report the death of Mr. John W. Coleman on July 12th under tragic circumstances. It was the immediate result of an accident at the construction site on which he was working.

John learned his ringing at Cobham, Kent, and later, while at Nottingham University, put his experience to good use in advancing the progress of others. Master of the Nottingham University Bellringing Society for two consecutive years, John worked hard both to teach learners and to encourage the ringing of more advanced methods. During his travels around the country to attend meetings and dinners he made many friends and his death will come as a sad blow to them all.

The funeral service, attended by his family, ringers and friends, was held at the Nottingham Crematorium on July 19th. E. S.

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A PIONEER AMONG WOMEN RINGERS

MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK: A MEMOIR

KATHLEEN LOCK (Mrs. A. E. Lock) was a daughter of the late Mr. H. Holifield of Abingdon and a member of the famous Holifield family of Appleton. She learned to ring at Appleton about 1908 and became an unattached member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in 1909. Although she rang regularly in Abingdon with her father and brother, there was at that time an unwillingness to elect the very few women ringers to membership of local bands. Kathleen Lock was one of the few women ringers at that time in the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the only one in North Berks. She rang her first peal at Drayton, Berks (Parker's Twelve Part), on Easter Monday, 1913. Five Holifields took part in that peal including G. Holifield, snr. Among the band was her future husband A. E. Lock and G. Caudwell, who remained a close friend of them both until his death in 1960.

In 1913 the local Press records that on Christmas Day the ringers of St. Nicholas' Church, Abingdon, presented "Miss K. Holifield with a gold brooch in appreciation of the regular way in which she had assisted them in ringing for divine service. . . . The hope was expressed that she would long continue to assist them in the belfry." Little did those ringers know that the long period of 57 years of devoted service was to be given to St. Nicholas' belfry . . . service only to be curtailed by death.

During the First World War (in 1916) Kathleen Holifield married Albert E. Lock, a member of a well-known family of master stone-masons and there began a great ringing partnership which only ceased with his death and which still today continues to bear fruit. Between the years 1921 and 1932 the Locks began to build the foundations of the North Berks Branch of the O.D.G. By systematic teaching and regular visits to local practices the art of change ringing was fostered by them both; yet never did they lose sight of the prime purpose for ringing—the call to worship. By 1933 twenty-four out of the thirty towers in the area had full Sunday Service bands.

By their hospitality, which was always open-handed, their love of young people and their willingness to help, they built up a Branch with a strong tradition of service ringing, a high standard of friendship and loyalty and withal capable of peal ringing in the standard methods. Even today many of the towers within the Branch can raise a Sunday Service peal band. In all this Kathleen Lock not only supported her husband but also acted as his chauffeur, for love of driving a car was her second great interest (she was one of the first women to drive in the area).

Throughout her husband's secretaryship of 38 years she rang several nights a week in local towers and also represented the Branch for 35 years on the Guild Committee. After his death she continued to do this and also helped the Culham College Society from its foundation until illness curtailed her active ringing. Even then she would often drive her car to Appleton or Hagbourne to take part in the social side of ringing; also to Radley to allow the local captain to attend practices.

As far as can be ascertained Kathleen Lock rang about 166 peals, chiefly in the standard methods on all numbers, but she had peals of Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative to her credit. Kathleen is believed to be the first lady to ring Kent Treble Bob Royal and Maximus. She was a member of the Ladies' band which attempted the ladies' peal at Twyford, Berks, on Easter Monday, 1914. This peal came to grief in the fourth part. With her husband she was a member of the peal band which met regularly immediately after the 1914–1918 war, building up Major ringing in the Oxford Diocese. Both of them were also in the band which met regularly during the 1930s under the leadership of Mr. W. F. Judge and which laid the foundations for the spliced records which came after the 1939–45 war.

Throughout her life Kathleen Lock was a devoted member of the congregation of St. Nicholas', Abingdon, and continued to attend services there until the fatal complaint, which had been "held" two years before after five months in hospital, began its final attack. Throughout her life she proved to be a good companion, a loyal friend, showing no pettiness; she showed a keen interest not only in ringing but in cars, the teaching profession (she taught for many years in Appleford), her church where she served on the P.C.C. for many years, the local history of Abingdon, Dr. Barnardo's Home and all the young ringers with whom she came in contact. In her youth she was considered to be very beautiful and throughout her life of eighty years she did not lose this charm and her years sat lightly on her.

Her death came rapidly at the end at Portsmouth where she was staying with her sister. Her ashes were buried at Appleton in her father's grave beneath the sound of the bells she loved so well. This service was taken by the Vicar of Abingdon, as was the memorial service at St. Nicholas', Abingdon, on Thursday, June 30th, exactly seven years after the death of her husband. A large number of ringers from the North Berks Branch, other Branches of the Guild and the Oxford Society were present, including the Master of the Guild, Canon C. E. Wigg.

Although perhaps by present-day standards her ringing achievements were not great, yet it is due to standards set by women such as Kathleen Lock that the women of today owe so much. Her loyalty, integrity, friendship, love of her dogs and enthusiasm and at the end her fortitude and courage will long be remembered by all those who came in contact with her. M. R. C.

From 16 to 148 Minor Methods in Eight Months

THE most methods yet rung to a peal were achieved at Ashbocking, Suffolk, on July 13th, 1966. This peal grew from rather a bizarre start in October, 1965, when some of the members of the evening peal band in the Ipswich area were talking of a peal in 14 Minor methods for Bob Lester's benefit. After some discussion it was decided that if we were going to have a serious attempt at some multi-Minor ringing during the winter if would be best to start with the 16 basic Treble Bob methods as a base for further expansion. This was arranged for Barking on November 2nd and a good peal was rung but somehow or other Bob Lester had managed to get on to the treble, where he has remained right through to the 148 methods. Our next peal really must be 14 methods for him! A feature of this peal was that only the conductor had rung more Minor methods. Three weeks later another good peal was scored, this time at Ashbocking in 26 methods.

DISAPPOINTMENTS

After a month's break we suffered our first disappointment when an attempt for 32 methods limped to an early conclusion on a cold December evening after one hour. Undeterred, the next attempt, on January 11th, was for 40 methods, and our presumption received its just reward when again the peal was lost in the second 720. However, our confidence was not too shaken and on January 25th the 40 methods were "in the bag" in 2 hours and 42 minutes. An attempt for 48 methods a fortnight later failed in the second 720 once again, but for the next attempt another four methods were added, and on February 22nd we met for 55 methods at Ashbocking. After 2 hours and 40 minutes' ringing, with two courses of Plain Bob to ring, there were some very long faces to behold when the tenor clapper dropped out.

This disappointment, however, was soon overcome when the next week we rang the peal all over again, this time with the final two courses of Plain Bob included. This peal was not without some drama, as Janet had to ring the second without a stay, which had been broken the previous evening at the learners' practice. Up to this point the fifth had been rung by Colin Loke, but when the Midland Bank thoughtlessly transferred him to Leighton Buzzard it looked as if 55 methods might be the end of the road.

GEORGE PIPE JOINS BAND

Foolishly George Pipe had casually mentioned an interest in multi-Minor ringing and proved himself very capable of ringing it when from scratch he looked up 40 methods and joined the band in a 40-method peal at Ashbocking on March 15th. A successful run was kept going on April 12th, when 66 methods were rung, again at Ashbocking. This run was brought to a halt on April 26th, however, when P. W. Saltmarsh's 720 in 19 methods was included in an 84-method attempt. The peal was set up when the ringing would not settle down due to too many mistakes in the new 720. After spending the evening practising this extent we again decided to increase the number of methods and started to study for an attempt at 100 methods. Our first try for this failed after half an hour, when the classic mistake of putting all our efforts into the first 720 was made and arriving in the second 720 knowing little about it. Again the remainder of the evening was spent in hard practice.

With the Whitsun holidays looming nearer a peal was hurriedly arranged for four days later with Diana Pipe kindly stepping in to ring the treble. We were sorry we could not repay the compliment and ring the peal, but two bells crossed in the fifth 720 after two hours (and 81 methods). However, another member of the Pipe family was called in at the last moment on May 25th and we were very grateful that Jim could come as the



The band (left to right): Robin H. Rogers, Robert E. Lester, Janet I. Rogers, Howard W. Egglestone, Alice E. J. Lester, G. W. Pipe.

100 methods at last came round in 2 hours and 41 minutes.

In retrospect this peal was the turning point of the campaign as the band returned from the Whitsun holidays refreshed and full of confidence for the next step. This confidence received a slight dent after an attempt for 113 methods was lost after 55 minutes, but after another evening's hard practice and after studying two new 720's recently produced by A. R. Peake and H. Chant, it was decided that two more peals could beat the existing record and with this incentive we went away to study the methods. The first attempt for 134 came to grief in the second 720 but the fact that the new 720 had been rung at the first attempt gave us confidence to go to Barking on June 29th, when a good peal was rung in 2 hours and 52 minutes. With the church in full view of the belfry we were very pleased to see that the Vicar, who had to walk across the church to the vestry to collect something, decided to do so as we went into the only three leads of Plain Bob in the peal! After an hour and a half's practice at Henley the attempt for the 148 methods was set for Wednesday, July 13th at Ashbocking. The conductor managed to miscall the peal in the second 720, but a fresh start was made and the peal was rung in 2 hours and 50 minutes.

EIGHTEEN ATTEMPTS

In the eight months from the first peal, the band met for 18 attempts and nine peals were rung. The total number of methods rung during the attempts was 168. Three of the attempts were at Barking, for which we are indebted to the Rev. G. A. Reade and the local ringers: the other attempts were at Ashbocking. To Andrew Beckwith, the tower master, and the Rev. H. W. Johnson go our most sincere thanks; no request for the bells was refused at all. Luckily the only residents of Ashbocking near enough to the church to be annoyed by our incessant ringing were the rooks in the elms next to the tower and the cattle in the adioining meadow.

As the band have left it to me to write this report they only have themselves to blame if I have the last word. When the first peal was scored I was the only member of the band to have rung any multi-Minor ringing at all. To have achieved 148 methods in eight months reflects great credit on the band's enthusiasm and application. The ringing generally was of a very high standard and improved with each peal. Janet and Robin Rogers travelled something like 40 miles for every attempt, all of which were evening peals. Alice Lester, after having a great deal of trouble putting a blue line to a name in the first 16 methods, made a very fine job of them all at the end. George Pipe, with so many other interests, ringing and otherwise, calling on his time, made a splendid job of joining the band, in effect, at the halfway stage. Bob Lester's steadiness and experience helped a great deal in setting the pace and holding the beat. Last, but not least, I must not forget Colin Loke, whose drive and enthusiasm first got the project under way and who chased the conductor into the slog of learning all those names again!

There are now compositions available to get up to 160 methods into seven extents and we wish good luck to the next band to attempt this. As for our band, we are now going to enjoy what is left of the summer with a clear conscience that we shouldn't be looking up methods!

THE BAND

Robert E. Lester, treble.—First learned to ring at Burgh Apton, Norfolk, a call change tower, in 1928, moved to Suffolk ten years later and learned change ringing at St. Matthew's and St. Clement's, Ipswich. He started teaching ringing at Barking, Suffolk, in 1954. Is Ringing Master of the Central District of the Suffolk Guild and has been one of the leading peal ringers in Suffolk over the past decade. Present peal total approximately 350 (conducted 50).

Janet I. Rogers (née Porter), second. — Aged 22. Introduced to ringing at the age of 12 by her father at Sutton-in-Holderness, near Hull, Yorkshire. Rang her first peal at the age of 13. Married Robin Rogers in 1965 and moved to Bury St. Edmunds. As well as being a very competent tower bell ringer is also a very promising handbell ringer. Present peal total 56, of which she has conducted four.

Alice E. J. Lester, third.—Aged 27. Taught to ring at the age of 15 by her father, Robert E. Lester, at Barking, and rang her first peal a year later. A mathematics teacher at Northgate Grammar School for Girls, Ipswich, for the past seven years, in September she takes up an appointment with the British Army Children's Schools in Singapore for a

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FROM 16 TO 148 MINOR METHODS IN EIGHT MONTHS—Continued.

two year tour. Has represented Suffolk on the Central Council for the past four years. Has rung 125 peals.

Robin H. Rogers, fourth.—Aged 24. First learned to ring at the five-bell tower at Grafton Regis, Northants, in 1957, and most of his early ringing was Doubles. Obtained B.Sc. (Chemistry) at Hull University, where he met his wife. Moved to Bury St. Edmunds on his appointment as assistant works chemist to the British Sugar Corporation. Peals include 42 Doubles variations. Present total 80 (conducted 25).

George W. Pipe, fifth.—Aged 31. A well-known member of the famous Grundisburgh ringing family, his peal ringing activities on both sides of the world have justly earned him the reputation of a very fine ringer and conductor. Having rung Cambridge Major by the age of ten, Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus at 13, and turning Exeter tenor in to Major at the age of 19 with his father as strapper, he spent seven years in Australia and called the first peals of Double Norwich and Cambridge outside Britain. Now settled back in Ipswich, he is Ringing Master of the Suffolk Guild and is an honorary member of the Central Council. Employed as contracts manager with Ransome, Simms and Jeffries of Ipswich. Present peal total 354 (conducted 134).

Howard W. Egglestone, tenor (conductor).—Aged 30. Learned to ring at Boreham, Essex, 1950, and rang his first peal at Boreham in 1952. Rang in the Chelmsford district for several years with Joe E. G. Roast's band, who previously had held the most methods record. Moved to Suffolk in 1962 and is employed by Ready Mixed Concrete (U.K.) as local manager. He is Ringing Master of the young band at St. Peter's, Henley, and Ringing Master of the South Eastern District, Suffolk Guild. Is also a Central Council representative for Suffolk. Previous Minor ringing in Essex includes 80 Minor methods and 60 Surprise Minor (conducted). Has also rung Stedman and Cambridge "families" and 22,400 Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise Major silent. Present peal total 316 (conducted 94).

OUTING

COALBROOKDALE GO OVER THE WELSH BORDER

On July 9th the ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Coalbrookdale, their wives and friends, were joined by the ringers of St. Michael's, Madeley, with their wives and friends, for an afternoon on the Welsh Border.

First stop was at Clun, where the bells were soon going to changes. A beautiful run brought us to New Radnor and then on to Kington. After ringing here, tea was partaken of and the journey continued to Eardisland, where we joined an outing from Wolverhampton. A ring on the lovely eight and on to Leintwardine, our last stop. Then the journey home after a lovely trip on a beautiful day. Thanks to all who contributed to its success.

A. S. B.

INCOMPLETE ADDRESSES

A delay of four days occurred recently in "Ringing Worlds" dispatched to Kent, through incomplete addresses, by omission of the main postal town. Among the sufferers were readers at Crayford, as Dartford had been omitted. For 14 years we addressed the former secretary of the Central Council without including the word Dartford.

Ladies' Guild Annual Meeting at Exeter

FIRST OVERSEAS MEMBERS ELECTED

HOW thrilled Mrs. Fletcher would have been with the successful annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild, held at Exeter on July 2nd. Although Exeter is away in the West of England, no less than nine of the Guild's Districts were represented, and the large number of towers open during the day provided ample scope for those visiting the area for the first time. A number braved the Saturday traffic and got to Buckfast Abbey, where Mr. Aubrey Bennett had very kindly obtained permission for the bells to be available. As far as ringing was concerned, however, perhaps the highlight of the day was the rounds rung on the 12 bells of the Cathedral by 13 members of the Guild. Our grateful thanks to the Cathedral band for allowing us to do this. (Was it the first time by an all-ladies' band?) We like to think the result justified the attempt.

The Guild service was held at St. Mark's Church, conducted by the curate, the Rev. R. Chapple. We were delighted to find that the Rev. J. G. M. Scott was to be our preacher, and would thank him most warmly for sparing time for us in the midst of his busy preparations to move from one parish to another. We expected a challenging address, but we were more than a little startled when he announced his text, not from the Bible but from the Book of Common Prayer—"With my body I thee worship." It may not have been the first time this has been the theme of a sermon to ringers, but it was new to us, and we listened with absorbed attention while Mr. Scott presented an aspect of ringing some of us had not considered before. Altogether it was a memorable service, with fine singing which drew favourable comment from the organist.

Afterwards about 80 ringers and friends gathered for tea, a wonderful spread prepared by Mrs. Chapple and the members of the Mothers' Union at St. Mark's Church Hall. No speeches after tea, apart from a very warm vote of thanks from the president (Mrs. Jacqueline King) to all who had contributed to a very successful meeting

At the business meeting which followed members stood in silence in memory of the founder of the Guild, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, who died on September 29th last year. Much has been written about her since then, and certainly she was outstanding, not only as a ringer but also as an organiser. At Exeter we heard from one of the first members of the Guild, Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, of the Kent District, how Mrs. Fletcher gathered together 40 ladies (which in itself was no mean feat in the year 1912) before she attempted to start the Guild. How delighted she would have been that at Exeter we elected our first member from Australia. Miss Nancy Page, of St. George's, Perth, and two members from the United States of America, Miss Betsy Proctor and Miss Christine Kelsey, from Washington. Mr. and Mrs. P. Staniforth had brought the two latter members to the meeting, and they acquitted themselves well at the various towers they visited. We now look forward to the formation of our first overseas District—will it be in Australia or America?

All the officers were re-elected, with thanks for their services during the past year. Once again the treasurer (Miss J. Beresford) was able to report that income exceeded expenditure, though, with that caution which is the hallmark of a good treasurer, she would not allow us to be self-satisfied with our balance in hand, and all District secretaries are asked to note that the price of badges has had to be raised to 6s. 6d.

As a result of the report of a sub-committee appointed last year, it was decided to vary the arrangements for the annual general meeting next year. This will be held at Lincoln, with the committee meeting in the morning, service at noon, followed by buffet lunch, then the business meeting. After further ringing an informal dinner will be arranged for the evening.

The Guild's peal book was on display, and a special vote of thanks was accorded Miss Muriel Reay, whose beautiful lettering gives each peal added significance.

The meeting concluded with a very special vote of thanks to Mrs. P. Burnham, secretary of the Devon District, who had made all the arrangements. One of the Guild's newer District secretaries, Mrs. Burnham had never attended a Ladies' Guild annual general meeting before, but she made an excellent job of it and gave us all a most enjoyable day.

D. C.

READING UNIVERSITY OUTING

On the morning of June 22nd, outside Wantage Hall, a party of ringers anxiously awaited the arrival of the minibus which was to take them to Sussex for the day. Anxiety was not quickly dispelled as the minibus was half an hour late, but as permission had not been obtained to ring at Petworth, the first tower, the late start did not matter.

Arriving at Petworth we found the Vicar was taking a service, so on we travelled up gradually heightening countryside to Arundel where, after a lot of rushing around, we finally obtained a key. Ringing was fairly good and touches of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples were brought round without much hitch.

Upper Beeding provided the climax of the day—a touch of Bristol Surprise Major, accomplished with the help of a local ringer. A pleasant journey along the foot of the Downs brought us to the anticlockwise ring at Ditchling, where methods included Cambridge Minor, Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. St. Peter's, Brighton, proved to be a great disappointment for no one turned up to meet us with a key. After a meal at a nearby café we made our way back across the Downs to Hurstpierpoint.

Here ringing was fairly good and a difficult touch of Stedman Triples was successfully brought round by M. G. Ingram, who claimed he had never called it before! (We all thought different, though!) The last tower of the day, Lower Beeding, proved to be the first ring on steel bells for most of the party, and ringing was not of a good standard despite the easy-going bells.

Our sincere thanks are extended to incumbents and those who met us and to Fred Scott, who kindly drove the minibus which, to our great surprise, didn't break down as it had done on many occasions before.

G. J. N. C.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Bibby 1, F. V. Gant (cond.) 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, C. Pain 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, C. Brown 6, J. McDonald 7, F. Scoones 8. For Confirmation service. Also on June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Peacock 1, S. Penfold 2, C. E. Wright 3, C. Pain 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, J. McDonald (first as cond.) 7, P. Over 8. For Matins.

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Letters to the Editor

PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Valentine is quite correct in saying that Peterborough Cathedral bells were rung on Armistice Day, 1918, when Mr. Tom Tebbutt rang the tenor to extents of Grandsire Doubles. They were also rung at the annual meeting of the Peterborough and District Association on August 4th, 1919, as seen in the report in "The Ringing World" on August 15th, 1919. I rang on each of these occasions.

At the business meeting the Dean said the restoration of the bells was included in a commemoration scheme, which was to cost £20,000. It was suggested that a light ring of ten should replace the heavy five. The scheme evidently never materialised. — Yours sincerely,

A. RICHARDSON (Mrs.).

Surfleet.

LARGEST BELL IN AMERICA

Dear Sir,—I wrote with reference to your article about Messrs. Petit and Fritsen casting a bell for Chicago's First Presbyterian Church, which is said to be the largest bell in the U.S.A.

This statement is incorrect. The bass bell of the Laura Spellman Rockefeller Memorial Carillon, at the Riverside Park Church, New York, is much bigger. This bell, cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, is the largest **tuned** bell in the world. It is, therefore, the largest bell in the U.S.A. This bass bell has proportions of around 19 tons, and is hung for swing chiming (mechanical). As a matter of interest, the bass bells of this carillon in New York can be heard on some copies of the 1812 overture by Tchaikowski. A photograph of the bell can be found in Nicholls' "Bells Through the Ages" and some old copies of the "Encyclopædia Britannica." —Yours sincerely,

JAMES HEDGCOCK.

St. Helens, Lancs.

COURSING ORDER DIFFERENCES

Dear Sir,—Mr. A York-Bramble's article on Stedman Triples ("Ringing World," July 22nd, page 478), seems to be based on his idea that my article, to which he refers, is not "aptly named and inclusive." I think possibly that it is not correctly named, hence the inverted commas, but it seems that his definition of "coursing order" indicates that the coursing order for, say, Cambridge Surprise ought to be 526734. I don't think this is generally accepted.

Therefore, if one can choose a cyclic order for a method with a position cyclic different from that of Plain Bob and name it "coursing order" then the use of these words may equally apply to Stedman in the text in which I have used them. I don't claim that I am right in using the heading "coursing order" in Stedman Triples, but it seems a reasonable description even if it is technically incorrect.

The conclusion reached at the end of his article seems pointless therefore.

As to whether my article is inclusive or not, I suggest that if Mr. York-Bramble read it carefully he would find information in excess of that which he seems to have laboriously repeated. Nevertheless, I would like to see an article of this type which is totally inclusive. —Yours faithfully,

DEREK BUTTERWORTH.

Rochdale.

THE INFILTRATION

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago I went to my usual Friday evening haunt, one of our local six-bell towers. It was a typical hot June evening, and as I ascended the short spiral stairway it got even hotter and more oppressive. I thought to myself, "Crikey, we've got a crowd here this evening," and sure enough we had—18 of us packed in a space not as big as our front room, and that's not very big It occurred to me a little later on that there appeared to be a lot more of the fairer sex in the company. There were eleven of them to seven of us.

The following Monday evening I went to our eight-bell tower. The position was even worse, the poor male captain was being kicked around by seven females, and for the rest of the evening only had me to support him. Now, sir, all these women around interested me not a little; on reaching home I got a Kent County report out for the year I was elected a member (1925); a quick look, though not perhaps an accurate one, showed that in that year there were 40 ladies listed as members of the Association. On going through our latest report I found that out of a total of 1,120 members 391 of them were ladies, over a third.

Surely this infiltration into our belfries is now reaching alarming proportions. Worse, however, is to come—they are even collaring our officers' jobs. In our District Ashford has 11 tower secretaries and two captains, Canterbury seven and two, Lewisham three and three, Maidstone 10 and nil, Rochester four and nil, Tonbridge six and nil. It would seem that Rochester is so far the most successful in beating off this invasion as regards tower officers. On top of this, the Lewisham District's secretary and both representatives are ladies. Isn't it time a stop was put to all this? One cannot help thinking that perhaps in 50 or 60 years' time (I shall have left the country before then) the sight of a mere male in the belfry will cause as much chatter in the tower and outside as a lady ringer did in the years before the 1914–18 war.

It is not beyond imagination to visualise towers all over the country having only lady ringers, and us men, whose province this has been for hundreds of years, being scorned even an entrance to the tower. It could happen, you know.

Now, you girls, before you descend on me like a ton of bricks, let me say quickly that I am only leg pulling. All this baloney just followed on quite naturally after my little bit of research. I have many friends among the ladies, of all ages, and I love them all, bless them We all realise that without them we would be lost. As we say this way, "You can't do anything with 'em, on the other hand you can't do anything without 'em." Carry on, girls!

Just one more little point and this is no leg pull. How I wish I had been born 40 years later.—Yours sincerely,

B. J. LUCK.

Canterbury.

5,003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Dear Sir,—The peal of Grandsire Caters published in your issue of July 22nd should be No. 5 and not No. 3. The mistake is due, I think, to my imperfect typing.—Yours sincerely,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Warminster, Wilts.

AN OFFER TO AMERICAN SERVICE MEN

Dear Sir,—I read with special interest Miss Ann Garner's article in "The Ringing World" of July 15th and have written her a letter similar in content to this one, more or less as follows:

As a civilian employee at the U.S. Air Base at Bentwaters in Suffolk, I have explained the intricacies of change ringing to many interested Americans; several have asked me to teach them bellringing while they are over here. Reluctantly I have pointed out that unless they live in or near Washington D.C. it would be pointless to do so.

However, this gave birth to an idea, which I have been working on for several weeks. I hope soon to have published in the monthly Base newspaper a short article on the development of bell- and change ringing in England, and concluding with offering the services of my tower and ringers to any American Serviceman and his family from Washington D.C. who is starting his three-year tour over here, so that they may take part in our training scheme. I hope to enlist the aid of other active towers in the district and I have written to the Ringing Master of the Suffolk Guild about this.

It is to be hoped that our American friends would be able to join the Suffolk Guild and maybe ring a few peals before they return home to become useful members of the Cathedral band, Washington D.C.

I feel more than certain that a scheme of this nature would, if successful, give rise to other rings being installed in other parts of the United States of America. I always say "Supply the ringers and someone else will supply the bells."—Yours sincerely,

PETER S BEDFORD,
Ringing Master of the Aldeburgh Ringers, Suffolk Guild.

C.C. DEPOT IN AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—In the particulars about Mr. W. B. Pitcher, this year's leader of Australian ringers, on page 474, I read that "Hopes are being entertained that his shop will become a depot for Central Council publications in Australia." It may be of interest to your readers to know that thanks to Mr. Pitcher's kind offer to manage such a depot, a consignment of C.C. publications is already on the way out to him.—Yours faithfully,

F. W. PERRENS.

Coventry.

FOUNDER MEMBER OF OXFORD GUILD?

Dear Sir,—In "The Ringing World" for July 8th (page 448) it was stated that Mr. Frederick Selwyn, of Banbury, celebrated his 95th birthday on June 24th, and it also stated that he was a founder member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Although I have been a member of that Guild for 69 years, I had no idea that one of the founder members was a boy of ten years of age when it was founded in 1881! —Yours sincerely, H. MILES.

Carbis Bay.

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LOST TWO

Leicestershire ringers were very successful on their tour. Of nine peals attempted seven were scored. The two lost were Cambridge Royal at St. Andrew's, Plymouth (a pair over), and Double Norwich at Appledore, Devon (a miscall).

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

"RINGING WORLD" VIEWED FROM A DISTANCE

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to add a few words regarding the current discussion about improving the sales of "The Ringing World" with or without an improvement in the appearance of the paper?

I question whether the officers and committee involved with the newspaper's policy are so near the woods as not to be able to see the trees, so that perhaps a word or two from 3,000 miles away may prove of some value.

Out of some 40,000 alleged ringers in Great Britain, how many do you suppose ever ring peals—10 per cent.—some 4,000. and of these how many ring peals more than once or at most twice a year— three per cent—some 1,200. Does it not therefore seem hopelessly out of proportion that usually **one quarter** of the whole paper (including space allotted to advertisements) is given up to the publication of peals and quarter peals?

Has it ever occurred to anyone that beyond the 1,200 "elite" there are some 38,000 ringers, or at worst, I guess some 36,000 ringers **who have no interest in peals whatever!!** Do these people ever get any pages devoted to **their** interests—hardly ever!! Why then are you surprised that your sales go only a couple of thousand beyond the peal ringing fraternity? It seems to me that you have to basically decide **either** to have a newspaper for peal ringers (who can then pay the proper "shot" for its publication), or, alternatively, to have a newspaper for **bell** ringers and by aiming the paper's interests **primarily** to them, you can easily double existing sales.

Suggestions therefore are: A whole page for **beginners** (25 per cent. of the whole fraternity are still ringing or struggling with elementary changes).

A regular feature on the elements of conducting—a mystery that baffles 90 per cent. of the fraternity.

Regular articles supplied on various subjects which could be classified as "Educational" from which the Education Committee, those now responsible for advice on bell and bell tower maintenance, and so on, should find it their duty to provide material for our newspaper.—Yours, etc..

A. J. M. COLLINS.

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Note.—In the first half of the paper, seven pages are generally devoted to reading matter. Peals occupy four pages. quarters 1¼ and notices 2¼ pages. Of the alleged 40,000 ringers, only 10,000 can be regarded as potential readers, including those who glance through the belfry copy. To the others, ringing is a secondary interest—activity being limited to Sunday service ringing. either rounds, call changes or Doubles, and occasional practice. A new series starts this week on Plain Bob, by the only man who has conducted the extent of Major. Educational feature articles have been frequent this year (some contributed by Education Committee members). These include ropesight, clapper problems. leading a local company and organising a ringing meeting.—Ed.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. COLEMAN

AN APPRECIATION

The news of the tragic death of John W. Coleman at the age of 21 will be received with deep regret by all those who knew him. With so much in life that was his to achieve. John possibly underestimated his own ability. He was always kindly disposed, polite and modest as well as full of enthusiasm for ringing.

Having virtually taught himself to ring, his inspiration built up and maintained a band at Cobham, Kent, while he was still at Rochester Grammar School. It was his enthusiasm which introduced and encouraged my brother and myself in our first steps in change ringing and played a leading part in our method advancement.

He had rung something over 100 peals, including Surprise Royal and Spliced Surprise Major, but it is chiefly for the good humour, leg pulling and the memorable times that he will be endeared to many in Kent and, I'm sure, in Nottinghamshire.

Our sympathy is extended to his parents and family. D. S. O.

MR. E. W. TIPLER

With deep regret we learn that Ernest William Tipler passed away on Friday, July 22nd, at the age of 77. "Tip" (as he was known to all the older ringers) had been unable to ring for a number of years as he was crippeld with rheumatism and arthritis. The end came peacefully, however, and he was buried in Lutterworth Churchyard after a service in the church conducted by the Rev. A. B. Pettitt on July 25th.

The local ringers rang with the bells half-muffled for service on the Sunday following his death and again for half an hour on the evening of the funeral, assisted by three ringers from Rugby Parish Church.

The Leicester Guild was represented at the funeral by Mr. B. G. Warwick, the chairman of the Leicester District, and wreaths were sent by the St. Mary's, Lutterworth, ringers Rugby Parish Church and the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Ernest started ringing in 1908 and rang about 70 peals—59 were recorded for the old Midland Counties Association and 12 for the Leicester Diocesan Guild. It is believed that he rang in an all "Ernest" peal conducted by his old friend Ernest Morris. In recent years he was made a life member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild

He was probably better known as a composer than a practical ringer and he always kept the writer well supplied with compositions. Others have benefited from his methods. Every annual report of the Leicester Guild contained more examples of his skill as a composer. The writer never had to use a composition twice as he has left quite a number still unrung.

The Leicester Guild and conductors everywhere will mourn his passing and our sympathy goes out to his widow, son and daughter. May he rest in peace. B. G. W.

MR. FRANK C. CASTELL

St. Agatha's Church, Brightwell, Berkshire, suffered a severe loss by the passing of tower captain Frank Castell at the age of 76. Although he had not been quite himself for some months, the end came suddenly on June 19th.

An unassuming man, known to everyone as "Sexton," Frank was part of St. Agatha's, and had been associated with the church since early childhood. Joining the choir when he was seven, he soon turned to ringing, although opportunities for change ringing did not come until 1937.

Never a prolific peal ringer, Frank rang about 50 peals, and had been a ringer for 66 years. He kept no records;; everything was done in the service of the church. Where he excelled was in teaching beginners, and many hundreds must have received their first instruction from him He was most particular about good handling and striking. and kept his ropes and bells in apple-pie order.

He had been sexton since 1925, and was at least the fourth generation of his family to perform that duty, their unbroken service going back 150 years. He had also been parish clerk for the last 21 years.

At the funeral, handbells were rung over the open grave by A. Webb 1–2, J. Berry 3–4, M. Bishop 5–6, R. Heyworth 7–8. In the evening 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, was rung by Susan Heyworth 1, A. Cope 2. C. Corderoy 3, J. Berry 4, M. Bishop 5, R. Heyworth (cond.) 6. J. O. B.

MR. T. E. MALLARD

"Tom." as he was affectionately known to all in the belfry, had been a bellringer at Warminster for 22 years, having learned to ring at Corsham. He came under the instruction of the late Mr E. F. White. who was Ringing Master at Warminster during the years immediately following the second world war and attained a fair standard of change ringing, but was really known and admired for his outstanding ability as a tenor ringer. The wonderfully even beat he was always able to produce was indeed unique.

He was one of the most reliable members of the local band. being only absent through illness or holidays. During the last year his visits to the belfry for practice had lessened. owing to failing health, but his duties of Sunday service ringing were faithfully and regularly performed until his entry into hospital.

During his membership he had held office as secretary and treasurer of the band, the latter office being held at the time of his death. He had also represented the ringers on the Parochial Church Council and was a sidesman. He leaves a gap which cannot easily be filled. The sympathy of the band goes out to his widow in her sad loss.

G. K.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Shepherd 1, A. Bull 2, J. Phippen 3, L. E. Hawkins 4, V. Bull 5, E. E. Norris 6, N. G. Knee (cond.) 7, P. Roynon 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam T. E. Mallard.

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For the Beginner

THE MASTERY OF PLAIN BOB SIMPLIFIED

By Robert B. Smith, conductor of the peal of the Extent of Bob Major

Part I: *Introduction, Construction and Ringing the Method*

ON May 2nd, 1715, the first-ever peal of Plain Bob was rung. This was a peal of Triples, but was followed ten years later by a peal of Major, on May 26th, 1725. In the ensuing 250 years Plain Bob, on even numbers of bells, has become the most popular of all methods for teaching to learners when they first embark on change ringing. On odd numbers, Plain Bob lacks the vitality and interest created by Grandsire and Stedman, but on even numbers few methods excel the music it produces. Plain Bob is the foundation for all "treble dominated methods,' which includes almost every even bell method rung in these times. It is for this very reason that learners should have an intimate knowledge of Plain Bob and its influence on other methods if they wish to become accomplished ringers. This series of articles has been written because it is felt that a complete article from A to Z is required on this method. Much that is included will probably have been said in different ways before, but it is hoped that most people will find something new about this method and its influence on other methods.

CONSTRUCTION AND RINGING THE METHOD

The construction of Plain Bob is quite straightforward and is best explained by first considering "Original Minor" or "Plain Hunt," as it is often called. Considering the block of figures shown in Fig. 1 it will be seen that the treble proceeds from 1st place to 6ths place, striking over bells in the order 24653 and then from 6ths place back to 1st place (lead), striking over bells in the order 24653 once again. Here we have the first rule for ringing Plain Bob even before we consider the question of "dodges."

Fig. 1
Original Minor

123456
214365
241635
426153
462513
645231
654321
563412
536142
351624
315264
132546
123456

Rule 1. Always pass the bells in the same order when hunting from last to first position as when hunting from first position to the back.

During the time taken by the treble to proceed out to the back and returning to lead, each of the other bells has proceeded either

(a) Out to 6ths position, in to 1st position and back to its original starting position, or

(b) In to 1st position, out to 6ths position and back to its original starting position.

On closer inspection one will see that **odd** numbered bells have started by moving **out** to 6ths position, and **even** numbered bells have started by moving **in** to 1st position.

Rule 2. Odd bells move out to start; even bells move in to start.

In the early stages of change ringing one is often advised not to remember all the numbers but to remember the position in which one is striking. For example, the person ringing the treble on its second blow at the back should remember that the bell is **primarily** in 6ths place and only **incidentally** striking over the 2nd bell—it could equally well be any other bell if some "bobs" and/or "singles" have been called.

To return to our original theme, however, we see that there is a regular pattern to the order in which the bells have been followed by the treble, i.e. starting from the smallest even bell (2nd) to the largest even bell (6th), then from the largest odd bell (5th) to the smallest odd bell (3rd), if we exclude the treble for the present time. This pattern becomes more pronounced with a greater number of bells, and on eight bells would be:

2, 4, 6, 8, 7, 5, 3 (1).

Having now considered Original Minor, we should study how Plain Bob Minor differs from this method (See Fig 2). Comparing the two blocks of figures shown (Figs. 1 and 2), we see that they only differ in the last row (or change). Instead of 6ths place being made as the treble leads full, 2nds place is made. This forces the other bells to take one step back from the direction in which they were moving, before continuing in that direction. This procedure is referred to as **dodging**, and each bell involved in this stepping back process is said to **dodge**.

Fig. 2
Plain Bob Minor

123456
214365
241635
426153
462513
645231
654321
563412
536142
351624
315264
132546
135264

Referring once again to the figures, and in particular to the row 135264, one observes that no bell, other than the treble, has returned to its own original position. If the block is repeated a further four times (five in all) the figures return to 123456 after a total of 60 changes instead of 12 in the case of Original. Each of these five blocks is called a **lead**, and the row when the treble leads at backstroke at the end of a lead is called the **lead end**. The complete block of five leads is called a **course**.

THE PARTS

1. **Constructing and Ringing the Method.**
2. **The Effect of Calls.**
3. **Conducting the Method.**
4. **Composing and Compositions.**
5. **Plain Bob on Handbells.**
6. **Composing for Handbells.**
7. **Influence on Other Methods.**

At the first lead end it will be observed that the 3rd bell is in the position occupied by the 2nd bell at the commencement of changing and the 3rd bell now rings the block which the 2nd bell rang in the previous lead. Similarly, the 2nd bell is in 4ths position at the first lead end, and then rings the block which the 4th bell rang in the previous lead. The importance of knowing where each bell starts cannot be overstressed and will be referred to again later

Throughout the 60 changes comprising the plain course of Plain Bob Minor the treble, of course, is plain hunting (i.e. 1st place to 6ths place and back again). It will be remembered from considering Original that the treble passed the other bells in the order 24653 on the way out to 6ths place and in the same order when moving back from 6ths place to lead. The only effect which Plain Bob Minor has on the treble's order is to move the last bell in the order to the first position in the order, as indicated below:

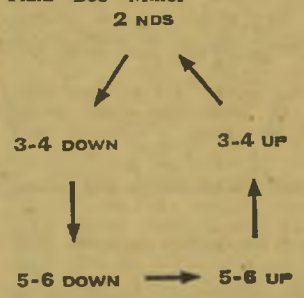
1st lead, treble passes 24653
2nd lead, treble passes 32465, etc.

We considered earlier what basically happens on an "inside bell" (i.e. any other bell than the treble) in the plain course of Plain Bob Minor. However, many people prefer practical guides until they are able to see or hear the treble leading, so that they know when to dodge. Two methods of knowing when to dodge are usually practised.

First method. This involves remembering the order or cycle in which dodges occur, each bell starting from a different place in the cycle. At the end of the first lead the 2nd bell dodges 3–4 down, the following lead 5–6 down, then 5–6 up, followed by 3–4 up, and finally makes 2nds.

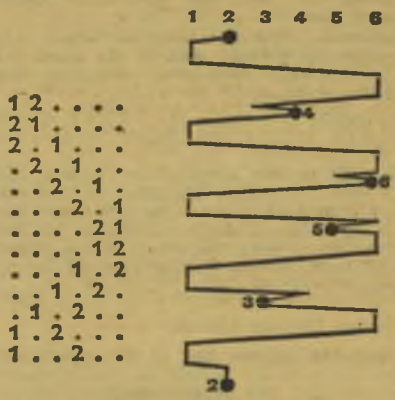
To aid the memory further still, two types of diagram may be used. The first is merely putting the written word in diagrammatic form as shown below in Fig 3.

Fig. 3
Order of Dodges for Plain Bob Minor



The second type of diagram is constructed by drawing a line through the path followed by each bell, which is a good "shorthand" way of writing methods down, as shown in Fig 4

Fig. 4. The "Blue-line" of Plain Bob Minor.



Second method. An equally reliable guide is to associate the position of passing the treble with a particular dodge, as follows:

(a) Pass treble crossing from 5ths to 6ths position, dodge 3–4 down.

(b) Pass treble crossing from 4ths to 5ths position, dodge 5–6 down.

(c) Pass treble crossing from 3rds to 4ths position, dodge 5–6 up.

(d) Pass treble crossing from 2nd to 3rds position, dodge 3–4 up.

(e) Pass treble crossing from 1st to 2nds position, make 2nds and lead again.

This method, of course, relies upon the treble being in the correct position, and this method is not recommended if a learner is ringing the treble.

(To be continued)

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at Royston on July 9th. The ringers were made very welcome by the Rev. Mr. Webb, who took an active part in the ringing with learners and accomplished alike.

After cups of tea in the Church School the Vicar presided at the meeting. A committee meeting on July 29th at the Clarence Hotel, Barnsley, was decided.

Evensong was attended by most of the ringers present, after which ringing continued until 8 p.m.

WARMINSTER IN WEST SURREY

Warminster bellringers' annual outing was on June 18th. In fine, sunny weather, which seems to be reserved each year for this event, the party, with friends from Malmesbury, Trowbridge, Melksham, North Bradley and Corsley, left Warminster at 9.30 a.m. en route for Guildford, where most of the day was to be spent.

Arriving at the new Cathedral of the Holy Spirit—which is approached from the By-pass at Guildford, and is a wonderful sight—we were met by Mr. Pearson (now happily recovered from his illness), with his wife and daughter, who conducted us to the belfry, where the fine ring of ten bells (tenor 30 cwt.) was much enjoyed Lunch was taken in the Cathedral grounds, the catering of Ern and Mary (Mr. and Mrs. E. Norris) being well up to their usual high standard. Lunch over, we proceeded into the town, ringing for a wedding at Stoke-next-Guildford (6, tenor 7 cwt.) on the way and, leaving the ladies to their shopping, three towers in Guildford were visited on foot: Holy Trinity (8, tenor 23 cwt.), St. Mary's (6, tenor 15 cwt.) and St. Nicolas' (10, tenor 22 cwt.), where our efforts met with praise from the local representative who met us.

Taking our farewells of David Tubb and Carolyn White, we re-entered the coach, Haslemere and tea being our next objective. This over and the chores finished, we again set sail, with the Pearsons in attendance, to Petersfield (8, tenor 16 cwt.)

After saying farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Pearson and Catherine we headed west, through Winchester, watching the sun setting as we went, and noting the "Fawley Flares" in the distance. Reaching the well-remembered spot above Stockbridge, supper was eaten and the "last rites" were performed. This done, sights were set for home, the journey through the "Wallops" being accomplished without incident, and a tired but happy party arrived home at about 11.15 p.m.

Ringing was of a high standard all day, thanks, in some measure, to our guests, methods from rounds to Cambridge Surprise being rung. Thanks are due to incumbents, Mr. and Mrs. Pearson (who arranged the visit), our guides in Guildford, Mr. and Mrs. E. Norris and lady helpers for our lunch, and a patient coach driver. N. G. K.

BROMLEY'S DAY AT TAYLOR'S FOUNDRY

The 18 Bromley ringers and friends from Hayes, Chislehurst and Bexley who made the 140-miles journey to Loughborough on June 25th to visit the bell foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. unanimously agreed that it was well worth travelling that distance. Mr. Paul Taylor was waiting for them and personally took them on a conducted tour, explaining all that went into the casting of Taylor bells and frames, wheel-making and tuning. Kate and Andrew Macve, from Buxton, joined the party for the day. The lovely little bells were rung under the guidance of Tony Lewis, the Ringing Master for the day.

A picnic lunch followed before ringing on the pleasant but none-too-easy ring at Ruddington. A salad tea followed at Southwell before ringing on the glorious Taylor 12 at the Minster. More Taylor bells were enjoyed at Newark (10), where local ringers joined us.

Ringing throughout the day had been very good considering that 85 per cent. of the band had never rung on 10 or 12 before. Well done!

Methods rung included Cambridge Major, Stedman Caters and Little Bob Royal, the best ringing being a course of Cambridge on the back eight at Southwell and Stedman Caters at Newark.

Our sincere thanks are expressed to Mr. P. L. Taylor and also to Mr. Foster for making the arrangements, and Sheila Copping for secretarial duties. T. L.

MR. DAVID OSENTON MARRIED

Many Kent ringers and friends made their way north for the wedding on June 18th of Mr. David S. Osenton, representative for the Rochester District on the Kent County Association Committee, and Miss Margaret A. Nurse, of Holbeach, Lincolnshire, at the Baptist Church, Long Sutton, Lincs.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. C. Leslie Evans and the Rev. Howard North.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length princess line gown of white duchesse satin and a three tier waist-length veil held by a headdress of white satin rosebuds and lilies of the valley. She carried white orchids and white roses, and she was attended by two bridesmaids and two pageboys. The bridegroom's brother, Mr. Christopher T. Osenton, was best man.

The reception was held at the Bridge Hotel, Sutton Bridge, and was attended by some 90 guests. After the speeches a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by the band, which had previously rung a peal in the same method at the hotel for the occasion. The peal attempt at Pinchbeck by seven friends from Kent and one from Holbeach was halted when a rope broke after 50 minutes, but a peal at Trumpington, including more Kent ringers, was successful

NO LONGER UNRINGABLE

For some considerable time there has been a rumour among Essex ringers that the five bells at St. James', West Tilbury, were unringable, but very recently an opportunity arose to dispel these rumours and to prove that the silence of these bells arose only from lack of ringers and the application of a spanner to various nuts on the bell frame. (Owners of "Dove's" please note!)

As St. John's Church, Tilbury Docks, is closed for rebuilding, all weddings arranged for that church are now held at West Tilbury, and a request from one couple for the bells to be rung for their wedding inspired the Rev. P. N. Bond, curate of St. John's and Missions to Seamen chaplain, to obtain the church and tower key and investigate the possibilities.

The tower was rebuilt in 1883 and is in good condition, as is the wooden frame installed, no doubt, at the same time. The seven cwt. tenor was recast by Mears and Stainbank in 1953 and rehung on ball bearings, and the fittings of the other four, cast by assorted founders from the 17th century onwards, seem to be contemporary with the frame and in quite good condition.

After adjustments to ropes (and repairs to the Ellacombe chiming system) the bells were raised singly and went very well, although there is some unnecessary frame movement near the third, which, it is hoped, will be cured by the judicious application of a spanner and penetrating oil!

A band was gathered from Orsett and Fobbing towers (including Mr. A. Reeve from the latter tower, who is now over 90), and the bells raised on the afternoon of July 23rd. Rounds and call changes, as well as touches of Grandsire Doubles, were rung, to the joy of two of the remaining West Tilbury ringers who were present, and the "go" of the bells was found to be very good considering their long period of disuse. The happy couple expressed their joy in having bells for their wedding, and it is hoped that the bells may now be rung more frequently.

Thus the rumours of yet another "unringable" have been dispelled: the frame does need tightening, and it is hoped to carry out this work very shortly. Meanwhile, any outing parties wishing for a short ring at West Tilbury, on a very pleasant toned light ring of five, would, I am assured by the Rector and churchwarden, be welcomed; intending visitors should contact the Rev. P. N. Bond, Missions to Seamen, Athlone House, Dock Road, Tilbury, Essex (Tel. Tilbury 2080), who can make the necessary arrangements. Just a note—the bells are a ground-floor ring, with a rather long draught of unguided rope, but are quite easy to handle! P. N. B.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The length of the quarter peal at St. Laurence's, Reading (page 453), was 1,200 changes and not as printed.

Will Mr. T. Taylor, whose last address was 24, Matlock Road, Ambergate, Derbyshire, please send his new address to the Editor. His copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned, marked "Gone away."

The ringers of the peal of Minor at Wragby on July 23rd would like associating with the peal the name of Irvin Slack, who was unable to take part due to a minor accident while at work, and also to thank Alan Newbould for standing in at very short notice.

Members of the Clerical Guild rang a quarter peal at Mapledurham, Oxon, on July 25th in honour of the birth of twin sons (Giles and Patrick) to the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Wood, and the birth of a son (Nicholas John de Bailleul) to the Rev. and Mrs. C. R. C. Coussmaker.

CORRECTIONS

Location of peal on page 468 in issue of July 15th was Birstall, not Drighlington.—Correspondent's apologies.

Peal at Cranford (page 482) was rung as a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Venn, and not a 21st.

In the peal at Warnham, Sussex, on May 28th (page 400), the conductor was Christopher T. Osenton, and not as shown.

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CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL PEALS

It was almost a year ago that Jack Phillips conceived the idea of doing what was done on Saturday, July 23rd—that is, in connection with the City of London Festival, the College Youths should ring three peals of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, St. Mary-le-Bow and St. Giles', Cripplegate, all starting at the same time. In February he started work on the somewhat formidable task of arranging the bands for this. Anyone who has done any peal organising will know that it is not always easy to get 12 ringers for one peal, and when you are getting 36 ringers for three peals it is quite something.

However, the organisation was successfully accomplished, and on July 23rd the 36 ringers all duly arrived. The writer had suggested that all 36 should assemble at St. Paul's and march through the streets of the City with the steward at the head bearing the mace, but unfortunately this suggestion was not accepted.

For each peal the composition was to be the same, one by John Chilcott being selected. It had also been hoped that all three peals would start at the same time, 3 p.m., but unfortunately the late arrival of one member prevented this.

However, by 3.10 p.m. all three peals were under way, and the City, on the last day of its Festival, was alive with the music of Stedman Cinques. As all three peals were successfully rung, there is nothing to report about the actual ringing. By ten to seven silence had descended once more on the City, and the ringers, with their wives and friends, were gathering in the Lord Raglan for suitable refreshment after a warm afternoon's work, and happy in the knowledge that this unique attempt had met with complete success.

It is perhaps worth noting that besides all the ringers being members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, they are nearly all regular ringers in London. W. T. C.

LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY

The peal at Loughborough Parish Church on July 14th was specially arranged and rung for the installation of Sir Harry Pilkington as the first Chancellor of Loughborough University. Sir Harry came to hear the start of the peal, the ringers of which included two graduates from Loughborough and the president, secretary and treasurer of the Leicester Diocesan Guild. The ringers were wined and dined in a manner befitting the occasion after the peal (bread and cheese had been threatened for failure). A peal board is to be erected to commemorate the event.

TO SINGAPORE

A loss to English ringing will be the departure next September of Miss Alice E. J. Lester, of Needham Market, Ipswich, to Singapore. She is going to teach at the British Army Children's School for two years. Her friends in the Old Country wish her many happy experiences at Singapore despite the inability to take part in record peals. Last week we recorded that Miss Lester was a member of the band that rang at Ashbocking 148 methods of Spliced Minor, the greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal.

A CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIVE TO BE RESTORED

The heavy five at Isleham (Cambs) are to be restored. Arrangements are being made for them to go to Loughborough in November.

The bells, a minor ring in F (tenor approx. 25 cwt.), are to be rehung in a new frame, with the possible addition of a treble. None of them are to be recast or retuned as it is intended to retain the character of the ring described by Raven in "The Church Bells of Cambridgeshire" as "unusually grand, of deep and solemn tone."

The third bell is 500 years old, treble and second 450 years, the fourth was recast in 1819, and the tenor was cast by John Darbie in 1680. About 100 years ago the tower fell down, but not one of the bells was broken, and it was when the tower was rebuilt that the bells were rehung in the present unsatisfactory frame, which has been the cause of the trouble.

A LOSS TO TEMPLECOMBE

The quarter peal rung at Templecombe on July 16th was a farewell compliment to Mrs. Daphne Howcutt, who is moving to Tilehurst, near Reading. She will be greatly missed at Templecombe, where she has rung for many years. She was one of the original members of an advanced methods band formed in the area some 18 years ago, chiefly through the efforts of the well-known blind ringer, Mr. F. J. Hazzard. He did not feel fit enough to ring in the quarter peal, but was present in the tower and checked its progress and the correctness of the calls. The ringers were hospitably entertained afterwards by Mrs. Howcutt and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Webb, and they wish her all happiness in her new home.

FARMER GOING TO AUSTRALIA

Members of the Southwell Guild and surrounding Districts will be sorry to know that Mr. C. W. Towers has sold his farm at Thrumpton and is emigrating to Australia. He was a member of the Midland Counties (Loughborough District), then joined the Southwell Guild after the war.

His uncle, Mr. A. Kingsbury, taught him to handle a bell, and for many years he rang at Thrumpston, Kingston and Barton. His last tower was St. Peter's, Nottingham.

Best wishes, Charles, from all your ringing friends. S. A.

LAVENHAM RINGERS VISIT LINCOLNSHIRE

Lavenham ringers, wives and friends held their annual outing on July 16th, ringing at five towers in Lincolnshire—Fulney (8), Pinchbeck (8), Ewerby (10), Bicker (8) and Donington (8). Methods ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise, and lunch and tea were served at the Red Cow Hotel, Donnington. Home was safely reached at 10.30 p.m.

The ringers thank, through "The Ringing World," the incumbents and towerkeepers for their help in making this outing such a great success, also Mr. A. J. Haynes, the organiser. M. T. S.

ALE FOR THE RINGERS!

The peal at Castor, Northants, on July 9th, the first on the bells in the village for 13 years, caused many favourable comments in the village. One of the churchwardens expressed his pleasure at what he described as a "fine ring" by leaving a £1 note for the ringers to buy some ale!

STANLEY GETS AROUND

Nearly 40 years ago I climbed the steps of Earl Soham belfry in Suffolk to watch the ringers, and before I could get out again the late W. G. Crickmer had pounced upon me and suggested that I come up one night to learn to pull a bell with the tongue tied. Being interested I did so and that was the beginning. To his credit, although he had not much patience he had perseverance, and my word he needed it. I must have nearly broken his heart but in the end I was ringing Plain Bob Minor "inside." We used to go on our bicycles to Worlingworth, Wilby, Badingham, Framlingham and Monk Soham.

The years rolled by; I married and went to live at Hemingstone and joined the band at Henley, the home of the great Rev. W. C. Pearson. Here several young ringers were taught but no great progress was made, but at least these people knew how to ring a bell and, like myself, I think that some day they will want to ring again. Then came Howard Egglestone and a new era dawned. Somehow he had a gift for getting the message across and in about a year I rang my first peal—Plain Bob Major "inside" for my silver wedding. When I read of the "Great Adventure II" and the wonderful time they had I got that sneaking feeling that I would like to see for myself. I realised that these were ringers out of the top drawer and I wondered what they would think of me.

Well! here I am, and the towers I have collected on the way include St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town, and in Sydney, Australia, St. Andrew's Cathedral, St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral, St. Mark's, Darling Point, St. Jude's, Randwick, St. James', Turramurra, and St. Paul's, Burwood. Wherever I have visited I have been made most welcome. The bells (I am not an authority on this point) range from good to indifferent, but there are always young ringers wanting to ring, while I am sure the ringers at St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral would welcome some new ropes.

There is one point I am clear about, and that is the state of the belfries here; they are well kept, with carpets on the floor and even washbasins, while the majority in England are a disgrace. It's about time that old coconut matting went out and something decent put on the floor. Ringers here are longing to come to the home of ringing ("Ringing World," July 15th); one is coming before I return; she was picking out towers from "Dove's" tonight Make it "home" for them when they come. I must say these Australians are gluttons for punishment; we have had punctures, broken ropes, lost quarters, the lot, and still they come up for more. Among the ringers I have made many new friends. Thank you Australia. Thank you Australians, I did not deserve it.

To all my friends in the South East, Suffolk, District, especially Henley, St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Offton and Bramford; greetings and thank you for your good wishes. I shall soon be on my way to New Zealand, where I hope to ring, and so continue to send a message round the world, a message of love and goodwill. On my return I am going to try to make our bells and belfries like they should be—"Home" for the ringers of the world.

STAN BLOOMFLELD.

LEICESTER RINGERS' TWO-WEEK TOUR OF THE WEST COUNTRY

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On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

Martin Green	Treble	Howard C. Palmer	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	A. Maxwell Lindsey	6
R. Brian Mills	3	*R Kingsley Mason	7
William A. Lacey	4	Roland H. Cook	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* 100th tower for a peal.

MILBORNE PORT, Som.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Mon., July 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Howard C. Palmer	Treble	Malcolm E. Wade	5
William A. Lacey	2	Roland H. Cook	6
Martin Green	3	A. Maxwell Lindsey	7
R. Brian Mills	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Denis Knox. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Candida and the Holy Cross.
On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Christine L. J. Mills	Treble	A. Maxwell Lindsey	5
Malcolm E. Wade	2	Roland H. Cook	6
Martin Green	3	William A. Lacey	7
R. Brian Mills	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by William A. Lacey.
The first peal of London Surprise Major on the bells.

BROADCLYST, Devon.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., July 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb in E flat.

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	R. Brian Mills	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	Howard C. Palmer	6
Roland H. Cook	3	A. Maxwell Lindsey	7
William A. Lacey	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

PROBUS, Cornwall.—At the Church of SS. Probus and Grace.
On Mon., July 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt 11 lb. in E flat.

Howard C. Palmer	Treble	William A. Lacey	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	Malcolm E. Wade	6
Martin Green	3	Roland H. Cook	7
R. Brian Mills	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

WERRINGTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Martin of Tours.
On Wed., July 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Christine L. J. Mills	Treble	William A. Lacey	5
Martin Green	2	Malcolm E. Wade	6
R. Brian Mills	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Howard C. Palmer	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason

CITY OF BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Martin Green	Treble	Howard C. Palmer	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	Malcolm E. Wade	6
R. Brian Mills	3	Roland H. Cook	7
William A. Lacey	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by William A. Lacey.

CITY OF LONDON FESTIVAL

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
C.C.C. 21. Tenor 42 cwt

David E. Parsons	Treble	Antony R. Kench	7
Wilfred Williams	2	Stewart F. Kimber	8
Frank E. Darby	3	Philip A. Corby	9
George W. Pipe	4	Frederick E. Collins	10
John Armstrong	5	Philip A. F. Chalk	11
Andrew Pearmain	6	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
C.C.C. 21. Tenor 42 cwt.

G. William Critchley	Treble	James G. A. Prior	7
John Chilcott	2	John Phillips	8
Andrew N. Stubbs	3	David T. Darby	9
David P. Hilling	4	Rodney B. Meadows	10
Robert E. J. Dennis	5	Robert C Kippin	11
John Hill	6	John H. Crampion	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St Giles, Cripplegate.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
C.C.C. 21. Tenor 34 cwt 6 lb.

Alan Patterson	Treble	Robert N. Harris	7
Harold N. Pitstow	2	Christopher H Rogers	8
Raymond G. Cousins	3	M. Roger Ashmore	9
John D. Rock	4	Michael V Chilcott	10
Alan J. Frost	5	John S. Mason	11
William T. Cook	6	Roger Overington	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.
The above three peals were rung by arrangement at the same time to mark the City of London Festival

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL.—At the Priory Church of St. James with St Peter.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 28 cwt

Richard J. Bowden	Treble	Cyril A Wratten	6
*Andrew Howard	2	John C. Slater	7
Gillian M. Hussey	3	D. John Hunt	8
†Richard W. Sweet	4	Victor Griffin	9
‡Roger M. Heyworth	5	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal on ten. † First of Surprise Royal "inside." ‡ First of Royal. 200th peal as conductor.
Rung for St. James' Day.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., July 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr 23 lb.

Derek Yates	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Alan F. Scholfield	2	John Worth	6
Frank Osbaldiston	3	A. Peter Whitehead	7
Harold C. Lonyon	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by John Worth.
Rung as a compliment to Mr and Mrs. Basil Jones on their marriage on Saturday, June 18th, 1966.

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 Rev. St. Bartholomew, 720 April Day, 1,200 Plain Bob and 2,400 Grandsire.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

David Harradine	Treble	Reginald W. Worrall	4
Geoffrey Green	2	Ernest Pimlott	5
Christopher Jones	3	*Derek Escourt	Tenor

Conducted by Ernest Pimlott.
* First peal.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

GLOUCESTER.—At the Church of St Mary-de-Crypt.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of every method for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt in F.

*Clare F. Dolphin	Treble	*Geoffrey W Randall	5
†Ian C. Maycock	2	†Edward Holdsworth	6
*F. Mark Robottom	3	Antony R Kench	7
*Stephen F. Royal	4	*Ernest J. Gower	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Antony R Kench.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major † First of Spliced Surprise Major "inside." First of Spliced Surprise Major and 25th peal as conductor.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

UFFCULME, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr 20 lb in E flat.

*William M. Taylor	Treble	Clive G Bryant	5
*Philip J. Daniel	2	Roger J. Gay	6
*David J. Ley	3	Charles P Yates	7
John L. Queen	4	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Frank D Mack
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a farewell tribute to the ringers of 2, 3 and 6 on their departure from Shebbear College

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

UPLYME, Devon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*David B. Ellery	Treble	Henry G. Keeley	4
Cuthbert W. H. Powell	2	†Frank G. Knight	5
Melvyn J. Hiller	3	Harry Parkes	Tenor

Conducted by Cuthbert W. H. Powell.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Cambridge Minor.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, Co Durham.—At the Church of All Saints.
Stranton.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb in F.

Susan Roach	Treble	William Maughan ..	5
Kenneth Lawson	2	James Burton	6
Mrs. Margaret Lawson ..	3	*Jack Roach	7
Peter Wishart	4	John Pladdys	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Pladdys.
* 25th peal
A tribute to the conductor on attaining his majority. Also a 17th wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

YAXLEY, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Peter Woollven	Treble	Michael M. Hawes	4
*T. Raymond Garrett ..	2	George E. Bonham	5
Peter S. Abbott	3	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.
* First peal "inside."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BRAINTREE, Essex.—At the Church St. Michael the Archangel.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	*Jennifer M. Syder	5
Marian Wood	2	John Warner	6
*Josephine A. Quilter ..	3	Alan R. Syder	7
Peter Wood	4	*Robert J. Lindsell ..	Tenor

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Robert J. Lindsell.
* First peal in the method. First of Major as conductor. First in the method on the bells

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.
On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Double Court Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (4) Kent and Oxford T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

*Miss Vivien A. P. Cross	Treble	James L. Towler	4
David E. Culham	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Stephen D. Humphrey ..	3	Peter G. Pitt	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., July 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 23 methods, being seven 720's as follows: (1) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Delight, (2) College IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (3) London Scholars, Kingston, Sandal, Capel and Oxford T.B., (4) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (5) St. Clements, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, Bob, (6) Oxford, Plain and Double Bob (7) Kent T.B. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Peter G. Pitt	Treble	Neil V. Avis	4
Miss Lesley Ward	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Stephen D. Humphrey ..	3	Brian J. Vaughan	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
Most methods to a peal by all except the conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Herbert E. Audsley	Treble	David S. Osenton	6
Olive D. Tester	2	John A. Howard	7
Frank Osbaldiston	3	W. Arthur Riddington ..	8
Christopher T. Osenton ..	4	Martin L. Howe	9
Alexander Waddington ..	5	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton
Rung as a wedding compliment to Bernard F. L. Groves and Valerie J. White, who were married at this church later this day.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

John R. Ketteringham ..	Treble	Ernest J. Ladd	5
Nina J. Thomas	2	Jonathan I. Porter	6
Alexander Waddington ..	3	Dennis A. Hewitt	7
Kenneth Warner	4	C. Martin Press	Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by C. Martin Press.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to David Osenton and Margaret Nurse, married at Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, this day.
Rung after meeting short for Caters,

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, Kent.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. 181. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

*Peter D. J. Beal	Treble	*Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
*John A. Hayward	2	D. Paul Smith	6
*Nicholas J. Chesson ..	3	*Tony Lewis	7
*Brian E. Jemmett	4	Ian H. Oram	Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal in the method.

PETHAM, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In two methods, being 30 extents Grandsire and 12 Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

*Jane H. Seeward	Treble	David W. Grimwood ..	4
†Judith M. Squirrell ..	2	Cyril W. J. Beeching ..	5
Dawn V. A. Petts	3	*Percy J. Southon	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril W. J. Beeching.
* First peal. † First "inside."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., July 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

Robert B. Smith	Treble	A. Maxwell Lindsey ..	6
Patricia E. A. Morris ..	2	Samuel J. Haines	7
Brian S. Chapman	3	John M. Jelley	8
B. Stedman Payne	4	A. James Poynor	9
David F. Moore	5	Russell S. Morris	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
Rung for the installation of Sir Harry Pilkington as first Chancellor of Loughborough University this day.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Hereward Bob, Surfleet Surprise, College, Norwich Surprise, Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Double Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	Albert E. Flatters	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	Keith R. Davey	5
R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., July 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being eight methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Double Court, (2) Surfleet Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Beverley Surprise, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Double Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B

Maurice Bennett	Treble	Alan G. Payne	4
Joan Gilbert	2	George W. Massey ..	5
Frank Taylor	3	Cyril R. Burrell	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Jean S. Anderson	Treble	Robin J. Collis	6
*Pamela E. Brown	2	Harold R. Blagden	7
Christopher H Rogers ..	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	8
Douglas M. Boniface ..	4	Peter N. Felton	9
Patricia Rogers	5	Harold W. Rogers	Tenor

Arranged by Wilfrid G. Wilson. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal of Royal. First of Little Bob Royal for all except ringers of 8 and 10.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., July 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 BOSMERE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Claudia A. Critchley ..	Treble	Martin F. Lock	5
John Hill	2	Vernon Green	6
Margaret A. Bould	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Alick Cutler	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association. 200th different Surprise Major method as conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., June 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Derek P. Jones	Treble	Roland Beniston	5
Samuel J. Haines	2	Richard J. Clifton	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	Gordon H. Lane	Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal in the method for the Guild and by all the band.

NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., July 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th obs.). Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

W Geoffrey Hair	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
John K. Smith	2	Joseph W. Cotton	6
William F. Woodward ..	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Gordon H. Lane	4	Norman W. Cotton	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
Rung for the opening the St. Peter's, Netherseale, Festival of Music and the Arts.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
REDGRAVE, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of ten extents of Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Martin and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Alfred W. Foreman ..	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	3
Frank C. W. Arnold ..	2	Robin Churchill	4
H. William Barrett	Tenor		

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
* First peal of Doubles.

REEDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., July 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

K. Nuala Toone	Treble	*Martin Seuneky	3
Diane Toone	2	Stephen Toone	4
Stephen F. High	Tenor		

Conducted by Stephen F. High.
* First peal. First of Doubles as conductor. First of Plain Bob Doubles by all the band.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., July 22. 1966. in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven extents, being extents of Norwich Surprise, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Plain Bob and St. Clement's Bob. Tenor 4½ cwt.

Jack Mowle	Treble	Henry Tooke	4
H. William Barrett	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Robin Churchill	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
First peal on the bells since the tenor has been recast.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
DORNEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., July 14, 1966. in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Giles A. Shedden	Treble	William Birmingham ..	4
Frederick R. Scott	2	Ronald F. Diserens	5
Frank W. Lewis	3	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
CASTOR, Northants.—At the Church of St. Kyneburga.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 10 lb.

Gilbert F. Cowlin	Treble	Frank E. Sismey	4
Bernard J. Branston ..	2	*Graham F. Oliver	5
Alf Waller	3	Roy W. Spencer	Tenor

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth, who is tower captain at this church.

UFFINGTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Michael Stimson	Treble	Alan Jacques	4
*Lionel Atton	2	Charles Black	5
Mary Stimson	3	John H. Bluff	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff.
* First peal in seven methods.
A birthday peal for the conductor. A wedding anniversary peal for Michael and Mary Stimson.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
PENKRIDGE, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Thurs., July 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation (No. 2). Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Lucy Smith	Treble	Richard J. Warrilow ..	5
Jeffrey B. Webb	2	*Cyril T. Collins	6
*Frederick R. Wiggin ..	3	Edmund Malin	7
Clive M. Smith	4	Eric E. Speake	Tenor

Conducted by Edmund Malin.
* First of Stedman Triples.

RUGELEY, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In two methods: 2,640 Grandsire (10 different callings and one Morris's 240), and 2,400 Plain Bob (four different callings), with three changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.) in G.

Richard B. Dorrington ..	Treble	†Lance G. Hill	4
*Angela Bagnall	2	Clive M. Smith	5
*Cyril T. Collins	3	Tim Pendlebury	Tenor

Conducted by Clive M. Smith.
* First peal of Doubles and in more than one method. † First peal.
Rung with bells fully open in grateful thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr. John H. Joyner, previously churchwarden and Ringing Master at Rugeley, who passed on to a fuller life on July 10th.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
THRUMPTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 9. 1966. in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

Arthur Newell	Treble	David Oliver	3
Neal Handley	2	Graham Fisher	4
Sydney Adams	Tenor		

Conducted by Sydney Adams.
Rung as a farewell to C. W. Towers and family, who are emigrating to Australia.

NORTON DISNEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 16, 1966. in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR
Being 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in B flat.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	Graham Fisher	4
Frederick Derry	2	J. Edward Brown	5
Maurice W. Harrison ..	3	James A. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James A. Musson.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. A. Musson, wife of the conductor.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

C. Jack Gibson	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	4
Ernest G. Pearse	2	Ronald H. Bullen	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

THEBERTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., July 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents each of St. Simon and St. Martin and 18 extents of Plain. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

Jack Pilgrim	Treble	John Marjoram	4
Vernon Bedford	2	Peter Bedford	5
Adrian Knights	3	Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Bedford.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Knights, and as a 24th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Archer.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas-of-Myra.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

W. Arthur Riddington	Treble	Frank H. Hicks	6
Arthur G. Mason	2	*James M. Hills	7
Olive D. Tester	3	Herbert W. Woolven	8
Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Colin A. Tester	9
John A. Howard	5	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal of Surprise "inside" and first of Royal.

(Northern Division)
EAST GRINSTEAD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12 part. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Janet E. Blake	Treble	Derek Slater	5
Charlotte M. Harris	2	Frank H. Hicks	6
Valerie J. Howard	3	John A. Howard	7
M. Peter Howard	4	Eric H. Knapp	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
Rung as a welcome to the Archbishop of Canterbury on the occasion of the centenary of Dr. J. M. Neale, the hymnologist.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Winchester College Society)
OLD ALRESFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., July 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents of St Clement's, one of Childwall and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Philippa M. Duggan	Treble	John G. Pusey	4
††Barry R. M. Johnson	2	‡Richard L. Underwood	5
††Katharine J. Maundrell	3	Richard H. Youdale	Tenor

Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.
* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First in three methods. First as conductor. First in three methods for the Society.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5,000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 25¾ cwt.

David Nichols	Treble	John Robinson	6
W. Eric Critchley	2	Vernon Bottomley	7
Jeanne E. Bottomley	3	Frederick A. Munday	8
*Neil Donovan	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	9
A. William Kirkby	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* 100th peal.

ELLAND, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15¾ cwt. in F.

J. Neville Parkin	Treble	Alan Sheppard	5
*Margaret Whitehead	2	*Ronald R. Wanford	6
David Smith	3	Kenneth B. Sissons	7
Arthur Rogers	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung on the ruby wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wrigglesworth, the parents-in-law of the ringer of the seventh and uncle and aunt of the ringer of the fifth.

SELBY, Yorkshire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Germanus.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12 part. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Derek J. Swann	Treble	Leslie M. Woodhead	5
*David Whitehead	2	G. Frederick Terry	6
*Alan Grundy	3	Ronald R. Warford	7
Kenneth B. Sissons	4	Alan Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.
* First peal of Grandsire. First peal on the rehung bells.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. K. B. Sissons.

(Beverley and District Society)
EASINGWOLD, North Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Tues., July 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in A flat.

*Ian Armstrong	Treble	Mary I. Hildred	4
†Susan Mitchell	2	Terrence W. Brighton	5
Jennifer E. Pearce	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal attempt.
Rung after meeting short for Triples, and believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
HARESFIELD, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., July 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*R. B. Sawyer	Treble	A. Tubb	4
†C. H. Legge	2	R. Cox	5
E. Cribley	3	R. Purnell	Tenor

Conducted by R. Purnell.
* First peal. † First of Minor "inside."
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Barnett, married at Holy Trinity Church, Malvern, Worcs, on July 16th, 1966.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Wed., July 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5112 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 3,648 Plain Bob, 504 Gainsborough and 480 each of Little Bob and Double Bob with 245 changes of method.
Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1–2	Hugh N. Evans	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Cyril A. Wratten	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
The first peal of four-Spliced "in hand" by all the band, in the county and by the Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At 45, Holtye Crescent.
On Tues., June 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Christopher T. Osenton	5–6
Bernard F. L. Groves	3–4	*Thomas Cullingworth	7–8

W. Arthur Riddington .. 9–10
Arranged by C. T. Osenton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal "in hand."

SUTTON BRIDGE, Lincolnshire.—At the Bridge Hotel.
On Sat., June 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5–6
Edward J. Beer	3–4	Christopher T. Osenton	7–8

*W. Arthur Riddington .. 9–10
Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* 50th peal "in hand."
Rung as a wedding compliment to David S. Osenton and Margaret A. Nurse, who were married this day at Long Sutton.

HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.
On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	*Christopher T. Osenton	5–6
Edward J. Beer	3–4	Stuart Sandford	7–8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* 200th peal

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
and the
HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
BARROW-UPON-SOAR, Leicestershire.—In the belfry of the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., July 18, 1966, in 1 Hour and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

Malcolm D. Barsby	1–2	Rupert A. Clarke	3–4
B. Stedman Payne (cond.)	5–6		

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, Carol Cousins 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Amanda Powell 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong. Also on July 24th, 1,440 Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, Amanda Powell 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve (first of Surprise as cond.) 6 100th quarter on the bells for 1 and 6. Rung for Matins, and as a birthday compliment to Wendy Wallace and Coral Cousins.

ALTON, HANTS.—On July 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Sansom 1, M. Chennell-White 2, Lesley Read 3, K. Tremeer 4, M. Harbord 5, C. Chennell-White 6, D. Hughes 7, R. Corke (cond.) 8.

ASHILL, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. B. Bindon 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, K. E. Beale 3, N. J. Maggs 4, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 5. For Confirmation service.

BARMING, KENT.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sandra Gunner 1, W. T. Grice 2, W. R. Manser (cond.) 3, Janet Woodruffe (first "inside") 4, B. W. Pankhurst 5, T. Crocker 6. For the Patronal Festival.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On July 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Christine Baldock 1, Ann Harris 2, G. Pullinger 3, J. M. Swift (first of Plain Bob Major) 4, H. G. F. Reynolds 5, P. Fox 6, I. V. J. Smith (first of Bob Major as cond.) 7, A. R. Baldock 8.

BILSTON, STAFFS. — On June 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Mears 1, C. M. Smith 2, Miss B. Pickering 3, P. G. K. Davies 4, R. B. Dorrington 5, J. D. Holden 6, E. E. Speake 7, R. M. Hodister (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 3. For Confirmation service. Also on July 17th, 1,152 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Miss P. Mears 1, E. E. Speake 2, Miss B. Pickering 3, R. B. Dorrington 4, J. D. Holden 5, R. M. Hodister (cond.) 6. First in two methods 1 and 3. Rung for the first Festal and Choral Evensong at St. Leonard's.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on July 16th, 1,272 Plain Bob Doubles: Brenda Waters 1, R. Minton (first in method) 2, A. Swotton 3, V. Sheppard 4, D. Hunns (first as cond.) 5, J. Garner 6. For the wedding of Norma Crawford, a loyal Sunday school teacher.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's on July 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. M. Hussey 1, B. Martin (first "inside" and of Major) 2, J. Collard (first of Major) 3, F. J. Sampson 4, T. Newlands (first of Major "inside") 5, J. C. Slater 6, J. F. Pedler 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. M. Hussey 1, B. Martin 2, J. Collard 3, T. Newlands 4, D. J. Hunt 5, S. Bateman (13, first quarter) 6. Conducted by all the band. Rung in fond memory of Frank Skidmore, who died July 18th, 1960.

BRISTOL.—At the Lord Mayor's Chapel, on July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Baldam (first quarter) 1, B. Martin 2, J. Collard 3, Miss G. M. Hussey 4, T. Newlands 5, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 6.

BUCKLEY, FLINTS.—On July 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Doreen E. Kendrick (first of Major) 1, Mrs. N. Randles 2, E. M. Jones (first of Major) 3, F. R. Evans 4, G. H. Randles 5, H. Price (first of Major) 6, D. H. B. Millward 7, D. N. Collins (first of Major as cond.) 8.

CAERLEON, MON.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (1 leading): M. Swain (first quarter) 1, T. Fry (first quarter) 2, P. Chambers 3, P. Berrow (first "inside") 4, G. Wilkinson 5, R. Palframan (first as cond.) 6, D. Phillips 7. Rung to celebrate the forthcoming wedding of Mr. D. Pike and Miss M. Powney.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tranter 1, R. Evans 2, H. Tranter 3, F. Taylor 4, A. Lloyd 5, J. G. Rich 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, J. A. Molinoli 8. Rung in honour of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to dedicate the foundation stone of the first Pastoral Centre at Sutton Hill, Dawley New Town. Coalbrookdale is in the Dawley New Town area.

COTLEIGH, DEVON. — On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gratton 1, K. Beale 2, Mrs. D. Crocker 3, F. Arscott 4, R. Parker 5, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 6.

DRONFIELD, DERBYS.—On June 25th, 1,440 Minor (Trinity Sunday and Cambridge): F. Cooper 1, E. J. Osborne 2, L. Gascoyne 3, A. Else 4, L. Goodall (cond.) 5, G. N. Goodall 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Catherine Bradley (local ringer) and Mr. Richard Wrigglesworth, who were married this day.

QUARTER PEALS

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Clarke (cond.) 1, W. Smith 2, B. Wylde 3, J. Aldridge 4, M. Stone 5, T. Stevens 6. To welcome John Wylde, born July 15th.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Davis 1, Miss J. K. Murphy 2, Miss A. Horsford 3, Miss M. Simnett (first of Stedman) 4, J. Porter 5, D. Heighton 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, M. Sprackling 8. For morning service. Also on July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Simnett 1, M. Sprackling 2, Miss A. Horsford 3, Miss S. Davis 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, J. Porter 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, F. Bishop 8. For morning service.

ELING, HANTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Widgery (first of Minor) 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, Anne Buchanan (first of Minor) 3, Rhonda M. Purkess 4, T. Matcham 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Sutton 1, G. E. Bonham 2, M. Presland 3, F. Osbaldiston 4, A. K. Peck 5, R. D. Bellamy (first of Minor as cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss V. Titherly 1, Miss R. Earle 2, D. M. McLean 3, B. Stepney 4, Miss A. Bradbury (first as cond.) 5, G. Titherly 6, H. Goldsmith 7, E. Breed 8. Rung for Evensong during the Festival of Flowers at St. Mary's Church.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On June 26th, 1,280 Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire S. Major: Ann P. Bond 1, Cecilia J. Bland 2, Susan E. Williams 3, C. Valerie Mills 4, W. Ayre 5, P. W. Harper 6, R. E. Sheppard 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8. First of Spliced S. Major 2, 3, 4, 6, 7. Also on July 10th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: C. Valerie Mills 1, Ann P. Bond 2, Elizabeth Gibbs (first "inside") 3, Susan E. Williams 4, R. J. Picton 5, B. M. Barker 6, P. W. Harper 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8. First of T.B. Major 2, 3, 5. Also on July 24th, 1,250 Lincolnshire S. Major: F. Byrne 1, B. M. Barker 2, A. V. Good 3, H. Collings 4, Susan E. Williams 5, P. W. Harper 6, A. R. Kench (cond.) 7, R. E. Sheppard 8. First in the method by all except conductor.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On July 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (62 bobs and 28 singles): E. Clifton 1, L. Sweatman 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson 5, J. Cooper (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to Daphne Johnson and Peter Deacon.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On July 17th, 1,344 Plain Bob Minor: Lynne I. Clowe (first of Minor) 1, T. W. Brighton (25th quarter) 2, Susan Mitchell 3, A. C. Banton (cond.) 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, Jennifer E. Pearce 6. For Evensong.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, on July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): T. Briggs (aged 89) 1, T. Bent 2, Jean Endall 3, J. Bramley (cond., 720) 4, H. Bray 5, G. Olliffe (cond., 540) 6, W. Tanser (aged 76) 7. Rung before Matins on the Patronal Festival.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Tessa May (first quarter) 1, D. A. Wills (cond.) 2, F. Williams 3, J. Gatter 4, R. L. Horder 5, H. L. Crisp 6. Also on July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Jones (first quarter) 1, R. L. Horder 2, R. Jones 3, J. M. Portman 4, W. C. Panter (cond.) 5, J. Gatter 6. Rung for the institution of Rev. R. T. Urwin as Vicar. Ringers of the front five have associations with Exeter School, of which Mr. Urwin is an Old Boy.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on July 10th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. Oatway 1, Mrs. H. Oatway 2, Miss S. Davis 3, Miss A. Horsford 4, J. Porter 5, A. M. Stacey 6, R. Mitchell 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, Mrs. J. Rose 10. For Matins.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. K. Pinney (first quarter, age 12) 1, H. E. Turner 2, D. Robinson (first "inside," age 12) 3, Audrey Look 4, W. H. Turner (cond.) 5, L. E. Wear 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Strong 1, C. Kortwright 2, L. Childs 3, J. Mitchell 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung in memoriam Ronald Quint, beloved husband of Rose Quint.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND. — On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. N. Bruce (first quarter) 1, A. Taylor 2, W. Tyson 3, K. W. Cheeseman 4, K. Arthur (cond.) 5, T. Sewell 6. A welcome to Amanda Taylor, daughter of the ringer of 2, born July 6th.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. R. C. Clarke 1, Nancy Kempsell 2, K. Richardson 3, K. Dallison 4, W. Dunn (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6. For the Patronal Festival.

ORMESBY, N. YORKS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Susan Roach (first in the method) 1, Ann Lawson 2, Enid Lawson 3, Margaret Lawson 4, K. Lawson 5, P. Wishart 6, T. Cox (cond.) 7, J. Roach 8. For the opening of the Tees-side Industrial Eisteddfod.

PIMPERNE, DORSET.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Corry (first quarter) 1, J. N. Longridge 2, J. Knight 3, T. Bleatham (cond.) 4, B. Ridout 5.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.—On July 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. S. Bailey 1, J. Pilgrim 2, C. F. Pocock 3, D. Peers 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, R. Peers 6, A. J. Martin 7, J. J. Fox 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Ann Freeman and Mike Pilgrim earlier this day at All Saints', Caldy.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Long 1, Catherine A. Salter 2, Marie R. Cross 3, C. J. Jones 4, Daphne J. Pollard 5, D. J. H. Salter (cond.) 6. A thankoffering for the life and work of Kathleen Lock. Also on July 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Allen (first on working bell) 1, Valerie Hook (first "inside") 2, Catherine A. Salter (first as cond.) 3, M. C. E. Hodge 4, Daphne J. Pollard 5, Marie R. Cross 6. Rung on the birthday of the conductor, and for the birthdays of Marie R. Cross, Daphne J. Pollard, Margaret Hockham, Deborah Jones and C. J. Jones.

REDDITCH, WORCS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Shrimpton 1, F. W. James 2, J. Pullon 3, A. C. Freeman (first on a working bell) 4, M. V. White (cond.) 5, P. Firth (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Sung Eucharist commemorating the anniversary of the consecration of the church. Also as birthday compliments to ringers of 1 and 4.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Martin, on July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Skelton 1, H. Rumens 2, Mrs. A. Abrahams 3, P. Young 4, N. Skelton 5, P. Bushell (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 4. Rung to wish the Rector a speedy recovery, and as a farewell to Philip Young.

SEATON, RUTLAND.—On July 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Thorley (cond.) 1, R. C. Woodward 2, R. N. Scholes (first quarter) 3, G. T. Norris 4, G. W. Hand 5. For Evensong, and as a welcome to Clare Elizabeth Crowden.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): C. England 1, M. Bristol 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, G. Norcliffe 4, F. Welch 5, R. C. Beale 6, R. Welch 7, P. England 8. First quarter 1 and 2. After the wedding of Mr. G. Ashford and Miss M. Pond.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—On July 17th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: D. P. Smith 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, R. Shipp 3, Patricia Rogers 4, S. P. Darvill (cond.) 5, L. C. Way 6, K. J. Rider 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. T. Richards 9, J. W. Smith 10, C. 11, Rogers 11, M. J. Uphill 12.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Bellew 1, Miss A. Brown 2, Miss G. Thomas 3, S. Bendle 4, Mrs. J. Gray 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Gray 1, Miss E. Brocklehurst 2, R. Sweet 3, S. Bendle 4, J. Slater 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

WELDON, NORTHANTS.—On July 15th, 1,440 Minor (four methods): R. A. Webster 1, R. W. Smith 2, Mrs. P. A. Smith 3, G. Davis 4, F. E. Sismey 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. First quarter in more than one method 2 and 3. First of Major on the bells since rehanging. A birthday compliment to ringer of 5.

WHITCHURCH, GLAM.—On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Bidgood (first quarter) 1, Gwendoline Bidgood 2, W. H. Harford 3, G. Upsdell 4, Mrs. C. M. Lucas (cond.) 5, Rev. R. C. Lucas 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Reg. W. Charles, organist and choirmaster for many years and a friend of the ringers. Also on July 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: T. P. Edwards (cond.) 1, Ruth E. Havard 2, G. J. B. Stickland 3, E. N. Thomas 4, T. Yeomans 5, J. Clatworthy 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Sandra Ford, a local ringer, married at St. Mary's this day.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On July 20th, 1,260 Erin Triples: H. W. Knight 1, R. Rice 2, M. Dodson 3, W. Rice 4, S. G. Smith 5, P. J. England 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. First of Erin "inside" by all except 1 and 7.

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ENGAGEMENT

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PERSONAL

"But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."—St. Matthew xii, 36 and 37.

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MEETINGS

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, August 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. W. Arnold, 20, Green Springs, Farnham, Crondall, Surrey.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 9536

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch. — Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 6th at St. Thomas's, Exeter. Bells 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. — G. Skinner, 38, Harston Road, Exeter. 9572

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Meeting, Woolhope, Saturday, August 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to T. E. Wood, 43, Merestone Road, by Wednesday. 9581

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, August 6th, Rushden (5), 5.30 to 6.45 p.m.; Ashwell (6), 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome. No Norton practice in August. —C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 9552

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District. — Meeting, Bushey Heath (8), August 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30 p.m., Bushey (8). Names essential to Mrs. E. Norris, Ashfield Avenue, Bushey.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 9567

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION —S. and W. District.—Business meeting at Cranford, Saturday, August 6th. Ringing 3.30–5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Chiswick from 6.30 p.m. Good attendance, please.—W. S. Deason. 9519

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Practice meeting at St. Mary's, Offton (6), near Ipswich, Saturday, August 6th, 7–9 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. 9585

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting. Withyham (8) on Saturday, August 6th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec., Norman Cottage Park Corner, Groombridge, Sussex. 9560

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Practice meeting, Breamore (4), Saturday, August 6th, 3–4.30 p.m. Service at Ringwood 6 p.m., followed by ringing. Please make own tea arrangements.—L. F. Cobb. 9602

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Practice on Wednesday, August 10th, at All Souls', Bolton, 7–8.30 p.m.—M. E. Fort. 9605

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting at Ebrington, near Chipping Campden, on Friday, August 12th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome. —J. Homfray, Sec. 9597

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham District.—Evening meeting, Whatton, August 12th. Bells 7–9 p.m.. Also final night of skittle and putting tournament in aid of Whatton Bell Restoration Fund, which is being held each evening 6.30–9 p.m. (Started July 8th.) 9586

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice at Minehead on August 13th at 7 p.m. 9607

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — An evening meeting at Tempsford (6), Saturday, August 13th. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. A friendly welcome awaits all who come along.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 9595

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hutton Cranswick (6), Saturday, August 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. I. D'Aguiar, Flat 2, Rosegarth, Driffield, by previous Thursday. 9550

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD. —Meeting, Saturday, August 13th, at Penshurst (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. R. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smarts Hill, Penshurst, Kent, by Wednesday, August 10th. Names, please, to secretary for annual outing on October 8th, 1966. 9561

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—A joint meeting will be held at Saturday, August 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Littlebury (6), followed by ringing from 6 p.m. to 8.30 at Wendens Ambo (6). All welcome.—B. D. Threlfall, Harston, Cambs. G. Blake, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9577

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Meeting at Wroughton, Saturday, August 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by Tuesday. 9596

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Cossington (5) on Saturday, August 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Yates, Cossington Rectory, Cossington, Leicester (Telephone Sileby 208), by Wednesday, August 10th. Also open: Ratcliffe (5), 2.30 p.m.–3.30 p.m. 9588

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — Monthly practice for Western Deaneries at Reepham, Saturday, August 13th, 3 p.m. Bring own teas. 9553

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Mildenhall (10) on Saturday, August 13th. Bells from 6.30 to 8.30.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 9566

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting and Guild Executive Committee meeting at Marlesford on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Finch, 4, The Bungalows, Marlesford, Woodbridge, Suffolk, by Wednesday, August 10th. Committee meeting 7 p.m. at the Parish Room, Little Glemham. Little Glemham bells (5) available after tea.—T N. J. B. 9589

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Merton on Saturday, August 13th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Evening ringing at Christ Church, Colliers Wood. Names for tea to G. Hawkes, 21, Cecil Road, S.W.19, by Tuesday, 9th.—B. Bull, Assist. Sec. 9556

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — Quarterly meeting at Pulborough, Saturday, August 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 Tea at 5.15. Business meeting after tea. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 9600

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at All Hallows', Twickenham, Thursday, August 18th. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 9520

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Ticknall, on August 20th, 3 p.m. Melbourne 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to Peter Marriott, Arch View, Ticknall, Derbyshire.—C. A. T. 9591

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Hemsworth on Saturday, August 20th. Ringing at Badsworth (4) 2.30 to 3.30; Hemsworth (8) 3 to 4.30; Wragby (6) 6 to 7.45; Crofton (6) 7 to 8.30. Cups of tea provided at Hemsworth, where Mr. C. Moxon hopes to meet his ringing friends again. Meeting after tea (4.30 to 6). All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. of Southern District. 9604

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner, September 24th, at The Meet, County Cricket Ground, Grace Road, Leicester, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (23s. 6d. each) from J. M. Jelley, 17, Linley Green, Cosby (Phone Narborough 3732) by September 14th. 1965 Reports available (5s. each), from A. J. Poynor, 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester. 9598

LATE NOTICES

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—Due to tower restoration work, ringing suspended until August 18th. 9609

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting, Hunsdon (8), Saturday, August 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Village Hall 5.15 p.m. Evening ringing Widford (6) 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec., 55, North Road, Hertford, by Friday latest. 9608

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Crosthwaite (near Kendal) on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. **Please make own arrangements for tea.**—T. F. Metcalfe. 9612

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Hale, on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Please bring sandwiches, as there will be no tea provided.—M. E. D. 9610

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Oswestry on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing after tea till 8 p.m. Names for tea (4s.) to Miss Griffiths, Coach and Dogs, Church Street, Oswestry.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9611

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY INVADE DERBYSHIRE

SATURDAY, July 2nd, dawned bright and clear for Ted's Tour, or, more properly, invasion of Derbyshire. We announced our arrival in Derbyshire by ringing Stedman, Yorkshire, Kent and Plain Bob at Matlock. With a temporary pause to retrieve a lost ringer, we sailed on to Youlgreave to ring the heavy eight there for a pleasant half-hour, adding Grandsire and Bristol to our repertoire.

Our stalwart party had already decided to walk to Bakewell and had sent the coach on ahead to forestall any waverers. John and Dave, however, in need of a dinner and deciding that discretion was the better part of valour promptly hitched a lift. Everyone assembled in due course and the party (now numbering the traditional 13) set off for Eyam. This did not prove to be the worst catastrophe to befall the village since the plague of 1666 for some fine ringing was achieved, including a speedy touch of spliced Kent, Cambridge and London. Hope was our next stop, where we gatecrashed a flower festival to ring Grandsire, Yorkshire, Stedman and Spliced.

Officially, the day's ringing was now concluded, but we set off to Castleton, having received no reply to a written request to ring, and successfully grabbed the bells. The variegated sallies—locally made we were told—and the curious tone of the bells provoked a good deal of comment. The day was brought to a close with John left to splice the sixth's rope, it having broken when caught—perhaps with too much enthusiasm—in Queens.

Our target for the night was a youth hostel. Ted, Derbyshire born and proud of it, took one half on the picturesque route, while the rest, ably led by Bob, took a direct route over hill and dale. Fortunately all arrived safely and, after an overnight stop, we walked again to Tideswell to ring Stedman, Grandsire and London for the service. Staying to the service, we were treated to the unusual spectacle of morris dancing halfway through "All things bright and beautiful."

It was a very pleasant week-end to round of the term. D. R. McL.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The opinion has already been expressed that insufficient consideration was given at Bath to fixing the date of the 1967 meeting. This opinion is being justified as it is becoming known that many people will have to work on the day appointed for the meeting.

In order to ensure the success of the meeting it is very desirable that the Council should take the unusual step of reconsidering the arrangement. Will **every** member therefore write to me before August 23rd to advise which of the following dates is most convenient for the Council meeting:

Saturday, May 27th,
Monday, May 29th,
Tuesday, May 30th.

Members to whom the date is immaterial should indicate the fact

I shall report the outcome to the Standing Committee for that body to decide in consultation with the Southwell Diocesan Guild whether to change the date of the meeting. The Standing Committee's decision will be announced immediately in "The Ringing World."

This notice is published with the concurrence of the President

I must emphasise the importance of every member co-operating in this procedure

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
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QUARTER PEALS

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Judith Brooks 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, R. Birch 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, A. Lamb 6. For Matins.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Monica Phillips 1, Rachel Saggs 2, Sylvia Knight 3, A. Bourner 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, D. Knight 6. First by an all local band since recommencement of ringing. Also on July 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Dury 1, F. Goodearle 2, A. Bourner (first as cond.) 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson 5. Also on July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Monica Phillips 1, Sylvia Knight (first as cond.) 2, E. Clifton 3, L. Sweatman 4, B. Johnson 5, A. Bourner 6.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On July 17th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, G. E. Fearn 2, Muriel Reay 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. Harris (first of Caters) 5, C. A. S. Webb 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, C. W. Bragg 8, P. J. Stretton 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Crabtree on the birth of a son (Stephen Paul).

TEMPLECOMBE, DORSET.—On July 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. D. J. Howcutt 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, Miss R. M. Julius 3, T. E. Marks 4, H. P. Sparks (cond.) 5, F. Priddle 6. A farewell compliment to Mrs. Howcutt, who is moving to Tilehurst, near Reading

WAMBROOK, SOMERSET.—On May 28th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Miss M. Beale 1, Mrs. B. Bindon 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, K. Beale 4, R. F. Arscott 5.

QUARTER PEAL TOUR OF THE PEAK DISTRICT

ON the afternoon of July 16th, 12 enthusiastic ringers plus an aspiring enthusiast, Roy Stedman Mould, aged four months, left Chesterfield for a quarter peal tour of the Peak District. Under the eagle eyes of four conductors we hoped to gain five quarters.

Everyone set off in good spirits feeling sure that on such a pleasant day and with such "expert" ringers success was inevitable. Eyam was the first stop and everyone settled down well to Kent Treble Bob Minor, feeling certain of success until one person tried to come out of the slow when he wasn't in it! The second attempt had the same fatal result, whereupon we had to content ourselves with a meagre 552.

This cast a slight gloom on the proceedings, but with the hope of better things to come we headed for Great Longstone for Cambridge Surprise Minor. The attempt was successful in spite of incurring the displeasure of our infant traveller.

Elated with success we made for Fairfield for a quarter of Plain Bob Major on the fairly light ring of eight. Once again the quarter was gained but the striking was rather ropey. After a short break for tea an attempt for Plain Bob Minor was made at Taxal but proved unsuccessful.

The final hurdle was Bob Doubles at Chapel-en-le-Frith. Here we rang with gay abandon until confusion at a bob, two extents from home, resulted in our relinquishing all hopes of success.

After the inevitable inquiry we proceeded to a local hostelry to drown our sorrows. We would like to thank Edward Mould for arranging the tour, and the clergy and local ringers for allowing us the use of the bells. Details:—

GREAT LONGSTONE, DERBYS.—On July 16th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. D. Arkwell 1, Ann M. Smith 2, Christine Mould 3, T. Wylie 4, E. G. Mould 5, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge 2 and 4.

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON.—On July 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Timons (first attempt) 1, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 2, Marjorie Yarnold 3, Verena Simpson 4, F. A. Adams 5, J. Watkins (first of Major) 6, J. D. Arkwell 7, E. G. Mould 8.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The six at South Mimms were the afternoon hosts for the St. Albans District meeting on July 16th. Methods from rounds to London and York were rung before the service, which was led by Father Clare. The tea was held in the Village Hall.

Father Clare took the chair at the business meeting. New members elected were Miss Jean Digby (Tewin), Miss J. Meggy (St. Michael's St. Albans), and Miss Carrie Smith (South Mimms) was transferred from probationary to full membership.

The next mid-week District practice is at North Mymms on Wednesday, August 3rd, and, in view of the success of the past practices, it was decided to continue these further, Radlett being added to the list for Sept. 7th.

Under any other business the secretary, Mr Roger Brown reported the resignation of Miss Christine Rimmer from the District Committee due to commitments outside the area. The whole District joined in thanking Chris and wishing her well for her future. A vote of thanks went to Father Clare, to Miss Dodds for playing the organ, and to the South Mimms ringers for the tea.

Evening ringing took place at North Mymms, several courses of Hertfordshire Surprise Major, the special method, being rung

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A TEN-YEAR SILENCE BROKEN AT STOKE DAMEREL, PLYMOUTH

THE fair city of Plymouth has within its bounds two historic churches dedicated to St. Andrew. The Mother Church of St. Andrew, with its fine ring of ten bells, is known to many, and the feet of many famous ringers have trodden its tower steps.

Lesser known is the Church of St. Andrew, Stoke Damerel, once the parish church of the town of Devonport, and now part of the ever-growing city of Plymouth. The stocky tower contains a Bilbie six, cast and hung in 1789. The tenor is reputed to be 15 cwt., is given in "Dove" as 16 cwt., but is in fact nearer 13 cwt. These bells have remained silent for nearly ten years, various reasons being advanced as to why they could not be rung.

Some two to three months ago it was decided among members of the Devon Guild to investigate the possibility of getting Stoke bells ringing again. A phone call to the Rector, the Rev. Rex Luckraft, found him most enthusiastic and willing to allow a preliminary examination to be made of the bells and fittings. Furthermore, a band of young "chimers" existed, who were all keen to learn to handle a bell. Accordingly, one Saturday afternoon, dustcoats and overalls were donned and the tower ascended. The reason for the ten-year silence became immediately obvious when it was discovered that the top half of the wheel of the third bell was smashed away. The remaining bells were raised singly and, barring a a crying need for lubrication, were found to be quite ringable and safe. It was recommended that a local firm of builders be approached regarding repairs to the broken wheel, and that new frame bracing rods be fitted to replace the existing rust-eaten ones.

For several weeks no action was taken by the local contractors to repair the broken wheel, although the newly appointed tower captain worked hard, replacing the corroded tie rods and cleaning down and painting all the metal work—not an enviable job in view of the fact that the bells are hung three over three in a very confined bell chamber, and when working on the top tier one is bent double under the low roof of the tower.

During this period of waiting for the completion of repairs, good use was made of the time at the other St. Andrew's Church in providing instruction in bell handling to members of the band-to-be, and remarkable progress was made; so much so, that, after only three lessons, Barry Knight, who will captain the new band, was able to raise and set a bell with quite a degree of confidence.

At last came the news that the contractors had removed the broken half-wheel and, to the writer's amazement, an excited phone call was received by him only three days later to say that the repairs were complete and the bells ready for a try out. Arrangements were made for a team to visit Stoke on the following Monday evening and, just prior to 7.30 p.m., several ringers could be seen converging upon the church. It was with a feeling of excited anticipation that ropes were coiled ready for a rise in peal. After a short prayer by the Rector for the success of future ringing on the bells, the command of "Look to—go" sent the sound we were all waiting to hear out over the surrounding streets and rooftops, breaking the silence of nearly ten long years.

The news of the trying-out of the bells had travelled over the city and several ringers arrived at the church. To the youngsters it was their first visit to Stoke, and for the older ringers many happy memories were revived. During the evening the bells were rung to rounds and methods ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge. A broken rope caused a slight delay, but everyone present had ample opportunity of ringing on these fine old bells. The front four were found to go like tops, whilst the tenors required a little more effort. No doubt regular use will slightly improve the "go" of these two bells. Ringing continued until 9.30 with the young prospective Stoke band as interested spectators. Their captain, Barry, was given the opportunity of having his first rounds at his own tower.

So another silent tower is opened up once again, a programme of training has been drawn up for the new ringers, and if their aptitude matches their enthusiasm it will not be long before Stoke bells are once again regularly serving the purpose for which they were cast. The bells have already been booked for two weddings, and Guild members have undertaken to provide the teams for these occasions and for any special services during the next few months.

Mention must be made of an inspection of the bells carried out some time ago by the Rev. John Scott, and in his exhaustive report he makes many shrewd observations amounting to a complete restoration of the bells, and although inspection of the frame during ringing showed far less movement than Mr. Scott's report would suggest, the church authorities must not lose sight of the fact that the attention of skilled bellhangers should be sought within the next ten years if the interest that has now been kindled is to be kept alive. R.A.S.

The First of Many—and still with us after 70 Years!

THE PEAL THE LADIES HONOUR

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Feb. 12, 1896, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
At the Parish Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
(Holt's Original)

*Alice White	Treble
John E. Ballard	2
†Harry Laws	3
Thomas Blackbourn ..	4
Frederick G. Wilson ..	5
William W. Gifford ..	6
Henry White	7
William Coldrey	Tenor

Conducted by Henry White.

* First peal. † First peal with bob bell. This peal was arranged for the ringer of the treble, Miss Alice White, aged 15, eldest daughter of the conductor, and is the first peal on Church bells in which a lady has taken part. Messrs. Blackbourn and Gifford hail from Salisbury; the rest belong to the local band.

TO do something for the first time is always more difficult than to emulate it. It was indeed remarkable that the first lady to ring a tower beli peal should be a girl of 15; perhaps it is even more remarkable that, more than 70 years later, she is still alive and able to follow, from her home in Canada, the doings of the present day. There can be few others now with us whose peal-ringing career began so long ago.

Alice White was born at Basingstoke on October 8th, 1880, the daughter of Mr. Henry White, a well-known ringer and instructor. From an early age she used to go with her father to the belfry and when he became steeplekeeper would help him to chime for the daily service. She learned to handle a bell by the age of 11 and by 1893 had qualified for membership of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. Her change ringing was learned by practice on handbells and, said "The Bell News," "on several occasions those of the company who met for Stedman Triples on handbells would have been disappointed had Alice not learned and been able to ring the method!"

HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Her first peal was at her home tower on February 12th, 1896, when she rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples which her father conducted—Holt's Original, no mean feat at any time. Not many would have chosen so difficult a composition for such an occasion. Describing the peal a few months ago to an old friend and frequent contributor to these columns, Mr. William Shepherd, she told how at the time she had to contend with an injured spine, caused by a bull tossing her not long previously. The effects of this were to curtail her ringing career, but before they did she had rung 32 peals, including one of Stedman Caters at St. Nicolas', Guildford. Her first of Stedman Triples was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who asked her father if he could do so when she was ready after seeing her ring the method at St. Laurence's, Reading. When the peal was over, she says, he nearly wrung my hand off; good job it was not before the peal!"

In 1920 Miss White married Mr. J. C. Sullivan. At different times they lived in Canada and in this country, but in 1940 they went back to Canada after severe bombing of their home in Sussex. She had a large collection of bells of all kinds, many of which were lost in the bombing, but what she could save she took with her. When she became a resident of the Eventide Home, Galt, Ontario, she could not take them with her, and they now form part of another collection belonging to a local resident who is a member of the American Bell Association, so they have found a good home. Mrs. Sullivan takes a lively interest in what goes on in the Exercise. "I see Basingstoke rang a quarter of G. Triples," she wrote some time ago, "conducted by one I helped teach handle a bell, Jack Chesterman."



THE TWO SISTERS. — Alice (Mrs. Sullivan) is on the right. Dora (Mrs. Mack) died three or four years ago. She was also a fine ringer and good striker. Her husband was a booking clerk at Basingstoke Station and died after his wife

REMEMBERED AND TREASURED

The doings of lady ringers are of particular interest to her. "The Belles for Bells are increasing in numbers," she commented recently, "quite a few peals with two or more." How many readers of "The Bell News" of the day could have foreseen the time when at least one lady would take part in over half the peals that are rung? Some, at least, doubtless disapproved at the time. "In my early days,' she says. "some of the locals were shocked because I went into the tower with so many men, but father was always with me—they turned up their little snub noses at me—I wonder what they would think of the present day?" What indeed! But goodness knows how most local bands would fare nowadays without their lady members.

The Editor of "The Bell News" did not share the opinions of the critics. True he thought little of some ladies who were not ringers but he thoroughly approved of the peal. "When we read so much foolishness about what is termed the 'new woman' and her athletic (?) pursuits," he wrote, "it is more than refreshing to read of a daughter of the Exercise like Alice White, who by her ingenuity and health-giving practice has put to shame and rebuke those females who, being on what is considered as the wrong side of middle life, have the effrontery to advocate occupations and pastimes for their sex which are repulsive to all true womanly feeling."

"The name of Alice White," he went on, "will long be treasured and remembered by the Exercise. If other young ladies can be induced to enter the practice under similar conditions, it will be a good thing for them." He might have added that it would be a good thing, as it has proved to be, for the Exercise as well. Many of those who have followed Alice White's example have, it is true, accomplished things which she may never have thought possible, but it was she who paved the way. It is right and proper that we should pay tribute to her achievement of 70 years ago and hope that she may continue to find interest in the doings of her successors.

E. A. B.

For the photogaph we are indebted to Mr. W. Shepherd, of Addlestone, who corresponds regularly with Mrs. Sullivan. He writes: "I called a handbell peal with Henry White on 1–2 and Alice White on 7–8 on July 2nd, 1910, and I also rang a tower bell peal with her on September 4th, 1911. With her friend, Miss E. N Belcher, she did instruction work in local towers and did ringing tours in the Guildford and Farnham districts. She was present at the funeral of Florence Nightingale.

NEWBURY DISTRICT OUTING

The highlight of the Newbury District's outing on July 24th, at which seven towers were represented, was at St. Mary's, Taunton. Mr. Farr and his band gave us a wonderful welcome and the Grandsire Cinques will long be remembered; Grandsire Caters also was good.

Ringing started on the good six at Bourton (Dorset), where Cambridge Minor went well. Remembered are Stedman Doubles at Ash, Cambridge Major at Wilton and the anti-clockwise six at Charlton-Mackrell, Somerset, where London went well, and there was a drink in the local with the Vicar afterwards.

G. D.

900th ANNIVERSARY YEAR AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY

THE general public must by now be fairly well aware that this year marks an important anniversary at Westminster Abbey, with many special services and other ecclesiastical, musical and social events. Ringers who live or work in London, and occasional visitors, will have noticed that the Abbey bells, normally rung on 23 fixed days in the calendar and for a few other special events, have been heard much more frequently during this centenary year. At each service—and there have been many special services, for almost all denominations of the Christian faith—the bells have played their part.

By order of the Dean, these bells are rung only by their own band of eight ringers and the nine authorised supernumaries. An exception was made on Wednesday, June 29th, when the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was invited and rang an excellent quarter peal of Bristol, heard with great pleasure outside in the evening sunshine by members of the regular band, who afterwards joined the Dean and Chapter in entertaining the visitors to supper.

Wednesday, July 6th, was a royal and domestic occasion for the Abbey. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh accepted the Dean and Chapter's invitation to dine in College Hall. The bells were rung from the time Her Majesty left Buckingham Palace until her entry into the Abbey precincts. Members of the Abbey staff, including Harold Pitstow, secretary of the ringers, dined with the Queen in College Hall. The remainder of the Abbey community, including ringers and wives, were served with supper in Church House. Afterwards in the floodlit garden on a perfect summer evening everyone forgathered for coffee and to listen to the string quartet and wind ensemble from the Royal College of Music. The Queen and the Duke were in the garden for almost an hour and a number of those assembled were presented.

It was a delightful occasion and perhaps worth putting on record to show that at Westminster the ringers are recognised as full members of the Abbey community. A notable evening such as this is only one among the many kindnesses constantly extended to the ringers by the Dean and Chapter., R. B. M.

Week-end Course at Moor Park College, Farnham

THE second week-end course of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Moor Park College, Farnham, Surrey. The company assembled on the evening of Friday, July 15th. After supper and introduction of the tutors by the Master, the first lecture on tower maintenance was given by Mr. F. E. Collins. A well-known member of the Towers and Belfries Committee, Mr. Collins gave much helpful advice, in particular to the recently appointed steeplekeepers and captains. Several guilty looks were evident when it was suggested that the shape of the wheel is not improved by tying the clapper to it! After the lecture many of the young students found the swimming pool, while their elders listened with great interest to reminiscences of the lecturers

Saturday morning began with a lecture on method construction by Mr. E. A. Barnett; this was followed by Mr. A. P. Cannon expounding his theories on striking and handling. Many tips for ringers at all stages were offered in the latter. After coffee Mr. Barnett gave the first of three lectures on elementary composition and proof. An obvious master of this subject, he gave extremely clear explanations on all topics. Although a few of the students were "lost" on the way, many gained much from his lectures, and all realised there is a great deal behind both touches and peals.

Punctuated with many stories and anecdotes from his experiences, Mr. Cannon started the afternoon with a most helpful and interesting lecture on practical conducting. Between lectures by Mr. Barnett, Mr. Collins gave further instruction on towerkeeping, in which he offered much very useful advice on maintaining a new set of ropes, and attempting to cure odd-struck bells

Since no lectures were arranged for the evening, everyone took advantage either of the recreations provided or the acres of beautiful grounds surrounding the college. In the late evening, those who decided to rest were continuously interrupted by both wet and dry youngsters en route to the pool!

Holy Communion was held in the College Chapel, before which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by the three tutors and Alan Elemore. After breakfast, eight cars took ringers to join in service ringing at Ash, Farnham, Grayshott and Puttenham. In the afternoon a forum was held. Mr. Barnett began by briefly describing the function and aims, including most of the committees, of the Central Council. Extra information on the Towers and Belfries and the Biographies Committees was given by Mr. Collins and Mr. Viggers respectively. Mr. Cannon appealed for more support for "The Ringing World"; in his view a person who did not subscribe could not be a really keen ringer. After several questions had been answered, the students showed their appreciation of the great efforts by the lecturers.

The feelings of all were well summarised in a letter received from one of the older students: "I thought the lectures were excellent: I thoroughly enjoyed the Sunday morning ringing: I liked the accommodation and I found the company, in particular the youngsters, charming" P. S.

THE COMPANY

Ash: M. Denyer. G. Ladd, Misses F. Simpson. J Sharpe. Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Smart.

Ashtead: Misses M. Arnold, J. Crane.

Chobham: Misses M. Coldman, J. Collins, P. Hill, A. Pickering, S Tucker, M. Ward.

Epsom: G. W. Stevens, Miss J. Bewick.

Ewell: M. Morris.

Farnham: A. Elsmore, Miss A. Sweeney.

Grayshott: A. and T. Davies, R. Dew, Misses G. Borrough, R. Moore, K. Winnett.

Haslemere: Miss M. Smith.

Merrow: S. Cobbe, M. Cattell.

Merton: H. R. Dennis.

Stoke D'Abernon: A. Walker.

Worplesdon: J. Collier.

Yorktown: P. Bond, M. Church, A. Feist.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Mansfield District

The usual bi-monthly meeting of the Mansfield District was held on July 23rd. Ringing during the afternoon was at St. Edmund's, Mansfield Woodhouse, where an extremely difficult going tenor made for hot work. Nevertheless an enjoyable time was had with plenty of ringing for all.

From 6.30 p.m. ringing was switched to St. Mary Magdalene, Sutton-in-Ashfield. Here rounds and call changes were rung for those learning, followed by touches of Stedman and Double Norwich the former conducted by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, a friend we are always pleased to see. During an ensuing course of Cambridge the tenor noisily shed its clapper, its ringer calling "Stand" from somewhere between the box and a neighbouring doorway.

This unfortunate incident, although calling an untimely halt to the ringing, presented an opportunity to hold the business meeting, during which Mr. E. Sollis, of Teversal, was elected a Guild member Prior to the closing vote of thanks it was announced that the rededication of Eastwood bells would take place on Saturday, August 20th, at 2.30 p.m.

Next meetings: Evening practice, Mansfield, August 20th; Hucknall and Greasley, September 17th. D. J. B.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Mid-Devon Secretary Resigns

The Mid-Devon Branch held a quarterly meeting at Ipplepen on July 23rd, when the event was well attended. Ringing took place throughout the afternoon to various standard methods, this being followed by a service in church, which was conducted by the Rev. F. M. Buffett (Vicar). Afer a bountiful tea the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. W. G. Levers (vice-president) being voted to the chair in the absence of the Branch chairman. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the organist and the Ladies' Committee for the tea arrangements. One resident member and a non-resident member were elected

The Branch secretary (Mr. B. Shingler) announced that he would be leaving the county at the end of the next month, and he tendered his resignation. Mrs. C. Pearson, of Dartmouth, was elected to fill the vacancy until the Branch annual meeting.

Ringing took place at Broadhempston in the evening.

Next meeting: Buckfast Abbey, September 17th, with a visit to Bickington in the evening (subject to permission). A. L. B.

OUTING

ORSETT, ESSEX

Orsett ringers visited North-West Essex on July 16th for their annual outing. Our first stop was at Dunmow, where the weight of the grand eight was too much for the young band. Stebbing bells proved more within the capabilities of the ringers and we are grateful to the Rector for giving us permission to ring at such short notice. Due to a traffic jam we were late at Coggeshall, and everyone was sorry that we could not have our full time here, as the bells go like the proverbial tops and are a joy both to hear and to ring. After lunch came Little Horkesley and another traffic jam en route. Here we found a member of a band as young as our own waiting to welcome us and we were soon tapping this pleasant five round to call changes and Doubles. Our last tower was at Great Yeldham, where we were the guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Sharpe to tea on the Rectory lawn. With more time at our disposal, we had some of the best ringing of the day, and Bob Minor, Kent Minor and Stedman Doubles were brought round.

We extend our thanks to all incumbents and tower captains and especially to those who so kindly waited for us when we were late. Here's to 1967. J. E. H.

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Letters to the Editor

KENT POSTER OF 70 YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—To say I was astonished when I learned of the discovery of a poster at Bicester advertising a meeting of the Kent County Association at Lewisham on October 17th, 1896 ("Belfry Gossip," page 480) is an understatement. By a remarkable coincidence this was the first ringing meeting I ever attended and where I rang my first touch of Stedman Triples away from home, which caused something of a sensation at the time.

I should never have gone but for the fact I had to have a new suit and was taken by my father beforehand to a noted firm for cheap clothing, Gardiners at Deptford (still in existence), to get it. I have never forgotten that suit; it was my first pair of long trousers!

I have two recollections of the business meeting; the first is of my father being pressed to propose me as a member of the Kent County Association, but I suppose, having paid for a new suit plus my railway fare an extra two shillings was a lot of money in those days; he couldn't afford it, and I had to wait for the next meeting, in January, 1897, to become a member.

The other is of a stormy scene between Mr. Bedwell and (I think) Mr. Thornton, of Greenwich, when one accused the other of calling a peal from manuscript.

May I ask Mr. Kinch to thank the landlady of the Swan for reviving happy memories of Lewisham tower, not least a peal of Kent Treble Bob there in March, 1900, for the relief of Ladysmith during the Boer War!—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close, Crayford.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 148-METHOD BAND

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the peal of Minor in 145 methods rung at Rayne on March 25th last, I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to Howard Egglestone and his band on surpassing this with a peal in 148 methods at Ashbocking on July 13th.

It is pleasing to see a revival of interest in multi-Minor ringing and, thanks to considerable work in the field of composition by Messrs. H. Chant and A. Peake, it is now possible to ring something in the region of 165 methods in seven extents.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. G. ROAST.

Danbury, Essex.

NOT EVEN A BUS THERE

Dear Sir,—An occurence which has often happened to me while on holiday prompts me to ask, who has had a ring in the most towers, using only public transport and their own two feet to get there?

On Saturday, July 9th, while staying at Dawlish Warren, my family went off on an outing, leaving me to find some ringing.

The only meeting in the area was at Huntsham, so I caught a train to Taunton, arriving there at 2.50, then, armed with a road map and both rail and bus timetables, I set out to find out how to get to this outlying village. I soon found out why the people in the bus offices at Exeter and Taunton had never heard of the place; it had no bus service, and the nearest bus routes or railway were nearly three miles frim it. So I gave up and caught a train back, the long way round.—Yours faithfully.

CHARLES A. BASSETT.

Wadhurst.

TEACHERS AND THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Dear Sir,—Mr. Corby in his front page article of June 24th makes a number of suggestions about the date of the C.C. meeting that merit further discussion, if only at next year's meeting.

I wonder, though, just how many representatives will be unable to take part in this discussion just because they will be unable to be present at next year's business meeting? Those of us in the teaching profession do, perhaps, have longer holidays than most, but the one drawback is that we have no choice whatsoever in the date of them. Consequently 50 per cent. of the Lancashire Association's representatives will be missing from the business meeting simply because they have to be back at work on the chosen Tuesday. If a number of other Associations are similarly placed, next year's meeting may possibly set up another new record—that of the lowest attendance for many a year!

Perhaps, sir, other representatives similarly placed, or who know they cannot be present for any reason at all, could write in, and if the total number is large the Southwell Diocesan Guild officials might be persuaded to change the day (to the previous Saturday?) in spite of the decision of the last Conference.—Yours faithfully. J. P. PARTINGTON.

Rochdale, Lancs

Note.—May we remind all members of the Council to let the Hon. General Secretary know of their preference in accordance with the Notice in our last issue (page 519).—Ed.

"EXTRA ORDINARY"

Dear Sir,—May I thank Mr. and Mrs. Pipe and family for their wonderful co-operation with our valued veterans at Grundisburgh? We can be proud to bring that "little" section of "The Ringing World" to the notice of clergy and any member of the community, also to mention the minimum of 50,000 hours they have devoted as loyal servants to the Church by ringing and singing on Sundays. They have also extended a good honest hand of friendship to many (including myself) during those years. Perhaps Mr. Pipe will let me know when "they" organise a gathering of Suffolk veterans, and don't forget Arthur Grimwood (85). Maybe you will invite me there, too—Yours sincerely.

JOHN EUSTON. (Under age.)

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STEDMAN CYCLICS

Dear Sir.—Mr. York-Bramble in his article on Stedman Cyclics has opened up an interesting field in the theory of this principle.

The positional cyclic effect of the reciprocal cross sections, which fall at the divisional partings (which are not to be confused with the reciprocal divisions at the parting sections) may be simplified by a static grouping, which we could call O, X, Y, Z—

O being the dissected cyclic,
X being the bi-regular cyclic,
Y being the reciprocal bi-regular cyclic,
Z must then obvfiiously be the reciprocal by-dissected cyclic.

The very nature of these four groups would place them under the heading of "Parabolic Bi-regular Cyclics."

This would naturally give them certain values, already determined by the previous articles as 7, 16, 52 and 34.

Being of a parabolic nature, we could then cancel these out to 7, 5, 3 and 1, which greatly simplifies things. Therefore by using the parabolic formula of Z as the common factor we have placed things in a nutshell.

This would therefore open up an easy path for the learner, as a graph could be drawn out by using O, X, Z, Y, as base line loci.

The resulting curve thus formed, connecting OX and YZ with 75 and 31, by the loci of the resultant curve, obviously means that the sum totals of

$$\sqrt{\frac{OX}{YX}\ \frac{31}{75}}$$

being equal, then the locus would have been a straight line, and on this basis the proof of the whole structure becomes obvious.

This may be checked against the simple tables of the previous article which connects the work serial numbers with the pair letters.

I hope these tabulations will now enable the student of Stedman to approach the calling of the principle with a new heart, by having the basic theory clearly before him when entering the tower.—Yours faithfully,

R. KENRICK.

Southport, Lancs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

THE impressive tower of Aldington looking out over Romney Marsh was flag-bedecked for the District meeting held there on July 23rd. The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Frank) and the lesson was read by Mr. A. Ades, of the local band. A wonderful tea was served in the Rectory, the gift of the Rector and the Aldington ringers, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was expressed by Mr. H. P. Yates. After a short business meeting ringing continued until 9 p.m. on the fine six with over 40 ringers taking part. R. J. S.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The combined efforts of holidays and World Cup Final took their toll at the Leeds and District Society meeting held at Guisley on Saturday, July 30th.

Numbers increased steadily throughout the afternoon and ended with 20 at 8.45 p.m., when ringing finished. Most standard methods, including Stedman and Double Norwich, were successfully managed on the very pleasant eight.

An excellent tea was provided, and it was left to the individual member's discretion as to how much was paid. C. S. N.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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CHURCH GRESLEY SAMPLE RADNOR'S UNSPOILT BEAUTY

THE borders of Central Wales, and five towers in the county of Radnor, which sparkled with unspoilt beauty in the warm, clear sunshine of July 5th, were chosen for Gresley ringers' first tour for three years, and they, together with one Herefordshire tower to finish, provided the making of a most enjoyable car tour for the young team. Simple methods and set changes were rung.

A 90-mile run under Wenlock Edge brought them into the tangled Welsh hills after Craven Arms, and the first tower was at Llanfihangel Rhydithon under the swelling mass of Radnor Forest, which was never far away most of the day, with smiling valleys among its foothills. Here we found a light six by T. Mears with a Gillett treble, on which the 1952 record of five-peals-in-a-day had been performed. Baby hedgehogs were found in the churchyard! An even lighter five was found at Llanbadarnfawr (5¼ cwt.), rung from the entrance porch, in which we noticed an old Roman inscribed stone and some interesting Norman carvings, and discovered a disused bell in the clock chamber (a treble to make 6?).

Welcome refreshments were taken on the way to Nantmel, a pretty spot set on a green hillside near the Elan aqueduct. A good-toned six by Llewellyn and James warmed us up, and the friendly sexton demonstrated hymn tunes on the Ellacombe apparatus. We found a good cafe in nearby Rhayader town for much needed ham and chips, and then came a lengthy run in grand scenery to New Radnor, where we found the easiest bells of the day, a bright little six by C. and G. Mears. The heaviest bells of the day were encountered at Old Radnor, and we enjoyed the tone of this grand ring by Abraham Rudhall. The lonely church is next to the site of a mediæval castle and commands a fine view. The Vicar was pleased to see the young ringers and wished they lived near, as his bells do not get the frequent ringing they deserve.

As we had heard that Gladestry bells were unringable, and the remaining ring in Radnor, at Clyro, apart from the two eights, being too distant, we entered the apple orchards of Herefordshire for the last "tower," and a most unusual and interesting choice it was to end the day. The quaint timbered village of Pembridge has a big church but no normal tower. Instead, five heavy bells of fine tone are hung in a strange structure of massive beams like a giant dovecote detached in the churchyard, from which they thunder down on the ringers in a space reminiscent of a tithe barn; a memorable experience. A local ringer, the only one we met all day, said he rang in a peal here many years ago—quite an achievement, especially for the conductor.

More beautiful country, a glimpse of the Brecon Beacons 50 miles distant, and a magnificent "patchwork quilt" of the Clee Hills, were highlights of the run home, which was reached at the early hour of 8 p.m. after a delightful day. Thank you, Radnorshire—and Pembridge! D. P. J.

OBITUARY

MR. ERNEST G. FENN

BY the death of Mr. Ernest G. Fenn, which took place on July 14th at the age of 85, the Ancient Society of College Youths has lost one of its most senior and most highly respected members. He had been in poor health for some time but his passing nevertheless came as a shock to his very many friends. The deep and sincere sympathy of the Society goes to Mrs. Fenn, who throughout their 57 years of married life had been a source of strength to him.

Cremation took place at the City of London Cemetery on July 19th when, in addition to Mrs. Fenn, Mr. E. J. P. Fenn (son) and other family mourners, several members of the Society were present.

Ernie, as he was affectionately known to his friends, learned to ring at St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex, in the company of his brothers Caleb and Roland, who both joined the Society in 1896. It was not long before Ernie, too, joined the Society; he became a member in 1899, at the same time as his friend, George W. Faulkner, also of Barking, who is still living. He was always proud of the fact that he first attended an anniversary celebration of the Society in 1898 and that he had attended every year since. It was a unique occasion when, at an anniversary dinner a few years ago, the Master took wine with Caleb, Roland and Ernie, each of whom had been a member for over 60 years.

In 1938 the then Master died while in office and Ernie was elected to fill the vacancy for the rest of the year only, but in fact this was to be the beginning of a long and distinguished Mastership. Following the outbreak of war in 1939, it was not possible for the senior steward to proceed to the Mastership because of call-up for military duties. Ernie was re-elected Master in 1939 and in each succeeding year up to and including 1945. He and his contemporaries carried on the work of the Society throughout the war, sometimes under conditions of extreme difficulty and danger, and it is, perhaps, largely due to their efforts that the Society is in its present healthy condition. When he relinquished the Mastership his work for the Society was not finished, for in 1952 he was elected a trustee and he served in this office until the time of his death.

Ernie was a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral band for about 50 years and he will long be remembered for his immaculate striking on the treble. He was also one of the band which made the recording of call changes on the old Bow bells, which for many years was used as an interval signal on B.B.C. radio.

He had been unable to do much ringing in recent years but when the present Bow bells were dedicated he was able to attend and he rang the treble to Stedman Cinques in his old, immaculate style. Despite being unable to ring, he maintained his interest in the Society until the end. At the business meeting on July 19th many tributes were paid to him memory. By his sterling character, integrity and devotion to the Society, Ernie had earned for himself the respect and deep affection of members of all age groups. He was a truly outstanding servant of the Society and we shall all greatly miss him and gratefully remember him.

MR. ERNEST W. TIPLER
AN APPRECIATION

The name E. W. Tipler has been syonymous with method composition wherever "The Ringing World" has circulated over the last half century and, so long as his collection provides another "first in the method," it will be difficult to realise that he is no longer with us. It is impossible to record the amount of "homework" involved in the preparation of this legacy and it is a matter for regret that his own tower lacked the skill to translate his innovations into practical fact, even though it did produce one of the greatest ringers of his time in Harold J. Poole, who became, possibly, Ernest's most valued friend and counsellor.

He was born under the shadow of the bells at Aylestone and, apart from a few years of early married life at Gilmorton, lived mainly at Lutterworth within a stone's throw of the bells of St. Mary's. These he tended diligently as steeplekeeper and, in the minds of the ringers, there will always be a niche in the belfry for this legendary figure.

On more than one occasion I have refuted a suggestion (motivated, I suspect, by a tinge of jealousy) that E. W. T. was merely a theorist, because, as his constant companion throughout the difficult days of the first world war, I could not erase his tireless efforts to maintain the ringing. Had he enjoyed the co-operation of a dynamic ringing master one cannot imagine what his talents might have achieved, and only his subtle sense of humour (reserved for his closest friends) helped him to conceal his frustrations. The conspiracy of rheumatism with a fractured femur caused the spiral staircase to be out of bounds and forced him to find solace in his pursuit of still more variations. C. W.

MR. F. J. SPICER

St. Albans lost a popular ringer on July 20th, when Frederick J. Spicer passed away in a London hospital at the age of 64.

He learned his ringing at St. Peter's in the early 1920's and scored his first peal in November, 1923. A well-known figure at meetings, practices and outings, he endeared himself to all in a quiet, unobtrusive way but was always ready for a joke. For many years he ranked among the most regular attenders at his tower, where for some while he was steeplekeeper. Failing health had reduced his regularity of recent years.

His peal total was 59, which included Kent on all numbers, the first Association peals of Little Bob Royal and Crayford Little Bob Royal, and the first ever of Little Grandsire Caters. His last was Bob Major at Hertford in October, 1958.

The funeral service at St. Peter's on July 26th was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Bradley, assisted by the Rev. D. Woodley. In a brief address the Vicar ably summed up Fred's influence in the tower and at his work. As the cortege left the church the bells were rung half-muffled. In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung as a tribute by Mrs. K. Darvill 1, R. Darvill 2, Miss F. Dodds 3, G. Dodds 4, Mrs. J. Dodds 5, B. C. Johnson 6, H. V. Frost 7, J. Duggan 8, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 9, T. J. Southam 10.

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Pipe's Pilgrims' Tour, 1966, was in Lancashire

ONCE again many old friends, together with a number of new pilgrims, joined Jim and Sylvia Pipe for the annual ringing week. The venue this year was Lancashire and headquarters were at the Grosvenor Hotel, Bolton.

Before arriving at Bolton we stopped for ringing on the afternoon of Sunday, July 3rd, at Bowdon Parish Church, and for evening ringing at Dunham Massey. The new Taylor octave at Bowdon proved to be a most successful start to the week's proceedings and everyone agreed on the fine quality of these bells. Tea had been provided by the local ladies in the hall, and a great debt of gratitude is recorded to them, as we were well filled when we left for Dunham Massey. Here we found the ten bells difficult to handle but, nevertheless, they are pleasant sounding when one listens outside. Having finished ringing there, we made our way to Bolton.

The programme for Monday took us to the following churches: St. Peter's, Burnley; St. James', Accrington; St. Peter's, Rishton; Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle; St. James', Haslingden, St. Nicholas', Newchurch-in-Ross; and St Thomas', Helmshore. I cannot recollect any special quality of any of these bells and my only memory is of Rishton, where we found a good but ordinary octave from the Gillett and Johnston foundry.

Tuesday's itinerary was an attraction in itself as we were to visit Blackpool. Towers where ringing took place were St. Cuthbert's, Lytham; St. Anne's Parish Church; St. John's, Blackpool; All Hallows', Bispham; St. Chad's, Poulton-le-Fylde; and St. Hilda's, Bilsborrow. My special recollection of Tuesday's programme was the drive through Blackpool and the ringing at Bispham, where the eight ladies on the tour rang a very good plain course of Grandsire Triples.

AT MANCHESTER

On Wednesday we visited the Manchester area, and ringing took place at St. Matthew's, Stretford; The Sacred Trinity, Salford; St. Thomas', Pendleton; Manchester Cathedral; Christ Church, Pendlebury; St. Mary the Virgin's, Prestwich; All Saints', Stand; St. Mary's, Radcliffe; and Manchester Town Hall. It was indeed unfortunate that the ninth was out of action at Manchester Cathedral, as we could only ring nine out of what is surely a magnificent ten from the Gillett and Johnston foundry. We also found a very pleasant octave of 22 cwt. from the same foundry at Stand, where we managed to ring a course of Stand Surprise Major. By kind permission of Neil Bennett and his fellow ringers at the Town Hall, we were allowed to ring at the Town Hall practice on the Wednesday evening. The ringers kindly stayed on until after 9.30 p.m. in order that we should all have a ring there. Ringing included half a course of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, rounds on the twelve, and three leads of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. Our thanks are due to Neil Bennett for his hospitality.

Having recovered from Wednesday's busy day, the party visited the following churches on the Thursday: St. James', Milnrow; St. Mary's, Oldham; St. Thomas', Moorside; Holy Trinity, Stalybridge; St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne; St. George's Hyde; and Emmanuel Unitarian Church, Brookfield, Gorton. Oldham's twelve produced the fun of the day, and many members of the party ascended the tower in order to see the frame. For those who have not seen Oldham bells, they are hung on three levels, so that they could all be fitted into the tower. The tenor is a 35 cwt. bell. The octave at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, proved to be popular, but we met a great disappointment at Emmanuel Unitarian Church, Brookfield, Gorton, as one of the clappers was missing. They are a very pleasant ring.

CHORLEY'S YOUNG LADIES

Friday dawned, and the programme included towers at St. Leonard's, Salmesbury; All Saints', Higher Walton; St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale; St. Mary's (R.C.), Chorley; St. Paul's, Adlington; St. Bartholomew's, West Houghton; and St. Mary the Virgin's, Leigh. At Chorley we were met by the local band. They were a group of very pleasant young ladies who had formed themselves into a band, and their capabilities consisted of rounds and call changes. We all felt sure that they have a great future ahead of them. Carry on, ladies! At Leigh we found that the 16 cwt. tenor was tuned to a perfect D. Inside the tower they sounded very thin, but when listening outside in the Market Place they were quite different. They almost seemed "majestic."



"The Pilgrims" outside the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Prestwick.

Friday evening on Pipe's Tour is when the members of the party show their appreciation to Jim and Sylvia Pipe. This year's gifts included a portable stove and a picture book of England. To our hitherto unmentioned driver, Bob Watson, our most hearty thanks. He was presented with an envelope. Bob has been with the tour for three years now, and he has given us magnificent service. After the presentations we all went into Bolton and were entertained mainly by Irvin Slack with "Tales of our Albert" and "Uppence" and the like. This all rounded the day off very nicely.

Saturday morning came, and we left Bolton for the last time.. On the homeward journey the party visited St. Giles', Matlock, and St. Peter's, Nottingham. At Matlock we found a reasonable eight, and impressions of the augmented twelve at Nottingham were mixed, although the bells handle well and could be heard to advantage in the tower. Between here and Grundisburgh the party disembarked.

So once again Pipe's Pilgrim's Tour is over for another year. The whole party will join me, I'm sure, in saying "thank you" to Jim and Sylvia Pipe for all the organisation of the trip. Our gratitude also must be extended to the incumbents and those who came to meet us.

We are all eagerly looking forward to next year's tour. How about some Yorkshire glory, Jim? I'm sure there is something for us up in that part of the country. R. C. S.

POUNDSTOCK, CORNWALL.—On July 25th, 1,440 Doubles (three methods): A. E. Chilton 1, A. E. Bissat 2, Margaret E. Chilton (cond.) 3, H. Stacey 4, H. Heard 5, R. Kersey 6. First in three methods 2 and 5.

RUTLAND TRY TOWER GRAB INSTEAD OF LEISURELY OUTING

THE Rutland ringers' tradition of a leisurely annual outing by coach was replaced on July 23rd by a full-blooded tower grab, and not everyone approved of the change!

No one could deny that John Woolley did a good job organising the tour, which took in 13 towers in Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire, including calls at two towers where the Luton District of the Bedfordshire Association was meeting.

The day was warm and sunny and people were somewhat reluctant to ring, preferring to enjoy themselves in the sunshine. Additional entertainment was provided by Norma Wort serenading Robert Woodward with her guitar. Those who did ring discovered that there were gnomes elsewhere than in Zurich, judging by the length of ropes in many towers. Lionel Atton confirmed his addiction to odd bells of all kinds, and Carol Cooke was sharply called to task by a local resident for her interest in the flowers outside the church gate at Slapton.

A good range of methods up to Cambridge was rung with varying degrees of success. There was also a good range of ages in the band, the youngest being Katharine Thorley, aged 10 years, and the oldest Mr. Briggs, of Somerby, who is reputed to be 88.

There will no doubt be a hot debate as to which type of outing Rutland prefers. A compromise suggestion of having two outings catering for different tastes is already in the air. C. J. G.

MILTON ERNEST, BEDS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Marion Povey (first quarter) 1, Betty Marsh 2, J. Ames (first "inside") 3, J. B. Long 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, R. Willars (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of E. W. Page, churchwarden.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On July 24th, 720 St. Clement's Minor and 540 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): J. Taylor 1, M. Cosgrove 2, J. Igglesden 3, D. Walters 4, R. Sherlock 5, R. Waterhouse (cond.) 6, J. Castle 7, J. Wardle 8.

For the Beginner

THE MASTERY OF PLAIN BOB MINOR

By Robert B. Smith, conductor of the peal of the Extent of Bob Major

Part II : *The Effect of Calls : Coursing Orders*

SO far we have only considered plain courses of Plain Bob Minor, although we have given certain rules which are applicable on all numbers. We noticed that in the first lead of Plain Bob Minor the treble passed the other bells in the order 24653; in Major that order became 2468753. Throughout a plain course all these bells keep the same relative order (i.e. if the treble passes the 2nd bell, the next one it will pass will always be the 4th in the plain course). This cycle may be picked up at any point and it is most convenient to start the sequence with the 5th, as will be shown subsequently. We then have the order 53246, which is referred to as the **plain coursing order.** The reason we start from the 5th is that it is the first bell in the order which is normally involved when the conductor calls bobs or singles.

You may ask "Why is it necessary to call bobs and singles?" The reason is that the plain course of Plain Bob Minor contains only 60 changes, although six numbers may be permutated in 720 different ways. In order to obtain these 720 changes it is necessary to disturb the order of certain bells in relation to the others and this is done by calling bobs and singles. Consider Fig 5, which shows the last two rows of:—

(a) A plain lead of Plain Bob Minor.
(b) A bobbed lead of Plain Bob Minor.
(c) A singled lead of Plain Bob Minor.

132546	132546	132546
135264	123564	132564
(a) Plain	(b) Bobbed	(c) Singled

FIG. 5. THE EFFECT OF CALLS

Bobs.

Comparing the plain lead with the bobbed lead we see that in the bobbed lead the following alterations take place at the lead end:

(a) The bell which would have dodged 3–4 down continues on into 2nds place (i.e. it has rung a complete lead of plain hunting). It then takes up the work of the 2nds place bell and will dodge 3–4 down at the next lead end, unless a bob or single is called.

(b) The bell which would have made 2nds continues out into 3rds place (i.e. it, too, has rung a complete lead of plain hunting). It then takes up the work of the 3rds place and will make 2nds at the next lead end unless a bob is called.

(c) The bell which would have dodged 3–4 up makes a second blow in 4ths place, instead of being in 3rds place at the lead end It then takes up the work of the 4ths place bell, and will dodge 5–6 down at the next lead end.

The bells dodging in 5–6 are not affected by any calls. On all numbers of bells the method Plain Bob is affected in the same way at bobs as indicated (i.e. the bells in 2nds, 3rds and 4ths position are the only ones which are altered due to the call).

Singles.

Comparing the plain lead with the singled lead we see that the following changes take place in the singled lead at the lead end:

(a) The bell which would have dodged 3–4 down makes a second blow in 3rds place instead of dodging back into 4ths place. It then takes up the work of the thirds place bell and will make 2nds at the next lead end unless a bob is called. It should be noted that the two blows struck in 3rds are both over the same bell, which at the time is making 2nds.

(b) The bell which would have dodged 3–4 up makes a second blow in 4ths place, instead of being in 3rds place at the lead end. It then takes up the work of the 4ths place bell and will dodge 5–6 down at the next lead end. It should be noted that the two blows in 4ths place are struck over the same bell, which at the time is making 3rds.

The following observations on singles may be found useful:

(i) Only two bells are affected at singles and these are the bells which would have dodged in 3–4. By making places at the lead end the effect of the single is to cross them over.

(ii) The bell which would have dodged 3–4 up is affected in precisely the same way both at bobs and singles in that it makes two blows in 4ths.

(iii) Referring to Fig 5 (c) it will be seen that at the lead end only a **single** pair of bells have crossed (4 and 6) comparing that row with the previous one—hence the name **single.**

Note.—Calls are made when the treble is in 2nds place immediately before reaching the lead, to give those concerned time to react to the call.

Coursing Orders.

Earlier we mentioned that when the bells are following each other round in the order 53246 then this is called the **plain coursing order.** If the bells are coursing in this order then they will return to 123456 (rounds) eventually, provided that no bobs or singles are called. (Notice that the treble is omitted from coursing orders as it appears in between two different bells each lead.) From what we have seen of the effect of bobs and singles it will be obvious that the coursing order of the bells will be altered at every call. It is important to know how coursing orders alter when calling bobs and singles at various positions, for the following reasons:

(a) To know which bell to follow at any particular instant.

(b) To correct any ringer who may go wrong (before others become lost).

Considering point (a) above in greater detail, we may see just how useful it is to know what the coursing order is. If we refer to, or write down, the first lead of Plain Bob Minor, we see that the 4th bell strikes over the 2nd bell at backstroke in the row immediately before leading. This applies in every lead of the course except the lead in which the 4th bell makes 2nds over the treble and then turns the treble from the lead. Here we should take another look at the plain coursing order—53246. We see that in this coursing order 4 is following round after 2, and 2 is referred to as 4's **course bell.** A very important rule follows from the above observations.

Rule 3.—Always turn your course bell from lead (and from the back) with the exception of the occasion when you have to turn the treble.

A further look at the coursing order 53246 reveals that on the first blow in 2nds place when leaving the lead the 4th bell always strikes after the 6th (with the exception of the occasion when the treble turns 4 from the lead). The 6th bell is then referred to as 4's **after bell.** Another very important rule follows from these observations.

Rule 4.—Your after bell always turns you from the lead (and from the back) with the exception of the occasion when the treble turns you.

From these two rules it will be clear that if the coursing order is known it is easy to pick out which bell to strike over. It is because of the lack of understanding of coursing orders that the majority of the ringing Exercise strikes poorly. (The tragedy is that many do not know it—4ths place is 4ths, not 3¼ or 4¼.) If you know where to look for a bell there is much more chance of striking accurately over it.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. William Gibbons, of Bridgend, Glam, rang his first quarter peal for his 73rd birthday. Never too late to start.

A memoial tablet has been dedicated in Queensbury Church, York, to William Ambler, who rang in this church for over 50 years.

The ringer of the tenor in the peal at Stoneleigh (see page 498) was Paul K. Williamson and not as printed.

St. Peter's, Droitwich, has twice had a bell stolen this year—the 17 century Sanctus early in the year and its replacement quite recently.

Because of heavy commitments, a Lancashire tower is unable to renew a subscription for an old age pensioner. Would any reader like to accpet this responsibility?

Miss Jennifer ("Janny") Quaife, one of the 12 young people Mr. P. J. Spice has been teaching at Bromley during the past 15 months, rang her first quarter perfectly on July 24th.

There has been a change in the Ringing Master of the Portsmouth District—Mr. J. Hunt succeeds Mr. W. Cope, who was sincerely thanked on July 23rd for his efforts to improve the ringing.

Among the improvements planned by the band at St. Thomas's, Eccleston, St. Helens, is the provision of a sound-proof floor above the bells, but below the louvres, to facilitate peal ringing in a densely populated area. It will cost at least £100.

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TRIBUTES TO CANON H. V. WHITE

The retirement of Canon H. V. White, Vicar of Broad Hinton, Wilts, for 47 years, during which time he was chairman of the Calne Branch for nearly 40 years, was marked by a peal of Doubles at Broad Hinton on July 21st, conducted by Mr. G. Pluckrose. As a compliment to the Canon the band was composed of one ringer from each of the six towers in the Branch.

On July 24th six members of the Hacker family rang 1,260 Grandsire Doubles at Broad Hinton as a personal compliment. The band consisted of three children and three grandchildren of the late Mr. F. Hacker, who was in charge of ringing at Broad Hinton for many years before the family moved to Heddington.

The best wishes of the band go to Canon White in his well-earned retirement.

MISFORTUNES AT PRESTWICK

A mid-week wedding on July 27th was an opportunity for a peal attempt at Prestwick, Lancs. However, while the ceremony was going on, John Partington went into the graveyard to look for his grandmother's grave, tripped badly and sprained his ankle. This put paid to the attempt planned so Minor was tried. After 50 minutes of good ringing the clapper came out of the seventh with disastrous results to the attempt and to one of the timber walkways.

As it was hoped to ring something to celebrate Ted Reeves' 65th birthday, a quarter was rung on the top six of 1,260 Plain Bob Minor by R. Baines 1, J. Sutcliffe 2, C. Watson 3, A. E. Reeves 4, F. Reynolds 5, G. Sanders (conductor) 6. This was followed by Ted entertaining the band to a splendid tea and home-made wine. A very happey conclusion.

WORCESTER'S THREE DAYS' PEAL PEAL RINGING

Worcestershire ringers, headed by Mr. Gerald C. Hemming, have had three days' peal ringing. Of the six attempts five were successful. Two 18-year-olds, David G. Franklin and L. G. Haines of Worcester, who had only been ringing a couple of years, put up a fine show, striking their first blows in Rutland, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Superlative. The failure was Cambridge, at Mickleton, on Friday afternoon: the effects of the ringing were telling on the older school.

COUNTY COUNCIL RINGERS

Eight members of the Devon County Council and Devon Constabulary rang the middle octave half-muffled at Exeter Cathedral for the memorial service to the late chairman of the Council. This was the first occasion the Council members had rung together. Ringers were: N. Mallett (planning officer), Miss V. Mellish (typist), Mrs. A. Giles (clerk), B. Tampson (deputy county architect), P. Brewer (divisional surveyor), W. Avery (registrar), W. Harvey (police surgeon), R. Rundle (police superintendent).

A WILTSHIRE RESTORATION

St. Swithin's Church, Compton Bassett, Wilts, has had its ring of five, with a tenor of 10 cwt., retuned, quarter turned and rehung in a new steel frame for six, complete with new fittings, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.. The rededication of the restored bells took place at Evensong on July 17th, the ceremony being performed by the Archdeacon of Wiltshire, the Ven. C. A. Plaxton.

THEALE WANT IDEAS FOR FUND RAISING

Theale bells are well known as a heavy-going six. Because of this, and the fact that some repairs to the bells and fittings are long overdue, the ringers decided two years ago to start raising funds. The cost of rehanging on ball bearings and general maintenance is £450, of which one-third has so far been raised, almost entirely by the efforts of the ringers themselves.

The usual crop of fund-raising activities, whist drives, etc., have been organised. However, the main source of income has been from the sale of waste paper. This we have collected around the village and have to date sold almost 20 tons. We are at present in the midst of arrangements for an autumn sale to take place at the end of October. For this sale we would like to hear of new ideas for different stalls and sideshows. Also, if anybody has experience of any other successful methods of raising funds, please let me (B. J. Gatward, hon. treasurer Bell Restoration Fund, 2, Sandringham Way, Calcot, Reading) know.

The work will be done in about a year's time, and until then anyone requiring practice on a heavy-going six will be welcomed on Fridays at 7 p.m., or Sundays both morning and evening.

HEMSWORTH MEETING

On August 20th the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association is holding a meeting with members of the Barnsley and District Society at Hemsworth, near Pontefract. Ackworth's ring of six is unfortunately out of action. Towers available include the ring of four at Badsworth, the District's only ringable four. They are housed in a firm-looking west tower and hang in a steel framework for six bells. They have rather unusual tonal qualities and are bells members ought to gain the opportunity to ring. The other three rings (the light eight at Hemsworth, the six at Wragby, near Nostell Priory, and the 15 cwt. six at Crofton) are all ground-floor rings, the latter being rung from the centre of the church. Any visiting ringer or one who cannot climb steps need only to "pop in and ring." Can you come?

GOLDEN WEDDING BELLS

We are certain Cumberlands from a wide area will join us in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bevan, of Hampstead, on their golden wedding anniversary on July 23rd. For many years Tom was senior steward of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and a member of the band of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. He is still active at Hampstead and Highgate. A complimentary quarter peal was rung at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway.

A LOSS TO RADLETT

Radlett, Herts, ringers rang with very mixed feelings a farewell quarter peal to the Rev. Christopher Newton on July 24th. He had been Vicar for eight years and during his incumbency the bells were thought about, purchased, erected and dedicated. He had been the greatest help in getting ringing established. Mr. Newton has received preferment to Hemel Hempstead.

NO BULGING BICEPS FROM RINGING

When Liz Madsen, "Thurrock Gazette's" reporter, visited St. Giles' and All Saints' Church, Orsett, Essex, in search of a story, she ended up by having her first lesson in handling from Mr. Frederick Blatch, the Tower Master, who has been ringing for 45 years.

There is no question of the sincerity of the welcome she received. She wrote: "I had no sooner arrived in the ringing chamber when I was greeted with a bone-breaking handshake from a lady who had been ringing for nearly 20 years. Miss Joan Hills explained that bell-ringing does not produce bulging biceps but it does strengthen the arm and the hand. I believe her."

According to the report, Miss Hills took up bellringing to escape evening classes in mathematics and once rang in Australia for 3 hours and 40 minutes (presumably in a peal). Another peal ringer in the tower is Miss Vivian Matthews, of Grays, who started ringing to gain a Girl Guides' proficiency badge in this subject. She became so fascinated that she has been ringing regularly ever since—some eight years ago.

TRIBUTE TO A LEAMINGTON HEADMASTER

At a token of respect to Mr. G. Lewis on his retirement as the well-beloved headmaster of All Saints' C. of E. School, Leamington, after 40 years' service to the school, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was arranged for July 21st at All Saints' Church. Unfortunately when the band met one member felt too ill to ring and went home. As a substitute it was decided to attempt two 720's of Bob Minor.

This ringing was good and everything went smoothly for over 1,300 changes when a trip occurred and two bells changed over. The ringers were H. Allen 1, Miss G. Champness 2, Miss J. Walley (longest length) 3, H. C. Burt (conductor) 4, Miss K. Walley 5, C. Grindley 6, J. L. Allen 7.

The Misses J. and K. Walley were former pupils of Mr Lewis and they will be leaving shortly as they have both won scholarships. One of them is going to London University next term.

A HEREFORDSHIRE CENTENARY

In Coddington tower, Herefordshire, hangs on the wall a framed receipt by J. Taylor, Loughborough, dated July 14th, 1866, for the rehanging of the bells. The centenary was observed by a half peal in five methods being rung on this anniversary. The Vicar attended before the ringing and led the band in prayer.

A full peal was attempted on July 23rd but came to an abrupt end when the clapper of the tenor bell broke after two hours' ringing. Another attempt is to be made when the tenor has been repaired.

SIXTY YEARS AT ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER

London ringers will note the peal at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 30th, in honour of Mr. William Hewett's 80th birthday and 60 years of loyal service to St. Margaret's, Westminster (50 years as towerkeeper). Best wishes, Bill, from all of us!

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
WARSOP, Notts.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., July 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. Frank Smallwood ..	Treble	George Challans	4
Brynley A. Richards	2	Michael P. Moreton ..	5
David A. Whetton	3	Herbert T. Rooke	Tenor

Conducted by Herbert T Rooke.

Rung for the marriage of Dr. John V. Clark and Dr. Lorna A Edwards, which took place on the previous day at Kirklington.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WORLE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt

*Ronald Ballam	Treble	Victor Roberts	4
Marjorie Legg	2	George Prescott	5
Max Heyman	3	Ronald Beck	Tenor

Conducted by G. Prescott.

* First in seven Minor methods.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents and one of 240 (Morris). Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

*Victor J. Bowring	Treble	Julian E. Newman	4
Stanley C. Davis	2	Stanley D. Francis	5
Alan F. Lee	3	Albert F. Butt	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal attempt.

Rung on the tenor ringer's 71st birthday, and he has now completed 50 years as a ringer at Dunkerton.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
CLIFTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints
On Sat., June 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 6 lb. in G.

Philip Mehew	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Anthony K. Fortin	2	Robert E. Hardy	6
*Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	3	C. Martin Press	7
George E. Bonham ..	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by George E. Thoday

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the official birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, and also unofficial birthday compliments to the ringers of 1, 4, 6 and 8.

BARTON-LE-CLEY, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt

Anthony H. Smith	Treble	George E. Bonham ..	5
*Julia A. Fellows	2	*Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	6
*David E. Rothera	3	C. Martin Press	7
*Anthony K. Fortin	4	George E. Thoday ..	Tenor

Composed by J. H. Barrett. Conducted by C. Martin Press.

* First peal in the method.

STOTFOLD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, (2) Kent T.B., (3) St. Clement's, (4) Oxford T.B., (5 and 6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2lb

Anthony K. Fortin	Treble	David E. Rothera	4
Frank Osbaldiston	2	Philip Mehew	5
George E. Bonham	3	George E Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

With congratulations to Robin and Pam Trebilcock on the birth of a son, and to John and June Meredith on the birth of a second son.. and also congratulations to the England World Cup Squad upon winning the Jules Rimet Trophy (the World Cup).

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHAM, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., July 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*Delphine Holman	Treble	John F. Thorne	5
Stephen F. Royal	2	Robert W. Sherriff	6
Terence G. Hill	3	George Rathbone	7
†Alice E. J. Lester	4	Michael Hill	Tenor

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples on an "inside" bell. First on eight bells as conductor.

Rung on St. James' Day to celebrate the Patronal Festival.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., July 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,920 London. 960 Rutland. 800 Cambridge, 640 Bristol, 480 Superlative and 320 Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

C. Duncan Davis	Treble	Kenneth Arthur	5
John E. Anderson	2	Michael Maughan	6
George S. Deas	3	Eric N. Harrison	7
James Crowther	4	Denis A. Bayles	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.

First peal of six-spliced by all the band and for the Association.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
ELY, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., June 4, 1966 in 3 Hours
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 25 lb. in E.

Robert D. Bellamy ..	Treble	Jack S. Dear	5
Julia A. Felows	2	Anthony K Fortin	6
*George E. Bonham ..	3	George E. Thoday	7
Robin J. Trebilcock ..	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Rev H Law James Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 100th peal.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs. R. C. Bonham parents of the ringer of the third.

CHICHELEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sun., May 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London. Wells. York, Durham. Ipswich. Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

Dorothea M. Robotham ..	Treble	Barry E. Eglesfield ..	4
David E. Rothera	2	Robert E. Hardy	5
George E. Bonham	3	*George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 125th different tenor turned in.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 XENIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Joe E. G. Roast	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	5
Josephine A. Quilter ..	2	Peter J. Came	6
Yvonne A. Murray	3	Ian R. Panton	7
Peter G. Brown	4	*James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Joe E. G Roast.

* 175th peal and 100th of Surprise. 250th peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

WOODFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 21 lb in F sharp

Andrew R. F. C Crowson	Treble	†William Birmingham. jun.	5
Dennis Ellisdon	2	Ken Warner	6
Yvonne Edwards	3	Anthony M Faulkner ..	7
*Colin G. Wright	4	Timothy G Pett	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Timothy G Pett.

* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal.

ST. OSYTH, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich. (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) St. Clement's, Childwell. Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (4) Oxford and Plain Bob. (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Neil V. Avis	Treble	Stephen D. Humphrey ..	4
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B Lufkin	5
*Robert D. Bellamy ..	3	Brian J. Vaughan	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 21 cwt.

William Hibbert	Treble	Ernest J. Gower	5
Elizabeth A. G. Bowden ..	2	Francis A. White	6
Frederick A. H. Wilkins ..	3	Brian R. White	7
Brynley A. Shackleton..	4	Edward Holdsworth	Tenor

Conducted by Brian R. White.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven methods in the following extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Combined Kent and Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's and Buxton, (6) Plain Bob, (7) St. Clement's and Childwall.
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Valerie Willard	Treble	Peter C. Gould	4
Ivor Goulter	2	John F. I. Turney	5
George T. Cousins	3	Cyril A. Wratten	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., July 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 103 lb. in A.

Robert C. Kippin	Treble	Michael W. Brown	4
Angela J. Smart	2	Peter G. Smart	5
Joan V. Reyner	3	Peter Ostley	Tenor

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
First peal of Stedman Doubles by all except the ringer of the fourth. First of Doubles as conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Ethelbert.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

*Robert A. Hatcher	Treble	Peter Clarkson	6
*Gillian Sims	2	*Marcus C. W. Sherwood	7
*Peter D. Sell	3	Colin A. Lewis	8
*Ralph R. Godsall	4	Austin T. Wingate	9
†John F. I. Turney	5	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal in the method.
First peal in the method on the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
NORTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., May 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

J. Stuart Hutton	Treble	Martin Major	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	J. Richard Castledine	6
David E. Rothera	3	George E. Bonham	7
Robin J. Trebilcock	4	*George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 225th peal of Major. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
IGHTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 27 methods: (1) Rossendale, Lightfoot, Stanford and Wearmouth. (2) Carlisle, Northumberland and Sandiacre. (3) Bourne and Netherseale. (4) London, Wells and Cunecastre. (5) Chester, Munden, Alnwick and Newcastle. (6) Primrose, Norfolk, Keston, Ipswich and Cambridge. (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley; with 149 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt. 22 lb. in A.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	*Tony Lewis	4
Mary S. Faircloth	2	Ralph Bird	5
John Faircloth	3	Ian H. Oram	Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sun., July 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CLYDE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	†Edward Jenkins	6
*B. Gillian Schofield	2	*Richard J. Parker	7
*Margaret E. Fort	3	*Jeffrey Kershaw	8
Roderick W. Pipe	4	*Cyril Crossthwaite	9
*Philip J. Crossthwaite	5	Neil Bennett	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Wood. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal in the method. † First in the method "inside."

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sun., July 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 12 methods, comprising 960 London and Rutland, 320 Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Giles B. Thompson	Treble	Derek Butterworth	5
Neil Bennett	2	†Frederick Shallcross	6
Christine Andrew	3	F John Nelson	7
*John P. Partington	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of 12 spliced. † 300th peal. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

TARLETON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., July 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite	Treble	*Dennis H. McCormick	5
*John Ascroft	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
Geoffrey N. Goodall	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
*Christopher L. Watson	4	Jeffrey J. Fox	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael Pilgrim and Ann Freeman, who were married the previous day at West Kirby, Cheshire.

SOWERBY, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

B. Gillian Schofield	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
Derek Butterworth	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	6
Roderick W. Pipe	3	Richard J. Parker	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

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

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., July 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

*Herrick B. Bowley	Treble	Richard Grant	6
†R. Joy Watkin	2	*Shirley Burton	7
Derek M. Sawyer	3	Alan Jacques	8
Roy Stephenson	4	William J. Root	9
Martin Thorley	5	Brian S. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Herrick Bowley.
* 200th peal together. † First peal of Stedman.
In memoriam Ernest W. Tipler, of Lutterworth.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5248 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Sheila Parsons	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	5
Alfred Ballard	2	*Geoffrey W. Randall	6
Beryl E. Cawser	3	Russell S. Morris	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Roger E. Tallis and Christine Rothera, members of the local band, who were married earlier in the day.

SILEBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	A. Maxwell Lindsey	5
W. Ernest Rawson	2	Samuel J. Haines	6
Martin Green	3	Roland H. Cook	7
William A. Lacey	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild. Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.
Rung to the respected memory of Mr. Ernest W. Tipler, of Lutterworth, Leicestershire, who died on Friday, July 22nd, 1966.

CROFT, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Frederick Watson	Treble	Harry Barnes	4
Ronald G. Russell	2	J. Edward Brown	5
Frederick Derry	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Maureen Charlton, daughter of the local tower captain, also to celebrate the 51st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnes.

DEENE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and St. Clement's and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

N. Roderick Ellway	Treble	Edward W. Martin	4
Stephen B. Bell	2	Arnold S. Coad	5
Judy Morris	3	Raymond H. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., July 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Amos Ingall	Treble	Richard E. Manton	4
John F. Pearson	2	Geoffrey R. Parker	5
David Vincent	3	Louis Willders	Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes-James. Conducted by Louis Willders.
In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

*Susan Harber	Treble	†Ellis N. Thomas	6
Donald G. Clift	2	*David Barrington	7
Ruth E. Havard	3	Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	8
†Gwen Bidgood	4	†Christopher Aldridge ..	9
Tudor P. Edwards	5	Geoffrey Stickland	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Stedman Caters.

TON-PENTRE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans'. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E. flat.

Thomas Yeoman	Treble	Ellis N. Thomas	5
Ruth E. Havard	2	David Llewellyn	6
Donald G. Clift	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
*Christopher Ricketts	4	Geoffrey Stickland	Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung in memory of Joseph Lovett, for many years a ringer at Pentre, who died on April 8th, 1966.

CAERLEON.—Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Cadoc.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

Richard W. Owen	Treble	Donald G. Clarke	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	George T. Cousins	6
*David L. Philips	3	David J. Hughes	7
Thomas Yeomans	4	James L. Fitzgerald ..	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by James L. Fitzgerald.
* First peal in the method.
Rung after the wedding of the tower captain, Mr. David Pike, to Miss Marian Powney.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sun., July 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

Shelagh R. Collins ..	Treble	Leslie W. Houghton ..	6
Norman V. Harding ..	2	Rev. Giles C. Galley ..	7
Arthur G. Mason	3	William Exton	8
Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	4	Peter A. Sharp	9
Jack L. Millhouse	5	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung for the King's Lynn Festival of Art.

NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr in F.

Thomas R. Simmons ..	Treble	Robin R. Churchill	5
Edward Howes	2	Stephen F. High	6
Norman P. J. Cossey ..	3	David Heighton	7
*Frank Sutton	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by A. P. Heywood. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major "inside."
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Whiting, of Pulham St. Mary.

GARBOLDISHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., July 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F. sharp.

Alfred W. Foreman	Treble	Owen Claxton	4
Anthony H. Roberts ..	2	Harry B. Fuller	5
Leonard W. King	3	Robin R. Churchill	Tenor

Conducted by Robin R. Churchill.
First peal as conductor and 25th peal for the Association.
Rung as a farewell to the Rector of Garboldisham, the Rev. R. Lacey Webb, who is shortly taking up the living of St. Alban's, Norwich.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., July 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Harold W. Dunsden ..	Treble	David L. Wilcox	5
Mrs. A. D. Smith	2	Roger B. Pike	6
Gillian Pike	3	Reginald F. Crook	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by E. Banner. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal of St. Clement's by all the band and on the bells.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Tues., July 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 OXNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Charles Coles	Treble	Christopher I. Rowson ..	5
Frederick W. Soden ..	2	William Birmingham, jun.	6
Sydney M. Bailey	3	William Birmingham ..	7
Brian W. Hall	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung for the Feast of St. James. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., July 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

J. Keith Ward	Treble	Sydney M. Bailey	5
John W. T. Hibbert	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Robert M. Ashman	3	Frank W. Lewis	7
William Birmingham ..	4	Frederick R. Scott	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James the Less.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising an extent each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Sydney M. Bailey	Treble	Frank T. Blagrove	4
Monica Blagrove	2	William Birmingham ..	5
Christopher I. Rowson ..	3	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. James.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
WOLVERHAMPTON, Staffs.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	David J. Llewellyn	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	8
Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
Richard S. Starkie	4	Derek Butterworth	10
Edward Jenkins	5	John H. Fielden	11
Colin J. Ashworth	6	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in C.

Frederick G. Hooper ..	Treble	Harold Stevenson	4
*John J. Laverack	2	James W Raithby	5
Paul Raithby	3	F. William Midwinter ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.
* First peal "inside." Tenor ringer has now "circled the tower."
Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to Paul Raithby, and also a 19th birthday compliment to his brother, John Raithby.

WILFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten methods/variations, viz.: Six extents All Saints and four each of Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Seighford.

*David Oliver	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
†Neil Handley	2	Maurice W. Harrison ..	4
†Graham Fisher	Tenor		

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
* First peal. † Most methods/variations to a peal.
Congratulations to Dr. Reginald J. Stretton and Miss D. Elaine Atrill, married this day at Chesterfield. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BRAMFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., July 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Double Oxford,, (2 and 3) Reverse Canterbury, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.) in G.

Alan C. Walters	Treble	Michael W. Howes	4
Simon Christian	2	Robert J. Southgate	5
Martin H. Whittell	3	Neville F. Whittell	Tenor

Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.

A birthday compliment to George E. Symonds. Also rung to mark ten years of ministry in the village by the Vicar, the Rev. R. G. Christian.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Beverley Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Julie Armstrong	Treble	Timothy Pett	4
Richard C. Stevens	2	Alan Bagworth	5
Alan Millidge	3	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWES, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Southover.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALDENHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Philip A. Corby	Treble	David S. Osenton	6
Ann Jenner	2	Andrew J. Corby	7
Hilary F. Hinde	3	Robert W. Hinde	8
Judith M. Corby	4	D. Paul Smith	9
Trevor A. Cross	5	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

First peal of Royal in the method.
Rung for the Church's Flower Festival.

LONDON.—At St. Margaret's, Westminster.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

Albert W. Bond	Treble	Bernard J. Stone	6
Katherine M. Powell	2	George T. Jennings	7
Angela M. Wright	3	Michael J. Bew	8
Edgar R. Rapley	4	John W. Euston	9
John R. Norris	5	Raymond J. Talbot	Tenor

Composed by Charles Roberts. Conducted by John W. Euston.

A special tribute to William Hewett to mark his 60 years' loyal service to this church (50 years as towerkeeper), and as an 80th birthday compliment to him.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., July 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Dorothy M. Groves	Treble	Frank Osbaldiston	5
Derek Slater	2	W. Arthur Riddington	6
Ernest J. Ladd	3	Martin L. Howe	7
Ann Jenner	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker Conducted by Stanley Jenner

Rung as a wedding compliment to Bernard F. L. Groves and Valerie J. White, married at All Saints', Maidstone, the previous day.

WASHINGTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., July 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	Colin J. Champion	4
Jean Horton	2	Henry D. Butler	5
*Graham R. Hills	3	Roy M. Cox	Tenor

Conducted by Roy M. Cox.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Anthony and Jennifer Horn, who were recently married at the church at which they ring—St. Andrew's, West Tarring.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOBERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

Bradley Murduck	Treble	John C. Baldwin	5
Denby P. Murduck	2	Philip Murduck	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
David L. Wilcox	4	Reginald F. Crook	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Murduck, wife of the ringer of No. 6, and mother of treble and second ringers.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

*Arthur C. Berry	Treble	Lawrence J. Haines	5
†David G. Franklin	2	David Beacham	6
Alan Tubb	3	John C. Eisel	7
‡Martin D. Fellows	4	*Gerald C. Hemmings	Treble

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ 200th for the Association.

A compliment to Mr. C. W. Cooper, of Stourbridge, on his 80th birthday. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

AMBLECOTE, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes .
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in B.

David Beacham	Treble	†Lawrence J. Haines	5
*Arthur C. Berry	2	Martin D. Fellows	6
John C. Eisel	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
†David G. Franklin	4	*Geoffrey J. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Lincolnshire. First of Lincolnshire on the bells.

CHIPPING NORTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., July 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

John C. Eisel	Treble	Alan Tubb	5
*David G. Franklin	2	Arthur C. Berry	6
*Lawrence J. Haines	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
Geoffrey J. Hemming	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

KINGHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., July 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Geoffrey J. Hemming	Treble	John C. Eisel	5
*David G. Franklin	2	Alan Tubb	6
Arthur C. Berry	3	Gerald C. Hemming	7
*Lawrence J. Haines	4	Martin D. Fellows	Tenor

Composed by Edwin A. Barnett Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

* First peal of Pudsey. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

BRETFORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Fri., July 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

*Alan Tubb	Treble	David Beacham	5
Arthur C. Berry	2	Martin D. Fellows	6
*David G. Franklin	3	John C. Eisel	7
*Lawrence J. Haines	4	Gerald C. Hemming	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by John C. Eisel.

* First peal of Superlative.

(The King's School Society at Worcester.)
WYCHBOLD, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary de Wyche.
On Tues., July 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods/variations, being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, four each of Old Doubles and Norfolk, three each of April Day, Broadwas, Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, St. Columb and Southrepps, two of Kennington and one each of Salwarpe and Windrush.
Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G sharp.

*Frederick J. Drabble	Treble	‡David G. Franklin	4
†Paul C. Hassan	2	‡Royston J. M. Grosvenor	5
Paul Cattermole	3	*John S. Rastall	Tenor

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.

* First peal at first attempt. † First on an "inside" bell. ‡ First of Doubles. The first peal for the Society.
Rung by a master and boys of the King's School, Worcester.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CAMPSALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5376 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Richard J. Tibbetts	Treble	Andrew J. Jobson	5
Frederick J. Jackson	2	David Nichols	6
*Anne P. Leigh	3	John R. Whitham	7
John S. Seager	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. J. Jackson.

* First peal. Tenor 11 cwt.

(Sheffield and District Society)
RAWMARSH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

John J. L. Gilbert	Treble	Richard J. W. Tibbetts	5
*Paul Brookes	2	Richard Farnsworth	6
Peter K. Else	3	David Nichols	7
Geoffrey Pilkington	4	Neil Donovan	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.

* First peal at first attempt.

HALF PEAL

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDS.—On July 14th, 2,520 Doubles (five methods): J. Lane 1, J. Ranford 2, H. Hill 3, J. Cale 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, G. Gywne 6. Rung on the centenary day of the hanging of the bells.

APPLEDORE, KENT.—On July 28th, 1,260 Bob Triples: A. Bourner 1, Margaret Jones 2, P. Richardson 3, L. Sweatman 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson 6, N. J. Davies (cond.) 7, E. Clifton 8.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Swan (first on eight) 1, C. Wood 2, J. D. Nelson 3, H. Wood 4, H. W. F. Franklin 5, R. A. Banner 6, P. Wood (cond.) 7, E. F. Fossberry 8. For Evensong.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. S. Johnson (first of Minor) 1, Mary Christian (first "inside") 2, S. Christian 3, A. R. Walters 4, R. J. Southgate 5, R. L. K. Whittell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gibbons (first quarter) 1, Christine Brett 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, R. J. Mayle 4, T. E. Hiddins 5, D. J. Godfrey 6. A 73rd birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sangwin 1, A. E. Chilton 2, R. G. Pearce 3, Margaret E. Chilton 4, H. Stacey (cond.) 5, J. H. Bowden 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, L. Cawsey 8.

BROAD HINTON, WILTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Hacker 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, D. Hacker 3, Miss M. Hacker 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5, P. Hacker 6. A compliment to Canon White, upon retirement after 47 years as Vicar.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Copping 1, Jennifer Quaife (first quarter) 2, Pauline Bligh-Cheesman 3, Christine Webb 4, P. J. Spice 5, M. G. Foster (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. J. Sheahan 1, Linda M. Groves 2, P. J. Gibson 3, A. R. Groves 4, B. G. Brinkley 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. J. Sheahan 1, Linda M. Groves 2, Helen E. Gilbert 3, P. J. Gibson 4, B. G. Brinkley 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. Both rung for the Church Fete.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (2, 3, 4 only in the hunt): M. Jones (first of Triples) 1, B. R. Millward 2, Mrs. N. Randles 3, S. Randles 4, G. H. Randles 5, D. Collins 6, D. H. B. Millward (cond.) 7, F. R. Millward 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Edward ("Ted") Ellis, formerly for 23 years parish clerk and sexton and bellringer and holder of many other offices of the church, local council, charity and sport.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On July 27th, at St. Alphege's Church, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): Margaret Jones 1, Brenda Foster 2, C. Wyld 3, N. J. Davies (cond.) 4, B. Johnson 5, D. W. Grimwood 6. Rung to commemorate the opening this day of the Chekker Library, Canterbury Cathedral, by Princess Marina.

CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z.—On July 16th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Barber 1, J. H. G. Gardner 2, A. Summerell 3, Rita Barber (nee Bumphrey) 4, N. F. Reeve 5, C. H. Ward (cond.) 6. First of Plain Bob Minor 1, 3 and 4. Rung as a farewell to Joe and Rita Barber, who were leaving, on transfer, to Auckland.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On July 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Irene E. Shanks 1, Sandra C. Thexton 2, B. J Imber 3, Rosemary J. Cotton 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, T. Farmer 6. First in the method 1, 3, 4, 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. Fr. Desmond Fitzgerald, who died on Thursday, July 14th, 1966, aged 74. Also on July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret A. Phelan 1, D. H. Netherton 2, Irene E. Shanks 3, B. J. Imber 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, T. Farmer 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss R. MacNamara and Miss D. Martin, after 40 years teaching at St. Mary's Primary School, and also as a 25th birthday compliment to Fr. T. Creech.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At All Saints, Shrub End, on July 12th, 1,440 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor: N. F. Whittell 1, A. R. Walters 2, S. Christian 3, Jennifer M. Andrews 4, R. J. Southgate 5, M. J. Howes (cond.) 6.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Simpson 1, D. Osbourne 2, N. Handley 3, A. Newell 4, R. Stretton 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6, G. Fisher 7, S. Adams 8.

QUARTER PEALS

CRADLEY, HEREFORDS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Lewis 1, J. Ranford (cond.) 2, D. Bishop 3, I. Bellamy 4, R. Cooper 5, J. Cale 6. First quarter 3, 4 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam A. G. Hazeldine, former organist and choirmaster.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On June 26th, 1,280 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Moya Britchford (first quarter) 1, C. Stevenson (cond.) 2, P. Woodgyer 3, J. Britchford 4, D. Fowles 5, Josephine Pole 6. For Evensong.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original, with 2nd omitted): P. Rablah 1, K. Small 3, Mrs. J. Sims 4, P. Clarke 5, G. Clarke (cond.) 6, R. Clarke 7, F. Hurrell 8. Also on July 13th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): T. Culver 1, Miss M. Andrews 2, K. Small 3, E. J. Coode 4, G. Clarke (cond.) 5, R. Clarke 6, F. Hurrell 7, P. Rablah 8. Also on July 16th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples. All rung for Eltham Week, organised by the Eltham Society for the 650th anniversary of the birth of Prince John of Eltham.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.—On July 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Jones (first of Major) 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, Jennifer Brown 4, Sandra C. Thexton 5, C. G. Barnes 6, J. R. Pratt 7, J. M. Hills (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Moore (first of Minor) 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, Dorothy M. L. Nicholls 3, K. Price 4, D. H. Garnett 5, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 6.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Marlow 1, H. Rumens 2, H. Falkner (first of Stedman Triples) 3, W. Perrins 4, D. Wilson 5, J. Mussell 6, J. Claughton 7, J. Coleman 8.

GREAT BOWDEN, LEICS.—On July 17th, 1,296 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: J. Hunt 1, E. G. Slater 2, Judy K. Morris 3, A. S. Goad 4, E. W. Martin (cond.) 5, R. H. Martin 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret and John, daughter and son of the Rev. and Mrs. Hewitt.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine McAnn (first quarter) 1, D. J. Swann 2, G. F. Terry (cond.) 3, G. Burt 4, W. Stoker 5, C. M. Brown 6. For Confirmation service.

HARDWICKE, GLOS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila A. Drew 1, J. Ferris 2, N. A. Curtis (first as cond.) 3, D. Powell (first quarter) 4, H. Tavsom 5, R. H. Driver 6. Rung as an expression of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. C. Wood.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on July 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. G. Powell 1, Elizabeth Taylor 2, Julie A. V. Caligari 3, R. C. Godsall 4, Gillian Sims 5, H. L. Hatfield 6, P. D. Sell 7, J. F. I. Turney 8, A. T. Wingate 9, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 10. Rung to welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury to the city.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalene, on July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Cruickshank (first quarter) 1, Doreen Deverell 2, Anne Willard 3, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 4, J. M. Payton 5, J. T. O'Dell 6, W. G. Knight 7, P. G. Foote 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bevan, of Hampstead.

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REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—On July 19th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Mowle 1, A. G. Harrison 2, L. Batley 3, O. P. Claxton 4, A. H. Roberts 5, L. J. Minns 6, H. B. Fuller 7, W. J. Flatt (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 4 and 5. An 80th birthday compliment to Ernest Whiting, of Pulham St. Mary.

RIPE, SUSSEX.—On July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): C. G. Barnes 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, Sandra C. Thexton 3, N. Thomson 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5. Most methods to a quarter for all the band. For morning service.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Chilton 1, P. C. Sinden (first "inside") 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, Elizabeth A. Todd 4, A. P. S. Berry 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

SEND, SURREY.—On July 24th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Hill 1, Miss A. Pickering 2, Miss J. Collins 3, P. J. Privett 4, R. Collins (cond.) 5, S. M. Strudwick 6. For the memorial service to Mrs. Doris Sylvester, late wife of the Vicar, died July 3rd.

STONE, GLOS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Howard (cond.) 1, B. Huddleston 2, D. Huddleston 3, M. Powell 4, D. M. Smith 5, R. Huddleston 6. Believed to be the fastest quarter on the bells (26 minutes).

SUTTON BONNINGTON, NOTTS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure: A. Newell 1, N. Handley 2, R. Stretton 3, D. Oliver (cond.) 4, G. Fisher 5.

TEIGNMOUTH DEVON.—At St. Michael's, on July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alison Shingler (first on eight bells) 1, A. R. Poyntz 2, W. J. H. Parker 3, K. Fursdon (first of Grandsire) 4, Mary Bushby (first of Triples "inside") 5, A. B. Shingler 6, W. Simmonds (cond.) 7, M. Dodd (first quarter) 8.

THRANDESTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. King (first quarter) 1, J. Mowle 2, A. G. Harrison 3, O. P. Claxton 4, F. Sutton 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. A 95th birthday compliment to Mrs. Rosa Abbott, of Thrandeston.

THRUXTON, HANTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sandra Lynds (first quarter) 1, M. Lynds (first "inside") 2, M. Green 3, F. Lynds (first "inside") 4, A. Green (cond.) 5, B. Doe 6. A birthday compliment for Mr. F. Lynds, father of Sandra and Michael.

TICKENHAM, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, L. Derrick 2, C. Kortright 3, P. J. England 4, S. G. Smith 5, J. Brain (cond.) 6

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On July 23rd, 1,376 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. A. Large 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, Hilary A. Swallow 3, G. Fry 4, Ann Jenner 5, W. H. Dobbie 6, S. Jenner (cond.) 7, L. T. Pope 8. For Skinner's Day.

UPPER ARLEY, WORCS.—On July 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Wootton 1, R. Tandy 2, M. Clewes 3, J. Tandy 4, J. Lawley 5, P. Bill (cond.) 6. By members of the Old Swinford band as a 21st birthday compliment to Barbara Sykes.

USK, MON.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Enid Hammond (first quarter) 1, L. Jones (cond.) 2, Julia Clench 3, R. Clench 4, D. Taylor 5, B. Kear 6, M. Zobel 7, S. Kear 8. Rung for the christening ceremony of Fiona, daughter of the ringer of the 6th.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On July 18th, 1,224 London Surprise Minor: D. Comber 1, Mrs. V. J. Howard 2, Mrs. G. R. Parsons 3, D. Slater 4, D. D. Smith 5, J. A. Howard (cond.) 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On July 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Gay 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, S. Gay (first "inside") 3, W. A. Hollamby 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, W. A. Hughes 6. A compliment to the Rector, Rev. A. K. W. Wright, on his appointment as Rural Dean of Croydon.

WILTON, Taunton, SOMERSET.—On July 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. F. Grabham 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, B. M. Bindon 3, W. H. Tarr 4, N. J. Maggs 5, G. G. Davis 6, R. F. Arscott (first as cond.) 7, R. Coles 8. Rung whilst Princess Margaret was officially opening Dr. Barnardo's Home, and Blagdon Lodge Old People's Home.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Elizabeth Stevinson (first in method) 1, D. A. Wills 2, F. Williams 3, N. D. Shepherd 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Crowson 1, June Witchener 2, D. E. Cobb 3, Jackie Young 4, K. Warner 5, A. J. Slade 6, I. L. Dear (cond.) 7, A. Faulkner 8.

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BANGHAM—ZASS.—The engagement is announced between Michael Bangham, of New Malden, Surrey, and Elizabeth Zass, of Wimbledon, S.W.19. Both are ringers at St. Mary's Church, Wimbledon. 9619

WEDDING

WOODLEY—MARKS.—Quietly on Sunday, July 31st, 1966, at All Saints' Church, Plymouth, Patrick Seybian Woodley, of Bristol, and Rosemary Joyce Marks, of Plymouth. Service conducted by Father Richard Dinnis, Nuptial Mass celebrated by Father Ian Hunt assisted by Rev. David Pitkethley. The bride was given away by her father; best man, Mr. Antony Kimpton, of London. Reception held at the Continental Hotel. Future address: 10, Hinton Cross, Hinton-on-the-Green, near Evesham, Worcestershire. 9640

DEATH

BUDD.—On July 26th, 1966, at his home, aged 88, John Benjamin Budd, of Brackendale, Newmarch Crescent, Scarthoe, Grimsby. Member of St. James' band, Grimsby. 9622

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BARNETT.—The address of Frank and Joan Barnett is now 39, Leigh Sinton Road, Malvern Link, Worcestershire. Phone: Malvern 3956. 9648

DREW.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Drew (formerly 45, Scott House, Arle, Cheltenham) is now Monsal, Bredon, Tewkesbury, Glos. 9615

SMITH.—The address of Peter and Gwen Smith is now 44, Woodbrook, Pett Lane, Charing, Ashford, Kent. 9620

THRELFALL.—On and from August 15th, 1966, the address of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Threlfall will be The Granary., 13, Royston Road, Harston, Cambridge. Telephone Number (unchanged): Harston 650 (STD code OCA3—822—650). 9637

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MISCELLANEOUS

CHISWICK, St. NICHOLAS'. — Practice night now Wednesday, 7.15 to 8.45 p.m. Sunday ringing 10.30 a.m. only. All visitors will be very welcome. 9595

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Surprise practice at St Mary's, Warwick, Saturday, August 27th, 7.30–9. Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal and Major methods as required. Only Surprise will be rung. 9601

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL.—Due to lack of support, Surprise practices are being discontinued. All Friday practices will be normal 10-bell ringing.—D. Tubbs, Captain. 9651

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Aldershot on Thursday, August 18th, 7.30–9 p.m. 9652

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MEETINGS

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BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.
Meeting at Silkstone, near Barnsley, August 13th. Cups of tea only. Joint meeting with Y.A. (See "Ringing World.")—T. T. 9631

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—A joint meeting will be held at Saturday, August 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Littlebury (6), followed by ringing from 6 p.m. to 8.30 at Wendens Ambo (6). All welcome.—B. D. Threlfall, Harston, Cambs, G. Blake, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 9577

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting, Hunsdon (8), Saturday, August 13th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Village Hall 5.15 p.m. Evening ringing Widford (6) 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Peter M. S. Searles, Dis. Sec., 55, North Road, Hertford, by Friday latest. 9608

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Apsley End (6), August 13th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. 9629

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at St. Laurence's, Chorley, Saturday, August 13th. No tea arrangements; cafes nearby.—L. Walmsley. 9614

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD and COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting at Burton Dassett on August 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5, followed by business meeting and more ringing. Names for tea to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, Warwickshire (Tel. 387). Avon Dassett may also be available.—F. W. Hancock, P. S. Bennett, Secs. 9580

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Quarterly meeting and Guild Executive Committee meeting at Marlesford on Saturday, August 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Finch, 4, The Bungalows Marlesford, Woodbridge, Suffolk. Committee meeting 7 p.m. at the Parish Room, Little Glemham. Little Glemham bells (5) available after tea.—T. N. J. B. 9589

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — Quarterly meeting at Pulborough, Saturday, August 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 Tea at 5.15. Business meeting after tea. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 9600

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Practice meeting. Hemington (6), Monday, August 15th, 7.30–9 p.m.—M. de Jong. 9623

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Birch-in-Rusholme on Monday, August 15th. All welcome.—J. Brannan. 9627

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on August 16th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: August 16th, St. Paul's Cathedral: August 23rd, St. Michael's, Cornhill: August 30th, St. Lawrence Jewry: September 6th, St. Giles', Cripplegate: all at 6.30 p.m.—James G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 9624

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at All Hallows', Twickenham, Thursday, August 18th. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 9520

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch — Practice meeting, Hinton St. George, Saturday, August 20th, 7 p.m. Bells (6).—J. T. Locke, Hon Sec. 9649

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew and Frome Branches. — The joint meeting will be held at Farmborough (6) on Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. K. T. Baker, Highstanding, Bath Road, Farmborough, near Bath.—D. Yeo and E. Chivers, Branch Secs. 9625

COVENTRY ARCHDEACONRY. — Meeting, August 20th, Stoke St. Michael. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. A. R. Wright, 22, Haslebech Road, Binley, Coventry. 9613

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cirencester Branch. — Meeting, Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, August 20th, at Coln St. Denys 5.30 p.m. onwards, and Chadworth 7–8.30 p.m.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 9634

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Stroud Branch. — Monthly practice, Haresfield, Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hardwicke also available in evening. Names for tea, please.—E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud. 9650

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Wheathampstead, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. K. Walpole, 13, Tudor Road, Wheathampstead. — R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9626

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Benenden, Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. J. Brown, Snowcrete, Iden Green, Benenden, Cranbrook, by Thursday, August 25th. 9635

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch (Culcheth) on Saturday, August 20th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Free tea 5 p.m.—M. E. Fort. 9643

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting at Eaton (6) on August 20th. Ringing 6.30 p.m.—W. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 9639

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District. — Harrow-on-the-Hill, Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. — E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 9632

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Wargrave on August 20th and Binfield on September 3rd, both at 6 p.m. 9644

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Business meeting, Collingtree, Saturday, August 20th. Collingtree bells 3 to 4.15 p.m. only. Courteenhall bells in the evening. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford. 9618

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, August 20th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 9641

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Evening practice meeting, Saturday, August 20th. Bells available: Rangemore (5) 6.30–8, and Newchurch (5) 7.30–9 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 9488

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Stockbridge, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m Names for tea to Miss P. Hornby, The Rectory, Bramdean, Alresford, Hants. 9617

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), and BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Hemsworth on Saturday, August 20th. Ringing at Badsworth (4) 2.30 to 3.30; Hemsworth (8) 3 to 4.30; Wragby (6) 6 to 7.45; Crofton (6) 7 to 8.30. Cups of tea provided at Hemsworth, where Mr. C. Moxon hopes to meet his ringing friends again. Meeting after tea (4.30 to 6). All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. of Southern District, and T. Tarbett, Acting Sec., Barnsley and District Society. 9604

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Rayne on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. L. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield, Braintree. 9646

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Rotherfield, August 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing after meeting. Names for tea to me at 8, The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield, by Wednesday, August 24th.—G. Fitz-Hugh, Div. Sec. 9632

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, August 27th. Bells available: Hessle 2–3.30 p.m.; Kirk Ella 3–4.30 p.m.; Cottingham 6.30–7.15, Service, and 7.30–8.30 p.m. Tea Kirk Ella 4.45 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. K. Kirk, 224, Willerby Road, by previous Wednesday.—R. Ducker. 9635

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify Mr. A. J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey, by August 24th. Further ringing after tea — Martin Morris, Leatherhead Dis. Sec. 9636

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly and committee meeting will be at Dalton-in-Furness on September 3rd. Ringing at Flookburgh 12.30–2 p.m., Dalton from 2.30 p.m. Tea in the Cavendish Arms 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Wall, 19, Chapel Street, Dalton-in-Furness.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 9514

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Wrangle, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, August 22nd.—P. T. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167 Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 9647

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Quarterly meeting at Christow, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Meeting 4.30 in Church Hall. Tea 5. Striking competition between Heavitree and Newton St. Cyres 5.30.. also any other challengers. Names to Mr. Mallett, 61, Butts Road, Heavitree, Exeter. 9630

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner, September 24th, at The Meet, County Cricket Ground, Grace Road, Leicester, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (23s. 6d. each) from J. M. Jelley, 17, Linley Green, Cosby (Phone Narborough 3732) by September 14th. 1965 Reports available (5s. each), from A. J. Poynor, 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester. 9598

OUTINGS

SCARBOROUGH AND DISTRICT OUTING

Menacing clouds did not dampen the high spirits of Scarborough and District ringers for their outing on July 16th and all were soon on the coach together with essential handbells, diagrams and food.

At Hurworth, the first stop, the younger members found the heavy six and short ropes difficult to handle competently and we also regret that justice was not done to the delightful octave at Darlington, and only Oxford Bob Triples was struck well.

Refreshed by an enjoyable lunch, Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung well at Heighington, and the Major was executed to perfection at Bishop Auckland. Unfortunately we could only manage good ceases at Staindrop and Richmond and we did not pay enough attention to striking as we should. The strain of a long day's ringing began to tell at Northallerton, where only Kent Treble Bob Major was struck well.

Thanks are due to our secretary, who had his task made even more arduous by an accident earlier in the week, and also the Ringing Master and all incumbents in making a most memorable day. A. G.

SOUTH NORFOLK ANNUAL OUTING

Leaving Diss shortly after 7.30 a.m. on July 16th, the South Norfolk ringers and friends made for the neighbouring county of Suffolk for their annual outing and visited seven churches.

Lavenham, the first call, was reached by 9 a.m. and an hour's ringing on the fine bells was much enjoyed. We rang at Long Melford before reaching Ipswich for lunch and, having been suitably refreshed, rang at St. Margaret's Church. During the afternoon visits were made to the Parish Churches of Woodbridge and Ufford and, after tea at Wickham Market, to Aldeburgh. The last call was at Leiston, where ringing finished at 9 p.m.

Before dispersing at Diss (at a late hour), Mr. A. G. Harrison heartily thanked Mr. William Flatt, of Harleston, on behalf of all present, for again arranging the outing in such an efficient way. Grateful thanks to incumbents and ringers. A. G. H.

5,024 MIDHURST SURPRISE MAJOR

By C. J. SEDGLEY

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LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Thurstaston, August 20th. Bells (5) 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead, by Thursday previous. 9655

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Whitby on Saturday, August 20th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. — P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 9653

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch. — Meeting, Middleton Cheney, Saturday, August 20th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 9656

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Basingstoke, August 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 9654

COMPOSITIONS

5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES
(No. 3)

By A. S. HUDSON

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—			—	24536
	x			43265
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	x			34256 A

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BINGO?

AT a recent ringing meeting a question was asked in relation to the Association. It was perhaps a thoughtless question but one which is worthy of examination—"What do I get out of it?" Financially, the answer is simple, i.e., since there is little profit on association accounts, members will receive approximately what they pay in. There are no bumper prizes, no free gifts and no monthly draws. However, if probed a little further, the true answer becomes abundantly clear. It is so simple that it may often be overlooked, but it is in a word—fellowship.

Before the phlegmatic Englishman draws back at such a word, it would pay him to ponder on how much this really means to him. As travel and methods of communication become easier the frequent useage of the word lonely appears to grow in inverse ratio. There probably are some, but one seems not to meet an apparently lonely ringer. One goes into a tower and is quickly introduced and soon all are ringing together. Yet much of this fraternity would never have come into being without the founding of the various Associations. Also, this fraternity is doubtless nurtured by the holding of association meetings, dinners, festivals and other enterprises arranged by the hard-working association officers.

Apart from the intangible, but satisfying, benefits to the individual, the goodwill created by associations is often felt in the undermanned and silent towers. A chance word here or there must frequently lead to such bells being rung for special occasions — weddings, confirmations, mayoral services, etc. It can also lead to more permanent help being given to these towers by way of helping at practices and even for normal Sunday Service ringing. It could even, perhaps, be extended to help many more towers and ringers? These "ripples" can have only a beneficial effect on the whole Exercise.

There is also that great partner of the associations—"The Ringing World," without whose help the work of association officers would be much more extensive, less effective and more expensive. The next time one thumbs through its pages reading others' views, articles of a technical nature, reports on meetings and outings, peals and notices of meetings, etc., it would not be out of place to murmur a prayer of thanks for those who have worked and, on occasion, struggled to keep *our* journal going.

In conclusion perhaps the questioner can be persuaded to ask "What do I put into it?' For surely "as you sow, so shall you reap." Unless he can come to think this way, he would perhaps be better to resign from his association and join one of the more lucrative forms of activity which abound in the country at the present time.

LIZ QUIRK.

THE RAISON D'ETRE

By Canon R. J. P. PEYTON-BURBERY

NEARLY sixty years ago there was much talk in the belfries of the Isle of Wight. Recently a revival had taken place among the ringers and several towers had their eyes on a peal by a local band. Over ninety years had passed since this had been done and the rivalry was sufficient to send out spies on bicycles. Even sinister plans were discussed. If sucking a lemon dried up an itinerant German band, what would disorganise a band of ringers? Then came the news that the Father of Bellringers, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, was bringing a team of ringers who specialised in Stedman. At that time he had conducted six hundred peals of this method and hoped to conduct one thousand before he died. The village of Brading was one of the chosen spheres of operation. The floor and walls of the ringing chamber were cleaned, bell bearings were oiled and lists of "call changes" and "beginners' aids to bell-ringing" were hidden. The Vicar invited the visitors to luncheon.

The Curate, who sat below the salt at this meal, received permission from the great man to be present in the belfry provided he gave his well-known imitation of a church mouse. Rounds of perfect rhythm were struck and the peal began. The Conductor started with a mouthful of raisins which suffered loss when changes were called. All went well for about two hours. Then one member, who had conducted over twenty peals of Stedman, lost his concentration. Like a master with a beginner the Father of Bellringers told him his work at every call for the next forty minutes. The peal and the raisins concluded with the Grace. "Amen, I could have punched your head, Pitman."

The visit bore fruit—dried fruit supplied by the local band to their conductor, who, thus fortified, steered them to victory with a peal of Grandsire Triples!

[From *"The Sentinel."*

OBITUARY

MR. S. R. COCKEL

St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Melksham, Wilts, suflered a severe loss by the death of its tower vice-captain and correspondent, Mr. Stanley R. Cockel, who passed away suddenly on holiday on August 2nd.

He learned ringing at Melksham during the first world war and became an efficient member of the tower, being most regular for service ringing and practices. He was hon. secretary of the Devizes Branch, S.D.G.R. for one period of five years and a member of the Guild Committee. His peals total about 50, mostly in Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Minor and Major.

His was of a quiet personality, always ready and willing to help others, a most loyal member of the church and tower and a staunch Guild supporter. He will be greatly missed in the town and in the Guild. We thank God for his wonderful example.

W. C. W.

MR. PERCY PAGE

The news of the sudden death of Mr. Percy Page on August 25th came as a shock to all who knew him. Percy had been a staunch member of the Canterbury and Ashford Districts of the Kent County Association for over 60 years, and had always been regular and punctual, both on Sundays and practice nights.

Since coming to Margate about 16 years ago he had been most loyal and helpful, especially in helping the younger ringers, setting a fine example to all. This was true also when he resided in Ashford.

The funeral service took place on July 29th at the Margate Crematorium and was attended by members of the local band. The day before he died, at the age of 82, Percy was in his usual place, ringing for service, and his absence will be felt by us all for a long time to come. May God grant him rest and peace.

A. J. D.

An in memoriam quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, was rung at St. John the Baptist Church, Margate, on August 2nd, by Jill Dadds (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. G. Dadds 3, P. R. Coveney 4, L. J. Twyman 5, A. J. Dadds (conductor) 6, P. L. Dadds 7, W. Spera 8.

MR. J. E. SAYERS

The news of the untimely death of Mr. John E. Sayers on August 2nd at the age of 22, will be received with deep regret by all who knew him.

John was taught to ring at Adderbury, Oxon, in 1959 under the guidance of Mr. H. L. Roper, and quickly progressed to the standard methods. On August 16th, 1961, he rang his first peal of Plain Bob Major at Kingham, and rang a total of four peals before ill-health prevented him from continuing ringing in the summer of 1963. Although unable to attend ringing at Adderbury, he still took a keen interest in the tower's activities.

The funeral took place on August 5th at Adderbury Church, prior to cremation at Oxford Crematorium. In the evening of that day a half-muffled quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples was attempted by some of the Adderbury ringers as a mark of respect and to his memory.

Our sympathy is extended to his parents and family.

M. W. C., B. J. D.

MR. T. R. DENNIS

Rarely can life have come to a more appropriate ending than for Mr. T. R. Dennis, the well known and highly respected Cambridge veteran ringer

A friend called for "T. Reg" at his home in Clarendon Street on the evening of Tuesday, August 2nd, and drove him through the rain to ring at St. Mary's Church, Ely. There he rang perfectly in a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples; a few minutes later, listening no doubt with pleasing interest and pleasure to those fine bells, he peaecfully and almost silently passed away. He would have been 83 on August 18th.

In his day Mr. Dennis was a leading peal ringer in the Eastern Counties, although his grand total may seem comparatively modest to the experts of today. An excellent striker, he was thoroughly proficient in the "standard" methods, usually ringing towards the heavy end. For the Ely Diocesan Association he took part in 282 peals, to which we must add numerous others for other Societies including the College Youths, by whom also he was held in high esteem. His friendly and modest attitude, his obvious appreciation of good bells and good ringing made him popular everywhere.

He became a Cambridge Youth in 1912, was secretary from 1927 to 1935, and Master in 1952–53. He was one of the Youths who almost 40 years ago helped to establish more friendly relations between the Cambridge Youths and the University Guild, to the advantage of both Societies. Today, in fact, there are at least four resident members of the University who are also Cambridge Youths and regular ringers at Great St. Mary's.

His services to the Ely Association were outstanding, covering a period of 53 years. He was general secretary from 1912–1914 and again from 1919–1921, after serving in World War I. From then until 1965 he served as auditor, except for the years 1927–1928, when he was treasurer. From 1912–1933 he represented the Association on the Central Council, and during those years made friends and rang with many of the country's most prominent ringers.

Outside ringing circles he was known as "Tommy Dennis," and partly through his work at the Post Office, from which he retired in 1940, and partly through his connection with the Cambridge and County Bowls Club, he was well-known and liked throughout the town. His portly figure was a familiar sight as he made his way down Petty Cury to do his shopping in the Market Place. His knowledge of Cambridge, of its old hostelries, its notabilities and its traditions was unsurpassed, and he was always ready to talk on these topics in an interesting manner.

But beyond all this he was a sincere and devoted member of the Church. As a boy he possessed a lovely voice and was a chorister at St. John's College, where he was a frequent and honoured visitor for the rest of his long life. Very dear to his heart was the Church of St. Andrew the Great, where he regularly worshipped.

F. E. H.

THE FUNERAL

Previous to the funeral service at Great St. Andrew's Church on August 9th the bells were rung half-muffled to 504 Stedman Triples by B. D. Threlfall, S. Brown, J. G. Gipson, J. W. R. Quinney, E. Hibbens, P. Bergdahl, F. Haynes and H. Peacock, representing the Cambridge Youths, Ely Diocesan Association of Ringers, the Cambridge University Guild and the "Tuesday Trumpington" group. Ringing ended with the traditional sequence in which the bells are silenced one by one with solemn effect.

Dr. C. C. Keet met the coffin and spoke the opening sentences, and Canon A. L. Woodard conducted the remainder of the service, which included a short review of Mr. Dennis' life. Mr. D. S. Lyons was the organist. Cremation followed and the ashes were interred in Longstanton Churchyard on August 12th.

The church was filled and the ringers present included A. M. Barber, G. Bonham, E. W. Bullman, C. J. Butcher (chairman of the Veterans), A. T. Chenery, C. Cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cousins, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Davey, J. Fox, Major J. H. R. Freeborn, Mrs. J. Gipson (representing C. W. Cook), K. Hesketh, Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, A. Kennedy, D. Latchford, D. Lilley, H. J. F. Muncey, D. F. Murfet, V. Nutton, K. Oates, R. J. Palmer, G. Pearson, D. E. Pepper, P. Pigg, B. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ridgman, E. J. Rowe, Miss J. Sanderson, Mrs Sibson (representing Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Sibson), M. Turner, Miss G. Williams, Miss C. E. Willers and the ringers mentioned earlier.

Organisations represented included St. John's College Old Choir; Cambridge and County Bowling Club; the Post Office; City Bowling Club; and ringers came from many miles—London and St. Neots, Wisbech area and Huntington, Ely and Ickleton, to name but a few.

J. S.

A half-muffled quarter peal of 1,277 Grandsire Caters was rung at Great St. Mary's on August 7th in his memory. He had rung there regularly for many years and had been a member of the Cambridge Youths for 54 of them. The ringers were: J. W. R. Quinney, P. H. Pigg, C. M. P. Johnson, C. Muncey, J. H. R. Freeborn, V. Nutton, F. E. Haynes, H. Foster, P. Bergdahl and H. S. Brown.

REDEDICATION

BRABOURNE, KENT

ON Tuesday, August 2nd, the culmination of a small village's efforts was realised at the rededication of the bells of St. Mary's, Brabourne. The little church, famous for its ancient stained glass and its associations with the Balliols of Oxford, was packed to capacity with villagers and ringers alike, and the special service of rededication was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. A. Sheekey.

During the singing of the hymn "Angel voices ever singing" the choir, Association officers, clergy, churchwardens and the Bishop of Dover were led by the cross-bearer to the church tower, where the bells were solemnly dedicated by the Bishop to the Glory of God and the use of the Church. As the procession returned to the chancel, rounds were rung by the local band under the direction of their captain, Mr. Bernard Marks.

In the ensuing address the Bishop provided some stimulating thoughts on religious fundamentals and their application in our daily lives. As a fitting conclusion, the "Bell-ringers' Hymn" was sung for the offertory.

After the service there was an hour's general ringing. The low, massive tower has been strengthened by provision of a concrete ring-beam, and the six bells dating back to 1605 have been rehung in a cast iron eight-bell frame with all new fittings. They are a mellow ring that "go" excellently in spite of the long draught. Everyone agreed that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had done a first-class job.

The villagers have worked hard for the restoration of their tower, and the fruits of their toil are richly deserved. Much of the credit, however, must be given to their energetic tower captain, Bernard Marks, whose untiring efforts and practical interest (which included the production of a "son-et-lumiere") gave an example to all.

N. J. D.

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Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Paulson

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE PAULSON celebrated their golden wedding quietly at their home, Kirklea, Churchtown, Darley Dale, on August 1st. At least, as quietly as an influx of congratulatory letters, telegrams and callers permitted!

Mr. Paulson is the son of a ringer, the late Mr. J. Harry Paulson, who moved from Lincolnshire to Nuneaton, where George was born. The family moved to Matlock while George was a small boy, and it was at St. Giles' Church there, where his father became a ringer and, later, verger, that he first learned to ring, about the year 1900. His connection with Darley Dale began in 1909, when he started work on the railway, from which he retired in 1956 as a deputy foreman in the locomotive sheds, after 47 years' service. It was at Darley Dale that he met Mrs. Paulson, formerly Miss May Gill, a young teacher and a member of a very old Darley family. They were married at St. Helen's Church on Bank Holiday Monday, August 1st, 1916.

After serving in the Royal Engineers in the Great War, in Palestine and France, and surviving the sinking of a troopship, Mr. Paulson returned to settle in Darley Dale. He joined the Darley Dale band in 1921, of which band he has now for many years been tower captain.

Mr. Paulson rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at Matlock in 1905, and has now rung something over 100 peals, of which 56 have been rung at St. Helen's, Darley. As a conductor he has called between 20 and 30 peals, on all numbers, from Doubles to Major. It is, however, as a service ringer that Mr. Paulson really stands out. Throughout a lifetime of ringing he has almost invariably been present to ring twice each Sunday, and also on the practice night. His interest in and service to the Church do not begin and end with ringing; he is, and always has been, a most regular attender at the worship to which he has called others, and he has filled, and filled with distinction, the offices of churchwarden, sidesman and church councillor.

Joining the old Midland Counties Association in 1905, Mr. Paulson is now an honorary life member of its successor, the Derby Diocesan Association, for which Association he has rung 76 peals.

Mr. and Mrs. Paulson have two sons, one daughter and nine grandchildren. Their eldest son, Ernest, is a ringer at St. Helen's, and so was the younger son, Michael, until he removed to Sheffield on his marriage two years ago.

The golden wedding day concluded with a family dinner party at the Whitworth Hotel, and the celebrations were rounded off fittingly two days later, when a congratulatory peal of Bob Major was rung at St. Helen's by a band which included seven members of the Sunday Service band and one regular visitor, and was conducted by the Rector.



MR. and MRS. G. H. PAULSON
[By courtesy of "The Derbyshire Times."

CANBERRA'S BATTLE OF THE BELLS

WHEN H.M. the Queen was present at the 50th anniversary celebrations of the founding of Canberra on March 12th 1963, Sir Robert Menzies, the then Australian Premier, announced that Mr. Macmillan had promised a gift of money from the British Government to make "some significant contribuiton to the development of Canberra to reflect our common parliamentary heritage." He said: "We would wish this gift to blend in with the grand design for your beautiful capital city. It might perhaps be a set of ornamental fountains or a bell tower, either of which we hope would embrace the site of your new Houses of Parliament."

The British Government's gift will be £200,000, and according to "The Times" correspondent at Canberra the betting is now quite firm on bells; fountains apparently are out. The new Houses of Parliament are almost certain to be on the shore of Lake Burley Griffin. A bell tower might be put up on one of the little islands in the lake (the potential foundations are now being tested). Another suggestion is for a tall slender tower in the lake directly in front of the Houses of Parliament.

Last May a controversy developed in "The Canberra Times" which became known locally as "the battle of the bells." The argument was not so much between pro-bell and pro-fountain forces, but rather between the æsthetics and the utilitarians, who wanted the money to build a youth centre. "A carillon," wrote someone rather learnedly, "is far less characteritic of British life than a ring of bells."

Then it was argued that a carillon would need a professional carillonneur, while change ringers could be amateurs, and "young people would find not only that they were continuing a British tradition, but also that they had found a hobby capable of diverting them for a lifetime." Thus, even without a centre, youth would be served.

Attempts have been made to get the British High Commission to express an opinion on the form the gift should take, but the British Government disclaimed all desire to prompt. The decision is one for the Australian Cabinet.

Canberra has a most enthusiastic ringer in Licut.-Col., J. R. Watch, who is in charge of the bells at the Church of St. John the Baptist. Owing to the very small belfry, these bells can only be chimed, but there are some 16 young people who take part in the chiming, and the music is real changes—Double Norwich, Superlative and Double Oxford were heard by the English tourists last year.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Leatherhead District Striking Competition

THE annual striking competition of the Leatherhead District was held on June 18th at Capel. Four teams entered and the competition was won by St. Martin's, Epsom. In summing up, Mr. John Schofield, who acted as judge, suggested that a provision might be made in future competitions to allow a team who made a mistake at the start of their test piece to begin again, with an appropriate points handicap.

At the meeting which followed the competition the resignation of the District Master, Mr. D. J. Herschell, was announced, due to family ill-health. The meeting thanked him for his past help and expressed its hope for a speedy and happy end to his difficulties. The appointment by the District Committee of Mr. J. Hayns, of Ashtead, as Acting District Master was received.

The other principal topic for discussion at the meeting was the service ringing at Guildford Cathedral. After discussion it was decided to press for an early meeting of the Cathedral Society to discuss the present and future arrangements in full.

The meeting closed with the usual thanks and ringing continued in the evening at Newdigate.

M. M.

Letters to the Editor

BEGINNER'S FIRST INTEREST—PEALS AND QUARTER PEALS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter written by A. J. M. Collins ("R.W.." August 5th), I am one of the fraternity who is still struggling with elementary changes. I think it is nice occasionally to see articles for the beginner but I don't think they are necessary every week, as beginners can obtain considerable help from the many books published. I think that peals and quarters should be published and I like to know what other bands (some members I may know, some I may not) have rung. In fact the first thing I do when I receive "The Ringing World" every Friday morning is to turn to the peals and quarter peals!—Yours faithfully,

S. McINTYRE.

Lillington.

LOWER BEEDING BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am afraid that G. J. N. C. (Reading University Outing, "Ringing World," page 507) is sadly misinformed regarding the bells of Lower Beeding, Sussex. Four or five of the present light octave in that tower, all made of orthodox bell metal, not steel, were cast at (if my memory serves me correctly) the Belgian foundry of Messrs. Van Aerschot of Louvain; the remainder are castings by the Croydon foundry of Gillett and Johnston. The tone of this light eight is very pleasant, and I am rather surprised that they should be mistaken for steel bells!—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND (Rev.).

Tilbury, Essex.

WHAT IS SERVICE?

Dear Sir,—If one is or has been a member of Toc H, the question is easily answered. How then do we answer this? Having attended six of the past Central Council meetings one wonders whether service has anything to do with ringing as it appears today.

When I was elected to the Central Council I was told by my predecessor of some 25 years' standing, the Standing Committee is a closed shop and the Central Council meetings as a whole are good meeting grounds for old friends. Having stayed for two occasions at the headquarters hotel, the latter seems to fill the case.

When the question of "The Ringing World" was raised at Bath, the reason why we have a paper was not mentioned. "The Ringing World" is the official journal of the Central Council of CHURCH Bell Ringers. Why is it then that the word "Church" is so often left out of bell ringing? We have peal ringers, surprise ringers and method ringers, but surely Sunday service ringing should be the aim of all good ringers. Peal ringing is the reward for good Sunday service ringing.

Those of us who have lived in South Africa for any period will know that the tribe is ruled by the Council of the Old Men; surely this is what is happening with ringing. I was surprised to find out the age of many of our Top Men. Why is there no encouragement for younger blood on our committees? Too many members of the committees are elected en bloc—to save time is the answer.

What a stir was caused by George Pipe when he proposed changes in "The Ringing World" Committee. Why the indignation? Surely this was the feeling of a closed shop. During the lunch break one committee member was heard to say: "What do they think they can do? Still, if we can't beat them we can join them."

Very little has ever been published in "The Ringing World" about its own activities, therefore who can know the truth? May we know a few of the facts to help us solve some of our problems?

1. How many copies are sold to postal subscribers per year?

2. How many copies are sold by bookstalls and newsagents?

3. What are the advantages of our paper being registered at the G.P.O. as a newspaper, do we obtain an advantage in postage?

Any other information the committee has gained over the years could be published for those of us who do not know.

The Editor has asked for an all-out effort to obtain more readers to bring sales up to 10,000. What about an all-out effort to have the rings of bells already in our possession to ring for Sunday services?

In parts of Sussex, and I doubt if this is the only area, many rings of bells are idle or only partially manned. Many Vicars could not care less, very little encouragement is given and bands fail for lack of leadership. If only incumbents were chosen for churches with bells from those who are interested in ringing. Why is it that in some churches ringing is not taken as a fundamental part of the church service as is the choir?

What is Service?—The rent we pay for our room on earth—are you living rent free?—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT W. R. PERCY.

Willingdon, Eastbourne.

Note.—Of an approximate weekly sale of 5,650, copies sold by newsagents total 2,950. There is at present no advantage in price of "The Ringing World" being registered as a newspaper with the G.P.O., but on the occasion of the postal staff difficulties priorities were given to registered mail. The newspaper industry watches very closely postal rates, and "The Ringing World" gets the benefit of their representation on a national level. —Ed.

WE ALSO CATER FOR NON-PROFICIENTS

Dear Sir.—Re Mr. Everest's letter (page 492). I for one strongly object to the thought of our journal being published for (as he puts it) the more proficient; the more keen, yes, I think that's a bit more like it. I for one do not profess to be in the proficiency class. What is more, I hate to think where our tower would be if we had to wait for the "more proficient ringers." My guess is that the result would be a lot more silent towers.

In my home tower we enjoy change ringing if we are lucky and get enough ringers; if not—well, we have to have second best, some very good call changes.—Yours faithfully,

E. KENCHINGTON.

Fordingbridge, Hants.

P.S.—I wonder how many mere non-proficient ringers agree with me.—E. K.

Note.—The fact that we are publishing a series of articles on Plain Bob indicates that "The Ringing World" endeavours to cater for all types of readers.—Ed.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET. —On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): C. Philips 1, R. Armstrong 2, R. Welch 3, G. Norcliffe 4, F. Welch (cond.) 5, E. White 6, T. Hill 7, B. Brown 8. To mark the departure of the Rev. D. E. R. Davies from Ilminster.

CARDBOARD COMPUTERS

By JOHN SEGAR

On January 10th, 1964, I introduced a cardboard computer but it was not christened that at the time. Like the village pump, it needs to be primed. Given one answer, it immediately supplies 11 others and removes all possibility of error. It was used to prove five-part peals. In the same article I mentioned Computer No. 2 and a ten-part table, which I offered to send to all applicants. There were 40 applications the first week and a few stragglers up to six months later. So I am encouraged to explain two more cardboard computers. Rule seven columns an inch wide and enough lines across to make 91 spaces.

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3452768	4263857
5234768	3527486
7582346	7856342
5673824	6482735
3852746	
5274863	
5372864	
5382746	
5382674	
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Copy column one, which shows the first lead head of Yorkshire Surprise Major and the heads of 12 leads which are false against it. The figures of the computer must be much enlarged so that when cut into perpendicular strips they are not too flimsy. As arranged above, it gives the headings of columns two to seven. Arrange the strips so that the top row reads 7582634 and again the computer gives columns two to seven. Similarly with the remaining f.l.h. Copy from the strips and complete the table. These strips should be kept and can be used for other methods.

My fourth computer makes 17 transpositions at once, which on a five-part table equals 85 transpositions. It is used to prove some courses of Yorkshire which I have originated providing enough material for a peal of 18368 changes. The original table of 360 courses is in stock again and will be sent free with computers 2, 3 and 4 from 16, Green Lane, Skegness, Lincs.

AMERICA'S LARGEST BELL

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Hedgcock's letter concerning the largest bell in America ("Ringing World," August 5th, page 508), the exact weight of the bass bell of the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial carillon, Riverside Church, New York City, is 18 tons 5 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb., and it measures 10ft. 2ins. diameter.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN N. LONGRIDGE.

Okeford Fitzpaine, Blandford.

Dear Sir.—Further to Mr. Hedgcock's letter in "The Ringing World," I am able to give the following details of the bell which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston cast on January 3rd, 1928, for the Rockefeller Carillon:

Cast weight: 20 tons, 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.
Metal taken out for tuning: 2 tons 1 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

Metal taken out for drilling: 3 qr. 11 lb.
Despatched weight: 18 tons 5 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

The diameter of the bell is 10ft 2in.; the thickness at the sound bow is 9¼in.; Note C. —Yours sincerely,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Cosham.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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SOUTHMINSTER CELEBRATES

Farmers Give Bell to Augment to Eight

JULY 31st, 1966, will be a prominent date in the history of St. Leonard's Church, Southminster, Essex, for on that day the Archdeacon of Southend (the Ven. W. N. Welch) dedicated the restored and augmented ring of eight bells.

This was the Archdeacon's second visit in recent months, as on March 7th, 1965, he attended Evensong, at which he launched an appeal for the restoration of the ring of six bells. A sub-committee of the Parochial Church Council was instructed to investigate the condition of the bells and to obtain quotations for their restoration, inquiring at the same time into the cost of adding two trebles. The advice of Mr. Fredk. E. Collins, of the Towers and Belfries Committee, was sought, and following his very comprehensive report, bellfounders' estimates were obtained.

The Bells Appeal Committee accepted the task of raising funds for the work and, with sincere dedication and utter determination, quickly got under way. The very successful appeal was launched, and the fund opened by the Archdeacon. This was followed by a series of fund-raising activities of a very varied nature.

The restoration work was entrusted to John Taylor and Co., and subscriptions by local farmers for a "Farmers' Bell" meant that augmentation was inevitable. In December, 1965, the bells were removed to the foundry and the tower became silent.

SELF-DEDICATION

On the last Sunday in July that silence was broken by the joyful sound of eight bells. A short choral Evensong preceded the service of dedication, after which the Archdeacon gave a short but inspiring address to a crowded congregation. He explained that bell ringing was a form of worship and should lead to self-dedication in the service of the Church.

Immediately after the Blessing the moment arrived that all had been awaiting. The local band of ringers went into action and the bells once again rang out the good news for all to hear.

At the reception which followed the service, the Archdeacon, who was welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Taylor)), congratulated the parish on the rapidity with which it had completed its task. He said that the fund had now reached its target, and he was very pleased to be able to declare the appeal closed only 16 months after the launching.

Mr. G. Thorogood, the people's warden, thanked the Archdeacon for his help and encouragement by blessing the bells.

The Master of the Essex Association, Mr. R. Heazel. offered the congratulations of the Association and went on to speak of the national friendship of ringers, suggesting that the youth of the village should learn ringing as a matter of service to the Church. The ladies were congratulated and thanked by the chairman of the Appeal Committee for the superb buffet they had prepared, and which was enjoyed by about 250 people.

After the reception visiting ringers were able to try for themselves the new ring of which Southminster are so proud. All agreed that the Loughborough foundry had done an excellent job and that the sound of the bells was most pleasing.

The Appeal Committee: President, The Vicar; chairman, R. A. Bower (P.C.C. and ringer); secretary, G. D. J. Sandwell (P.C.C. and ringer); treasurer, C. Robinson (ringer); members, L. V. Robinson, G. H. Thorogood (churchwardens), D. Robinson (P.C.C. and captain of ringers), E. Sedwell (secretary to P.C.C.), E. Potter (ringer).

DETAILS OF THE BELLS

Treble.—Cast 1966: "The 1965 Appeal Bell." Dedicated to the Glory of God.

No. 2.—Cast 1966: "The Southminster Farmers' Bell."

No. 3.—Recast 1966: "This Trible given by subscription." William Mears of London, 1784.

No. 4,—Cast about 1380: Uninscribed; certainly pre-Reformation.

No. 5.—1914: Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel, 1914.

No. 6.—1749: Thomas Lester, Whitechapel, 1749.

No. 7.—1684: James Bartlett, Whitechapel, 1684.

Tenor.—12 cwt., cast 1749; Thomas Lester, Whitechapel, 1749.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

Over 60 members attended the Rochester District meeting at the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Sexburga, Minster, Isle of Sheppey, on July 16th. A very warm welcome to the Abbey (which was founded in 664 A.D.) was given by the Vicar, the Rev. R. D. Wain, who conducted the service.

Tea, kindly given by local ringers and friends, was partaken at a nearby hall, and this was followed by a short business meeting with the Rev. R. D. Wain as chairman. A sad note was standing in silence as a tribute to the memory of John W. Coleman, of Cobham, one of the District's most promising young ringers.

Ten new members to the Kent County Association were elected, and a collection for the restoration fund of Queenborough tower, amounting to nearly £8, was handed to Mr. S. Rayfield. Votes of thanks included one from the Vicar to the ringers for coming!

September meeting: Meopham.

FREE LOAN EXPEDITES BATHEASTON RESTORATION

The promise of an interest-free loan of £3,000 and the gift of two treble bells have enabled the Vicar of Batheaston, Preb. R. A. Evans, to launch a restoration appeal for his bells. Preb. Evans refused to accept the loan until two-thirds was covered by covenant subscriptions, which he now has. He hopes to raise about £4,000.

St. John the Baptist Church, Batheaston, has six bells with a tenor of 18 cwt. The earliest of the present bells is stated to be late 14th century and will have to be replaced. It is hoped to keep this bell in the church.

The bells are to be hung lower in the tower in a modern cast iron frame. The work is expected to start in October and be completed by Easter.

KING'S SCHOOL CHANGE RINGERS, WORCESTER

DURING the past year ringing has continued in the school. Although St. Swithun's bells are still unringable, having been so since 1965, the Society has continued to practice regularly at All Saints' Church. Even this was not without difficulty as, for one term, only the 23 cwt. back six were ringable! Several new recruits have been taught to ring and older members have become more competent.

The school, by kind permission of the Dean and the Cathedral Guild of Ringers, was allowed to ring the F sharp six for School Confirmation and Speech Day services in the Cathedral On the last Sunday of term six present members and two Old Vigornians rang the E octave for Evensong.

Tuesday, July 19th, was the Society's expedition day. During the morning six members journeyed to Wychbold and, after removing cobwebs and an accumulation of dust from the belfry, scored the Society's first peal —Doubles in 12 variations. The bells at Wychbold, although very rarely rung, went well and were an ideal choice for the first peal. The remainder of the Society arrived in a retired ambulance at 2 p.m.

The ride to Hanbury, by way of a lane which became narrower and steeper, was pleasant and the bells at St. Mary's Church were found to be an excellent octave. At St. Peter's, Droitwich, after inspecting the memorial to Edward Winslow, a Pilgrim Father and King's Scholar in the 17th century, Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung on the pleasant light six. The sallies, each of a different colour, were appreciated more than the long ropes.

With two of the more experienced ringers leaving this term, the Society will have to work hard to maintain a change ringing team next year.

Thanks are due to the All Saints' team for allowing us to practise regularly, to the Worcester ringers for their continued help and encouragement and to the Rectors and Vicars of the various churches where we have rung.—P. D. T. C.

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OUTINGS

HEAVITREE, DEVON

The Heavitree ringers for their annual outing visited Bridgerule, Holsworthy, Stratton, Werrington and Kilkhampton and were entertained to tea by the Heavitree Church Council at Holsworthy. Methods rung were Grandsire, Erin, Plain Bob and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Little Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Mr. C. Bryant was elected a member of the Stay Benders Association after the visit to Bridgerule. N, M,

NORTH HANTS SUNDAY TRIP IN WILTS AND DORSET

The North Hants ringers' annual Sunday trip to Dorset and Wilts took place on July 3rd. Towers visited were at Donhead St. Andrew's (a good four), Semley (a fine heavy six), where Bob Minor went well, Tisbury, where the local captain joined us in Grandsire Doubles, Motcombe, our first in Dorset, Cann, Shaftesbury, little known ring of four steel bells, Melbury Abbas and Compton Abbas (two good fives), and Fontmell Magna (a good heavy six).

Service ringing was at Iwerne Minster, the best six of the day, and also at Iwerne Courtney, where we were joined by the local captain and one of his band. On the homeward journey, by kind permission of the Vicar (a ringer himself), we had a quick ring on Great Wishford's ring of five, famous for its unusual rope circle.

Thanks go to Philip Taylor and Peter Furness for undertaking the correspondence, to all incumbents and tower captains.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL

The Peak District was the venue for Higham's outing on July 9th. For the first time in three years the day of the outing was free of rain and mostly warm and sunny.

First ringing should have been at Mayfield but this tower had to be missed as a result of an unfortunate hitch in the arrangements. Good ringing was enjoyed on the six at Chapel-en-le-Frith, while some of the non-ringers sampled the hospitality of a local innkeeper, who had been a ringer all his life. Lunch was taken at Glossop, followed by ringing on the eight at Old Glossop. An unfortunate incident between a young lady ringer and a stay, however, caused ringing to be curtailed.

After stopping to top up the coach's radiator halfway up the Snake Pass, the party arrived at Bakewell and a break for tea. This was followed by several good touches on the fine octave at All Saints'. The final ring was at Osmaston (6).

Thanks must go to all incumbents and tower captains and to Ivan Merry and Don Green for making the arrangements. K. P. G.

FARNHAM DISTRICT

This year the annual outing of Farnham District took the form of a tour through East Sussex and West Kent, held on July 30th, when some 45 ringers and friends had a most enjoyable day. Our first call, Horsham, was rather protracted, where the chaotic traffic conditions and a narrow road needed the help of the local police before the coach was able to turn round. This curtailed the ringing time allowed when Crawley was reached. A picnic lunch was taken at Coleman's Hatch, where the afternoon programme was to commence.

Withyham and Tunbridge Wells made up the afternoon ringing, which culminated in a thunderstorm accompaniment to the bells, the heavy rain continuing throughout tea.

Summing up, the ringing throughout was reasonably good, even if some of the younger ones made rather dented rounds on the widely differing weights encountered. One touch only, Yorkshire Surprise Major, refused to go. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Beryl Simpson, who organised, the tower captains who met us, also to the incumbents. R. B.



ENGAGED.—George Pluckrose and R. Joy Watkin have things in common apart from an eight-bell attempt on handbells. Both are students at St. John's College, York, of which George is Ringing Master of the College Society, and both have been elected members of York Minster Society.

George's home tower is Lynham, Wilts, and he is Joint Ringing Master of the Calne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, for which Guild he has rung and conducted a number of peals.

Joy comes from Wigston Magna, Leicestershire, and specialises in conducting Stedman and in our last issue we reported her as ringing her first peal of Stedman Caters at Leicester Cathedral. An encouraging thought for the York Minster Society is that they will have Joy's services for at least another couple of years.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

AT the quarterly meeting at Havant on July 23rd, 30 members and friends were present. Ringing ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise Major. New members elected were Messrs. Harrington, Stead, Edwards, T. Gush and W. Gush and Miss Heath of Catherington.

The resignation of the District Ringing Master, Mr. W. Cope, was accepted with regret. Mr. Cope proposed as his successor Mr. John Hunt, and in doing so said that he felt that the job would be better undertaken by a younger member. The chairman seconded the proposal, which was passed unanimously. The meeting expressed very sincere thanks to Mr. Cope for his past efforts, and Mr. Hunt said that he would make every effort to imporve the ringing as his predecessor had done.

Next meeting: October 22nd, at Catherington with Hambledon. L. D. D.

BURGESS HILL REACH THE NEW FOREST

A party of 30 assembled for the Burgess Hill annual outing on July 30th, and the route was through West Sussex and beyond to the edge of the New Forest.

After enjoying the bells of Bosham, the journey was continued via Havant and Portsdown Hill and nice country to Romsey. It seemed fatal to have lunch before climbing, on full stomachs, to the ringing chamber of the Abbey. However, the excellent ring justified the effort.

To New Alresford, a pretty village with a ring of eight, the route was via Winchester. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung. The tea stop was at Hawkley, and afterwards the light eight there were rung to Stedman Doubles and Triples and some Grandsire under the guidance of C. Pound, a local ringer. Finally came Haslemere, where some fine ringing of Grandsire Caters was accomplished under Mr. D. Hall, captain of Burgess Hill.

The party reached home at 10 p.m. after a very successful day. Thanks go to all towers visited. W. E. H.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Surprise in Prize contest

The Halifax and District Association held it annual general meeting and prize contest at Armitage Bridge on July 30th. Four teams entered the competition—Friezland, Meltham, Roughtown and Barnsley. These four teams made history, as none of them completed the test pice of 600 changes. (How are the mighty fallen !)

At the business meeting, attended by about 45 people, Mr. Chant, the judge, gave his remarks amid the good-humoured ribbing of rival teams. The meeting decided to repeat the prize contest in September at New Mill.

The officers were re-elected en bloc with the exception of the treasurer. Mrs. Greenwood was appointed to this position, with Mr. Mann as auditor.

In a more sober mood the assembled company stood in memory of the past president, Mr. Edward Earnshaw, who had given of his best for many years, a man who enjoyed good striking, helping the younger members, a man whom everyone respected and admired.

Ringing continued during the evening until 9 p.m., with the usual high standard of striking. T. T.

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Rung at Christ Church, Swindon, on July 16th, 1966.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Butcher 1, Angela Newing 2, A. Bourner 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on July 26th, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): B. Butcher 1, Rachel Sinden 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, A. S. Phelps 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Jeffrey (first quarter) 1, Gaynor Wallace 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Amanda Powell 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Matins.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. A. Benn 1, Miss R. J. Henderson 2, R. Jones 3, E. E. Dodds 4, R. J. Cooles (cond.) 5, D. J. Carter (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

BEDFONT, MIDDX.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Davies (first quarter) 1, P. Cranham 2, C. Robinson 3, B Wiggins 4, D. Boniface (cond.) 5, D. Lee (first quarter) 6. A farewell compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. A. G. Scott-Joynt, who are leaving for Waterbeach, in Cambridgeshire.

BRADLEY, STAFFS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. A. Malin 1, E. E. Speake 2, A. Cleaver 3, D. H. Holden 4, H. Griffiths 5, D. K. Knowles 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, R. Lees 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Moseley to the living of Bradley.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Minor (two methods): D. Osborne 1, Elizabeth J. Foster 2, D. Surman 3, P. R. Humphrey 4, S. Humphrey (cond.) 5, G. A. Dawson 6.

BRAUNSTON, RUTLAND.—On July 31st, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: C. J. Groome 1, Susan Horspool 2, L. Atton 3, J. Woolley 4. A compliment to Gerald W. Reynolds and Robert C. Woodward, on gaining their degees.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hansford (first quarter) 1, Christine Webb 2, Sheila Copping 3, P. J. Spice 4, M. Gilbey 5, M. G. Foster (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Jennifer Quaife 1, Christine Webb 2, Sheila Copping 3, P. J. Spice 4, T. Lewis (first of Doubles as cond.) 5. First of Doubles 1, 2 and 3.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS. — On July 16th, 1,314 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Duncan 1, M. C. Austin 2, R. Durrant 3, A. J. Slade 4, J. R. Towers 5, M. Jefferyes 6, I. L. Dear (cond.) 7, M. Hawkins 8. For Vicar's 25th wedding anniversary.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Aug. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Furness 1, P. Taylor (first of Minor) 2, P. Furness 3, M. Goss 4, G. Dodd 5, R. Crook (cond.) 6. For the induction of the new incumbent.

CODDINGTON, BEDS. — On July 27th, 1,440 Norwich and London Surprise Minor: Susan E. Williams 1, Brenda P. Redfearn 2, D. Redfearn 3, E. Edmondson 4, R. E. Hardy 5, G. Penney (cond.) 6. First in two methods for 2 and 3.

CALDECOTE, RUTLAND.—On July 30th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: G. P. A. Pearce 1, A. N. Pearce 2, Jennifer E. Pearce 3, C. J. Groome (cond.) 4. Rung by members of the Huntington (York) band.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On July 29th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each of Oxford and Kent): J. Nicholson 1, Judy Weeks 2, I. Wickens 3, E. Brazier 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, R. V. Clarke 6. First of Treble Bob 1, 2, 3 and 4.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. A. Blatcher 1, Mrs. H. F. Hinde 2, Dr. D. L. Parker 3, R. Hinde 4, Dr. N. J. Martin (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6. Rung for the wedding of David Manger, the tower captain, to Jenny Wright, also a member of the local band. With the best wishes of the participants, who are all past or present members.

CHURCH EATON, STAFFS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Wiggin 1, G. Keay 2, Mrs. B. G. Key 3, G. Hall 4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5, J. W. Dyke 6. A birthday compliment to three members of Gnosall band, Misses B. Wiggin, L. Key and V. Keay.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Game 1, Miss S. Thexton 2, Miss J. Henderson 3, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 4, N. Thomson 5, N. S. Bagworth 6, C. G. Barnes 7, W. Grove (first on eight) 8. A.M.D.G

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On July 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss C. Slater (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss E. Timmins 2, Miss H. Pardoe 3, P. Johnson 4, P. Bill 5, H. Bennett 6, P. Davies (cond.) 7, G. Lane 8. A 21st birthday compliment to 2nd ringer.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Coombes 1, Mrs. P. H. Frith 2, L. B. Coles 3, B. P. Wilde 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, M. J. Bees 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. L. Fish, of Compton Dando, whose funeral took place in the week.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On July 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: S. Lucas (2nd cousin, first quarter) 1, Bridget A. White (mother) 2, H. J. Sanger (grandfather) 3, A. J. Sanger (uncle) 4, D. C. Jackson (godfather) 5, M. V. White (father, cond.) 6. Rung on the back six, immediately prior to and in honour of the christening of Stephen Michael White. This should have been a complete family quarter, but unfortunately Mr. David H. White (uncle) was prevented from ringing by illness.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Middleditch 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 3, G. Herbert 4, H. Ivings 5. A welcome to the Rt. Rev. L. Brown, to the Bishopric of the Diocese. Also on July 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Middleditch 1, R. G. Oakley 2, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 3, G. Herbert 4, H. Ivings 5. For the united Anglican-Methodist Service.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: Beryl Simpson 1, Wendy Treble (first in method) 2, Hilary Kippin 3, Jessie M. Kippin 4, D. P. Treble 5, P. J. Joyce 6, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 7, H. P. Reed 8. To celebrate the birth of a grandchild to Mr. Reed.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Boarder 1, Mrs. E. D. Poole 2, E. D. Poole 3, J. Young 4, L. J. Young 5, P. R. Dean 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, E. G. Silvey 8. For the induction service and as a welcome to the Rev. Samuel Richard Day (Vicar).

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Keeble 1, F. Shynn 2, R. Barber 3, Maureen Barber 4, J. Shynn (cond.) 5, G. Barber 6. A birthday compliment to J. Shynn.

HAYES, KENT.—On March 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Judy Camfield 1, S. Nicholls 2, Janet Camfield 3, P. J. Spice 4, J. E. Cannell 5, D. P. Smith (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3. Before the induction of Rev. F. L. Mitchell as Rector.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On July 31st, 1,296 Little Bob Major: P. Colton 1, C. Bryant 2, F. Wills 3, B. Thompson 4, M. Lock 5, F. Wreford 6, G. Skinner 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong, by the Sunday service band. A 92nd birtdhay compliment to Mr. E. J. Ryall, vice-president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

HERTFORD.—On July 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Thorn 1, Miss G. M. James 2, R. J. Wilsher 3, S. E. James 4, Mrs. L. E. James 5, P. M. F. Searles 6, D. Digby 7, J. M. Kemp (cond.) 8. A compliment to the Rev. C. H. L. Birdwood, priest-in-charge of All Saints', Hertford, on appointment as Rector of Little Berkhamsted, and also as a mark of appreciation of his interest in local ringing.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Hubbard 1, W. Clamp (first in method) 2, H. Clayton 3, O. Homewood (first in method) 4, R. Looker 5, R. E. Manton (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to Aaron Homewood.

LONG EATON, DERBYS. — 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Ward (first quarter) 1, Sandra Jacklin 2, G. Browne 3, D. J. Marshall 4, A. Humphrey (cond.) 5, C. Beswick 6. First of Doubles 2 and 3.

MADELEY, SALOP.—Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 behind): H. Tranter (cond.) 1, C. Tranter 2, G. Jones 3, H. Hyde 4, J. Molinot 5, J. Rhodes 6, J. Tranter 7, C. Buckmaster 8. Rung for Graham Rich, who is emigrating to Australia.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Burton (first quarter on handbells) 1—2, Margaret Lawson 3—4, K. Lawson (cond.) 5—6.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, on July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Iris Anderson 1, C. D. Davis 2, W. A. Thow 3, J. E. Anderson 4, J. Hedley 5, J. Crowther 6, E. N. Harrison 7, W. Davidson 8, G. S. Deas 9, M. Maughan (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Durrant 1, Laura Grindrod 2, D. Warner 3, A. J. Slade 4, M. Jefferyes 5, I. L. Dear (cond.) 6.

SOMERBY, LEICS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): A. Bell 1, B. Bell 2, I. Bell 3, S. Stimson 4, M. Stimson (first as cond.) 5, C. Tyler 6. First for 1 and 2. First quarter by Sunday service band.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—On July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ken Stacey 1, Philip Goodyer (first quarter, 11 years) 2, Mrs. Margaret Goodyer 3, J. Rainsford 4, Jennie Smith 5, Tom Goodyer (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome home from England to Margaret, Geoffrey and Rachel Goodyer, and as an 11th birthday compliment to Philip Goodyer.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Rochester Cathedral on August 6th was Stuart Sandford's first tower bell peal for over 30 years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, of Bendigo, write thanking those who rang congratulatory peals on the occasion of their wedding.

The peal at Shorne, Kent, on August 1st, was Trevor A. Cross's first ten-bell peal "in hand."

By ringing the fourth in the golden wedding peal at Darley Dale on August 3rd Mr. Ronald H. Bullen "circled the tower" to peals for the second time.

At last the Oxford Diocesan Guild is able to record a ladies' peal of Major. The peal was rung at Hughenden on August 6th and conducted by Miss Joyce I. Barton.

Cambridge University Guild have now completed the Stedman family from Doubles to Cinques silent and non-conducted within the last 20 months. The final peal was Doubles at Harston on August 4th.

Kenneth Cummings, of Kingsbury, Warwickshire, should be congratulated on ringing his first peal, which was at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, on the treble, not an easy bell to ring for the first time and for a first peal.

Just too early to arrive on the golden wedding anniversary was Mr. and Mrs. George Paulson's youngest grandson, Duncan George—the firstborn of their youngest son Michael. Young Duncan arrived on July 25th, his mother's birthday.

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HONOUR FOR TOWER CAPTAIN

The name of Mr. R. H. Duke, captain of St. Peter's, Dorchester, was included in the list of those awarded the Lord Lieutenant's certificate for loyal and meritorious service in the Territorial Army announced early this year. He is serving with the Dorset Regiment (T.A.) and holds the rank of Corporal in the Corps of Drums and is the base drummer. He is also a member of the unit's civilian permanent staff.

The presentation of certificates took place when the regiment was at annual camp at Shorncliffe, Kent, last month, and was made by the Lord Lieutenant of Dorset (Col. J. W. Weld), who is a former commanding officer of the regiment.

Mr. Duke was appointed tower captain and tower keeper in February, 1954, and has held the position since that date.

FIRST QUARTER WELCOME HOME TO MOTHER

Eleven-year-old Philip Goodyer, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Goodyer, rang his first quarter peal on Turramurra bells on July 29th as a welcome home to his mother and his brother Geoffrey and sister Rachel. Philip took his first lesson at the end of October, Tom Lock, leader of the English tourists, having expressed the opinion that he was old enough to learn.

When Mrs. Goodyer left Australia for her English holiday in January Philip had just started to ring open rounds. He was ready to ring a quarter peal while still 10, but decided to wait until his mother had returned and could take part "He rang amazingly well," writes Mrs. Goodyer, who said she had an exciting welcome home. 'It's wonderful to be home again."

KNEW THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON

Canon R. J. P Peyton-Burbery, of March, an honorary member of the Ely Diocesan Association, who, although nearing his 90th birthday, recently handled a bell in March belfry, the first time for a great many years To "The Sentinel," the quarterly publication of the Ely Diocesan Association., which Mr Trevor A. Bevis is editing and producing, he contributes a very happy recollection of the Rev. F. E. Robinson in the Isle of Wight. With the editor's permission, this is being published on our front page.

"The Sentinel" is very readable and among the articles are "Washington Cathedral" by Hilary Knight, "The Bells of Whittlesey St. Mary's Church" by J. N. Edwards (also a cover illustration). "Ringing in the Past: Soham," "Histon Team's First Peal" and reports of Ely Diocesan Association activities. "The Sentinel" is obtainable from the Editor, 150, Burrowmoor Road, March, Cambs, price 2s.

5,152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

By STANLEY JENNER

23456	M	B	W	H
43526	—	x		—
43265		x		—
24365	—	x	—	—
32465	—	x	—	—
36524		x	2	—
62534	—	x		(3)
23645		x		

Repeat twice, calling (3) in second part only.
Rung at Tunbridge Wells, Kent, on August 28th, 1965.

A MONMOUTHSHIRE WEDDING

Some seven years ago "The Ringing World" contained a report of the rekindling of interest in the bells at St. Mary's Church, Panteg, Monmouthshire, when a group of young people began tuition on the ring of three. Although not one of the "founder members," one of the young ladies who soon showed keen interest in service ringing at Panteg was 14-year-old Jennifer Meades, and it was therefore very fitting that Jenny should decide to return to her "home" tower for her wedding on July 30th to Mr. John H. Ralph, of Hayes, Middlesex. It was also a great pleasure for her ringing friends who reunited at this picturesque little church to "man the ropes" on this happy occasion. Full honours were accorded, with rounds, calls and "hunting," to welcome the bride, and "Queens" firing and more call changes as the couple departed to the reception, which was held at the Llansantffraed Court Hotel, set in spacious parkland near Abergavenny.

The honeymoon will be a three-week tour of Ireland, at the end of which the couple will move to Trowbridge, Wilts, the bridegroom being a lecturer at Bath.

Panteg tower is indebted to Jenny for the request that a collecting plate be available at the wedding service, the proceeds to be given to the rope fund. This much-appreciated gesture realised over £5. G. R. M.

THE WANDERER RETURNS

Few ringers can equal the travels of Mr. Albert Lancefield of the well-known Kent family of ringers. Albert left New York on the "Queen Mary" on August 10th, having come from Australia via Canada and the States. He went with Vancouver ringers and Mrs. Margaret Goodyer to Mission City Benedictine Monastery and rang on the ten bells. Later he was in Calgary during Stampede Week and finally at Washington. His impressions of world ringing would make a fine "Ringing World" story.

"PLAIN BOB SIMPLIFIED"

The next article on "Plain Bob Simplified" by Mr. R. B. Smith, dealing with conducting the method, will appear in our next issue.

80 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Another great achievement comes from Anthony R. Peake's band of Spliced Surprise Major. At St. George's Church, Bristol, on August 6th, they gave the Exercise a new record with a peal of 80 methods. New methods incorporated by Mr. W. Eric Critchley in the composition are Brislington, Dursley, Grendon and Prestbury. The last record was 64 methods at Stratton St. Margaret on May 21st.

5,088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

By TIMOTHY G. PETT

B	W	M	H	23456
			—	42356
		—	3	32654
		—		62453
	1		—	62534
	—			36524
	1		2	23645

Repeat twice.
First rung at Dereham on July 13th, 1966.

GLASTONBURY PEAL WELL AND TRULY EARNED

The peal of Pudsey at Glastonbury, Somerset, was not without incident. On July 10th two of the band had to leave home at 10 a.m. with a piece of May and Hassle timber to replace a broken stay before the peal could be started at 2 p.m. However, disappointment was to follow, for at 4 p.m. there were still only seven ringers present, so they had to turn round and go home. Permission was granted for a return visit on Sunday, August 7th at 2.30 p.m.

On arriving it was discovered that the tower door was locked and that the tower captain was away and had apparently forgotten the peal attempt. The Vicar was rapidly found but he doubted whether he had a key. After searching through a chestful of keys and trying literally dozens of keys in the lock, one was eventually found that did the trick, but unfortunately it forced and damaged the lock. The tower is situated in the centre of the town and it was feared that there would be intruders (a Jehovah's Witnesses' meeting place is right under the tower) but the door could not be locked.

The next operation was to raise the bells, when it was discovered that the 2nd was "tied" and the bell chamber door was padlocked The Vicar was found again but this time he was thwarted in his frantic search to find the key, so he expertly performed a neat break-in act by snapping off the securing chain with the iron marline spike! The 2nd was untied and the remaining five of the front six tried to see if they were tied, but they were not. Four hefty males tried to pull the tenor up "right"—but try as they might they could not make it strike—who would have thought that learners were being taught on a 26 cwt. bell, for, much to everyone's surprise, that was tied!

The next problem to be encountered was that the rope of the fourth came down outside of the rope guide rather than through it. A very delicate operation was called for and eventually, after much lifting and lowering and shouting upstairs, patience was rewarded and all was ready to start.

By then the time was 3.10 p.m. and the bells had to be lowered by 6.30 p.m. Halfway came up at exactly 3 hours 20 speed and it was realised it would be a photo-finish whether the peal would end in time. The last half-hour was particularly nerve-wracking, with all the band having visions of an irate Vicar or churchwarden putting an abrupt end to it all. However, Ralph Edwards, on the tenor, got into "overdrive" and it did finish with two minutes to spare, despite a spot of pulley trouble which caused the 3rd to drop rather more violently than normal on two occasions..

So ended the first peal of Surprise, and indeed only the second peal of Major on this lumpy eight, which drop and snatch as the tower swings in the breeze. J. H.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER

This year's College Youths' dinner will be held at the Albert Restaurant, Albert Embankment, S.E.1, on November 5th. The restaurant is on the south bank of the Thames about midway between Lambeth and Vauxhall Bridges. The following year the Society is going back to the City of London and hope thereafter to always hold the dinners in the City.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GLASTONBURY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist
On Sun., Aug. 7, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. in E flat.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Trevor A. Cross	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	John C. Slater	6
*Derek S. Beaufoy	3	D. John Hunt	7
D. Paul Smith	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Pudsey. First of Surprise on the bells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

Stephen Ivin	Treble	Eric Edmondson	5
Martyn L. J. Jordan	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Avil Ivin	3	Gerald Penney	7
*Ronald J. Sharp	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
*50th peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bert Herman, former ringer at this tower.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Silent and non-conducted. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B flat.

G. H. Jones (St. John's)	Treble	S. P. Darvill (Downing)	4
R. Shipp (Peterhouse)	2	V. Nutton (Selwyn)	5
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)	3	F. H. King (Magdalene)	Tenor

Umpire: Ruth Richardson (New H.)
Rung as a tribute to T. Reginald Dennis.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Friday, Aug. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*Frank R. Morton	Treble	Keith W. Eaton	4
Frederick S. Sutton	2	Leon A. Perry	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards	3	James S. Baker	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* 100th peal. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower" four times and has conducted a peal off each bell.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
EXHALL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb

Richard T. Liggins	Treble	John G. Webb	4
Ian P. Unsworth	2	Raymond D. Hart	5
George P. Hammond	3	Geoffrey Pratt	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon L. Bruce, B.A., on his retirement after 18 years as Vicar of the parish and 40 years in the ministry.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Ernest Paulson	Treble	Timothy Wylie	5
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith	2	Peter D. Taylor	6
*Ann M. Smith	3	George H. Paulson	7
Ronald H. Bullen	4	Burley P. Morris	Tenor

Composed by G. Hughes. Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.
* First peal of Major.
A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George H. Paulson.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) Chester, (2) Munden, (3) Ipswich, (4) London, Wells, (5) York, Durham, (6) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet. (7) Beverley, Cambridge, Surfleet.
Tenor 19 cwt 1 qr. 13 lb in E flat.

C. Duncan Davis	Treble	James Crowther	4
William Davidson	2	Eric N. Harrison	5
Rodney A. Yeates	3	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
GREAT TEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.
On July 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Alan R. Andrews	Treble	John A. Avis	5
Jennifer M. Andrews	2	Neville F. Whittell	6
Neil V. Avis	3	Edward E. Davey	7
Keith B. Good	4	Adrian G. Semken	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Joe E. G. Roast	Treble	Peter J. Came	5
Brian J. Howard	2	*Peter J. Brown	6
Ian R Panton	3	Dennis A. S. Symonds	7
Richard J. Harrison	4	Peter J. Eves	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of Cambridge "inside." 100th peal of Major as conductor.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

David Wright	Treble	Kenneth Warner	5
Colin G. Wright	2	Dennis A. Hewitt	6
Ian L. Dear	3	Dennis Ellisdon	7
Anthony M. Faulkner	4	Robert J. Chapman	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Ellisdon.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Charlie Hughes, tower captain at Leyton, Essex.

SOUTHMINSTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sun., Aug. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt

Harry S. Stebbings	Treble	Philip Sadler	5
*Donald V. Robinson	2	David E. Belcham	6
Bernard C. Sadler	3	Gerald D. J. Sandwell	7
Frank C. May	4	Alfred J. House	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Alfred J. House.
* First peal of Major. First peal on the augmented ring.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5080 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 80 methods, comprising 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnsbury, Benington, Campsall, Chester, Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Derwent, Dublin, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Maulden, Minsmere, Northolt, Ramsey, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Stockport, Superlative, Thorne, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire; 64 changes each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cherwell, Eastcote, Hanbury, Hitchin, London, New Gloucester, Painswick, Radlett, Richmond, Shoreditch, Tring, Warwickshire and Watford; 32 changes each of Bedfont, Bicester, Brislington, Conisbrough, Cuckfield, Dartford, Dorchester, Dursley, Elford, Falmouth, Fordham, Framley Grendon, Haselbech, Hendon, Highgate, Kettering, Lincoln, Malmesbury, Northwood, Olney, Otley, Prestbury, Pudsey Pyrford, Quinton, Reverse Dublin, Shenley, Stoke, Twyford, Umberslade and Xavier; and 24 changes of Herefordshire Little, with 158 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
Edward R. Venn	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	*Victor Griffin	7
Brian Bladon	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 200th peal.
The greatest number of Surprise and Major methods yet rung to a peal.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WHITNEY-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 27 methods and variations, being three extents of Grandsire, two each of Newhorough, Daffodil, Bluebell, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford; one each of Stedman, Wychbold, Wallflower, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Campion, Old, Hudibras, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, St. Hilda.
Tenor 9 cwt.

Mrs. E. C. Chandler	Treble	H. Lyndon Hatfield	3
Colin A. Lewis	2	Lawrence Mainwaring	4
John W. Hope	Tenor		

Conducted by H. Lyndon Hatfield.
First peal of Doubles as conductor.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DUBLIN, Co. Dublin.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

*Janet M. Brown	Treble	†Peter C. Brown	5
*David H. T. Taylor	2	*Victor H. Scott	6
Maud Austin	3	John Lindsay	7
Fred E. Dukes	4	†Harold H. Brown	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by John Lindsay.
* First peal. † First on eight bells. First in the method as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Ted Cathlin and Dona Bleakley, who were married earlier the same day at Christ Church Cathedral, also to welcome the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Scott.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER, Kent.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5111 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Rodney Andrews	Treble	Frank J. Mathews	6
Christopher T. Osenton	2	Brian R. Trill	7
Cyril S. Jarrett	3	George E. Evenden	8
Stuart Sandford	4	Leonard Crouch	9
Terence Barton	5	Peter S. Muchlinski	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David S. Osenton and Margaret A. Nurse.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., July 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Richard G. Crosland	Treble	††‡Michael H. O'Callaghan	4
Ian H. Oram	2	D. Paul Smith	5
*Robert J. Edmondson	3	‡Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ 25th peal together.
The ringer of the second has "circled the tower" four times.
Rung on the Feast of SS. Nazarius and Celsus, Martyrs., Victor I, Pope and Martyr, and Innocent I, Pope and Confessor.

BRABOURNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Being seven extents with no 6-5's at backstroke.
Tenor 11 cwt 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Bernard Marks	Treble	Lloyd Sweatman	4
Rachel J. Sinden	2	Crawford T. Hillis	5
Brenda M. Foster	3	Nicholas J. Davies	Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.
Rung to celebrate the restoration of the tower and rehanging of the bells.

EAST FARLEIGH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., August 6, 1966. in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

Shirley P. Town	Treble	Norman R. Mattingley	4
Janet S. Evenden	2	Cyril S. Jarrett	5
Peter S. Muchlinski	3	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
Rung in memoriam John W. Coleman.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MILNROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Aug. 7, 1966. in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Christine Andrew	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
Philip G. K. Davies	3	Neil Bennett	7
Derek Butterworth	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek Butterworth

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., July 26, 1966. in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Samuel J. Haines	Treble	David F. Moore	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Rupert A. Clarke	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Gordon H. Lane	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by J R. Ketteringham. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1966. in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Kenneth Cummings	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	5
Gordon H. Lane	2	G. Ronald Edwards	6
†Vivienne M. Rigby	3	David F. Moore	7
Samuel J. Haines	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal. † Has now "circled the tower."

BIRSTALL, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1956, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 23 lb. in G sharp.

Hugh Thomas	Treble	Alan G. Payne	5
J. Edward Cawser	2	J. Martin Thorley	6
Beryl E. Cawser	3	Norman W. Attaway	7
*Julian M. Morley	4	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method.

SWITHLAND, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Wed., April 13, 1966. in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in eight methods, viz.: Twelve extents Plain Bob, eight each Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury, four each April Day and St. Nicholas, two each Reverse St. Bartholomew and Winchendon Place. Tenor 12 cwt.

Rosemary Tailby	Treble	B. C. Law	4
N. R. Ellway	2	D. G. Moore	5
M. W. Browne	3	M. J. Copson	Tenor

Conducted by M. W. Brown.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods: (1) Norwich, (2) York, (3) Ipswich, (4) Bourne, (5) Surfleet, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*Robin A. Gilliver	Treble	K. Paul Gilliver	4
Brian L. Burrows	2	John Watkins	5
Christopher M. Sturgess	3	Michael E. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., August 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Patricia Rogers	Treble	John W. Smith	6
Dennis A. Hewitt	2	*Jonathan S. N. Porter	7
*Dennis Ellisdon	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	8
Christopher H. Rogers	4	Harold W. Rogers	9
James B. Coote	5	Douglas M. Boniface	Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung in honour of the birth of a son this day to the Rev. and Mrs. Derek Hayward.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HOLT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents of Double Court, spliced St. Clement's and Plain Bob, combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob; 24 changes of method :
Tenor 7 cwt. 8 lb. in G sharp.

William R. West	Treble	Derick W. Pardon	4
Herbert F. Laskey	2	Walter Ford	5
John R. Smith	3	Nolan Golden	Tenor

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
First peal on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer (first peal for 28 years), whose faith, initiative and hard work resulted in the augmentation of the bells from two to six. Also a 32nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Laskey, of Reepham.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., July 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C. sharp.

Arthur Newton	Treble	Robin J. Lee	5
Eric Edmondson	2	Derek Francis	6
Robert H. Newton	3	Sydney M. Bailey	7
William Birmingham	4	Dennis Knox	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.
Arranged to commemorate the visit of Princess Margaret to High Wycombe.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BUCKLEBURY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	Reginald W. Rex	5
Patricia C. Hibbert	2	John H. Napper	6
John C. Baldwin	3	Frank W. Lewis	7
Cyril J. Hibbert	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

(The Society of Raving Ringers)
GREAT TEW, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

James Linnell	Treble	†Barry J. Davis	5
Graham C. Paul	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Christopher C. Clarke	3	*Maurice A. New	7
*Ronald K. Russ	4	*†Michael W. Coleman	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. First peal in the method for the Society.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Judith M. Loten	Treble	Gladys E. Barker	5
A. Frances Oglesby	2	Gillian N. Hazell	6
*Pearl J. Gibson	3	Doreen Hague	7
Monica M. Blagrove	4	Joyce I. Barton	Tenor

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by Joyce I. Barton.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. Rung by members of the E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. Believed to be the first ladies' peal of Major for the Guild.

(Newbury Branch)
THATCHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Odd Bob one-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

Mary E. Marshall	Treble	Henry Lawrenson	5
Cyril J. Hibbert	2	Walter Hunt	6
John W. T. Hibbert	3	William Butler	7
Ronald C. Christopher	4	*Alan D. Edens	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by William Butler.
* First peal

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., July 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Richard F. B. Speed	Treble	*Hugh M. Johnson	6
Roger W. Smith	2	Charles E. Truman	7
Richard J. Danby	3	David J. Marshall	8
Malcolm J. V. Chown	4	Barrie Hendry	9
Ronald J. Sharp	5	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal on ten bells.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., July 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL

Richard J. Danby	Treble	Roger W. Smith	6
Anne B. Speed	2	Alan J. Frost	7
Claudia A. Critchley	3	G. William Critchley	8
Diana M. Frost	4	Barrie Hendry	9
Malcolm T. V. Chown	5	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Composed by John Cox. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal of Double Norwich Royal by all. Rung with a 4ths place bob. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, Northants.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods, being 18 extents of Plain Bob, 12 of Grandsire and 12 of Reverse Canterbury, rung in alternate 720's Tenor 7 cwt.

Alan G. Payne	Treble	Hilary Knight	3
E. Alan Jacques	2	*Roger N. Scholes	4

J. Martin Thorley .. .. Tenor
Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
† First peal.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., July 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*Vivienne M. Horton	Treble	John C. Eisel	7
Ann E. Fellows	2	Martin D. Fellows	8
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	Peter J. Stretton	9
Michael J. Fellows	4	Ralph G. Edwards	10
Roderick W. Pipe	5	Stephen J. Ivin	11
Norman J. Goodman	6	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal on 12 bells.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., July 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

James W. Belshaw	Treble	Roger W. Powell	7
Ann E. Fellows	2	Barrie Hendry	8
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	Roderick W. Pipe	9
Richard Inglis	4	David J. Purnell	10
Edgar C. Shepherd	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Norman J. Goodman	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

ABERGAVENNY, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 38 lb. in D.

David R. Ingram	Treble	John C. Eisel	6
John R. Insley	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
James Insley	3	Martin D. Fellows	8
David J. Purnell	4	Michael J. Fellows	9
Roderick W. Pipe	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
STOCKTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Tues., June 21, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb.

Barnabas G. Key	Treble	Ian Friend	4
E. Marion Key	2	Richard E. Morris	5
*Graham Hall	3	*Thomas A. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal of Stedman.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
BREWOOD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad.
On Sat., July 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Madeleine McCallion	Treble	Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Raymond J. Ballard	6
T. Felicity Webber	3	Dennis Latham	7
F. Hector Bennett	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by J. Parker. Conducted by Norman Sherrratt.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHWELL, Notts.—At the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Graham J. N. Colborne	Treble	F. Neville Pailing	6
Simon Humphrey	2	Harry Poyner	7
B. Stedman Payne	3	Denis A. Frith	8
*Roger Kendrick	4	†John R. Pratchett	9
Gordon A. Halls	5	‡Richard Inglis	Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † 75th peal ‡ First of Cambridge Surprise Royal. First of Royal as conductor. Tenor 25 cwt.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

*Paul Elkington	Treble	†Percy Holmes	5
Paul Raithby	2	Colin W. Reed	6
Grace Burchnall	3	Peter Wakefield	7
Katherine Burchnall	4	Frederick G. Hooper	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Triples

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eleven extents Reverse St. Bartholomew, six Plain Bob, five April Day and 19 Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

F. William Midwinter .. Treble	Frederick Derry 4
Margaret A. Chilton .. 2	James H. Musson 5
Bruce Wakefield 3	Charles J. Copp .. .. Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
PRESTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Norwich, (2) Primrose, (3) Hull, (4) Netherseale, (5) Ipswich, (6) Bourne, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Margaret E. Egglestone Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4
Ian R. Panton 2	*Richard Chambers 5
*Frederick O. Hunt 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods. Believed to be the first peal of Surprise rung on the bells.

HORRINGER, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being two extents each of Keston and Bourne and three extents of Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A.

Arthur F. Ballam .. .. Treble	John A. Underwood .. 4
Toni M. Rogers 2	Robin H. Rogers 5
Janet I. Rogers 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUXTED, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret the Queen.
On Thurs., July 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Charlotte M. Harris .. Treble	*David R. McLean 5
Valerie J. Howard 2	Frank H. Hicks 6
*Janet E. Blake 3	Arthur J. Hart 7
Joan A. Howard 4	†Douglas J. Hoad .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal of Triples and in the method. † First peal attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Canon Greville Cooke, M.A

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BENTWORTH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, four callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Basil E. Pink .. .. .. Treble	Ramon A. Stone 3
†Ann M. Hall 2	Ernest Treagus 4
Charles E. Bassett .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.
* First peal on a working bell. † First peal and first attempt. First peal in the method to Doubles by 3, 4 and 5.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., July 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Peter L. Bill .. .. .. Treble	Martin D. Fellows 5
†Robert Edwards 2	John C. Eisel 6
Brian J. Luff 3	Michael J. Fellows .. 7
*Joseph Warr 4	Percival C. Richards .. Tenor

Composed by Thomas Thurston. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First of Triples. First of Stedman Triples as conductor.
Rung as birthday compliments to P. C. Richards. C. T. Richards and J. Masefield.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt 1 qr. in D flat.

Jeanne E. Bottomley .. Treble	Gwilym Salmon 7
David E. House 2	John Hartless 8
Vernon Bottomley 3	John E. Kirby 9
J. Henry Fielden 4	Edward J. Chivers 10
Philip M. Tubbs 5	Robert C. Kippin 11
Frank L. Harris 6	Brian J. Luff .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 HUNSLETT BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Josephine M. Haskins .. Treble	Ronald H. Dove 5
James S. Webb 2	Kenneth B. Sissons 6
John Webb 3	C. Barrie Dove 7
John Potts 4	*Anthony P. Haskins .. Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal at first attempt. First peal of Hunslett Bob Triples.

WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's, Plain Bob, London Scholars' T.B., Kingston, Sandal, Oxford and Kent T.B. Tenor 10¾ cwt. in G.

Alan Newbould .. .. Treble	Alan Clifton 4
Patricia Lockwood 2	Guy Cox 5
Christopher A. Moxon .. 3	Ian North .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian North.

HEMINGBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*John Dodgson .. .. Treble	‡David R. Swann 4
†Derek J. Swann 2	Ronald R. Warford .. 5
*David Whitehead 3	G. Frederick Terry .. Tenor

Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.
* First peal in three methods. † First in three methods "inside." ‡ First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.
HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Fri., July 1, 1966, in 2 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Maud Austin 1-2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3-4
John Lindsay 5-6	

Rung for the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Fri., July 8, 1966, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE DOUBLES
42 six-scores (maximum callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

*Maud Austin 1-2	†John T. Dunwoody 3-4
*John Lindsay (cond.) .. 5-6	

* First peal in the method. †175 peal for the Association.

JULIANSTOWN, Co. Meath.—At Meadow Cottage.
On Sun., July 17, 1966, in 1 Hour and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor size 11 in G.

*Maud Austin 1-2	Fred E. Dukes (cond.) .. 3-4
*John Lindsay 5-6	

* 50th peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles.
Rung to welcome the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. John Nuzum.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.— At 14, Warren View.
On Sun., July 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6
Trevor A. Cross 3-4	Edward J. Beer 7-8
Stuart Sandford 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., July 29, 1966, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four methods rung in the following seven extents: (1) Grandsire, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Windsor Single Bob and Plain Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley 1-2	Mary Whalley 3-4
*Kevin M. Price 5-6	

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal of Minor in four methods.

BOWNESS, Westmorland.—At St. Martin's Belfry.
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1966, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents: (1) Grandsire, (2) Spliced Double Bob and Plain Bob, (3) Windsor Single Bob II, (4) Single Oxford, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley 1-2	Mary Whalley 3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5-6	

First peal in five methods by all.
Rung as a tribute to Mr. Frank Wilson, who is in his 20th year as tower captain.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BARROW-UPON-SOAR, Leicestershire.—In the belfry of the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., July 25, 1966, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Spliced Double and Plain and six extents of Plain, differently called. Tenor size 13 in E.
Malcolm D. Barsby .. .. 1-2 | Rupert A. Clarke 3-4
B. Stedman Payne (cond.) .. 5-6
Rung before service on the Feast of St. James.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
On Tues., July 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.
Geoffrey R. Parker .. .. 1-2 | Margaret A. Parker 5-6
Gwen I. Bloomfield .. 3-4 | Jack L. Millhouse 7-8
Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Mon., Juiv 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In four methods, comprising 2,640 of London (No. 3), 1,080 of Clifton, 680 of Yorkshire and 640 of Cambridge, with 95 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2 | Roger Baldwin 5-6
John R. Mayne .. .. 3-4 | *Robert B. Smith 7-8
Gerald Penney 9-10
Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Royal on handbells. First peal of 4-Spliced Surprise Royal on handbells for the Association.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.— At 9, Richmond Road.
On Wed., July 20, 1966, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven independent 720's. Tenor size 14 in D.
Paul N. Mounsey .. .. 1-2 | Mary C. Poyner 3-4
Harry Poyner (cond.) .. 5-6

WOLLATON, Nottingham.—In the belfry of St. Leonard's Church.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 19 in F.
*Christopher P. Starbuck .. 1-2 | Simon Humphrey 5-6
Richard Inglis .. .. .. 3-4 | Peter Church 7-8
Composed by J. M. Hadley Hunter. Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
* First peal on eight bells. First "in hand" for all the band.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
STOURBRIDGE, Worcs.—In the belfry of the Church of St. Thomas.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1966, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
Peter L. Bill .. .. 1-2 | Michael J. Fellows (cond.) 3-4
John C. Eisel 5-6

STOURBRIDGE, Worcs.—In the belfry of the Church of St. Thomas.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1966, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's and six of Plain Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.
Peter L. Bill .. .. .. 1-2 | Michael J. Fellows (cond.) 3-4
John C. Eisel 5-6

720 CHANGES IN 23 METHODS
By A. R. PEAKE and H. CHANT.

	23456	Calverleigh	36524	Offton
	64523	Rougham	25463	Calverleigh
	32645	Swanscombe	34625	Allesley
	54263	Crayford Little Court	56234	Little Bob
	63425	Hever	S 43256	Bramford
	25346	Marden	36425	Burstwick
	46532	Nowton	52634	Walsingham
	35264	Little Bob	— 23465	St. Lawrence
	42635	Wrentham	65342	
	56342	Wilburton	42536	Fulmer
S	24356	St. Lawrence	36254	Burstwick
	56432	Burstwick	45632	Bramford
	23654	St. Lawrence	52463	Olney
	54362		63245	St. Lawrence
	62435	Walsingham	45326	
	35264	Bramford	26534	Burstwick
	56324	Burstwick	43625	St. Lawrence
	42653	Lammas	25364	
	53264	St. Lawrence	64532	
	64325		S 34256	Little Bob
	25436		62534	Tannington
	36542	Burstwick	43652	Swanscombe
	24635	St. Lawrence	52364	Marden
	35426		64235	Crayford Little Court
	62543	Walsingham	35426	Hever
S	42356	Wilburton	26543	Preston
	63542	Sproughton	45362	Wilburton
	24653	Snodland	23645	Wrentham
	53462	Hever	56423	Calverleigh
	62345	Marden	— 23456	
	45236	Crayford Little Court		

Rung in a peal of 148 Spliced Minor methods at Ashbocking on July 13th, 1966.

QUARTER PEALS

COMBE ST. NICHOLAS, SOMERSET.—On July 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Matravers 1, W. H. Tarr 2, J. Baker 3, J. Brewer 4, N. J. Maggs (cond.) 5, H. Churchill 6.

CRIPPLEGATE, LONDON.—At St. Giles', on July 24th, 1,259 Erin Cinques: Mrs. G. G. Meyer 1, Patricia Rogers 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, L. C. Way 4, M. J. Uphill 5, C. T. Richards 6, J. W. Smith 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, C. H. Rogers 10, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 11, J. Rider 12. For Evensong.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret A. Thow 1, Christine Telfer 2, Margaret Hart 3, W. A. Thow 4, R. A. Yeates 5, M. Maughan 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Chris Ottaway, and a 19th birthday compliment to Paul Thomas.

GRAVELEY, HERTS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. M. Kemp 1, B. J. W. Foley (first "inside") 2, D. Digby 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, P. M. F. Searles (cond.) 5, Miss J. Digby 6. A birthday compliment to Jean Digby and to Brian Foley.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Clement's, on July 15th, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob: Jennifer M. Andrews (cond.) 1, A. R. Walters 2, S. Christian 3, R. J. Southgate 4, N. F. Whittell 5, M. J. Howes 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Harrop (10th quarter) 1, Miss S. R. Collins 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, L. Houghton 5, C. Cousins 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, C. Tovell 8. In honour of the visit of the Queen Mother to the King's Lynn Festival, and the performance of "The Burning Fiery Furnace" by the English Opera Group.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on July 24th, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Jacqueline S. Young (first of Stedman Caters) 1, C. G. Wright 2, A. J. Slade 3, M. C. Austin (100th quarter) 4, K. Warner 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6, I. L. Dear 7, R. D. Tomlin 8, D. Ellisden 9, M. B. Jefferyes 10. For Evensong.

OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 21st, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): R. E. Lester 1, Alice E. Lester 2, E. J. Lockwood 3, N. F. Whittell 4, Mrs. Winifred Lockwood (cond.) 5, G. R. Goodship 6.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On July 28th, 1,260 Doubles (P.B. and Grandsire): A. E. Peel (15, first quarter) 1, Miss M. J. Beale 2, V. J. Farthing 3, R. Parker 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, R. Hunt 6. A compliment to Mr. A. J. Lewis (local captain), on his birthday.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On July 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. H. G. Benson 1, Rev. J. 2, Rev. R. G. Bryant 3, Rev. K. C. Davis 4, Rev. E. B. Wood 5, Rev. Canon C. E. Wigg (cond.) 6. For the birth of twin sons, Giles and Patrick, to the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Wood, and the birth of a son, Nicholas John de Bailleul, to the Rev. and Mrs. C. R. C. Coussmaker.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On July 17th, 1,344 Spliced Surprise Major: (nine methods: London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Rutland, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Wembley): C. M. Morley 1, N. Bennett (cond.) 2, Margaret Wright 3, Christine Andrew 4, A. McFall 5, G. B. Thompson 6, R. B. Smith 7, F. J. Nelson 8. Rung for Sermons Sunday, and to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the dedication of the back six bells.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On July 19th, 1,260 Plain and Little Bob Minor: Liz Duncan 1, I. L. Dear 2, Jackie S. Young 3, June Whitcher 4, M. C. Austin 5, A. J. Slade (cond.) 6. Rung with birthday compliments to the ringer of the 3rd.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss J. Hills 1, Miss V. Matthews 2, H. Smith 3, S. D. Holdaway 4, Rev. P. N. Bond (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. W. Myers 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, Mrs. J. Smith 3, A. J. Collins 4, A. W. Myers 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, J. C. Mitchelmore 7, H. W. Milford 8, G. E. Mudge 9, D. R. Bould (cond.) 10. First of Royal for 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 9. Rung for Evensong, sung by the choir of Exeter Cathedral. Preacher, the Dean of Exeter.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. H. B. Schofield 1, S. R. Munday 2, Mrs. V. Bottomley 3, V. Bottomley 4, F. A. Munday 5, H. B. Schofield 6, S. Longbottom 7, S. A. Longbottom 8. For the dedication of a memorial tablet to William Ambler, ringer at this church for over 50 years.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Exwood 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, Mrs. S. Foskett 3, Miss M. Elsdon 4, G. Firman 5, S. Foskett 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, W. Bridges 8. A farewell to Miss E. Exwood.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On July 30th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Bessie A. Carter 1, Jennifer M. Beech 2, E. F. Willcox 3, R. E. Morris 4, E. V. Rodenhurst (cond.) 5, F. G. Beddow 6, F. Beech 7, A. G. Owen 8.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS. — On July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Aslett 1, June Sinfield 2, R. J. Scott 3, E. Edmunds 4, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 5, W. F. Gladman 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to June.

WALKERN, HERTS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss R. A. Spicer 1, D. Digby 2, R. J. Wilsher 3, P. M. F. Searles 4, J. M. Kemp (cond.) 5, K. Perrin 6. First in four methods by all the band.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Marshall 1, Mrs. J. Poulter 2, Miss C. Patey (cond.) 3, E. Webb 4, F. J. Roper 5, R. Threadgold 6. Also on July 31st, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Campbell 1, Mrs. J. Poulter 2, Miss C. Patey 3, R. Threadgold (cond.) 4, R. Suckling 5, F. Marshall 6.

WARNFORD, HANTS. — On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Maureen White 1, Mary White 2, Betty Daysh 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A welcome to Stephanie, daughter of Ingrid and Derek White, born July 12th.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St. Margaret's, on July 24th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. Milledge 1, Miss H. Mahman 2, Mrs. E. Bagworth 3, W. Rawlings 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, D. Randall 6, N. Bagworth 7, A. Patterson 8, J. Phillips 9, A. Griffin 10. For the Patronal Festival service.

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LANE.—The address of Gordon H. Lane, Midland Counties Guild Ringing Master, is now: Ulverscroft, 82, West Avenue, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham. Tel. Castle Bromwich 3033. 9732

THRELFALL.—On and from August 15th, 1966, the address of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Threlfall will be The Granary., 13, Royston Road, Harston, Cambridge. Telephone Number (unchanged): Harston 650 (STD code OCA3—822—650). 9637

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Surprise practice at St Mary's, Warwick, Saturday, August 27th, 7.30–9. Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal and Major methods as required. Only Surprise will be rung. 9601

ST. MARY'S EASTWOOD, NOTTS.—Rededication of the bells, Saturday, August 20th, 2.30 p.m. To be held on the new church site, weather permitting. A peal attempt will follow the service.—D. J. Beach, Mansfield Dis. Sec. 9712

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LATE NOTICE

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas'. Helmshore (8), on Saturday, August 20th Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—P. A. Mason. 9735

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew and Frome Branches. — The joint meeting will be held at Farmborough (6) on Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. K. T. Baker, Highstanding, Bath Road, Farmborough, near Bath.—D. Yeo and E. Chivers, Branch Secs. 9625

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Yaxley, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea as yet not fixed. — Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 9700

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 30 p.m. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9701

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION — Stow-on-the-Wold Branch. — Rearranged meeting, Stow-on-the-Wold, Saturday, August 20th. Bells (8) available from 6 p.m.–7.30 p.m.—L. Dowdeswell, Sec. Tel. Stow/Wold 350. 9713

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Wheathampstead, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. K. Walpole, 13, Tudor Road, Wheathampstead. — R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9626

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District. — Harrow-on-the-Hill, Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. — E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 9638

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Higham Ferrers (8) on Saturday, August 20th. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. D. Deighton, 64, Northampton Road, Higham Ferrers. 9698

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Business meeting, Collingtree, Saturday, August 20th. Collingtree bells 3 to 4.15 p.m. only. Courteenhall bells in the evening. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford. 9618

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Evening practice, Mansfield (8), Saturday, August 20th, Bells 6.15–9 p.m. Methods to be looked up, please: Little Bob, Gainsborough, Little Bob and Yorkshire Surprise Major.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 9711

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Uckfield (8), Saturday, August 20th. Bells 3 p.m.–5 p.m. and 6.30—7.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill. 9699

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—**Correction:** Quarterly meeting, Brighstone, August 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District), and BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Hemsworth on Saturday, August 20th. Ringing at Badsworth (4) 2.30 to 3.30; Hemsworth (8) 3 to 4.30; Wragby (6) 6 to 7.45; Crofton (6) 7 to 8.30. Cups of tea provided at Hemsworth, where Mr. C. Moxon hopes to meet his ringing friends again. Meeting after tea (4.30 to 6). All welcome.—M King. Hon. Sec. of Southern District, and T Tarbett, Acting Sec., Barnsley and District Society. 9604

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Practice meeting, Wanlip (6), Wednesday, August 24th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m. Buffet supper 8.30 onwards.—T. C. Belton. 9730

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Axbridge (6) on Saturday, August 27th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 9727

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. — Evening meeting at Westoning, Saturday, August 27th. Bells from 5 p.m.—K. G. Snavins, Dis. Sec. 9703

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Meeting, Pulford, Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Numbers for tea, please, to Mr. T. W. Stockton, 8, Wrexham Road, Pulford, Chester, by Thursday, August 25th.—R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec. 9729

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch. — Branch meeting at Lower Peover (6) on August 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by cups of tea. Special method: Durham. 9710

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Misson (6) 2.30 to 7 p.m., and Bawtry (6) 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, August 27th. Tea at Misson 5 p.m. Names to Mr. C. Warden, Belmont House, Misson, Doncaster. 9719

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Rayne on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. L. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield, Braintree. 9646

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, August 27th, 6.30 p.m.–9 p.m.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 9720

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Combined practice at Hampton Bishop on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—T. E. Wood, Dis. Sec. 9726

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Benenden, Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea to R. J. Brown, Snowcrete, Iden Green, Benenden, Cranbrook, by Thursday, August 25th. 9635

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—Next meeting, Otley, on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements; a number of local cafes available.—Ian North, Hon. Sec. 9718

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Cosby (6), Saturday, August 27th. Ringing 3–4.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. Needham, 17, Narborough Road, Cosby, by Wednesday at the latest. Evening ringing to 7.15. Skittle Challenge Match. "Royal," Broughton Astley, 7.30. —V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 9606

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wells on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Business meeting after. Please make own tea arrangements. — C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 9616

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Chenies, Saturday, August 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Atkins, 2, Bedford Close, Chenies, Rickmansworth, by August 23rd.—Miss Hague. 9643

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District. — Meeting at Preston St. Mary, Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Cross, Six Bells, Preston St. Mary, Sudbury, Suffolk, by August 24th 9733

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Rotherfield, August 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Ringing after meeting. Names for tea to me at 8, The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield, by Wednesday, August 24th.—G. Fitz-Hugh, Div. Sec. 9632

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, August 27th. Bells available: Hessle 2–3.30 p.m.; Kirk Ella 3–4.30 p.m.; Cottingham 6.30–7.15, Service, and 7.30–8.30 p.m. Tea Kirk Ella 4.45 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. K. Kirk, 224, Willerby Road, by previous Wednesday.—R. Ducker. 9635

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who notify Mr. A J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey, by August 24th. Further ringing after tea — Martin Morris, Leatherhead Dis. Sec. 9636

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting on Monday, August 29th, at Bradfield (6) and Bolsterstone (8). Bells: Bradfield from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Bolsterstone from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at Bradfield. Names, please, to Mr. R. Plant, Townend Cottages, High Bradfield, near Sheffield. All welcome.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 9672

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Summer Festival

BOZEAT, Saturday, September 3rd. Tea tickets (3/6d. each and c.w.o.) before August 30th from Mr. R. J. Cowley, 45, Milner Road, Finedon, Wellingborough.

Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Route One		
Finedon (8)	10.30 a.m.–12 noon	7.00 p.m.–9 p.m.
Irthlingborough (8)	11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	
Higham Ferrers (8)	12.30 p.m.– 2.00 p.m.	
Rushden (8)	1.00 p.m.– 2.30 p.m.	
Wollaston (6)	2.30 p.m.– 3.30 p.m.	
Route Two		
Ecton (6)	10.30 a.m.–12 noon.	7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Earls Barton (8)	11.00 a.m.–12 noon **only.**	
Mears Ashby (8)	11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m	7.00 p.m.–8.30 p.m.
Wilby (6)	1.00 p.m.– 2.30 p.m.	7.30 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Castle Ashby (5)	1.00 p.m.– 2.00 p.m.	7.00 p.m.– 9.00 p.m.
Wellingborough (8)		**only** 7.30 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Bozeat (5)	2.00 p.m.– 4.00 p.m.	7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Easton Maudit (5)		

E. BILLINGS, Gen. Sec. 9721

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Association practice at Esher on Wednesday, August 31st, at 7.30–9 p.m.—B. Bull, Asst. Sec. 9714

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Annual meeting at Dudley, Saturday, September 3rd. Service in St. Thomas' Church 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me by **August 30th at the latest.** Ringing arrangements later.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Wrangle, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, August 22nd.—P. T. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167 Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 9647

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half yearly meeting at Mold (6), Saturday, September 3rd. Bells at 2.15 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 9706

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business will follow. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. Hoare, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, Sopley (6), September 3rd, 3-4.30. Tea and meeting at address below. Fordingbridge (8) in evening. Names essential to Mrs. H. Young, Gina, Ringwood Road, Sopley, Christchurch.—L. F. Cobb. 9731

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The annual dinner will be held at the Royal Mount Ephraim Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, September 24th, 1966, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (limited to 100) are now available from W. H. Dobbie and will be dealt with in strict order of receipt of 17s. 6d. and s.a.e. Ringing will be arranged at Sevenoaks and Tonbridge if requested.—W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 9697

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on
OCTOBER 15th 9705

THE WELCOMING NORTH EAST

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of "The Ringing World," express my sincere thanks to the ringers at Darlington, Ormesby and Heighington for accepting me as a stranger in a strange land into their ringing circles. During my eleven weeks' stay in the North East I was never short of an evening's ringing, thanks to the welcome these North East ringers gave me. May you grow from strength to strength.—Yours truly,

Penn, Staffs. CHARLES F. W. EYRE.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

The opinion has already been expressed that insufficient consideration was given at Bath to fixing the date of the 1967 meeting. This opinion is being justified as it is becoming known that many people will have to work on the day appointed for the meeting.

In order to ensure the success of the meeting it is very desirable that the Council should take the unusual step of reconsidering the arrangement. Will every member therefore write to me before August 23rd to advise which of the following dates is most convenient for the Council meeting:

Saturday, May 27th,
Monday, May 29th,
Tuesday, May 30th.

Members to whom the date is immaterial should indicate the fact.

I shall report the outcome to the Standing Committee for that body to decide in consultation with the Southwell Diocesan Guild whether to change the date of the meeting. The Standing Committee's decision will be announced immediately in "The Ringing World."

This notice is published with the concurrence of the President.

I must emphasise the importance of every member co-operating in this procedure.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary.

QUARTER PEALS

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On July 10th, 1,320 Zeus Doubles: Maureen Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, G. Allcock 3, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. In memoriam W. W. Dobbs, Selston, 1963. Also on July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Hill 1, Maureen Green 2, Thelma E. Staples (first in method as cond.) 3, G. Allcock 4, M. J. Kirk 5. For Matins. Also on July 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Linda Baguley 1, Elizabeth Hill 2, Thelma Staples 3, G. Allcock 4, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Linda Baguley 1, Elizabeth Hill 2, Thelma Staples 3, G. Allcock 4, M. J. Kirk (100th quarter, 45 as cond.) 5. In memory of George F. Armstrong.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—At the Cathedral, on July 6th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Susan Harber 1, G. J. B. Stickland 2, Gwen Bidgood 3, C. Ricketts 4, D. G. Clift 5, D. Barrington 6, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 7, E. N. Thomas 8, D. J. Llewellyn 9, N. W. H. Simon 10. First of Surprise Royal 1, 3, 4, 6. Rung to celebrate the forthcoming marriage of Michael Pilgrim and Anne Freeman. Also on July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary E. Pryor 1, Gwen Bidgood 2, Susan Harber 3, C. W. Rowney 4, S. Fenwick 5, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, D. S. Bishop 8. For Evensong.

LATE NOTICE

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing after until 8.30. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827). 9734

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MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

South and West District

ALTHOUGH pleasantly situated in the park, nowhere are the effects of the 20th century more clearly audible than at Cranford, where the M.4 motorway runs directly along one side of the church and the main runways of London Airport are little more than a mile away on the opposite side. In this mixed setting of old and new the S. and W. District held a very successful meeting on August 6th.

Visitors to the district could well have been forgiven for thinking they had accidentally wandered into the local primary school, for about 18 offspring under the age of ten were present. In fact the average age of all those present, tactfully taking each of the ladies as being 21, worked out to be only just in double figures. However, it is only fair to report that ringing suffered surprisingly little from the effects of the infant-packed gallery. A variety of methods was rung during the course of the afternoon, some of the best ringing being a course of Cambridge by an all-ladies' band—obviously more by luck than good judgment!

At the short business meeting which followed the tea the secretary announced details of the forthcoming special Surprise practices. Through the generosity of the Vicar and local ringers of Feltham, the District was to be allowed the use of the bells from 7.30 to 9 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the "odd" months of the year, and the first practice would be on September 7th. Although it was a 10-bell tower the emphasis would initially be on Surprise Major ringing. Five new members were also elected, including Miss M. Britchford of Cranford, who must now be the youngest member of the Association. Following the tea a cavalcade of cars set off up the motorway for evening ringing at Chiswick. W. S. D.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

A cold, blustery and wet day did nothing to deter a good attendance when Farnham District held a meeting at Crondall on August 6th. Visitors from far and near came and went while others arrived, so that the bells were kept going almost non-stop. The evening ringing became nearly Advanced Minor, but all were catered for.

The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. J. W. R. Hunt, with his wife as organist. In his address he outlined the history of the Church from Saxon times. (It was a pity that the roof leaked on to the very thin thatch of your correspondent's head.) Then came an excellent tea, followed by a short business meeting, which was mostly taken up with the lack of support at Cathedral practices. Four new members were elected. A most enjoyable meeting. R. B.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On July 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. A. Gilliver 1, Valerie E. Watts 2, G. Johnson 3, W. Johnson 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, W. J. Root 6. Also on July 24th, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: D. A. Green 1, Annette Taylor (first "inside") 2, R. Clayfield 3, I. S. Merry 4, R. A. Gilliver 5, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 6. First in the method by all. Rung for morning service.

HODDESDON, HERTS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Minor (480 Little Bob, 880 Plain): M. Hawkins 1, Caroline Cole 2, M. Jefferyes 3, I. L. Dear 4, R. Durrant 5, A. J. Slade (cond.) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On July 31st, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. Penfold 1, F. V. Gant 2, A. Grainger 3, C. Pain 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, G. Cecil 6, J. McDonald 7, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 8. For Matins.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. Stannard 1, W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, E. Howes (first of Royal) 4, C. Cousins 5, Rev. Giles C Galley 6, R. Stannard 7, W. Goodship 8, N. V. Harding (cond.) 9, J. W. Banks 10.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On July 31st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. W. Powell 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, G. Smerdon 3, H. G. Keeley 4, A. Lewry 5, K. Waller (first of Cambridge) 6, H. Parks 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—At All Saints', Boyne Hill, on Aug. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Lynn Cox (first quarter) 1, Ann Gardner (first of Bob Major) 2, Diana Seal 3, E. Eldridge 4, E. E. Gosling 5, A. Butcher 6, M. Markham 7, L. Pearson (cond.) 8. For the christening of Beatrice Helen, daughter of Stewart and Pearl Gibson, both members of All Saints' band.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): H. Hardwidge 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, L. Derrick 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, L. Childs 6.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Green 1, E. Howes 2, W. Cousins 3, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 4, R. Newson 5, C. Cousins 6, N. Harding 7, A. Winn 8. First quarter 1 and 8. For Evensong.

PENN, STAFFS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Roden 1, C. F. W. Eyre 2, C. Griffiths 3, Pamela Garbett 4, Gillian M. Griffiths 5, G. F. Griffiths 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, W. C. Pinchers 8. An engagement compliment to Linda Richardson and Arthur Eyre, son of the ringer of second.

PRESTEIGNE, RADS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Smith 1, C. A. Lewis 2, A. T. Wingate 3, P. Sell 4, L. Mainwaring 5, M. C. Sherwood 6, H. L. Hatfield (cond.) 7, G. T. Cousins 8.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: How. Meek 1, E. Wilson 2, A. Butcher 3, J. Webb 4, K. Tyler 5, P. Allen 6, E. Penn (cond.) 7, Har. Meek 8. Rung on the occasion of the 70th birthday of Mr. W. T. Penn, for many years a ringer at this church.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on July 31st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: R. J. Moore 1, D. Ellisdon 2, K. Warner 3, R. D. Tomlin 4, W. G. Wilson 5, J. S. N. Porter 6, E. Edmondson 7, R. E. Hardy (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On July 31st, 1,344 Pudsey Surprise Major: W. G. Critchley 1, Marguerite Battram 2, J. Thorley 3, H. Scott 4, E. Dalingwater 5, H. Wagstaff 6, G. Jackson 7, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 8. First in method for all except 1 and 4.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Eileen Ahearn (first quarter) 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, Susan Smith 4, J. Hunt (cond.) 5, P. C. Lewis (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

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I PLUCK A DAISY WITH BOB MINOR

IT is a fine, rosy May evening. The churchyard of St. Oswald's, Guiseley, reflects the glow of the dying sun in its plentiful fresh greenery. This is the night I have been awaiting for so long. As the pigeons wheel round the tower, I look up towards the belfry and the gold numerals on the clock glint with hope in the sunlight. It **must** be a success tonight. It **must**! After all the arrangements and considerations, it must be a success. My seven-twenty, I mean.

"It will be over before you know where you are," says my chief, but somehow I don't believe him. We pass through the shady lychgate that smells of moss. It won't be long now, then we shall be up the steps of the tower, the young conductor will say, "Hello, grab ho'd!" and my stomach will . . . Oops! I have just fallen over the bottom step and my companion grabs my arm. This brings me back to earth with a bump. We begin the slow, steep climb up the spiral. The tall young conductor exclaims the words I expected to hear. "Come on, grab ho'd quickly, or there won't be time for this seven-twenty!"

Here we go, myself and five men, ringing rounds. "Go next time—Bob Minor," says the conductor, and my stomach gives a sickening lurch. I must do it, I must do it, I must . . . clash, crash. The conductor shouts, but all to no avail. It is a failure, a false start. Oh, very good. Brilliant. It's a joke. We set the bells.

"For goodness' sake do it right," says Alan, our conductor, "or there won't be time."

Here we go again, aiming for what we hope will be all 720 changes this time. I am thinking. I am very alert, as if electricity were flowing through my body. I must think what I am doing, I must think . . .

"Listen to them, treble, stop clipping your striking!" Alan breaks into my thoughts. Oh dear, I have been clipping it. I forgot that with six bells you need a wider pull than with eight. I am trying hard to concentrate, although I am also collecting impressions for writing about it afterwards. Good, I know what I am doing. The rhythm is good and even. This sort of regularity normally mesmerises me, but tonight I am determined nothing should come amiss.

"Bob!" calls Alan, and the coursing order alters. At first I knew the numbers in the right order, but now I cannot remember them any more, so must rely on my ears, following the bell that follows me first.

Two bells clash immediately after mine has struck. What do I do now? Look at the ropes and see which one will come nearest my next blow. I can't lose it, I mustn't Alan shouts numbers to me; I really must appear to be lost, but I am glad of his reassuring, steady voice. Another bob is called and I must listen and watch again very carefully

During the time I had been learning I kept imagining how it would feel to be ringing my Bob Minor test. What sort of emotions would I experience? I rang a three-sixty once without any trouble and thought they would aim for a seven-twenty. I felt jubilant and overjoyed, too elated to concentrate very well. The musical peal touch had been beautiful, but a single had been called and we came round. I had been very disappointed that day.

"Here, treble, **here!**" shouts Jeffery, breaking into my thoughts just in time. Goodness, how did I manage to let my mind wander? That is fatal. I should concern myself with my present, actual, Bob Minor test, never mind one touch in the past that turned out to be only half its length. How do I feel now? I am not conscious of any musicality at all. Pins and needles are beginning to creep into my left foot, which is behind my right. I am listening very carefully in order not to miss my striking, but hear no unity in the sounds, although I know it is going well.

"Bob!" calls Alan. Brian, who is next to me on the 2nd, has no need to shout at me. He just smiles, and that is enough to tell me I follow him now. Alan thinks I am not sure and calls numbers out. I have lost my count.

"Count your places, treble!" Alan is slightly hot under the collar as I should not have to be told something so elementary. So I count religiously—one, two, three, four, five, six, one, two, three . . . but the counting becomes a meaningless incantation. Two of us clash and I have no idea where I am. I hear shouting. I hear the bells, I am vaguely conscious of tension among the ringers who are sitting watching, yet all this is passing over my head in a confusing jumble.

"Single! And for goodness' sake count your places, treble." What a relief that Alan has called. Whenever a call is made in this method the treble always leads.

Suddenly I hear a whirring noise. This means it is 9.15 p.m. and we are just over halfway through. The whirring is from the church clock which would normally strike the time, but when bells are ringing the strikers are silenced, though the mechanism still works. It is a reassuring sound. My only thought now is that I must press on regardless. If something happens now it would be a great pity.

Now I hear many bell-sounds but they are no longer sorting themselves out into logical sequences. It is all very confusing. I look at the ropes to try and sort myself out, but they have also ceased to make sense. They seem to be dancing up and down at an ever-increasing pace before my eyes, until I feel quite dizzy.

Ropesight is an art that I have been trying to develop, but now I cannot see which rope to follow. First one, then the other of the ringers helps me by giving me a nod of the head, raised eyebrows, a shout, or an outstretched arm to indicate whom I must follow.

"Bob!" Good, he has called again. Surely it can't go on much longer? But, contrary to my expectations, we have not come round yet. We enter another sequence. Never before have I rung so long. It feels like an eternity. If it does not end soon I fear I shall lose it, for I am beginning to feel tired and confused as well as slightly worried now, despite that fact that at the outset I was told not to worry. [Continued on page 554.

Wimborne's Example of a Live Branch

CRICKET MATCH, BEACH BARBECUE AND DINNER

THE past two months have been quite active for members of the Wimborne Branch. After an afternoon's ringing at Canford Magna on June 18th a cricket match was played in the grounds of Canford School between the Canford tower (captained by one of the Branch Masters, Mr. H. Pitman) and "The Rest" (captained by the other Master, Mr. R. Robertson). Perhaps the less said about this match the better, except that Canford reached three figures whilst their opponents struggled to reach two!

Three weeks later the keen members of one Branch gathered together for the summer quarterly meeting, held at Swanage. The eight bells were rung to a variety of methods, including Oxford Bob Triples and Little Bob Major, before and after the service, conducted by the Rev. H. D. Anderson, and the brief business meeting. Although the Swanage ladies provided a wonderful tea, this did not seem to have any marked effect upon the appetites of members later in the evening at what was the highlight of the day—a barbecue on the beach, organised by the Fuller family. All were responsible for their own cooking, and several husbands were seen consuming "burnt offerings" which would not have been tolerated at their own table! It was also noticeable that the numbers attending on the beach far exceeded the numbers seen at tea or ringing.

FIRST BRANCH DINNER

Friday, July 22nd, saw a return once again to Canford School for another new enterprise, a Branch dinner. Eighty ringers and their wives and friends sat down to an excellent meal prepared by the school staff. Guests of honour were the president of the Salisbury Guild (Mr. W. C. West) and his wife, the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. N. Longridge) and his wife, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Price, of Southbourne. It was also a pleasure to have the incumbents of the "active" towers in the Branch together with some officers and friends from the neighbouring Christchurch Branch of the Winchester Guild.

After the loyal toast the chairman of the Branch (Mr. L. J. Lockyer) said a few words about the dinner, mentioning how various members of the committee had worked hard to make the occasion a success, particularly Mr. H. Pitman and Mrs. J. Robertson, the secretary. Thanks were also due to the headmaster for allowing the Branch to hold the dinner in such grand surroundings; to Mr. Frewer, who acted as intermediary between the school and ringers, and to Mr. G. Grout for providing the hand-printed tickets. He then called upon Mr. West to address the company.

Mr. West said he thought the occasion was unique in the 84 years of the Guild's history; he was certain that this was the first time that any Branch had held such a gathering. It was a particular pleasure to him that his friends in the Wimborne Branch had pioneered the idea. He hoped the dinner would become an annual event.

The Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. N. Longridge) also added his congratulations.

The entertainment followed in the library. A group of singers and an accompanist from Swanage sang a medley of songs and excerpts from shows. Then followed a slide show given by Mr. Fred Price dealing with his visit to Washington in 1964 to teach a band of ringers at the new Cathedral there. The slides were of a high standard, accompanied by most careful descriptions, and showed various parts of the United States as well as a comprehensive guide to the Federal capital. Mr. Lockyer thanked Mr. Price.

The three above events are the result of a questionnaire sent out some 15 months ago to all the towers in the Branch, the idea being to liven up the Branch and get the ringers to take part in social activities other than ringing. Let us hope that the standards set this year will be continued in the future.

I PLUCK A DAISY WITH BOB MINOR

(Continued from front page)

A few of us clash and I am very confused. "Come on, treble, you'll make it now," says Alan. "You must!" He reminds me of the coursing order; I go once more in and out. Before I lead again he calls "Single!" and miraculously we come round at last.

"That's all!" he calls.

"You mean we've made it?" I say, hardly daring to hope so. Alan smiles.

"Well, we must have done. We've come round, haven't we? We nearly didn't though. Stand!". Then it is really over. My sigh of relief, very audible in the small belfry, feels as if it could blow the windows out quite easily. I have made it. At last I can stop plucking that daisy in my mind—will I, won't I, will I manage it, because now I **know.** There is a general air of light-hearted jubilance.

We all descend into the warm dusk, still with a streak of red in the west. Everybody is talking at once, bringing up fresh evidence in the post-mortem of this, my initiation to the Yorkshire Association. Just now I do not feel as thrilled as I imagined I would, thinking there have been too many mistakes and narrow escapes, but as if he knows what I am thinking, Jeffery reassures me. "You have done very well," he says. "I have heard worse seven-twenties than this many times."

"Make sure you look up 'inside' bells now, then we'll see about a quarter peal," says Brian. At Guiseley they do not let you rest on your laurels. For the present, I picture the much-coveted Yorkshire Association badge dancing in front of my eyes—the badge that will at last be pinned on my lapel.

PETER BORDER'S TRIUMPH AT LIVERPOOL

A FEAT that is only likely to be equalled in a decade was performed by Mr. Peter Border at Liverpool Cathedral on August 13th, when he rang the tenor of 82 cwt. 11 lb single-handed to a peal of 5,280 Cambridge Surprise Maximus. The peal was completed in 4 hours and 48 minutes.

This is the first time that Liverpool Cathedral tenor has been rung single-handed, and it was also the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the bells. A previous attempt was unsuccessful.

On May 8th, 1965, Peter Border rang the 72½ cwt. tenor of Exeter Cathedral to the same composition of Mr. F. Dench single-handed. This was the first time this bell had been turned in single-handed; indeed it had only once been rung to a peal single-handed, when it was drummed to Stedman Caters by William Pye. The Cathedral then had only ten bells.

Both the Exeter peal and that at Liverpool were conducted by Wilfred Williams. There were six others who rang in both peals, viz.: Rev. R. O. Fry, John A. Anderson, Tudor P. Edwards, John S. Mason, Ralph G. Edwards and Kenneth J. Hesketh.

It is interesting to note that Peter's 1,000th peal, rung at St. Philip's Cathedral on April 22nd, 1965, was also 5,280 Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Again he rang the tenor, but the composition he conducted was his own arrangement.

Few will deny Peter's claim of being the finest living ringer today. He is indeed the King of Tenor Kings!

Rates Reduced Through Bell Ringing

A CASE of more than local interest was heard by Hitchin Valuation Panel in which Mr. Sidney F. Stapleton, of The Old Vicarage, Norton, succeeded in getting the rateable value of his house reduced from £210 to £194. His main complaint was that the bells caused a complete nuisance.

He said: "Very often they go on late into the night—keeping the children awake and making people ill. They're enough to keep the Devil awake. When they have bell-ringing practices I generally clear off out. It's a diabolical noise."

He went on: "I would tolerate the bells if there was a religious significance. I was brought up on the Bible and have read it through time and time again—but it only mentions bells three times."

A letter signed by the Vicar of Norton (the Rev. M. C. O. Mayne) and the two churchwardens (Messrs. E. E Shaw and D. E. A. Sanderson) refuting the allegations made by Mr. Stapleton appeared in "The Pictorial." Their letter states: "In eight months the bells have been rung at four weddings, on March 5th and 19th and twice on April 2nd. Four peals have also been rung—three in the morning (ending 12.30) and one, April 2nd, in the late afternoon."

To Mr. Stapleton's evidence "They went on late into the night on this occasion," the reply was "This special peal, which was rung to celebrate the wedding of a local bellringer, lasted two and three-quarter hours and ended at 6.30 p.m."

THREE PRACTICES

"When they have bellringing practices I generally clear off . . . it's a diabolical noise." There is no group of bellringers at Norton, but the Baldock ringers have practised on three occasions, on January 6th, May 5th and June 2nd, from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Confirmation of the times the peals finished was given in a letter by Mr. C. H. Orme, hon. District secretary, Northern District, Hertfordshire Association.

Mr. Stapleton, in reply, alleges that the Vicar and his wardens must have been furnished with a misleading report by the bell-ringers. He writes: "On April 2nd one peal was rung in the afternoon for a wedding held at Norton, no one grumbles about that, but another peal followed, namely, 5,600 changes of Cambridge Surprise Major, the bells ringing, or rather making an ear-splitting noise, until late into the night, keeping children awake, and in one case making an old lady ill for several days. If the peal of 5,600 changes ended at 6.30 p.m., who rang the bells late into the night—ghosts or were they spirits?"

"AUDIBLE INCENSE"

Miss J Sanderson, who learned to ring at Norton and now lives at Melbourn, wrote:—

"The bells of Norton were cast and hung there for the purpose of praising God; whenever they are rung they tell of thankfulness, joy and sympathy They are 'audible incense' even if they do incense Mr. Stapleton.

"The complaint that children are kept awake until 'late at night' is absurd. If 9 p.m. is late, what are they doing watching TV or playing outside the house as I have seen on non-bellringing nights in the village of Norton. In July, 1964, sound-absorbing material was placed in the tower and its efficiency was generally appreciated.

"Regarding the peal on April 2nd quite a lot can be said. Seven out of the eight ringers are known to me personally, and I would accept their words. There would have been fewer than three hours' ringing, and the peal could not have continued 'until late into the night. . .'

"Regarding the 'one poor old lady who was made ill for three days, who was she? Was the Vicar informed of the illness of one of his parishioners? There is a relevant rubric in the Book of Common Prayer. The Guild of Medical Ringers would also be interested professionally if the ringing of the bells was the sole cause of her distress."

DARLINGTON RINGERS' WEEK IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT

LAST summer Fred Hodgson put forward to ringers in the Darlington area a suggestion for a ringing tour of the Isle of Wight. It was taken up with enthusiasm, and through the winter and spring he worked away at the organisation of a trip which would cover every ringable tower in the island.

On July 30th the party arrived by various routes at Ryde, the base for the tour. It consisted of Fred and Mrs. Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cooke, the Misses Brenda and Janet Cooke, Miss Janet Warwick and Ernest Pannell (St. Cuthbert's, Darlington), Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wishart, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yates and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hickman (St. Cuthbert's, Ormesby), Mr. Ted Hudson (Ripon Cathedral), Miss Isobel Hart (Whixley, York) and a non-ringing friend, Mr. W. Ward.

We began ringing earlier than we had expected, for on Saturday night the sound of the bells of All Saints', Ryde, attracted those making a reconnaissance of the town, and when an attempt at a quarter of Stedman Triples by another band of visitors broke down, the North Country ringers were able to get in a little practice for the service ringing next day.

With a full muster at the tower on Sunday morning, joined by other visitors, we enjoyed ringing methods from Plain Bob to Bristol on this fine octave (tenor 26 cwt.), and returned again in the afternoon for another hour's ringing.

Our travels in the island began on Monday morning, with a scouting party going ahead to get the towers open (sometimes even to raise the bells) and the rest using the excellent bus services. First call was at the attractive church at Brighstone, where Cambridge went well on the easy-going light six, a Ladies' Guild team rang Grandsire Doubles, and the visit ended with one of Fred's mixtures of plain Minor methods. Then came the run out to Freshwater, a scenic delight on a sunny day, and when we eventually found the church we enjoyed ringing this heavier six (tenor 16½ cwt.). The tower is built astride the west wall of the church, and the ground-floor ringing chamber is a little cramped, but here again the bells went very well.

GLAD THEY HAD HAD ENOUGH!

Tuesday morning found us at Niton, the only five-bell tower on the tour, and ringing began with a touch of Original Doubles. Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were the staple fare. Whitwell's six were something of a trial. They went awkwardly, perhaps through lack of use and attention, and after a little ringing we were forcibly reminded of the man who found the beer little to his liking and commented that he would be glad when he had had enough!

In heavy rain we waited for the bus to Godshill, and here we found compensation for Whitwell's bells deficiencies. This splendid six was rung with real pleasure to Cambridge, Double Court, Double Oxford and several other methods. This is a popular village with tourists, and we had a number of interested spectators in the tower for most of the time.

Wednesday was a free day and the party split into groups, some to Cowes, others to Shanklin or Ventnor, and one loyal son of Yorkshire to Portsmouth to see Hampshire getting a hiding on the cricket field there.

Thursday saw us at Arreton, again a very attractive church with a good six which went very well. After lunch we moved on to Brading and found the eight there very pleasant to ring and to listen to. Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were among the methods rung.

NEWPORT BELLS IN NEED OF ATTENTION

The last day of the tour took us to Newport and Carisbrooke. At Newport the long draught and the amount of stretch in the ropes made for uncomfortable handling, and after a touch of Stedman Triples had been brought round, a broken stay ended the ringing. An inspection of the bells showed that they suffered much from pigeons (two of which were trapped in the tower stair), and that the lower frame had a good deal of movement in it. The bells are a mixed eight, mostly from the 17th and 18th centuries, hung very high in the tower. It would be nice to hear that they were to receive the attention they need, for the tone is quite good.

Carisbrooke's octave was a sheer delight, both to hear and to ring. We were inspired to a touch of three-spliced Surprise Major and also rang Stedman and Double Norwich, but ended the tour with an inglorious failure to bring round a touch of Duffield.

On two evenings there was ringing—on Tuesday when, in spite of pouring rain, everyone turned up to join the Ryde ringers at their practice, and on Thursday, when five of the keenest took ship to Portsmouth, and there received a most kindly welcome and an opportunity to ring on the glorious ten at the Cathedral.

For all the pleasure this excursion gave us, we are indebted most of all to Fred Hodgson for his impeccable organisation. This gratitude found expression in the tower at Carisbrooke, where Tom Cooke, on behalf of the party, presented Fred with a ringer's badge for his car, and thanked him for all the work he had put in.

We achieved our object of visiting all ringable towers but for Chale, where woodworm has put the bells out of action. E. P.

EAST SUSSEX OUTING

On May 7th, 12 ringers from Warnham, Billingshurst and Horsham set out for a day's ringing at various towers in East Sussex.

The bells at the first tower, Little Horsted (a ground-floor six), were of good tone, although the "go" left something to be desired. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Cambridge were rung. Another ground-floor ring at East Hoathly (6) followed.

Waldron bells proved to be a very good eight. We tapped them round to Stedman and Grandsire Triples, followed by Plain Bob and Cambridge Major.

At Hellingly we were welcomed by the tower captain and enjoyed ringing on a noisy but musical six. A very well-kept ringing chamber was noticed here and similar conditions were found at our second eight-bell tower, at Hailsham, where standard methods were rung.

The band split up for lunch, two cars making their way to Hastings and the third wound its way through narrow-twisting lanes across marshland to a very quiet part of the seashore. At Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, we found the best bells of the day. Unfortunately, partly because of the heat, we did not do justice to the fine Taylor 20 cwt. eight.

Moving into the town itself we found the bells at All Saints' to be a fairly good ring of eight. The Taylor replacement ring at St. Clement's was next on the list and, after adjusting ourselves to the long draught and springy ropes, we rang some rounds, followed by Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a course of Cambridge.

The first tower after tea, St. Mary's, Battle, contained a ring of eight with a 21 cwt. (approximate) tenor; some rhythmic well-struck ringing was achieved on these bells. After ringing round the font at St. Peter's, Bexhill, the day concluded at Westham (6).

The success of the outing was due to the splendid organisation of David Smith, of Horsham. M. I. D.

SYLVIA'S STEDMAN CINQUOPATORS

AND so it becomes my lot to write the report again.

This year we syncopated Suffolk bells on August 6th, the first of the day being in the tall, flint-flushwork tower of St. Mary's, Woodbridge.

Ringing commenced with a touch of Grandsire Triples, followed by a course of the day's first special method—Little Grandsire Triples. This is similar to Grandfather's normal Triples, but with the two hunt bells running out no further than fifths, and fish and chips at the back, like Cambridge. Being somewhat confounded with Little Grandsire, the team was unable to manage Stedman Triples, the next touch.

The second tower protruded above the quaint old knobbly red-brick chimneys at Framlingham. Cambridge faltered and fired, likewise Stedman, but our Little Grandsire found its way home alone.

At Saxmundham the second car arrived a little late, so the first to arrive were ably assisted by two young local ringers, brother and sister, to ring Bob Doubles. This contained among the best of the day's striking. Then followed some call changes with cartwheel leads and Sylvia's second special, Oswald Minor. Oswald is a curious combination of Cambridge and Kent.

Four miles to Yoxford, and Kent and Oxford. Then the third special, Original Minor with dozens of Plain Bob bobs called almost every second, and it came round! Oswald was given another hearing to end the morning's programme.

Refreshed after a swim and a picnic lunch at Southwold-on-Sea, we conquered a touch of Stedman Triples there with the assistance of John Crawley, on holiday from Chelmsford. Little Grandsire and Double Court Triples followed.

In St. Edmund's Church at Kessingland, after more Original, the lonely lion gargoyle suffered our version of London Minor. We attempted and lost a touch of Little Grandsire at Pakefield the thatched church on the eroding cliff edge, and reverted to a plain course. The last tower was at Gorleston. We managed some most reasonable Stedman and Double Court Triples. The company wound up the outing with a couple of courses of Chinese in Yarmouth.

Our thanks go to the clergy and all who met us, to Sylvia and Phil Bedford, who arranged the trip, and to the Met. Office for providing the weather. Next year's special method will be Boat Race, a sort of syncopated Surprise combination believed to have originated from beneath Putney Bridge about 1929. N. E. J.

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Letters to the Editor

PEALS HAVE THEIR PLACE

Dear Sir,—I doubt very much whether Mr. Collins' theories and statistics bear much relation to "Ringing World" sales. His contention that those who don't ring peals have no interest in their publication is rather like saying that sports papers would be better if they wasted less space in publishing the soccer or cricket results.

In the majority of cases, if ringers aren't interested in ringing peals or quarter peals to improve their standards, they are not really interested in achievement, and if they aren't interested in achievement all the interesting articles in the world are not going to induce them to buy "The Ringing World," however good it is. Peals are news in themselves, whatever people feel about them, and their exclusion would mean that outstanding achievements such as the Border peal at Exeter, or the recent peal of Maximus at York, would pass unnoticed, which is quite ridiculous.

I'm afraid I don't share Mr. Collins' views on providing a page for beginners in the paper, although I respect his motives. The initial training when a recruit is finding his feet will be provided by the tower captain and the band he rings with, and this practical encouragement will tell whether the bug bites. If it does, and he reaches the method-ringing stage, text books are available to start him on his way. He requires a book giving concentrated progression, whereas one page in "The Ringing World" strung out over many weeks will not provide in itself the sort of continuity he is looking for at that time.

It is only when he starts to get around and meets other ringers that his interest quickens, and at that stage "The Ringing World" is there to provide the news and start filling in the background of the Exercise.

On the whole, the general reader is pretty well catered for, and I'm sure that if Mr. Collins puts a stronger lens in his telescope he will see that there is more in our paper for the average reader than he gives it credit for.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.

Backwell, Somerset.

WILLIAM HEWETT

Dear Sir,—Although it is a few years since I have been able to do any ringing, I have always taken "The Ringing World" and feel I must add a tribute to the note on the birthday peal rung in honour of Bill Hewett's 80th birthday and 60 years' service to St. Margaret's. He has a grand record and is to be congratulated on this.

I remember that some years ago I was asked to be one of a band to make a broadcast and Bill Hewett took the utmost pains to ensure that the touch was of the right length, thus giving the organist and choir their fair share of time on the air.

When we tried to start a band at St. George's, Camberwell, he did all he could to help us, and I do know that many visitors to London could not have rung at a London tower had not Bill organised it for them. His Sunday night touches shortly after the war years will illustrate this.

Bill has not only been of help to change ringers. I know of many times when he has been content to help young ringers by ringing and calling call changes. Altogether he is in truth a most valuable member of the ringing fraternity and I hope that this will appear in "The Ringing World" for many years to come.—Yours faithfully.

F. R. L. BLEWER.

London, S.E.

PLACE NAMES OF GREATER LONDON PEALS

Dear Sir,—In submitting to you details of a peal rung in a tower situated in the county of Greater London it has occurred to me that there is no standard practice for recording peals rung in this area.

In other parts of the country the practice is to record the name of the village, town or city, followed by the name of the county in which it is situated. In certain large towns and cities the name of the locality is printed after the dedication of the church. This can best be described as an administrative address rather than a postal one, from which in many cases it will differ.

In Greater London any variation of the administrative or postal addresses is used, hence we read of St. Paul's—London E.C.; St. Vedast's—City of London; Croydon— Surrey; Putney—London; Willesden—Middlesex; Woodford—Essex, to name but a few.

No doubt the lack of adequate guidance on the subject, coupled with a natural reaction by individuals to a change such as was brought about by the London Government Act, has produced the existing situation.

A peal rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on April 10th, 1965, is recorded in the manner which I suggest should be used for all future Greater London peals. It shows the borough, county, dedication and locality—"Waltham Forest, London.—At the Church of St. Mary, Walthamstow."—Yours sincerely,

DONALD E. COBB.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.

Note.—Before adopting this principle we would like the opinion of Guilds and Associations in Greater London.—Ed.

A CONSTANT READER'S COMMENTS

Dear Sir,—Recent issues of our paper reveal some startling facts, and on page 524 we find that the income received from five peals produced £1 0s. 6d., yet 57 peals are recorded on pages 529 to 532, and one ringer has a total of six rung for three Associations. Turning to the quarters, we figure that 44 places record nearly £7, a much improved sum.

Congratulations to my old friend, Bill Hewett, for 60 years' service at St. Margaret's, Westminster, and his 80th birthday. "May your health improve; and be sure to take good care of yourself during the cold weather."

The Pipe's Pilgrims' tour made interesting reading and much good should result. The Westminster Abbey account was enjoyable, but why was it kept such a secret? Other bodies will be asking the Dean for quarter peals in the near future.

I would like to thank those ringers who have called to see me, also those who have written to me regarding my health. I cannot walk very far, due to a disability, and it is nearly 20 years since I rang a peal, but I trust it will be possible to be of service to ringers and ringing for a few years yet. — Yours faithfully.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

COINCIDENCE?

Dear Sir, — Headlines of "The Ringing World," August 12th, 1966: "Devonport Bells Ring After Ten Years' Silence."

Headlines of national dailies, August 12th, 1966: "H.M.S. Tiger Shells Devonport."

Is there any connection? — Yours faithfully,

BRIAN BUSWELL.

Nottingham.

"COLLECTION OF DOUBLES METHODS"

Dear Sir,—I have been following the "Collection of Doubles Methods" with great interest. However, I have been somewhat puzzled by the inclusion of named methods involving the use of "Dragon singles." I do not see how any method using this work can possibly have been rung to a true peal and hence how any of these methods can have been legitimately named. The same applies to the "Dragon bob" methods, which are not so obviously false. It would be interesting to know the source of these methods.

I believe there is an error in the naming of the "New" versions of Newark and Wollaton on page 135. New Newark is given as Wollaton backwards and vice versa.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVID.

Guernsey.

Dear Sir, — Reference Mr. John David's letter.

The reasons for compiling the "Collection of Doubles Methods" were to list all the known named methods and to attempt to "clear up" the confusion caused by methods having more than one name or by two or more methods having the same name. These reasons gave scope for the inclusion of false methods as well as true ones and for the inclusion of methods with a plain course other than 30, 40, 60 or 120 changes.

These methods cannot be legitimately named (i.e. rung to a true peal and named) because they are false, and any peal containing them would be false.

The source of these methods (and many others) is not known. Some were sent to me as a result of a letter in "The Ringing World," others I have discovered as I moved about England and Wales. Before the 1939–1945 War there was a search for new methods and this search may have continued throughout the war. Methods may have been "composed" and named but not rung.

After the war, when bell ringing restarted, these methods were taken out and rung. Having found that they were false, they were abandoned by most. On the other hand, a ringer or group of ringers may have searched for "variations" to give to bands which could only ring Grandsire and Plain Bob as a change. To denote the difference between each "new method" each variation was given a name.

Mr. David is correct—there is an error in the naming of New Newark and New Wollaton; they have been transposed. My apologies for the error.—Yours faithfully,

ROY M. JONES.

Marston, Oxford.

BEFORE AT LEWES

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal of Aldenham Surprise Royal rung at Lewes on July 30th ("Ringing World," page 532) is incorrect. According to the C.C. Surprise Method Collection, the first peal of Royal in this method was rung at the Loughborough Foundry on December 9th, 1949.—Yours sincerely,

MARTIN F. LOCK.

Exeter.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGAN.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gwen Bidgood 1, J. Clatworthy 2, D. K. Barrington 3, G. Kerley 4, W. H. Harford 5, C. Aldridge 6, T. Yeomans (cond.) 7, M. J. Pryor 8.

RUISHTON, Taunton, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. B. Bindon 1, Miss M. Beale 2, F. Matravers 3, K. Beale 4, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 5, W. H. Priddle 6. For the wedding this day of the Rector's daughter.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual diocesan festival was held at Truro on July 30th. Some 75 ringers attended despite the counter attraction of the World Cup Final, and those who were there managed by various means to keep in fairly close contact with the position at Wembley. The ringers came from as far apart as Paul and Saltash, and we were pleased to welcome a few of our friends from Devon as well as several visitors on holiday.

The Guild Office was taken in the Cathedral by Canon J. A. Simcock, who apologised for the absence of the Dean. The Canon Librarian read the Guild Collects, and the Bishop of Truro, in his address commended the ringers for their loyal attendance.

Tea was served by the lady ringers of the Cathedral and Kenwyn, who were thanked by Mr. H. Miles, of Lelant. Mr. Alan Carveth, the Guild president, thanked the clergy for their attendance.

Ringing at the Cathedral, which was supervised by the president and the Guild Ringing Master (Mr. Douglas Burnett), ranged from rounds and call changes to a touch of Grandsire Caters just before the service. A. J. D.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The evening of August 9th found over 20 people who bravely fought through heavy rain at Rushden, where the unusually-toned five "go" extremely well. Under the excellent management of Mick Trigg a variety of methods was rung until 6.45 p.m., when a quick dash was made through more heavy rain to Ashwell. Although requiring a lot of ringing, the bells here are surely the best-toned six in Hertfordshire. With a full belfry Mick had his hands full and succeeded in catering for everyone's needs. C. M. O.

Eastern District

Ringing ranged from Cambridge Surprise Major and Double Norwich to rounds at the Eastern District meeting at Hunsdon (8) on August 13th. A service was conducted by the Rev. C. Birdwood, Vicar of All Saints', Hertford, and Mr. B. Bromley was the organist. Tea was served at Hunsdon Village Hall.

Mr. E. Newman took the chair at the business meeting, when Mr. D. Harris, of Digswell, was elected a member. Mr. B. Foley was elected the District "Ringing World" representative. Ringing followed at Widford (6).

Next meeting: Ware (8), September 24th.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On July 8th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Ruth H. Thomason (first on ten) 1, Anne B. Speed 2, P. I. Chapman 3, K. R. Holtom 4, G. F. Thompson 5, H. M. Johnson 6, R. F. B. Speed 7, R. W. Sherriff 8, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 9, M. J. V. Chown 10. To mark the retirement of Mr. G. R. Dodson (people's warden) from the headmastership of Daventry Abbey School. Also on July 25th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: Bridget Bates 1, Anne B. Speed 2, Ruth H. Thomason 3, G. F. Thompson 4, H. M. Johnson 5, R. F. B. Speed 6, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 7, M. J. V. Chown 8. For the Feast of St. James.

OBITUARY

MR. J. B. BUDD

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild lost a greatly respected member with the death of Mr. John Benjamin Budd of Grimsby at the advanced age of 88.

He had spent the greater part of his life in Grimsby, being in business in the town between the wars, and after some years in Lancashire he returned to Grimsby in his retirement. He was a Boer War veteran and liked to recall his exploits in the cavalry in those far-off days.

No record of his peals is to hand but he took part in a number in a variety of methods. His last peal was the first on the new ring of ten at Grimsby Parish Church at the age of 85!—a remarkable performance.

A peal attempt for Grandsire Caters at his request had been arranged for the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Budd on September 10th, but this was not to be; the peal was rung on August 8th in memory of a man we are proud to have known. J. B.

MR. JOHN BENJAMIN BUDD

AN APPRECIATION

It was my privilege and pleasure to meet Mr. J. B. Budd when he and his wife came to live in Mold, Flintshire, early in 1950, after he had retired from business as a grocer in Manchester, and when he had so soon found his way to Chester Cathedral to join the band, who rang frequently for Evensong on the first and third Sundays of the month. He soon proved his ability and worth as a ringer by his knowledge and consistent attendance, and before long was a regular member of the peal band under the leadership of the late Percy Swindley.

He was then 72 years of age and until that time, because of service in South Africa during the Boer War years and his business, he had only rung 49 peals, but still had hopes of getting his 100. What a man!

I rang in the first of his "Chester peals"—Plain Bob Major at Pulford on June 12th, 1950, which was a birthday compliment to him, and then 48 of the second 50 until we rang his 100th peal—Double Norwich Court Bob Major, also at Pulford, on March 27th, 1954

What a record! Seventy-two years to get his first 50 and four years to get the second 50!

After two more peals he and his wife moved from Mold to Scarthoe, Grimsby, where he was to renew old associations and become a member of the Sunday service band at St James'.

Throughout his long life his love for and trust in Almighty God was paramount, and seldom in his writings to me did he fail to make some reference to God's mercy and blessings. The following from his last letter to me, dated June 12th, 1966, is typical, following a reference to his inability to go ringing: "At 88, passage of time takes toll of us all who in God's providence can stay so long and indeed at all times of life."

I cannot end without reference to his unique knowledge of Church architecture through the ages and it was a very rewarding and educational experience to go with him into any of our churches, as it was my privilege to do on many occasions.

Truly was this man a Christian and one of nature's gentlemen.

To his son, a ringer at Rugby, and to his widow, herself approaching 90 years of age, we of the North Wales Association, Wrexham area, and the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, extend our deepest sympathy.

May he rest in peace. D. H. B. M.

T. R. DENNIS'S PEALS

His first peal was on the treble at Great St. Andrew's on December 26th, 1907, to Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. Pitstow; his last peal, his 359th, was at Ickleton on September 19th 1964, when he rang the fifth to Cambridge Major, conducted by W. J. Ridgman. He rang over 150 of these peals between 1952 and 1962, including his first peal or London Surprise Major at the age of 73. Details:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 4, Plain Bob 1. Total 6

Minor.—1-7 methods 37, 1-8 Surprise methods 33. Total 70.

Triples.—Grandsire 10, Stedman 18. Total 28.

Major.—Plain Bob 37 (and four handbells), Double Norwich 37, Kent T.B. 29, Oxford T.B. 3, Ilkeston T.B. 1. Total 111.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 43, Superlative 26, Yorkshire 11, Lincolnshire 3, Painswick 1, London 2, Bristol 2, Rutland 4, New Cambridge 1, Pudsey 1, Fordham 2, Trumpington 2, Aldenham 1, three-Spliced 1. Total 100.

Caters.—Stedman 12, Grandsire 4. Total 16.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3, (and one handbell), Kent T.B. 5, Cambridge 4. Total 13.

Cinques.—Stedman 11, Grandsire 3. Total 14.

Maximus.—Kent T.B. 1. Total 1.

Totals.—Tower bells 354; handbells 5. 359.

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NORTHENDEN, MANCHESTER.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Twigg 1, S. Coutts 2, Marjorie Marlen 3, J. Morton 4, D. Bell (cond.) 5, L. McKeever 6. For the christening on July 24th of Mary Anne Howlett Jones, daughter of Marianne and the Rev. Gordon Howlett Jones, Rector.

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For the Beginner

THE MASTERY OF PLAIN BOB MINOR

By Robert B. Smith, conductor of the peal of the Extent of Bob Major

Part III : *Calls, Coursing Orders and Touches*

WHEN we considered the effect of calls we saw that only three bells could be affected by any one call. Let us consider that these bells are coursing in the order A, B, C (i.e. B is following round after A, and C is following after B). At a bob the first bell in the order (A) makes 4ths, the second bell (B) runs out, and the third bell (C) runs in. We may list the position of the three bells at the lead end, after a bob has been called as shown below:

2nds position C
3rds position B
4ths position A

From the plain coursing order (53246) we know that the bells in the positions 234 at the lead end are following round in the order 324. Referring to the letters for the position of the bells (because it could be **any** three affected), we see that the new coursing order has become BCA.

If we consider the effect of singles on the coursing order, ABC becomes CBA by the same method of reasoning.

Rule 5. At a bob the coursing order ABC becomes BCA (i.e. the first of the three bells concerned becomes the last).

Rule 6. At a single the coursing order ABC becomes CBA (i.e. the first and last of the three bells interchange).

At first it may be found to be difficult to remember what the new coursing order is after a call, or series of calls, but regular practice should soon resolve this problem. One will appreciate that there is only a limited number of different coursing orders even if calls are made at all the different positions of the tenor bell. In practice this number is reduced further still as calls are usually restricted to certain specific positions of the tenor bell (at the lead end). With practice many coursing orders become familiar, which is often a help in transposition.

In the last paragraph it was mentioned that calls are usually limited to certain positions of the tenor bell. This bell is then referred to as the **observation bell** (i.e. all the other bells are considered in relation to the observation bell). An alternative way of referring to an observation bell is to call it a **fixed bell**, because it is not normally affected by any calls.

At this point we will find it more useful to consider Plain Bob Major, as there are only two positions in Plain Bob Minor where the tenor bell is not affected by bobs. The positions of the tenor bell at consecutive lead ends in the plain course of Plain Bob Major may be written down as follows:

7. 5. 3. 2. 4. 6. 8.

The positions in black type are the ones where calls are normally made and are given the following names:

7ths is called the **wrong** position (on eight bells only). The wrong position is next to the starting position of the tenor **on all numbers**. This means that the wrong position on six bells will be 5ths and on ten bells will be 9ths.

2nds is called the **before** position. In actual fact the tenor bell does not finish in 2nds position at the lead end as it runs out at the bob and finishes in 3rds position. In this respect the tenor is affected by the call, but the bob does not affect the relative positions of 7 and 8, as we will now show.

Referring to Rule 5 we see that at a bob the coursing order ABC becomes BCA. From this we can see that B and C have not been affected in relation to each other and this is the position of 7 (C) and 8 (B) at the "before" position.

6ths is called the **middle** position and is the position immediately next to the wrong position **on all numbers**. This means that the **middle** position on ten bells will be 8ths.

Note.—On six bells there is no middle position. It would have been 4ths, but the bell which would have been in this position runs in at a bob and so becomes affected. This is the reason that we have considered Plain Bob Major rather than Plain Bob Minor.

8ths is called the **home** position and is the position from which the tenor starts **on all numbers.** This means that on ten bells the home position will be 10ths and on six bells 6ths.

Now that we know the calling positions and how to transpose the coursing orders of the three bells concerned at calls, all that we need to know in addition is "which three bells are affected by each call." We will consider the calls in the order in which they occur in the course.

Calls at Wrong.

Calls at this position affect the first three bells in the coursing order (i.e. in the plain course 532, which will then course 325).

Calls Before.

Calls at this position affect the bells 687 in the plain coursing order, which will then course 876.

Note.—It is usual to exclude 8 and 7 from the coursing order as it is only in unusual compositions where we find that 7 is not coursing after 8. These will be referred to later.

Calls at Middle.

Calls at this position affect the last three bells in the coursing order (i.e. in the plain course this will be 246, which will then course 462).

Calls at Home.

Calls at this position affect the middle three bells in the coursing order (i.e. in the plain coursing order this will be 324, which then course 243).

TOUCHES

We have now considered the effects of calls at each normal position in Plain Bob Major. We have all the pieces, and now have to put them together.

The plain course of Plain Bob Major contains 112 changes (seven leads, each of 16 changes). To ring more changes than this, without repetition, we must call bobs and/or singles, and the ringing is then called a **touch.** (A peal is a touch of at least 5,000 different changes.) In order to practise transposing coursing orders it is best to consider short touches, which can then be put into practice when one becomes competent at ringing the method.

Consider now the following touch of Plain Bob Major, which is written down in the normal form (which will be explained later):

160 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

W	B	M	H
—	3x	—	—

1st lead.—Coursing order 53246.
The bells are passed in this order (with the treble between 3 and 2).
Note.—It is understood that 87 are following after the last bell in the coursing order.

2nd lead.—Coursing order **32**546 following the bob at "wrong."
The bells are passed in this order (with the treble again between 3 and 2).

3rd lead.—Coursing order again 32546.
The bells are passed in this order (with the treble now in between 7 and 3).

4th lead.—Coursing order still 32546.
The bells are passed yet again in this order (with the treble this time in between 8 and 7).

5th lead.—Coursing order now 63254 following the first bob "before."
The bells are passed in this order (with the treble again between 8 and 7).

6th lead.—Coursing order now 46325 following the second bob "before."
The bells are passed in this order (with the treble again between 8 and 7).

7th lead.—Coursing order now 54632 following the third bob "before."
The bells are passed in this order (with the treble yet again in between 8 and 7).

8th lead.—Coursing order still 54632.
The bells are passed in this order (with the treble now between 2 and 8).

9th lead.—Coursing order still 54632.
The bells are passed in this order (with the treble now between 3 and 2).

10th lead.—Coursing order now 54**3**26 following the bob at "middle."
The bells are passed in this order (with the treble again between 3 and 2). A bob at "home" at the end of this lead brings the coursing order back to 53246 and rounds.

The following "touches" are often called by conductors and are worth experimenting with to help transposition of coursing orders.

(1) 224 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

W	H
—	—
—	—

Note.—This touch can be used on all numbers (i.e. for Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus).

(2) 240 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

W	B	M
	x	
—		—

Note.—The reason most composers use x for a call "before" is to indicate that it alters the length of the course. (In Plain Bob Major it adds a lead.)

(To be continued)

WILLINGDON TOWER RESTORATION FETE

On Wednesday, August 3rd, the annual church fete was held at Timbers, Church Street, Willingdon, in aid of the restoration of the church tower. During the past two years the ringing chamber has been restored and redecorated, but earlier this year the church clock kept losing and inspection found the trouble to be the four clock faces.

As the work would entail the placing of scaffolding all round the tower it was decided to do as much work as possible whilst this was available. This will include repairs to the cedar shingles, scaling, etc., of the ancient tower walls, replacement of gutters and the renovation of the four clock faces, altogether approximately £1,000.

The bellringers were represented on the Fete Committee by Mr. R. W. R. Percy, who undertook to run the cokernut shies, etc.

Mrs. Betty Percy suggested loaning the model of a mediæval bell foundry from Mr. George Elphick, of Lewes, and a tent was provided for this. The weather turned sunny on the day and hundreds of people came to support the great effort of the various organisations of the church. Mrs. Percy took charge of the bellringers' tent, which proved to be a focal point of the fete. A guess the weight of an old bell clapper competition, run by Miss Susan Percy, also proved successful.

The fete was a great success and £780 was taken on the day; this has now increased to over £800. A great effort and a great result.

A SOUTH AFRICAN APPEAL

Miss S. C. Troughton, of 116, High Street, Grahamstown, East Cape, South Africa, writes for particulars of gramophone records of change ringing or bell ringing in general. So far she has found two—"Sound of Bells" and "Washington Peal."

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods) 7, 6, 8 covering: J. H. Thompson 1, R. L. Coles 2, D. J. Barnett 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, R. Mitchell (first quarter) 6, D. F. Jefferies 7, Erica Pankhurst 8. Also on July 31st, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods) 7, 6, 8 covering: P. R. Young 1, R. L. Coles 2, D. J. Barnett 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, D. A. Burt 5, Cherry Stapleford (first quarter) 6, J. H. Thompson 7, D. F. Jefferies 8. For the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Young, and the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Burt.

QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL

SELSTON, NOTTS.—On Aug. 11th, 2,520 Doubles (nine methods): Elizabeth A. Hill (longest length) 1, Maureen Green (longest length "inside") 2, G. Allcock (longest length "inside") 3, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. A peal attempt brought round.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Childwall Bob Minor: Gaynor Wallace 1, E. G. H. Godfrey 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, C. H. Macve (cond.) 5, R. Rayfield 6. First in method for all the band. For Matins, and as an engagement compliment to Jackie Roberts and Robert Rayfield.

ADWICK, YORKS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Maddock 1, Miss A. Leigh 2, J. R. Whitham 3, G. W. Shanks 4, M. O. Heath 5, J. Laughton (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 5. For Evensong.

ALWALTON, HUNTS. — On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Southrepps and Plain Bob): Mrs. P. A. Smith 1, R. W. Smith 2, G. Davis 3, B. Branston 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5. Rung for the last service at this church by the Rector, Canon A. Royle.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): C. Michell 1, J. Webber 2, P. J. Devrell 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 5, B. Sarll 6. For Morning Prayer.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. M. Hills 1, F. A. Benn 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, R. J. Cooles 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, D. Carter 6. Most methods to a quarter for all except the conductor. For Evensong.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Reynolds 1, J. P. Morris 2, P. Reynolds 3, A. Freeston 4, R. Freeston (first "inside") 5, A. H. Bennett 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7, R. Stephenson 8. A welcome to the Rev. D. Scott and Mrs. Scott.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On Aug. 4th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Janice Gudge 1, I. L. Andrews 2, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 3, A. Bratten 4, D. B. Ellery 5, J. Krsmanovic 6. Rung for the anniversary of the dedication of the church, by the Bishop of Salisbury, 120 years ago this day.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's Church on July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Treby 1, Linda J. Slade 2, M. Powell 3, T. Newlands 4, R. W. Sweet (cond.) 5, D. Rennolds 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Reginald Blower, a devoted servant of this church.

BUDOCK, Falmouth, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Haines 1, Jacqueline S. King 2, D. A. Trethewey 3, Helen Hobbins 4, A. Carveth 5, P. England 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, A. England 8. First in method 3 and 4.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At St. John the Baptist's, on May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. W. Scudamore (10 years, first of Triples) 1, Miss E. M. Bliss 2, M. E. Stracey 3, E. H. Jefferies 4, H. L. Cooke 5, J. R. Cotterill 6, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 7, B. Wakefield 8. For Whit Sunday Evensong. Also on June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. L. Cooke 1, W. F. Scudamore 2, F. Reed 3, F. J. Lewis, jun. 4, M. E. Stracey 5, R. T. Wakefield 6, W. A. Godwin (cond.) 7, R. Yates 8. For the centenary service of R.A.O.B. Also on June 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (light six): H. L. Cooke 1, E. Jefferies 2, R. Wakefield 3, W. F. Scudamore 4, F. J. Lewis, jun. 5, M. E. Stracey 6. For Parochial Festival.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carole Tranter 1, R. Evans 2, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 3, J. G. Rich 4, F. Taylor 5, S. H. Tranter 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tranter 1, S. H. Tranter 2, R. Evans 3, F. Taylor 4, P. Johnson 5, J. G. Rich 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, W. Norcott 8. A farewell to J. Graham Rich (a member of the local band), on his departure to Australia on August 8th with best wishes from all ringers at Holy Trinity Church.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (1 and 8 covering): Miss J. Penning 1, D. Hartley 2, E. Eldridge 3, Miss M. Adamson 4, J. Dieppe 5, T. Tocock 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, B. Spicer 8. For Evensong.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Bartlett 1, Mrs. M. White 2, —, Paine 3, L. Hawkins 4, C. White (cond.) 5, G. Ledbury 6. A thanksgiving for the rehanging of the bells. Also on July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Paine 1, —, Paine 2, P. Roydon 3, L. Hawkins 4, C. White (cond.) 5, R. Holly 6. For Patronal Festival.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Aug. 7th, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Maximus: R. Davies 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, R. J. Cook 3, N. G. T. Steere 4, G. H. Humphries 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, G. Fisher 7, J. Preston 8, R. J. Talbot 10, F. E. Collins 11, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 12. For Evensong.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. E. W. Baines 1, P. Smith (first "inside") 2, G. M. Beckett 3, B. M. Baines (cond.) 4, R. Osbon 5, W. J. Sale 6. For Evensong, and to congratulate H.R.H. Princess Alexandra and Mr. Angus Ogilvy on the birth of a daughter.

ELING, HANTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Buchanan 1, Ruth A. Jackson 2, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 3, W. G. Buchanan 4, G. Buchanan 5, R. Buchanan 6. Wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Buchanan.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,020 Plain Bob Doubles: Brenda M. Arnott 1, R. J. Snack 2, P. J. Hall 3, B. J. Edwards 4, C. B. Dove (cond.) 5. For the ruby wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Edwards, of Chalfont St. Giles.

GORING, SUSSEX.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. R. Martin (first away from cover) 1, C. J. Champion 2, R. M. Cox 3, H. D. Butler 4, G. R. Hills (cond.) 5, A. R. George 6. A wedding compliment to Cecil William Buttress and Phyllis Margaret Lowe, married recently at St. Andrew's, West Tarring.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Shilvock 1, P. Darby 2, Irene Ellsmore 3, M. Lashford 4, L. Clissett 5, B. Ellsmore 6, T. Greenhall (cond.) 7, E. Woodhall 8. A farewell tribute to the Rev. Peter Billingham, curate, on appointment to the living of Addingham, Yorks.

HANNINGTON, WILTS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Hedges 1, Anita O'Brien 2, R. Peckham (first quarter) 3, D. Vowles 4, B. Bladon (cond.) 5.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Ellis 1, G. Norris 2, Dianne Gazeley 3, June Whitcher 4, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 5, W. Knight 6, J. Maltby 7, G. Pratchett 8. Rung prior to the christening of Allyson June, daughter of the ringer of the 7th; the ringers of the treble and 4th are godparents.

HERTFORD.—On Aug. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Thorne 1, Gwynneth James 2, R. Wilsher 3, S. James 4, Mrs. L. E. James 5, D. Digby 6, P. Searles 7, J. Kemp (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. George William Harding, church worker and sidesman—R.I.P.

HUMBERSTONE, LEICS.—On June 25th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): I. Williamson (first quarter) 1, Judy A. M. Cox 2, Judy Morris 3, E. G. Slater 4, R. H. Martin 5, E. W. Martin (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Judy Cox.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Aug. 11th 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Rule 1, E. W. Flitton 2, D. Lilley 3, C. E. Slade 4, L. W. Flitton 5, R. Griggs 6, G. Lilley (cond.) 7, C. Rule 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for T. R. Dennis.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On Aug. 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Carol Blagden 1, I. C. Cooper 2, June Creak 3, F. D. Mack 4, Kathleen Parr 5, H. R. Blagden 6, C. H. Rogers 7, F. D. Bishop 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, N. F. Felton 10.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Coales 1, L. Toseland 2, R. Turner 3, D. Witchell 4, D. Bowen 5, J. Mitchell 6, J. G. Mitchell (cond.) 7, B. Austin 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor, and for the silver wedding anniversary of his parents.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On July 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Cummings 1, A. Burbidge (cond.) 2, C. Bainham 3, N. Attaway 4, R. Farmer 5, G. Lane 6. First of Surprise 1, 3 and 5.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Lynds 1, Mrs. T. Tarrant 2, W. C. Perry (capt.) 3, J. Wilmett 4, T. Tarrant (cond.) 5, W. Wulford 6. Rung by friends from Andover tower for the 90th birthday of one of the oldest ringers of the old band, who had rung at SS. Peter and Paul's Church for 50 years.

LIFTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Bissat 1, C. Mutton 2, Miss B. M. Boyle 3, C. J. Shepherd 4, R. G. Pearce 5, W. Boucher 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, H. Heard 8. A compliment to Mr. W. A. T. Brimacombe, on the occasion of the christening of his great-granddaughter, Naomi Judith Pollinger, earlier this day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Southam for the Coventry Diocesan Guild (page 529) was J. J. Parker's 12-part, and the conductor was Stephen F. Royal.

Mr. Alexander Brislane, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, has been elected a life member of the Irish Association in recognition of his 50 years' service to ringing at the Cathedral.

The latest to emanate from Bushey is the first peal of Surprise Royal in five methods on handbells. It was composed and conducted by John R. Mayne. Congratulations to all concerned.

The footnote to the peal of Aldenham Surprise Royal at Southover on July 30th (page 532) should have read: "First peal of Royal in the method by all the band," and not as printed.

A pair of lady's shoes was found in St. Peter's, Brighton, belfry, near the second rope, after the peal arranged by Ron Diserens on July 23rd. If the owner would like these returned would she please contact Miss Catherine Powell, 33, Vernon Terrace, Brighton.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth were pleased to welcome Mr. Gerald Moorhouse back to Leicester again after a lapse of 44 years. Although being absent from regular handbell ringing for a number of years (until recently joining the Marple band), he is to be congratulated for the way in which he rang his handbells at The Wayside.

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AN ADJUNCT TO OXFORD

Among the freshers this October at Exeter College, Oxford, is Stephen Royal, the 18-year-old son of the Kenilworth tower captain, who has done much to help forward ringing in Mid- and East Warwickshire.

Stephen has participated in a highly varied assortment of peals since his debut about two years ago. Indeed, his second peal was London Surprise Major on a working bell. His peals include Stedman Caters, four Spliced Surprise Major and Minor methods up to 37 in number. He conducted the Coventry Guild's present record of 43 Doubles methods/variations to a peal earlier this year.

On St. James' Day he became an eight-bell conductor by calling J. J. Parker's 12-part of Grandsire Triples and, with continued encouragement in his new environment, he will surely flourish as a conductor of great benefit to the Exercise.

Ringers from Kenilworth, Southam and district send their best wishes to him for "good luck at Oxford."

PEALS AND RECORDING

Mr. Donald E. Cobb makes a useful suggestion regarding peals rung in Greater London area where the old county boundaries are obsolete. He suggests that the format should be borough, county, dedication and locality, and gives the following as an example:—"Waltham Forest, London.—At the Church of St. Mary, Walthamstow." We commend the idea and hope to introduce it into our peal columns with the co-operation of our correspondents.

FORMER MASTER REMEMBERED

A tribute to the memory of Mr. John W. Coleman, Ringing Master of Nottingham University Society (1964–66), was paid by the Universities Association at Washington ,Sussex, on August 13th, when a half-muffled peal of Minor in three methods was rung. Five of the band were from Nottingham University, and Mr. Peter J. Wycherley, of Oxford University, stepped in at a moment's notice to enable the peal to be rung. The band would like to associate with the peal all members of the Nottingham University Society and especially Mr. Edmund Shuttleworth.

A NEW SIX IN EAST DEVON

East Devon has a new ring of six at Yarcombe. The old five were retuned during their short stay at the Whitechapel foundry and, with the addition of a new treble, new ropes, clappers, wheels and bearings have been rehung in the old frame. The frame was originally made for six and only minor adjustments were necessary. The tenor is much lighter than records suggest, being about 14 cwt.

This is now an excellent ring, both in tonal quality and "go." There is, however, some tower sway due to the rather high position of the frame, and the bells are somewhat noisy in the ringing chamber. The dedication by the Bishop of Crediton took place during Matins on Sunday, August 7th. The first quarter is recorded below:

Yarcombe, Devon.—On Monday, August 8th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 240 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): T. J. Thorne 1, J. Sage 2, Miss M. Sage 3, E. W. Broom 4, F. J. Sage 5, W. Broom 6. Ringer of each working bell conducted two extents.

A "DING-DONG WEDDING" SAYS MAIDSTONE PRESS

Mr. Bernard F. L. Groves and Miss Valerie J. White were married at All Saints' Parish Church, Maidstone, on July 23rd. The wedding was described as a "ding-dong wedding" in a local paper, something of an understatement since two peals were rung in Maidstone on the day, one at Withyham, Sussex, the following day, and the bridegroom rang two peals on the second week of the honeymoon, when he and Valerie were joined by numerous friends. We went along just to keep an eye on them!

Friends started to arrive in Maidstone on Friday evening, as two peal attempts had been arranged for the following morning. Cambridge Royal, conducted by Christopher T. Osenton, was successfully rung at All Saints' in 3 hours and 14 minutes. The bridegroom rang 3–4 to a peal of Plain Bob Royal on handbells, conducted by the best man (!), Robert B. Smith.

The ceremony took place at 2 p.m. and was conducted by the Rev. Peter Lloyd. Given away by her father, Valerie wore a dress of lace over white satin with a lace train. The bridesmaids were Miss Dorothy Groves (the bridegroom's sister), Miss Pamela Rice (the bride's cousin) and Miss Christine Youens.

Stedman Triples greeted the couple as they left the church for the reception at the Old Palace. The grounds of the Old Palace provided an excellent setting for the photographs on this perfect summer afternoon.

During the customary speeches, guests were told that a request to postpone the England–Argentina football match at Wembley so that it did not clash with the wedding had been unsuccessful! They were also warned that a pair of handbells might be replaced by a spade or fork when they visit the new Groves' residence!

After the reception the couple left for Torquay for the first week of their honeymoon. The second week was spent at Stratton.

R. B. S.

"HEADS HELD HIGH"

Sending us a peal of Plain Bob Major, which he conducted at Warfield, Berks, and arranged for three members of the Washington Cathedral band, U.S.A. Mr. F. C. Price writes: "All three lasses rang their first of Major. It was a superb effort; their handling and striking a credit to them and their tutors. I think that they can honestly go back to the States with their heads held high." The lucky trio were Christine Kelsey, Diana Wriggins and Betsy Proctor.

"IRISH BELL NEWS"

The Executive Council of the Irish Association at its annual meeting decided to abandon the idea of an Editorial Committee for "The Irish Bell News," and in view of the offer of the Drogheda Grammar School ringers to produce the paper, Mr. F. E. Dukes consented to continue as editor. Instead of an Editorial Committee, correspondents would be appointed from each District. The District secretaries have been asked to nominate suitable persons.

The current issue is comprehensive in character, and witty. We are sure many of our English readers would find this quarterly journal good value for the annual subscription of 3s. sent to the Editor, Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath.

CHARLEY HUGHES' 80th BIRTHDAY

On August 8th Mr. Charles Hughes, whose services to St. Mary's, Leyton, have recently been commemorated, celebrated his 80th birthday. The occasion was not forgotten by the ringers of East London and South-West Essex, who rang two peals in his honour. The "lads" of the district went out to Hatfield Broad Oak on the previous Saturday and scored Cambridge Major, and on the actual day Charley (as he is better known) piloted his bell faultlessly through a peal of Stedman Triples at Leytonstone in company with a few of his many friends. The latter peal was organised by Charles Willmington, the Leytonstone captain, who, though unfit for lengthy ringing, was able to meet the band both before and after the peal and to join in the celebrations.

RINGERS' SERVICE AT WILLINGDON

On Sunday, August 1st, the second annual ringers' service was held at Willingdon Parish Church at 6.30 p.m. Ringing commenced at 5.30 p.m. and we were pleased to welcome ringers from Hertfordshire, Kent, Suffolk and neighbouring towers in Sussex.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Walter Greenfield) and the address was given by the Rev. A. N. Oliver, who took as his theme the part that ringing takes in the service of the Church.

The lessons were read by the Master of the Sussex County Association (Mr. R. V. Johnson) and the general secretary (Mr. R. W. R. Percy).

After the service the ringers were entertained in the Church Hall to tea and biscuits, during which handbells were rung. R. W. R. P.

IRISH RINGING FESTIVAL SUGGESTED

The Executive Council of the Irish Association has asked each District to consider at its next meeting the holding of a Ringer's Festival Week-End. It would be held at Dublin with some towers open on the Friday evening. The Executive Council would be held on the Saturday morning, the Murphy Cup in the afternoon, followed by general ringing.

Ventilating the subject, "The Irish Bell News" states: "We heartily commend the idea to all members and trust that serious consideration will be given to the proposals when they are brought forward at the District annual meetings."

MR. BRYNLY SHACKLETON MARRIED

A well-known Bristol ringer, Mr. Brynly Shackleton, was married at Weston-sub-Edge on July 30th to Miss Kathleen Allchurch. There being no bells in the tower, writes W. H., ringers were not in evidence at the ceremony—only three besides the bridegroom—Reg Hooper (best man), Frank White and the "C.O.S. from Basingstoke."

Bryn has been a tower of strength in Bristol ringing in his quiet way and it is hoped he will continue to meet and ring with his friends.

THE PRESIDENT'S PEAL WEEK

Reports have been received that Mr. B. Stedman Payne, president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, has fled the county after an unsuccessful peal week in which five of the nine peals were lost. This is not the usual standard and it is hoped that his threat to cease arranging peals will not be carried out, writes a Leicester correspondent.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
LIVERPOOL.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 4 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 82 cwt. 11 lb. in A flat.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	John H Fielden	7
Edward Jenkins	2	John S. Mason	8
William A. Theobald	3	Ralph G. Edwards	9
Tudor P. Edwards	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	10
Kenneth J Hesketh	5	John A. Anderson	11
Cyril Crossthwaite	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Wilfred Williams

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. 12 cwt. 3 lb

Marjorie Legg	Treble	*Peter England	5
John Walton	2	Sidney G. Smith	6
*Walter S. Rice	3	George Prescott	7
*Roy W Rice	4	John K. Baker	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. First of Stedman on the bells.

BURRINGTON. Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten six-scores each of St. Simon and Reverse Canterbury and 11 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*Brian Mills	Treble	John Coombes	4
Marjorie Legg	2	George Prescott	5
†Geoffrey Hebden	3	John Walton	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.
Branch quarterly peal.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MAULDEN. Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., July 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Ronald J. Sharp	Treble	C. Edward Jeffries	5
Diana M. Frost	2	Alan J. Frost	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	Bernard G. North	7
Keith H. Fleming	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed by C Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Stephen Ivin
First peal in the method in the county and for the Association and by all except the ringers of 1, 5 and 8.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D.

Ronald J. Sharp	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
Anthony H. Smith	2	Alan J. Frost	6
Frank Osbaldiston	3	Jack S Dear	7
Keith H. Fleming	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.
CROMHALL, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G

Linda J. Slade	Treble	†Michael Powell	4
*Derek R. Livsey	2	David Rennolds	5
Trevor Newlands	3	Richard W. Sweet	Tenor

Conducted by David Rennolds.
* First peal at first attempt. † First of Minor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BARTHOMLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bertholine.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,440 of Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 of Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell,
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*David Midgley	Treble	Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Raymond J. Ballard	6
Felicity Webber	3	Roy Worrall	7
F. Hector Bennett	4	Dennis Latham	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Dennis Latham.
* First peal of Spliced. First of Spliced as conductor.

GREAT BUDWORTH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints
On Sat., Aug 13, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

Norah M. Randles	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Harry W. Howard	2	John W Griffiths	6
Christopher J. Jones	3	John Scott	7
Dennis H. B. Millward	4	Stuart W. Bracegirdle	Tenor

Conducted by John W Griffiths.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Diana Bentley of Knutsford.

MADELEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 21 methods/variations, being two extents each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune Moira, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Kennington, Dedworth, Fenborne Wharf, Norfolk Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Marston, Salwarpe and Broadwas Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb. in F.

R. John Burrell	Treble	§Keith W. Eaton	4
*†Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	††‡Frank R. Morton	5
*‡John R. Scott	3	David Allman	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* 25th peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal together. § First peal of Doubles "inside."

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F

Hubert E. Ashley	Treble	Ernest J Gower	5
Frank W. Perrens	2	Edward Holdsworth	6
John W. Taylor	3	James L. Garner-Hayward	7
Clare F. Dolphin	4	Ian C. Maycock	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to J. L. Garner-Hayward.

PRIORS MARSTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Fri., Aug 12, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 15 methods/variations: (1) Wychbold, (2–3) Dedworth, (4–6) Grandsire, (7–9) St. Simon, (10–12) Eynsham, (13–15) St. Martin, (16–18) St. Leonard, (19–21) St. Nicholas, (22–24) Lapley, (25–27) Winchendon Place, (28–30) St. John, (31–33) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (34–36) Clifford's Pleasure, (37–39) Plain Bob, (40–42) April Day. Tenor 14 cwt in F.

*Delphine Holman	Treble	Stephen F Royal	4
†E Anthea M. Sparshott	2	Robert W. Sherriff	5
Peter C. Randall	3	‡Paul S. Reading	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal
* First of Doubles and most methods/variations to a peal. † First of Doubles "inside." ‡ Most methods/variations to a peal.
Rung by surviving members of a cycling-ringing tour of East Anglia and Fenland in thanksgiving for a safe return to normal life.

THE CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSN.
EGREMONT. Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 2 qr. in F sharp

James E. Dickinson	Treble	Thomas J. Lock	5
James E. Burles	2	Harold Wilson	6
Robert F Grisdale	3	Alan Metters	7
Roger W. D. Wetenhall	4	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Thomas F Metcalfe.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. Canon I. M German.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
BRIDGERULE, Devon.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr 21 lb

Rev. Ronald C Lucas	Treble	Robert B. Smith	5
Reginald Kersey	2	Bernard F L. Groves	6
*Reginald G. Pearce	3	M. Jack Pryor	7
Harry Stacey	4	Alan McFall	Tenor

Arranged by C. K. Lewis Conducted by Alan McFall
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

John G. Gipson	Treble	Harold F. Brown	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	Brian Pratt	6
George E. Bonham	3	Frank E. Haynes	7
Christopher M. P. Johnson	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
Rung to the memory of Thomas Reginald Dennis.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

Frank B. Lufkin	Treble	Stephen D. Humphrey ..	6
Peter G. Pitt	2	Peter Sloman	7
Lesley Ward	3	Brian J. Vaughan	8
Gerald A. Bacon	4	*Hubert H. Furminger ..	9
*David Sloman	5	Alfred J. House	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Sloman.
* First peal of Royal. First peal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the weddings of Cynthia Eve to James Evans and Anne Goddard to Michael Jackson-Baker, married this day.

WALTHAM FOREST, London.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's transposition of Thurstans' four-part.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

Leonard J. Fox	Treble	Aidan St. J. Boyack ..	5
C Ronald Smith	2	Dennis Ellisdon	6
*Penelope J. Fox	3	Donald E. Cobb	7
Charles A. Hughes	4	Frederick Mills	Tenor

Conducted by Donald E. Cobb.
* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor.
Rung on the 30th birthday of Charles A. Hughes.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., July 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt in F sharp.

Lesley Ward	Treble	Brian J. Vaughan	4
David E. Culham	2	Neil V. Avis	5
Peter G. Pitt	3	Stephen D. Humphrey ..	Tenor

Conducted by Neil V. Avis.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

Claudia A. Critchley ..	Treble	Gerald Penney	7
Diana M. Frost	2	Thomas J. Lock	8
Richard Inglis	3	Robert L. Piron	9
Anthony H. Smith	4	James R. Taylor	10
C. Martin Press	5	Philip Mehew	11
Brian Bladon	6	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., June 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

H. George Hart	Treble	Vernon Green	5
David Carpenter	2	Roger Baldwin	6
David Burbidge	3	Christopher W. Woolley ..	7
D. Kay Adkins	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Mayne. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

KIMPTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

*Susan P. Desborough ..	Treble	Andrew W. R. Wilby ..	4
*Ian J. Desborough	2	Kenneth J. Darvill	5
John G. Cull	3	Keith J. Walpole	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill
* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F

Percy J. Spice	Treble	*†Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Tony Lewis	2	†Richard G. Crosland ..	6
*Ian H. Oram	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Judith M. Corby	4	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Richard G. Crosland.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major and of Surprise as conductor.

GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Michael H. O'Callaghan	Treble	Doris E. Colgate	5
*Ann Jenner	2	*Tony Lewis	6
*Margaret E. Fort	3	*D. Paul Smith	7
Stanley Jenner	4	Ian H. Oram	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Kent T.B., (2) Beverley Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Single Oxford, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Ian H. Oram	Treble	Richard G. Crosland ..	4
Tony Lewis	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	5
*Peter S. Muchlinski ..	3	D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Conducted by D. Paul Smith.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods. First of Minor as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN, Lancs.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., June 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
Margaret Effort	2	Richard S. Starkie	7
Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	3	Jeffrey J. Fox	8
*Malcolm A. Phillips ..	4	Edward Jenkins	9
David F. More	5	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.
* First of Royal. First of Royal as conductor.
Rung as a temporary farewell to Tudor P. Edwards, who is returning to Wales. Also as a 21st birthday compliment to Jeffrey Fox.

CLITHEROE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Tues., July 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in E.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
Margaret E. Fort	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	6
John H. Fielden	3	J. Barry Pickup	7
Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, being: 768 each of Cambridge, London, Pudsey, Rutland and Superlative, 640 of Bristol and 576 of Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

Derek Butterworth ..	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	*Jeffrey Kershaw	6
*†Philip J. Crossthwaite	3	John H. Fielden	7
†Margaret E. Fort	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal together.

BURNLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., July 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 768 changes of London and Rutland, 640 changes of Bristol and 576 changes each of Cambridge, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	2	John H. Fielden	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7
Edward Jenkins	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire with 142 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Derek Butterworth	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
Margaret E. Fort	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	6
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Richard J. Parker	4	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., July 28, 1966 in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being three extents of Plain Bob, two of Cambridge Surprise and one each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	Treble	Roger Barnes	4
*Jayne Reynolds	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
Margaret E. Fort	3	John H. Fielden	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* First peal in four methods.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Malcolm D. Barsby	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	5
B. Stedman Payne	2	Alan G. Payne	6
Harry Poyner	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
*Roger I. Kendrick	4	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First of Surprise "inside." First in the method by all except the ringer of the seventh.

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
A. Craven's. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	Harry Poyner	5
E. Alan Jacques	2	David F. Moore	6
B. Stedman Payne	3	Rupert A. Clarke	7
*Roger I. Kendrick	4	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
* First of Yorkshire "inside."

EARL SHILTON, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
N. Pitstow's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Roger I. Kendrick	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	5
B. Stedman Payne	2	E. Alan Jacques	6
Malcolm D. Barsby	3	Alan G. Payne	7
David F. Moore	4	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Church of St. Dionysius.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve Part (7th Obs.). Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F.

*Judy Morris	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	5
†Ronald Russell	2	Dr. Ron W. Adams	6
*Raymond H. Martin	3	Edward W. Martin	7
*Richard Webster	4	Edward Guy Slater	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 400th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Edward Guy Slater.

COLSTON BASSETT, Notts.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

Richard Green	Treble	Roland H. Cook	5
Martin Green	2	Samuel J. Haines	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	A. Maxwell Lindsey	7
Richard A. G. Inglis	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Dr. Donald Kanter to Miss Ann Rawson, daughter of the ringer of the third, which took place this day at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Rung on the light octave.

Mary Barrass	Treble	G. Harry Bray	5
David F. Moore	2	Richard J. Cowley	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	*Edward W. Martin	7
Ron Hughes	4	Roland Beniston	Tenor

Composed by W. P. Whitehead. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH. Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Fri., July 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*George A. Barber	Treble	Ron Hughes	4
David F. Moore	2	H. Mary Barrass	5
†N. Roderick Ellway	3	Rupert A. Clarke	Tenor

Conducted by David F. Moore.
* First peal. † 50th peal.

LEIRE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., July 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Bourne Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Harry Dove	Treble	William Johnson	4
Christopher M. Sturgess	2	K. Paul Gilliver	5
Barry Brown	3	Brian L. Burrows	Tenor

Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.
Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to Mrs. Milne, daughter of the treble ringer.

GREAT GLEN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent St. Clement's and two each of Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

Judy Morris	Treble	Edward Guy Slater	4
N. Roderick Ellway	2	Edward W. Martin	5
Rupert A. Clarke	3	Raymond H. Martin	Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.
Rung half-muffled in respect to Mrs. E. Bodycote, who passed away on July 28th, 1966.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Ronald Chafer	Treble	Arthur Pashley	6
C. Aubrey Harrison	2	Frank Kennington	7
John Hall	3	Jack Bray	8
Frank Bloomfield	4	Michael W. Crowder	9
John H. Parker	5	Philip Barnes	Tenor

Composed by J. Rogers. Conducted by Jack Bray.
First of Grandsire Caters by all except 4 and 8, and on the bells.
In memoriam J. B. Budd. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

WINTERTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., May 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Bob, College. Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Robert Bridge	Treble	Roger Hippisley	4
Ronald Chafer	2	Harry Hall	5
John Hall	3	Richard Hall	Tenor

Conducted by John Hall.
First peal ever by a Winterton band.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Marilyn and Richard Hall following their recent marriage. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Wed., June 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, York, Hull, Primrose, Norwich, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Roger Hippisley	Treble	John Pearson	4
*Maurice Lings	2	Louis Willders	5
John Hall	3	Harold Judd	Tenor

Conducted by John Hall.
* First of seven Surprise.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 BOGNOR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. Edward Lankester	Treble	John Hill	5
Joan Beresford	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	Dennis Knox	7
Alick Cutler	4	John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.
Rung in memory of Ernest W. Tipler.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LANE END, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Barry Corbishley	Treble	*Harold Dowler	5
*Norman Sherratt	2	*Gerald Parsons	6
*Felicity Webber	3	*Raymond J. Ballard	7
F. Hector Bennett	4	Dennis Latham	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Dennis Latham.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BLO' NORTON, Norfolk—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Spliced Plain and St. Clement's, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Alfred W. Foreman	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold	4
*Owen P. Claxton	2	C. F. W. Phillippo	5
†Frank Sutton	3	Robin R. Churchill	Tenor

Conducted by Robin R. Churchill.
* First peal in more than one method. † First peal of Minor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Fri., July 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

*Christine Kelsey	Treble	Joan A. Rance	5
†Susan Sargeant	2	Arthur J. N. Rance	6
*Diana Wriggins	3	Stanley G. Scott	7
*Betsy Proctor	4	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Frank C. Price.
* First peal of Major, † First peal.
Specially arranged and rung for the ringers of treble, 3 and 4, all members of the Washington Cathedral band, U.S.A.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, Berks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,728 Cambridge, 1,728 Yorkshire, 1,600 Superlative, with 107 changes of method and all the work.

Robert M. Ashman	Treble	William Birmingham	5
Frederick R. Scott	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
*Frank W. Lewis	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
Sydney M. Bailey	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Arranged by Norman Smith Conducted by J. Keith Ward.
* 200th peal. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.
Rung as a mark of respect to H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on the occasion of her 66th birthday.

HUNGERFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Philip Murduck	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke	5
*Christopher I. Rowson	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
*Ronald K. Russ	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival; also as a compliment to George Robert Mordaunt and Josephine Mary Elaine Dixon on the occasion of their marriage this day at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 23 methods, viz.: (1) Stedman, (2, 3) Winchendon, (4, 5) St. John, (6, 7) St. Miles, (8, 9) St. Paul, (10, 11) St. Leonard, (12, 13) St. Martin, (14, 15) St. Nicholas, (16, 17) St. Andrew, (18, 19) St. Giles, (20, 21) St. Albans, (22, 23) Eynsham, (24, 25) St. Simon, (26, 27) Reverse Canterbury, (28, 29) Clifford's Pleasure, (30, 31) Southrepps, (32, 33) Wychbold, (34, 35) Kennington, (36, 37) April Day, (38) Plain Bob, (39, 40) Dedworth, (41) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (42) Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

Brian Edwards	Treble	Ronald J. Snack	4
*Aidan E. Butcher	2	P. John Hall	5
C. Barrie Dove	3	†K. Lesley Knowles	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Most methods by all the band.

WENDOVER, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Aug. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

Leslie Floyd	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	4
Diane Presdee	2	P. John Hall	5
Nigel Cox	3	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
Rung with the compliments of the band for the 21st birthday of Miss Leah Floyd.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
NORTON-LE-MOORS, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Richard J. Warrilow	Treble	*Derek K. Knowles	5
J. Dennis Holden	2	Anthony W. T. Cleaver	6
*John H. Allen	3	*Edmund Malin	7
Eric E. Speake	4	Arthur Pritchard	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

SHARESHILL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations, being 360 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Salwarpe, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Warkton, Plain Bob, Charlton, Derwent, Windrush, Kennington, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*Clive A. Devall	Treble	Bernard D. Sims	4
†Harry Butler	2	Michael F. Hall	5
‡Alan S. Burbidge	3	Roy L. Beck	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard D. Sims.
* First peal. † First in more than one method. ‡ First on six bells.
Rung in memory of the late Harry Butler, sen., a ringer at Shareshill for over 50 years.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Joyce M. Sharp	Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker	6
*Judy A. Stocker	2	*Donald J. Beach	7
Jack L. Millhouse	3	*David Stansby	8
William L. Exton	4	Peter A. Sharp	9
*Brian M. Buswell	5	Walter Nichols	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung as a compliment to Katharine Feaver and William Horbury, whose marriage took place in this church earlier the same day.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Wed., July 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Edward Fosberry	Treble	Derek Slater	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	David D. Smith	6
A. Patrick Cannon	3	George Francis	7
Christopher Fynes	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.
Rung for Patronal Festival. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
WASHINGTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb. in G.

Jean A. Hallett	Treble	David R. McLean	4
Ann Harris	2	John G. Hallett	5
Peter J. Wycherley	3	Ian V. J. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.
Rung half-muffled in respectful memory of John W. Coleman, Ringing Master of the Nottingham University Society 1964–1966, killed in tragic circumstances on July 12th, 1966.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
WESTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Transposition. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Blanche M. Hunt	Treble	Ernest Treagus	5
Susan E. Smith	2	Patrick Page	6
†Betty J. Daysh	3	John H. Hunt	7
Geoffrey J. Gammon	4	David S. M. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* 50th peal. † First of Stedman.
Rung as a welcome to Frances Rosemary, daughter of the Rev. St Maur Williams, Rector of Westbourne, who was born on July 28th, 1966.

HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Aug. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 480 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, with 129 changes of method.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

Michael J. Church	Treble	Robin G. Leale	5
Frederick R. Scott	2	*Jonathan S. N. Porter	6
Kathleen M. Higgins	3	William S. Deason	7
Gillian A. Leale	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
* First peal of Spliced. First peal of Spliced on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
NORTHOWRAM, Halifax, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	J. Barry Pickup	5
B. Gillian Schofield	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
Richard J. Parker	3	Jeffrey Kershaw	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
GOOSTREY, Cheshire.—At Merriot, Manor Avenue.
On Thurs., July 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

William F. Gibbons	1–2	Alan McFall	5–6
C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	Brian Harris	7–8

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
STRATTON, Cornwall.—At Phillips House.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Alan McFall	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
Alfred Ballard	3–4	*Bernard F. L. Groves ..	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal in the method on handbells

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5129 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In five methods, comprising 2,720 London (No. 3), 720 Yorkshire, 640 Cambridge and 520 each of Clifton and Fulham, with 107 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	5–6
John R. Mayne	3–4	Christopher W. Woolley ..	7–8

*Gerald Penney 9–10
Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 300th peal. First peal of Surprise Royal in five methods to be rung on handbells.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.— At 5, Moat Close.
On Sun., July 31, 1966, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, comprising one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Bourne, Ipswich and Cambridge.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin	3–4

Stephen Ivin 5–6
Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At 83, College Road.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Robert B. Smith	5–6
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3–4	Edward J. Beer	7–8

Stuart Sandford 9–10
Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Simth.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Valerie J. White and Bernard F. L. Groves, who were married later this day.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5111 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Edward J. Beer	5–6
Stuart Sandford	3–4	Christopher T. Osenton ..	7–8

John W. Gander 9–10
Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Aug. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5760 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being eight different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary Whalley	3–4

Kevin M. Price (cond.) .. 5–6
Longest length by all.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester.
On Wed., July 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	1–2	John M. Jelley	5–6
Peter J. Staniforth	3–4	Gerald Moorhouse	7–8

Robert B. Smith 9–10
Composed by Fredk. H. Dexter. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	Peter A. Sharp	5–6
Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse	7–8

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
First peal in the method on handbells by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Old): N. D. Kirk 1, Thelma Staples 2, A. Allcock 3, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 4, D. A. Kirk 5. A birthday compliment to Arthur Kirk.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Powell 1, S. C. Walters (cond.) 2, K. J. Darvill 3, Gillian M. Brearley 4, M. A. Gilbey 5, M. G. R. Zobel 6, D. B. Williams 7, S. P. Darvill 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Pauline Bligh-Cheesman.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Aug. 14th, 1,280 Yorkshire S. Major: M. Carter 1, Ruth Foreman 2, A. Slade 3, C. G. Wright 4, E. Edmondson 5, R. Tomlin 6, K. Warner 7, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.—On June 23rd, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: C. C. Clarke 1, Miss C. A. Bennett 2, Mrs. R. A. Reeves 3, R. A. Reeves 4, E. G. Jones 5, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 6. Rung as a 95th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Selwyn, of Banbury.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Sage 1, A. J. Crabb 2, Miss M. Sage 3, T. J. Thorne 4, F. J. Sage (cond.) 5, E. W. Broom 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Butcher 1, Yvonne Watts 2, R. Birch (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, Elizabeth Todd 5, A. Lamb 6. For Matins.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. C. West 1, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 2, F. S. Slatford 3, W. C. West 4, P. Gaisford 5, F. Box 6, L. E. Hitchens 7, B. Carter 8. In memoriam Stanley R. Cockell, ringer at Melksham 44 years.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's, on Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Henson 1, Mrs. M. I. Foskett 2, H. Dale 3, D. Stainsby 4, G. Clift 5, R. Inglis 6, F. N. Pailing (cond.) 7, E. Hutchby (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

RAMSBURY, WILTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Cuss 1, A. Palmer 2, A. Keen 3, F. Read (cond.) 4, G. Newman 5, L. Foote 6. For Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on Aug. 12th, 1,263 Grandsire Caters: Janet Butler 1, A. Diserens 2, Eunice A. Lewis 3, G. Goodship 4, Helen M. Diserens 5, F. W. Lewis 6, Patricia Lewington 7, J. N. Diserens 8, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 9, V. T. Cherrill 10. A farewell to Rev. Robert Carlson, who is returning to Washington, U.S.A.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. G. H. Powell (first quarter) 1, Doris E. Colgate 2, Lucile M. Corby 3, Isabel M. Pearce 4, R. V. Fuller 5, W. J. Manning 6, P. A. Corby (cond.) 7, A. C. B. Pearce (first quarter) 8. The first quarter on the bells.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Kanward 1, Miss W. Austin 2, D. W. Grimwood 3, S. B. Dobbie 4, J. Blackburn 5, G. A. Naylor 6, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 7, J. Clarke 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Clarke, on their silver wedding.

SOUTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Foot 1, Miss T. West 2, Miss B. M. Goodspeed 3, G. Dodds 4, G. W. Sillis (first as cond.) 5, H. R. Sillis 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. A compliment to H.R.H. Princess Alexandra on the birth of a daughter on July 31st.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Cole 1, G. E. Fearn 2, Verona Naylor 3, N. Thomson 4, T. J. Warner (cond.) 5, C. W. Bragg 6, M. Edwards 7, R. J. Cann 8. For Evensong.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Oxford Bob): P. Rumley 2, W. Brown 3, D. Taplin 4, S. Gullick 5, L. Runnacles 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, F. Croft 8. Rung for the Installation of Rev. J. T. Scott as priest-in-charge, St. Nicholas', Stevenage.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. R. Page 1, W. Chick 2, E. J. Smith 3, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 4, W. G. Smith 5, J. Parry 6. Rung half-muffled in memoraim John Martin, ringer and chorister at Talgarth for many years.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Gordon (first quarter) 1, G. W. Seaman 2, J. Southey 3, S. Laud 4, B. B. Hullah 5, R. D. Bell 6, R. G. Bell (cond.) 7, A. Elliston 8. For evening service.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Duncan 1, Caroline Cole 2, D. E. Cobb 3, Laura Grindrod 4, D. Hawkins 5, I. L. Dear 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, A. J. Slade 8. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of Percy Chapman, verger at this church, as a token of respect from the local ringers. Also on Aug. 14th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Susan Thomas 1, M. C. Austin 2, D. Hawkins 3, A. J. Slade 4, E. T. Newnham 5, H. Duncan 6, R. Durrant 7, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 8. For Matins.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss I. Gocher 1, Miss C. Etherton (first "inside"), N. Carter 3, D. D. Smith (cond.) 4, G. Francis 5, K. Poole 6. For Family Communion. Also 1,428 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Etherton (first of Minor) 1, Miss A. Kilgour 2, Miss H. Alford 3, N. Carter 4, K. Poole 5, G. Francis (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—1,280 Plain Bob Major: E. J. Lambert 1, D. Coxhill 2, Pauline M. Kingston 3, Daphne Webb 4, J. Chance 5, M. Hooton 6, C. E. Trueman 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8. First of Major 2, 3, 4.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on July 31st, 1,380 Plain Bob Doubles: G. H. Fynn 1, K. I. Tatt 2, G. L. Bowen 3, L. J. Haines 4, D. G. Franklin (cond.) 5, R. W. Repton 6. First quarter 1 and 2. A farewell to Keith Tatt. Also on Aug. 13th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. J. Stanier 1, L. J. Haines 2, G. L. Bowen 3, M. J. Robinson (first of Surprise Major) 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, D. G. Franklin 6, D. Morris 7, D. Beacham 8. Also on Aug. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods/var.): R. J. M. Grosvenor 1, G. L. Bowen 2, R. W. Repton (most var.) 3, L. J. Haines (most var. as cond.) 4, D. G. Franklin 5. For Matins.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. M. Andrews 1, J. M. Andrews 2, H. F. Pike (cond.) 3, J. M. Besant 4, P. G. Erith 5, A. R. Andrews 6.

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ENGAGEMENTS

FOX—SMITH. — The engagement is announced between Jeffery John, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Fox, and Janice Marjorie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Smith, both of Royston, Yorkshire. 9739

STEVENS—SMITH.—The engagement is announced between Anne M. Smith, of Soundings The Crescent, Felpham, Sussex, and Philip Stevens, of The Pines, Roundle Avenue, Felpham, Sussex. Both are ringers at Chichester Cathedral. 9746

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

SAWYER—FOSTER.—The wedding between Mr. Derek M. Sawyer and Miss Susan D. Foster will take place at Leicester Cathedral on Saturday, September 3rd, at 10.30 a.m. Ringing before and after service. All ringing friends very welcome. (Parking facilities available.) 9753

PERSONAL

"And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you that ye may know that I am the Lord your God."—Ezekiel xx, 20.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ONGLEY.—The address of Bernard and Anne Ongley is now Lamont, 73, Springbank Crescent, Winsford, Cheshire. Telephone Winsford 3864. 9767

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Surprise practice at St Mary's, Warwick, Saturday, August 27th, 7.30–9. Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal and Major methods as required. Only Surprise will be rung. 9601

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
ANNUAL DINNER, 1966,
will be on
OCTOBER 22nd.
Further details later. 9742

PRINTING.—Tower and Association secretaries requiring stationery, meeting notices, tickets, membership cards and other small printed items should contact F. W. Lewis, 38, Boston Avenue, Reading. Reasonable prices. Estimates by return. 9750

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
Summer Festival

BOZEAT, Saturday, September 3rd. Tea tickets (3/6d. each and c.w.o.) before August 30th from Mr. R. J. Cowley, 45, Milner Road, Finedon, Wellingborough.
Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Route One		
Finedon (8)	10.30 a.m.–12 noon	7.00 p.m.–9 p.m.
Irthlingborough (8)	11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	
Higham Ferrers (8)	12.30 p.m.– 2.00 p.m.	
Rushden (8)	1.00 p.m.– 2.30 p.m.	
Wollaston (6)	2.30 p.m.– 3.30 p.m.	
Route Two		
Ecton (6)	10.30 a.m.–12 noon.	7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Earls Barton (8)	11.00 a.m.–12 noon **only.**	
Mears Ashby (8)	11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m	7.00 p.m.–8.30 p.m.
Wilby (6)	1.00 p.m.– 2.30 p.m.	7.30 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Castle Ashby (5)	1.00 p.m.– 2.00 p.m.	7.00 p.m.– 9.00 p.m.
Wellingborough (8)		**only** 7.30 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Bozeat (5)	2.00 p.m.– 4.00 p.m.	7.00 p.m.–9.00 p.m.
Easton Maudit (5)		

E. BILLINGS, Gen. Sec. 9721

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Will members please correct Triennial Report as follows:—Portsmouth Cathedral: Add **Taylor, T. R.**; Unattached: Add **Royds-Jones, P.S.** Accidentally omitted in original draft.—L. D. D. 9747

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary notice. — The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 22nd, at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (15s. each) and other details later.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 9759

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Rayne on Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. L. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield, Braintree. 9646

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, August 27th, 6.30 p.m.–9 p.m.—Mrs B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 9720

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Chenies, Saturday, August 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Atkins, 2, Bedford Close, Chenies, Rickmansworth.—Miss Hague. 9643

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District. — Meeting at Preston St. Mary, Saturday, August 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Cross, Six Bells, Preston St. Mary, Sudbury, Suffolk.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting on Monday, August 29th, at Bradfield (6) and Bolsterstone (8). Bells: Bradfield from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Bolsterstone from 6.30 p.m to 9 p.m. Tea at Bradfield. Names, please, to Mr. R. Plant, Townend Cottages, High Bradfield, near Sheffield. All welcome.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 9672

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Association practice at Esher on Wednesday, August 31st, at 7.30–9 p.m.—B. Bull, Asst. Sec. 9714

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Monthly practice meeting at Ducklington, Thursday, September 1st. 9755

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Meeting, Saturday, September 3rd, Halifax Parish Church (12). Names for tea to Mr. D. Smith, 97, Haley Hill, Halifax. All welcome.—W. Mortimer, Sec. 9728

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Crowcombe (6), September 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those notifying E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster 346. 9775

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Bath Branches. — Combined meeting at Corston (8) on Saturday, September 3rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Newton St. Loe (6) available after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. Parfrey, 18, Meadlands, Corston, Bath.—E. Chivers and A. Lee, Secs. 9748

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Ampthill, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Rev. D. Hoare, 5, The Avenue, Ampthill, by Thursday. Please support. 9753

BEVERLEY AND SELBY DISTRICTS SOCIETIES. — Joint meeting, Huntington, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service (Holy Communion) 4. Tea (buffet) 5. Names, please, to Mr. A. C. Banton, 22, Pennine Close, Huntington, York, before 1st.—A. B. Cooper and L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Secs. 9766

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Cherington (3—4.30) and Great Wolford (6—8 p.m.), September 3rd. Service 4.30 at Cherington. Own tea arrangements.—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 9756

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Monthly meeting at Cockermouth, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — Names for tea to R. W. D. Wetterhall, Stratton Lodge, Cockermouth by September 1st. 9772

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Annual meeting at Dudley, Saturday, September 3rd. Service in St. Thomas' Church 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me by **August 30th at the latest.** Bells available: 2.45 p.m. until 3.45 p.m., Brierley Hill (8); 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., Netherton (8). Dudley bells **not** available.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening meeting at Streatham, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) from 6.30 till 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and Netherseale. 9771

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 3rd. Graveley (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. Stevenage (8) 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry. Everyone welcome. Norton, as usual. September 1st.—C. M. Orme, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Coalbrookdale, September 3rd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath Road, Claverley, not later than August 31st. 9765

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Dalton-in-Furness on Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Flookburgh bells also available 12.30 to 2 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Wall, 19, Chapel Street, Dalton.—T. F. Metcalfe. 9737

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Joint meeting with Leicester District at Hathern, September 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after service. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting. Service 6 p.m. These bells have recently been augmented to eight. Bumper attendance from both Districts, please, and all visitors are most welcome. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Harris, 15, Greenhill Rise, Hathern, Loughborough, Leics, by August 31st.—Ron Hughes. 9645

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half yearly meeting at Mold (6), Saturday, September 3rd. Bells at 2.15 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 9706

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Calverton, September 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Eaglesfield, 7, York Road, Stony Stratford, Bucks, by August 31st. 9743

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Potterne (6) on September 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea. — A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. 9574

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at Lyneham (6), September 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. F. Godwin, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham, Wilts. 9751

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday evening at Bunney, September 3rd, 5.30 p.m. 9760

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business will follow. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. Hoare, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, Sopley (6), September 3rd, 3-4.30. Tea and meeting at address below. Fordingbridge (8) in evening. Names essential to Mrs. H. Young, Gina, Ringwood Road, Sopley, Christchurch.—L. F. Cobb. 9731

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, East Meon, September 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, by 29th to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. Tel: Locks Heath 2404. 9757

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at Feltham, Wednesday, September 7th. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. All standard methods. —W. S. Deason. 9716

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Combe Florey, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Ash Priors available 7.30 p.m.–9 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing after until 8.30. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827). 9734

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

An **important** General Meeting will be held at **Bridlington** on **September 17th,** at which a presentation will be made to the former president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison.

The new Rules, copies of which will have been sent to all towers, will be proposed at the meeting, and nominations taken for one Central Council representative.

The service in the Priory Church will be at 4.15.

Tea in the Church School at 5 p.m. Names for tea are absolutely essential and should be sent to Mr. J. A. Parker, 188, Queensgate Extension, Bridlington, E. Yorkshire, by Wednesday, September 14th.

There is no General Committee meeting.

Bells: Nunburnholme (6), 10-11.30 a.m.; Flamborough (4) 2-3.45 p.m.; Bridlington Priory (8) 11.30-12.30, 2-4 and after the meeting.—W. F. Moreton. 9758

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Meopham, Saturday, September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mrs. H. Hinde, 59, Cheyne Walk, Meopham.—T. Barton. 9764

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Elloe Deaneries Branch) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting, Saturday, September 10th, Bicker. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. B. Dawson, Gauntlett Lane, Bicker, Boston, Lincs, before Wednesday previous. **Please note change of venue of meeting.** 9715

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Branch.—Meeting at Fulbeck, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea provided. North Rauceby (5) available after tea.—G. R. P. 9762

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting at Coity on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry (Tel. 494) by Monday, September 5th. 9724

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LATE NEWS

We regret to report the death of Mr. Albert J. Pitman, the eminent composer, of Lillington, Leamington, Warwicks, on Monday, August 15th. The funeral was at Baglan Church, near Port Talbot, on Saturday, August 20th.



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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Flore, Saturday, September 10th. Names for tea to Mr. R. Fongue, The Avenue, Flore, Northampton, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 9770

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester and Wimborne Branches.—Joint meeting, Saturday, September 10th, Wool (6), Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Wareham (8) 6.30–8. Names for tea (at Wareham) to Mrs. J. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford, by previous Wednesday. 9723

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 10th, at Holy Trinity, Skipton. Ringing 3 p.m. and after the business meeting, and tea, which will be at 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. G. Dean, 60, Burnside Avenue, Skipton, by Wednesday, September 7th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9768

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The annual dinner will be held at the Royal Mount Ephraim Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, September 24th, 1966, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (limited to 100) are now available from W. H. Dobbie and will be dealt with in strict order of receipt of 17s. 6d. and s.a.e. Ringing will be arranged at Sevenoaks and Tonbridge if requested.—W. H Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 9697

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Please note revised meeting arrangements.—Marbury. August 27th. cancelled Evening meeting will be held at Market Drayton, September 3rd (6.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m.) Nantwich, October 22nd.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Chad's Parish Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, September 3rd Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 9779

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Barming, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss S. Gunner, 472, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone —M. L. H. 9777

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Extraordinary business meeting, Welland (6), September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall, also Castle Morton (6) 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Good attendance. please Names for tea to Mr. J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester, not later than Wednesday, September 7th. 9776

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WHERE HAVE ALL THE RINGERS GONE?

AS A FREQUENT visitor to parts of the South and West of England I have for some years become increasingly alarmed at the number of country towers where bells exist and where too few ringers, sometimes none at all, are available.

I have found that strong bands are relatively few and far between and quite often where they do exist there is an air of complacency about the condition of the Exercise outside. Most towers with ringers do have their own problems and tend to remain in a bubble of security—until the bubble bursts, when members leave the district, etc., and they are left floundering.

To give them their due the strongholds of ringing are doing an excellent job in keeping the Exercise alive, for from them spring the up and coming youngsters lucky enough to live in their locality. Peal bands move around the country and their hard-won efforts towards the efficiency and progress of the art are without doubt invaluable.

But is this effort, seemingly concentrated in isolated pockets, to be enough to keep the Exercise alive in the next five or ten decades? Are the strongholds holding their own and are the peal bands increasing in numbers with their records? Are Associations aware of, or deaf to, the often voiced fact that there are hundreds of towers where no bands exist, where efforts to recruit youngsters have tired (in some cases leaving only faded excuses and enough ex-ringers in the village to raise two bands).

Would it be wishful thinking to hope that one day the towers and the strongholds could call upon the local villages for help when required? It would appear it is at present the reverse where there are country bands.

I have often asked and been asked, "Where have all the ringers gone?" The popular answer is that they go to the towns for jobs, or marry and leave. A village, they say, is no place for a youngster nowadays. Comment too often heard but on a recent visit to Gloucester I was shown that this is not always so, that against many odds one tower contained enough enthusiasm in sufficient strength to conquer any lack of knowledge.

Twenty or more youngsters, all local, aged 10 to 20 maybe, all struggling to gain the knowledge, the elementary rudiments half of us have forgotten we once learnt, held together by their mutual aim to become good ringers and in the charge of a young man not long himself a ringer (and the first to admit his limitations), but having a grasp on matters which many lack.

Amazed by the progress this band had made in a very short time I was shortly disappointed to learn that their captain for reasons of work and study was soon to leave the area with no member of his company properly apprenticed to take his place. This, I then thought, is the usual state of things. A key man leaves and the remainder of the band folds up. The bitter pill after months of hard work. But no! Here they are to seek outside help and I am sure that if the enthusiasm rubs off they will succeed. There were no signs of giving up and I have little doubt that ringers nearby will give some time to this flourishing village band. For here on the edge of the Cotswolds lies the spirit of the early pioneers and I for one, and I think I speak for many, seriously feel that that spirit should not be allowed to die for the want of knowledge.

I came away from their practice (call changes and plain courses of Grandsire Doubles) wondering how much would the ordinary ringer give in time and effort if many more country bands were started like this. Are there many more similar bands now? If this is happening in Gloucestershire why not? I began to think that this example, and any others, should be known throughout the country.

Bands at the start of things need encouragement and instruction until they are on their feet. They need to be set an example by the established bands and the Exercise generally.

Much criticism is found in these pages and valuable stuff it is, but let us also read of the deeds of these less proficient but worthy efforts of the enthusiastic learners. They may not have heard of "The Ringing World" but they will if they are shown that they are mentioned by an appreciative neighbour. Branches, bring out your bands of learners, let them know that they are not alone.

We shall then indeed know where the ringers are and perhaps many more besides! S. G. S.

VENTURE IN THE SOUTH WEST

"Carbis Bay, Saturday, August 6th, 1966. Practice number eleven. For the second time in Penzance Branch territory. About 16 for tea from Kea, Truro, Constantine, Redruth, Lelant, Crowan and Carbis Bay. Several visitors and much ground covered: Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles; Kent, Oxford and London Minor; Grandsire and Stedman Triples; Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Caters. First ten bell course and first of London under the auspices of the MRP's."

Thus runs the official record (abridged) of the ringing on August 6th.

Method ringing practices in the Truro Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild have been held on many occasions and eventually came under the auspices of the Branch on October 24th, 1964, at the autumn Branch festival at Probus when the present regime of Mrs. Kathleen N. Mossop, of Constantine, and Mr. Anthony J. Davidson, of Truro, was approved and they were elected convener and Method Ringing Master respectively. Practices have been held three times a year, usually at a six bell tower in March and November, and at an eight in July when attendances are greater—due to a large extent to advertising in "The Ringing World."

The object has been to enable ringers to advance beyond the capabilities of their home towers. The keen ringer from a call change tower comes to practise his Doubles and the ringer from a tower where Grandsire Doubles is the highest achievement comes to get his Plain Bob and so on. Often a quarter peal is attempted at the end of the practice.

We are very grateful to the Rev. Jack Jose, the Branch chairman, not only for making his bells at Perranarworthal available, but also for his hospitality in placing the ecclesiastical lounge and television at our disposal. These were much appreciated in the early days, five years or so ago, when Grandsire Doubles was almost all we rang and enthusiasm was not quite what it is now. However, perseverance has paid off and since then we have held practices at eight different towers, nearly all of which are represented at the MRP's. Naturally at the six bell practices, when attendance is only by the faithful, concentration is on the less glamorous methods and that is probably when the most useful work is done. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent are rung regularly and the more experienced have an opportunity to conduct. At the present time method ringing is very much on the increase in Cornwall and very rarely is Surprise not rung on some practice night or other each week.

Testimony to the conscientiousness of the MRP supporters is borne out by the fact that Mrs. Mossop now no longer confirms by post the date and place of the next practice; it suffices to say: "Watch your 'Ringing World.'" A. J. D.

GREATER LONDON PEALS

Middlesex Against Change in Recording

UPON receipt of Mr. Donald E. Cobb's letter suggesting that peals should be recorded giving the name of borough, county, dedication, locality: "Waltham Forest, London.—At the Church of St. Mary, Walthamstow," the Editor wrote to the hon. secretaries of five territorial Associations operating in Greater London desiring not to take action that would be contrary to local opinion.

Mr. T. J. Lock secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, writes:—

"In reply to your letter dated August 16th regarding titles in the setting out in print of peals rung in the area of this Association, I had the opportunity of putting the matter to the meeting of the N. and E. District at Harrow on Saturday last.

"Not one vote was cast in favour of your suggestion, and the members sincerely hope that you will take no steps to adopt it. The main objection is that we are a body of Church bellringers and 'Diocesan Guild' is in our title. The Diocesan boundaries have not been altered, and London has become 'Greater' purely for administration. We have no desire to be affected by this, but your suggestion has a leaning in that direction, because the suggestion would not have been made if the administration had not changed from L.C.C.

"The word 'Middlesex' is dropped only by the administration. The Post Office, all descriptions of clubs, agencies and associations, etc., are retaining 'Middlesex,' and we wish to. Your suggestion omits the word, and we do not favour it. How much farther removed could Kilburn be than by your proposed description: 'City of Westminster, London.—At the Church of St. Augustine, Paddington'?

"The meeting could see nothing constructive in your suggestion, not even from any point of view, and apart from serving no useful purpose it would be unpopular, unhelpful and misleading and, to 'Middlesex' members, irritating. After the recent Central Council meeting at Bath it was anticipated that all efforts would go towards improving 'The Ringing World,' and by its greater appeal be a means to increased circulation—we feel your efforts are being misdirected, as we know that there would be no larger sales of the paper if your suggestion were to be adopted."

A Surrey Point of View

Mr. William Parrott, general secretary of the Surrey Association, writes:—

"Thank you for your letter dated August 16th. Your approach to consider the opinion of the Surrey Association is appreciated. We do not have a meeting of the committee until October, so I cannot put the matter before them until then, but my personal opinion is that I can see nothing much against the idea from a practical point of view, and would not object if you decided to change. However, there are a number of theoretical points which deserve your attention and which perphaps the proposer has overlooked.

"In the past, towers have been given their geographical location and administrative boundaries have been ignored. Would the expression 'postal addresses' be more undestandable? If you are going to change to administrative descriptions for London why not the rest of the country? As you know, the administrative county of Middlesex has disappeared. Most of it is now part of the Greater London Council. Two parts are now in the administrative county of Surrey. If you are logical you will have to describe peals at Sunbury-on-Thames as Sunbury-on-Thames, Surrey, but it is still in the geographical county of Middlesex. Similarly, Staines. I should hate to be accused of approving a change that would suggest we are trying to take over these three towers. It is bad enough that a few people seem to be under the impression that we are perpetually trying to take over the Guildford Guild.

"Will you describe a peal at Bourne in Lincolnshire as Bourne, Lincs, or Bourne, Kesteven? It is in the administrative county of Kesteven. And a peal at Glinton, Northants formerly in the Soke of Peterborough, is now in the administrative county of Huntingdon and Peterborough. I think you are establishing a difficult precedent if you do change, and wish to be logical.

"Personally, I think that the Exercise would be well advised to set its own house in order first and try to rationalise the areas and territories of the various Guilds and Associations. Whether human frailties and personal dignity will allow this is doubtful, but it remains one of my ambitions. There is no better area to try to make a start than London although even I feel it might be advisable to wait until the Church produces its long awaited and much needed revision of diocesan boundaries.

"One other point about the suggestion if you decide to adopt it. The correct wording would be 'London Borough of Merton.—At the Church of St. Mary, Wimbledon,' or 'London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames.—At the Church of All Hallows, Twickenham.' or 'London Borough of Sutton.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Beddington.'"

JOINT MEETING AT BOLSOVER

Some 50 ringers from over 20 towers attended the joint meeting of the Chesterfield District of the Derby Association and the Sheffield and District Society at Bolsover on August 6th.

Under the expert eyes of the two Ringing Masters, Mr. J. Gilbert (Handsworth) and Mr. M. Phipps (Chesterfield), a wide variety of ringing was enjoyed, ranging from rounds and call changes to Yorkshire Surprise Major.

After an excellent tea, provided by the Bolsover ladies, there was a short business meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. M. King. Here a welcome was extended to Mr. Percy Knights, son of the famous conductor and composer, Arthur Knights, after his absence from any belfry for over two years. A comprehensive vote of thanks was moved by Mr. G. Goodall (Liverpool) after which the company returned to the belfry for further ringing.

During the evening eight of the company managed to ring a course of Bolsover Surprise Major after only 30 minutes' learning.

Methods rung were: Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Yorkshire Surprise, Stedman, Double Norwich, Grandsire, Bolsover Surprise and Plain and Little Bob Spliced. M.Y.

LYNEHAM BELLS UNSAFE

Regarding the notice announcing the transfer of the Calne Branch meeting from Lyneham to Heddington for September 3rd, the hon. secretary informs us that this is because Lyneham bells for the time being are regarded as unsafe.

An inspection last week by the tower captain and another local ringing master revealed that the headstocks of the 2nd and 5th bells were loose. The bells are not to be rung until an inspection by bellhangers takes place.

INJUNCTION THREAT AGAINST RINGING MEETING

MUCH interest is being taken in the action of Mr. Paul Marriott, a television engineer, regarding the holding of a ringers' meeting and service at St. Peter's Church, Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire, on Saturday, September 3rd. According to "The Times" he is taking legal advice about applying for an injunction against the Vicar, the Rev. Donald Roberts, from ringing the bells for the service.

According to a statement he made to "The Guardian": "It is definitely in the Noise Abatement Act, 1959, that it is an offence for anyone to ring a church bell after 4 p.m. on Saturday."

"The Times" states that he has already served a petition on the local authority (Newton-le-Willows Urban District Council) demanding a reduction in the hours of ringing, particularly on Saturdays.

The Vicar, the Rev. Donald Roberts, is on holiday and we are informed that before leaving he had not received any communication relating to an injunction. There had previously been informal discussions between members of the Urban Council and the secretary of the P.C.C. about the bells but never any threat of an injunction.

According to the local Press a complaint had been lodged with the Newton-le-Willows Council, and Mr. Booth, the chief health inspector, is investigating. Mr. Booth has stated that ne likes bells.

NO MENTION IN ACT

The Editor writes: There is no mention in the Noise Abatement Act of 1960 of church bells constituting a nuisance or of Mr. Marriott's allegation that it is an offence for anyone to ring a church bell after 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

On general grounds of complaint relating to business or trade, Section 1 (2) of the Noise Abatement Act requires the complaint to the magistrate to be supported by three other persons who are occupiers of land or premises and are aggrieved by the nuisance.

In these cases it is a defence for the defendant to prove that the best practical means have been used for preventing or counteracting the effect of noise.

Thus if a church was regarded as a business, sound prevention measures as advocated by the Towers and Belfries Committee would be regarded as an adequate defence. There is, however, no mention of church bells and the church does not come under the definition of a business.

NOT A STATUTORY NUISANCE

Part III of the Public Health Act, 1936, gives the local authority power to serve a notice to abate a "statutory nuisance." The ringing of church bells is not listed as a "statutory nuisance."

The final report of the committee on the Problem of Noise presented to Parliament in July, 1963 also does not specify church bells. The committee sent a questionnaire to all local authorities in Great Britain and these showed that the local authorities had dealt with several thousand cases of noise nuisance since November 1960, the date of the Act. In the overwhelming majority of these cases abatement had been secured by informal action without need to issue abatement notices or to take proceedings. Indeed, in most instances it seems that people making noise co-operate readily when they know that it is a cause of complaint.

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SOUTH LONDON RINGERS' WEEK-END IN EAST SUSSEX

IN a rash moment earlier this year the Rector of Ripe said challengingly, "And when are you coming down to ring my bells?" A few months later, on July 23rd to be precise, he was taken at his word, and sundry ringers from Battersea, Clapham Common, Streatham, Lewisham and Beddington arrived in twos and threes at the Rectory during that evening.

Ringing on the Saturday was at eight towers, the circuit covering not more than 30 miles. At 10 a.m. we ascended eagerly the wrought iron spiral staircase which led to the ringing chamber of St. John the Baptist's, Southover. To be on the safe side we first attempted rounds and call changes on this 17 cwt. ring of ten, but later progressed to Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

Reasonably satisfied, we went on to Ringmer (8), followed by an extremely pleasing 9 cwt six at Laughton. Here we were informed that the bells were not at all popular in the village but we could see no possible reason for this other than exceptionally bad striking We hoped that we were not guilty of this, and moved on to East Hoathly, where we lunched before ringing.

We then visited Chiddingly and Hellingly, both with rings of six, methods ranging from Plain Bob Minor, through College Single Reverse to Cambridge and Hull Surprise Minor. After tea in Hailsham we rang at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and feverishly attempted to "outstrike" the ringers from Epsom, who had only just left.



The company outside the Village Centre, Chalvington (left to right): Richard Jones, Nigel Thomson, Chris Barnes, Jennifer Brown, Jeremy Pratt, Jim Hills, Jean Henderson and Sandra Thexton.

The last tower of the day was that of St. Andrew's Alfriston, where there is a central tower and a ground-floor ring Here we gathered a large audience who seemed suitably impressed, though we could feel our striking deteriorating.

Sunday was reserved for quarter peal ringing, and in the morning we did our best to thank the Rector for his hospitality by ringing for morning service at Ripe. The quarter peal on the 9½ cwt ring of five was energetically conducted by Jeremy Pratt, and was in six methods, the most to a quarter for us all. The Rector seemed well pleased and soon after the service shepherded us to the local for a leisurely drink

We hope we satisfied the Vicar of Fairwarp equally well. Here we achieved a quarter of Plain Bob Major for Evensong, and Jim Hills was well pleased with his first attempt at conducting.

By and large we were well satisfied with our first visit to Sussex and extend warm thanks from our various home towers to all those concerned.

R. J. C.

DURHAM GALA—TANFIELD, 1966

IN County Durham the third Saturday of July is always reserved for Durham Gala, when the miners of the county descend upon the city of Durham, marching in with bands and banners to make the greatest trade union demonstration in the country.

To the bellringers of the Durham and Newcastle Association the Gala is a minor event, likely to cause delays and diversions on the way to Tanfield, where this date is reserved for the annual cricket match, when the Western District play the President's team.

This is not an occasion for first-class standards, as several ringers have not touched bat or ball since last year Since the Tanfield bells were rehung three years ago, we have now played on three different pitches and had tea in three different places.

This year the match was played on the Tanfield Lea ground, and a mix-up over the supply of equipment forced us to play with improvised stumps, giving the batsmen at one end quite an advantage. A limit of 17 overs per side was agreed on by the umpires, K. Arthur and R. Leighton.

The Western District team, representing Whickham, Tanfield, Lanchester, Chester-le-Street and Benfieldside, won the toss and invited the President's team to bat first.

The president, Mr. W. Tyson, had picked a strong representative team from Newcastle, North Shields, Hartlepool, Darlington, Bishop Auckland and Consett. Eric Harrison and George Deas opened with a free-scoring stand, which lasted until the Western District tried their youngest bowler, Duncan Davis, who captured two wickets in his first over. Eventually, with three retirements, the President's team scored 42 in their allotted time.

The Western District were given a good start by Michael Maughan and Alan Walker who was given the benefit of the doubt on his first ball. With only one wicket down, the score passed 30 Two retirements "to give the others a turn with the bat" put new vigour into the President's team and the next five runs cost five wickets. Eventually the Western District secretary and vice-president came into partnership and gained the necessary runs, so that the Ashes remain in Tanfield Vicarage.

After an excellent tea provided by the ladies of Tanfield, the Rev. A. J. G. Ellery took an inspiring service and then for the rest of the evening the eight bells of St. Margaret's, Tanfield, were put to good use. One noteworthy visitor was Mademoiselle Francoise Verger of Ruffec, France, who, staying on holiday with a keen ringer, has been taught to handle an English bell and now has grabbed four towers Campanology and cricket are two typically English institutions, and to understand a little about them is a fair introduction to life in England.

PRESIDENT'S XI

E. Harrison	11
G. Deas (retired)	13
M. Donnelly	0
W. Maughan (retired)	8
R. Gladders	0
P. Park	0
D. Cox	2
E. Carter (retired)	2
K. Mitchinson, not out	1
S. Hewitt, not out	0
Extras	5
	42

J. Burton did not bat.

WESTERN DISTRICT XI

M. Maughan (retired)	18
A. Walker	11
W. Davidson (retired)	5
J. Tonks	3
J. Crowther	1
G. Robinson	1
J. Clifford	0
D. Davis	0
H. Thompson, not out	3
C. Lamb not out	2
Extras	0
	44

D. Bayles did not bat.

H. P. T.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The bells at the tower of SS. Peter and Paul's, Shoreham, heralded the start of the Lewisham District quarterly meeting held on July 23rd. After the service, conducted by the Vicar the Rev D. E. Bimbow, an enjoyable tea was served by ladies from Bexley and Crayford.

Mr. E. A. Barnett took the chair at the business meeting. Miss Mary Andrews reported that she had been sent a poster advertising a meeting of the District held at Lewisham in 1897 and asked the meeting what should be done with it. On the proposition of Mr. E. Barnett it was decided to have it framed, at the expense of the Association, and presented to St. Mary's, Lewisham, to hang in their tower.

The best wishes of the meeting were extended to David Manger and Jenny Wright, who were married this day at Chelsfield. T. L.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Quite a crowd of members augmented by visitors made the meeting of the West Lindsey Branch in the old village of Broughton on July 18th memorable.

The village lies close to Ermine Street, and the Church of St. Mary is of great antiquity with big patches of herringbone masonry and a little tower doorway of Saxon origin On the west side of the tower an unusual semi-circular turret houses the stairs to the belfry. The six bells (tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb.) are a first-class ring and the meeting was made more enjoyable by the number of ringers who had learned one or both of the special methods—York Surprise and Single Oxford.

The Vicar, the Rev G. E. F. Trubridge, conducted the service, and local ringers made arrangements for tea. Mr C. H Baker took the chair for the business meeting, at which Mr. G. E. Feirn and Mr J. Bray gave their impressions of the Central Council meeting at Bath. Mrs. Gray of Gainsborough reminded the meeting that she was still looking for the owner of a purse full of money left behind after a Ladies' Guild meeting at Willingham.

Next Branch meeting: Stow-in-Lindsey, on September 17th. T. A. G.

Letters

BEQUEST TO "THE RINGING WORLD"

Dear Sir.—I have been informed by the executor that the late Mr. T. R. Dennis, of Cambridge, has bequeathed the sum of £100 to the Central Council "to aid in keeping alive 'The Ringing World.'" At the time of writing it appears probable that the estate may be insufficient to pay all legacies in full and if this is so they will have to abate proportionately.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
Secretary, C.C.B.R.

"WHAT A MAN!"

Dear Sir.—On Saturday, August 15th, 1908 a small schoolboy stood outside St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, listening to what he afterwards learned was the first peal of Surprise ever rung on 12 bells, regarded at the time as the greatest 12-bell performance of all time

On Saturday, August 13th, 1966, that same person was privileged (because of the illness of a talented young ringer) to take part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which will be regarded as the greatest heavy bell performance of all time I am referring to the ringing, single-handed, of the tenor (82 cwt.) at Liverpool Cathedral by Peter Border

For the writer, this performance was the greatest mental conquest of physical fatigue that he has ever witnessed. Well may the great ones of the past arise from the shades and acclaim "What a man!"—Yours sincerely,

E. JENKINS

Oldham, Lancs.

WHAT IS COURSING ORDER?

Dear Sir,—About six months ago I did a spot of research (inspired unknowingly by Mr. Wilson) into Stedman Triples, and on the relevant page in my "Standard Methods" wrote: C.O. 1652347.

I was, of course, highly delighted when Mr Butterworth expanded this, delving much deeper than I dared to. Mr. York-Bramble's article in reply was extremely informative, but it leaves one big question: What is Coursing Order? It certainly bears no fixed relationship to the cyclical orders. For instance, in Plain Bob the C.O. is the same as the **position** cyclic, in Kent it is the same as the **bell** cyclic and in Double Norwich it fits in with neither. Yet in all these methods the accepted "Coursing Order" (?) is readily seen by noting the order in which a bell passes the others. If this is the **true** coursing order, then I suggest Mr. Butterworth could drop his inverted commas, since, with the exception of the quick bells in which the selected bell is on the Slow, the bells are met in the order 1652347.

If anyone can pull these ideas to bits, please do, since I would like to know the true facts: and if this all seems rather absurd, please excuse me, for I am neither a great researcher nor conductor and seldom get beyond Bob Doubles in either field. — Yours faithfully.

Braintree. ROY THREADGOLD.

5,184 LEWES SURPRISE MAJOR

By ROGER BALDWIN

23456	M	B	W	H
45236	3		—	—
25634	—			
32546		x		2
52436			2	—
23645	—		2	3

Twice repeated.
Contains 132 combination roll-ups.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD SUMMER TOUR

DURING this year's tour we visited six counties, being centred in Newtown, Linford, Leics. The week started with ringing for Matins at St. Margaret's, Leicester, and then doubling the congregation there before travelling up to Chesterfield to ring for Evensong, ringing at Edensor on the way. The journey was not pleasant—in true British fashion it didn't rain, it poured. We enjoyed ringing at Chesterfield very much and discovered, much to the delight of most of the party (it being 12 males and two females), that young lady ringers in the North have as much trouble with short skirts as do their counterparts in the South.

Monday saw the start of the really serious ringing. The first tower was at Ratby, where the ringing included Yorkshire and Double Norwich, before going on to Desford. Kirkby Mallory and Market Bosworth The belfry at Desford, being very small, gave some of the party ample opportunity to discover what the bells sounded like in the village, quenching their thirst into the bargain. We liked the bells at Market Bosworth very much

Much of the next 90 minutes was spent in a transport café waiting for our lunch, and the rest in travelling to Grendon. From there we went to Polesworth and Tamworth. After waiting for a funeral to finish at the former, we found that the church was really magnificent, and rang Grandsire Doubles with the extremes. At Tamworth was another splendid church: we rang what were to be the three standard methods at ten-bell towers—Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal. The day ended with joining the practice night at Lichfield Cathedral.

MARVELLOUS CHURCHES

Tuesday brought yet more marvellous churches and some very nice bells. We started with some good ringing at Shepshed and then on to Breedon-on-the-Hill. The next church visited, Melbourne, was perhaps the best of all, but standing among the pews to ring, with ropes that were more than springy, did not help our ringing. Castle Donington's were found to be quite a handful straight after lunch, and the best ringing of the afternoon was at Alvaston, where we liked the bells very much. In the evening we joined the practice at Derby Cathedral.

The ringing on Wednesday morning was not particularly memorable, the best being at Hugglescote, which included Rutland. Somehow we managed to get lost in Burton-upon-Trent ("where all London's power comes from"), even though one of the local ringers had thoughtfully provided us with a map. More difficulty was experienced to find the church at Tutbury and the day concluded at Sudbury and Uttoxeter.

Thursday began with us ringing at what must surely be the nearest Gillett and Johnston ring to Taylor's bell foundry, Mountsorrel From there on to the foundry, where, after a very interesting look around, we enjoyed ringing the bells Our ringing included Yorkshire Royal and London Minor and Plain Bob Minor on the front six. After lunch we rang on the splendid ten at All Saints', Loughborough, before going on to Kegworth and Kingston-upon-Soar. Here the bus broke down, but luckily it was within walking distance of the church. The bus then managed to get us to the last tower, at Thrumpton, before breaking down three times on the way home.

Friday saw us ringing London at Swithland and Warkworth at Woodhouse Eaves before losing the first tower of the tour, Woodhouse. However, the marvellous roses in the churchyard nearly compensated for not ringing there. Sileby was the last tower before lunch. After lunch, the bells at Stanford-upon-Soar proved to be quite a handful and although they sound very nice, go more than badly. We rang Superlative just to prove that the tenor ringer could do it. Spliced Stedman and Double Norwich was rung at Prestwold before going on to Wymeswold and Long Clawson.

The last day started with two good rings of bells—at Anstey and Rothley—before going on to Syston. After lunch we had some good ringing at Asfordby and at Melton Mowbray, where we had to wait for the clock to chime "Home, Sweet Home" before starting to ring. The last two towers of the tour, at Whissendine and Oakham, were in the sixth county, Rutland.

I think that the tour was very much enjoyed by all, and I should like to express our thanks to all those who made it possible.

H. W.

A PEAL WEEK IN THE RUTLAND AREA

A SUCCESSFUL peal week was organised in the Rutland area by Alan Payne and Martin Thorley, during which ten peals were scored out of twelve attempts. This year there were only five "regulars"—including two young ladies—and we were dependent on those ringers who had promised to be available for the odd attempt. However, we discovered that Gerald Reynolds was home for the holidays and the writer was able to inveigle his youngest brother out of retirement (no peal for five years) by a judicious offer of some baby-sitting.

We began on the Monday with a peal on the light six at Deeping St Nicholas, which got Derek Jones round the circle for the first time and the conductor round for the third time—twice as conductor—and in the afternoon rang a fairly leisurely one on the delightful six at Edith Weston. Although this was the easiest day of the whole week, the extremely humid weather ensured that blisters were plentiful very early.

On Tuesday morning we rang the "steady seven" at Glaston, not without distractions, as in the middle of the peal we had two old ladies wandering back and forth through the ropes on a sightseeing tour of the church. In the afternoon we had our first failure—at Empingham, Rutland's heaviest six—and in Double Court Wednesday morning saw the week's best peal—ten methods at Deene—but in the afternoon the bells at Weekley began to go dry on us, so after a quarter peal (Double Bob and Surfleet) we dashed off to join John Woolley on a tower grab.

Thursday was an all-Rutland day—a peal in the morning on the newish six at Preston (Janet's 25th this year) and one of Bob Major in the afternoon on the recently rehung bells at Uppingham. For once during the week we had a surfeit of ringers and the girls stood out.

The rest of the peals were in Lincolnshire. On Friday we rang six methods at Rippingale (strange noises from upstairs) and a seven-method one at West Deeping that was almost as good as the peal at Deene. Saturday proved to be a tiring day; we rang nine methods at Quadring in the morning and had to struggle a little, and in the afternoon finished up with a peal in eight methods at Tydd St. Mary, where the tenor man found it better to ring with his back towards the fourth and fifth—he may be a little podgy, but there isn't really much room.

J. M. T.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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HUNTINGTON AND COMPANY ON TOUR

LEAVING Huntington at 8.15 a.m. on a miserable Friday morning (July 22nd), members of the Huntington (Yorkshire) Guild travelled first to Sheffield, where we collected Susan Thompson, who also provided a very welcome cup of coffee.

At St. Alkmund's, Duffield, we were joined by Roy Aldington and the light ten were rung to a variety of methods. After sampling Melbourne's fine bells, we travelled in lovely sunshine to Banbury. Here, after signing in at our hotel for the night and meeting Bryan Seymour, we did justice to the excellent ten hanging in St. Mary's Church. We then moved off to arouse the inhabitants (and policemen ') of nearby Wroxton. The five bells here were cast in 1676 by Henry Bagley, and go quite well.

Everyone managed to be up in time on Saturday morning to set off at 8.50 a.m. for Adderbury, four miles down the road. The glorious eight here were not rung as best they should have been, the previous night's activities and the extra large breakfast being blamed. On then to Bloxham, where the glorious eight in an equally beautiful village were rung better than we rang at Adderbury, in spite of it taking three men to get the 26¼ cwt tenor up the right way. At Chipping Norton the eternal wait for sandwiches in the Fox was probably remembered better than the bells.

RETREAT TO SAFETY

Hunger appeased, we reached Churchill, where, after a good rise, we attempted to ring Grandsire Triples and Cambridge. Next on the list was Enstone, where the bells are very noisy and the ringing chamber very dark. At Wootton the behaviour of certain bells caused some of the band to beat a hasty retreat to safety. Nevertheless, despite the square wheels and oblong bearings (as one, who shall be nameless, described them), we achieved a reasonably well-struck two courses of Bob Minor before going to Woodstock.

On our way into Oxford we paused at Bladon to view the grave of Sir Winston Churchill. Unfortunately, due to the condition of the tower, we were not allowed to ring here. In Oxford the acute accommodation problem was marvellously solved when the landlady at the house where Bryan had wisely booked in, agreed to take us all. Out then to Eynsham, where the pleasant six were well rung. Mike King managed to reach us here after a 24-hour delay due to two punctures. Returning to Oxford, we had an excellent meal at the Golden Palace (Chinese restaurant).

Sunday morning in Oxford saw us divide. Some rang on the easy-going six at St. Aldate's, whilst others enjoyed Cambridge Major and Stedman Triples on the delightful light octave at St. Martin's. Most of the party went to the 11 a.m. service at the Cathedral. After lunch we travelled to Great Milton and found quite a reasonable octave. The six at Little Milton, described by one old local ringer as "a pretty peal," were quite the opposite and, to make matters worse, an ancient ladder left in the pit of the sixth disintegrated during the ringing up; fortunately no real damage was done, and from here we paid a quick call to that delightful Berkshire village of Appleton and were privileged to join the local band in ringing for Evensong. Back in Oxford, Jennifer Pearce's birthday was celebrated in the customary manner.

BEST TEN OF TOUR

Leaving Oxford at 8.40 a.m. on Monday, we first sampled the delightful ten at St. Helen's, Abingdon, felt by many to be the best ten of the tour. Our host here also joined us on the pleasant six at St. Nicholas' Church. At Faringdon Christopher Groome, John Woolley and Carol joined us and we took advantage of their presence. All the standard methods were rung, though a course of Oxford came to grief in the last lead.

After lunch we said goodbye to Christopher and his car-load and moved on to Stratton St. Margaret. Both the sixes at Wroughton and Chiseldon are heavy but beautifully toned, and regret was expressed at the short amount of time available. At Wroughton the Vicar invited us all to the Vicarage for refreshments, a gesture much appreciated on this warm afternoon. The ten bells of Christ Church, Swindon, are certainly a magnificent ring and our ringing on them was quite reasonable.

"THE OLDEST 12 IN THE WORLD"

Tuesday saw us off to a good start, the delightful anti-clockwise five in the huge tower of St. Sampson's, Cricklade, was our first call. At St. John's, Cirencester, the first 12 of the tour, we were joined by Martin, Paddy and Catherine Thorley and also had the help of George Pluckrose. Some reasonable rounds on 12 with Grandsire and Stedman Caters followed on the oldest 12 in the world! Holy Trinity has a very pleasant eight.

At Kemble the ropes are still being eaten by some mysterious "bug" so we couldn't ring: at least it enabled us to be on time at Stroud, where the assorted ten were soon ringing out to Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples before we had some lunch.

After lunch we went to Whitminster, where the first cars to arrive encountered a belligerent churchwarden (an ex-Army major!), who refused them entry. After producing correspondence from the Vicar we eventually got in and raised the bells. How long it was since the bells were rung no one knew, but it must have been some time. A short touch and down, then we were off to Standish, where the delightful Gillett six were enjoyed for three-quarters of an hour. From there to Gloucester itself, and firstly the Cathedral: no one was over impressed by the bells or the ringing chamber, certainly not the place for a Boxing Day peal (as one person put it). The Rudhall octave at St. Mary de Crypt's is well worth a visit and we rang some fair Bob Major. The Fleece Hotel, our hotel for the night, is noted for its excellent food—little wonder, therefore, that no one could resist the temptation to have dinner. The meal was excellent, and we need not have rushed as much as we did, as we later discovered that there was no practice at Painswick. Instead, refreshments were taken in the Falcon Inn at Painswick.

Wednesday morning saw us a little late at Tewkesbury and we had not the time to do justice to the fine 12. At Evesham we soon had the beautiful 36 cwt 12 ringing out into rounds and Grandsire and Stedman Caters, though the Stedman met with a sticky end. At Bidford-on-Avon the treble exhibited some peculiar mannerisms and so we were soon on the move to Warwick, where everyone agreed that Taylor's made a first-rate job of St. Nicholas' bells. Another encounter, too, with the Militia here, when the wife of an Army major ran her car into the side of Bryan's Hillman Imp. Fortunately no one was hurt and the damage was not too extensive though, needless to say, we were very annoyed.

On then to Kenilworth, where a good variety of methods was rung on the six. After lunch we all set off on our various ways, those returning to Huntington calling en route at the Loughborough Foundry, where the campanile bells proved a novelty for some; our thanks to Paul Taylor for the time given up to show us round the foundry.

Our thanks go to the drivers of the cars, to incumbents, local secretaries and to Susan and Colin for their efforts in organising the tour.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

The August meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held at Aldbourne on August 20th, when although only two towers in the Branch were represented, there was a good number of visitors, who were probably attracted by Aldbourne's really fine octave—a rarity in the Branch, which possesses only one other.

The Ringing Master (the Rev. R. Keeley) was in charge and continued until the Guild service, which was also conducted by the Ringing Master. Mr. A. Keen was organist. For tea in the Village Hall, the company were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Keen, who also defrayed the hall expenses. In appreciation of their generosity a collection was taken amounting to £2 6s. and given to the church funds. They were thanked by Mr. G. Newman (chairman).

Visitors were welcomed from as far afield as Tuffield (Northants), East Budleigh (Devon), Manchester Cathedral, Bradford-on-Avon, Swindon and Stratton St. Margaret. W. A. E.

WEST LINDSEY BRANCH IN YORKSHIRE

For their annual outing on July 9th the West Lindsey Branch visited West Yorkshire. At Silkstone, the first tower, the local captain joined in the ringing on the good six. Most of the party met Yorkshire tail-ends for the first time at Kirkburton. A lucky bride at Sowerby had the bells without paying a fee, as we arrived just in time to ring her out on this pleasant octave.

The journey to Skipton took longer than anticipated and in consequence the ringing was limited to 20 minutes before fulfilling a tea engagement at the Midland Hotel. Finally came an hour's ringing at Ilkley and a visit to one of the inns before the long journey home.

Clergy and tower captains are thanked for their help and co-operation to make this enjoyable outing possible. T. A. G.

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THE MASTERY OF PLAIN BOB MINOR

By Robert B. Smith, conductor of the peal of the Extent of Bob Major

Part IV : *Conducting and Composition*

WHEN one reaches the point where ringing the method presents no difficulty it is customary to attempt to conduct, and in order to conduct one is required to do the following:

(1) To make calls (bobs and/or singles) at the appropriate time.

(2) To correct those who lose their place in the ringing.

(3) To call "Rounds" or "Stand" if the ringing is not of the required standard.

1. Making Calls.

When we considered the effects of calls it was mentioned that calls should be made when the treble is in 2nds place at back-stroke immediately before leading. If a call is made too soon or too late it will normally cause a break in the rhythm of the ringing. Calls made at the wrong time do not give the band confidence in the conductor and the striking generally suffers.

Note.—The conductor should not make mistakes in the method ringing; mistakes in calling follow from these other mistakes quite logically.

2. Correcting Other Ringers.

On the first occasion that a ringer is called upon to conduct the ringing, it is more important that calls be made in the right place than that he or she tries to correct those who go wrong. It is helpful, therefore, if there is sombody else in the band capable of keeping a check on the ringing whilst the aspiring conductor makes the calls. Having gained confidence in making calls one should look for aids to help one conduct. There is no substitute, however, for really learning the method so than one can discount the possibility of going wrong oneself.

The most obvious aid to conducting, which should be apparent from the foregoing work done, is the use of coursing orders. Providing that the conductor knows that he or she is right, each of the other bells may be checked and corrected if necessary, as they are passed. There is, however, one trap here which can be fallen into, and that is to move the treble into the wrong position. The effect of this is to ring too few or too many changes, which may not matter in a short "touch" but would invalidate a peal.

Notes.—(i) Any ringing involving calls is referred to as a "touch," and a peal is merely a touch having more than 5,000 different changes.

(ii) Making calls in the correct position involves learning a composition. This was not included in (1) above as it will be dealt with in detail later.

(iii) Point 3 above does not come within the scope of this article.

Learning a Composition.

To learn a composition for a short touch does not tax most people's memory too much but a peal composition may be a different matter. Peal compositions should be learned to a plan so that a short lapse in concentration does not result in a miscall. Most conductors on some occasions have miscalled a peal, but if it becomes a habit people will decline invitations into peal attempts you are calling. Consider the well-known composition of Plain Bob Maior by J. R. Pritchard, which is shown below.

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
By J. R. Pritchard.

23456	W	B	H
23564	—	x	3
23645	—	x	3
26435	—		2
32465	—		3

Three times repeated.
Singles halfway and end.

The first point to note in learning a composition is most obvious in that one should learn or "form a picture" in one's mind of the composition.

Secondly, it will be seen that the 4th bell returns to 4ths place at the end of each of the four parts. This means that the 4th will be in the same position at corresponding course-ends of each part.

The next point to note is that alternate part-ends have 65's and 56's as shown below:

1st part-end	32465
2nd part-end	32456
3rd part-end	23465
4th part-end	23456

It will also be noted that 2 and 3 are never in 6ths place at a course-end.

A difficulty which many conductors experience is that of knowing when they have called blocks of three homes, wrongs or middles. The usual method to overcome this problem is to call bobs at the position in question until a certain bell makes the bob (e.g. the 4th makes the last of the block of three homes at the end of each part). This eliminates counting.

In the composition we are considering there is a very useful guide for the calling of each block of three homes. The "largest" bell concerned in any block of three homes **always** makes the last bob. Incidentally, the block of two homes brings the 4th bell into 4ths place at the course-end in each part also. A full breakdown of the coursing orders is shown below.

1st Part	2nd Part	3rd Part	4th Part	
53246	62345	52346	63245	
32546	23645	23546	32645	
63254	52364	62354	53264	
62534	53624	63524	52634	
65324	56234	65234	56324	
63254	52364	62354	53264	
32654	23564	23654	32564	
43265	42356	42365	43256	
42635	43526	43625	42536	
46325	45236	46235	45326	
43265	42356	42365	43256	
32465	23456	23465	32456	
34625	24536	24635	34526	
36245	25346	26345	35246	
62345	53246	63245	52346	
63425	52436	62435	53426	
64235	54326	64325	54236	
62345	52346	63245	53246	S

It will be observed from the above block of figures that at the end of each block of three calls at home (or wrong, or middle) the same coursing order is returned to! This means that by omitting blocks of three calls at home, wrong or middle, the calling will come round in the usual manner. This would not matter for a touch, but would generally mean that sufficient changes would not be rung for a peal (e.g. in the composition just considered, omitting one block of three homes reduces the number of changes from 5,056 to 4,832, which does not constitute a peal).

Blocks of calls such as three homes, which bring the coursing order back to what it was before the block began, are called "Q" sets and are widely used by composers. These will be referred to again later when we consider composing.

Compositions.

Under this heading many compositions could be listed for Plain Bob on all numbers. Readers are referred, however, to the Central Council publications of compositions if they require other compositions than those given here.

Initially it is better to call simple compositions, often these are the most musical. (It is better to call a simple composition correctly than to miscall a complicated one-part composition.) Most conductors realise that they have a responsibility towards the other ringers not to miscall a peal, and this should be remembered when a composition is being chosen.

720's PLAIN BOB MINOR

23456	W	H
45236	—	—
34256	—	

Five times repeated, adding singles halfway and end.

23456	W	H
53426	S	
42356	S	—

Five times repeated, single for bob halfway and end.

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
(See above)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
By H. J. Tucker.

23456	W	M	H
64235	—	—	—
36245	—		3
43265	—		3

Three times repeated.
Singles halfway and end.

5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
By J. Reeves.

23456	W	H
34526	S	2
23546	—	3
25436	—	2
32456	—	3
52436	S	3
35426	—	3
23456	—	3

(To be continued)

5,120 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR
By STANLEY JENNER

23456	M	W	B	H
26354	2			—
52364		—		3
52643	3	2	x	2
52436			x	—
35426		—		3
64523	—			—
64235			x	—
26435		3		—
(63254)			x	
23456	—			

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QUARTER PEALS

ANGERSLEIGH, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss L. M. Dade 1, Mrs. B. Bindon 2, Miss M. J. Beale 3, R. F. Arscott 4, K. E. Beale (cond.) 5. A compliment to Miss M. Selway, 50 years organist of this parish.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. Lathall 1, J. E. Whitlock (cond.) 2, F. Mynard 3, A. May 4, B. Eglesfield 5, G. Bignall (first quarter) 6. On the Feast of St. Lawrence.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. F. Whittell 1, M. H. Whittell 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, R. W. Lockwood 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, M. J. Howes (cond.) 6.

BREADSALL, DERBYS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. W. Parkin 1, J. Ashmore Dodd (cond.) 2, Linda Greasley (first "inside") 3, J. Roe 4, B. Greasley 5, J. Greasley 6.

BRISTOL.—At the Lord Mayor's Chapel, on Aug. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Bellew 1, R. Algate 2, P. Bird 3, S. Bendle 4, J. Slater 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6.

BROMESBERROW, GLOS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Plain Bob, Grandsire): L. Smith 1, S. B. Bell 2, Frances Wilson (first "inside" and in more than one method) 3, E. D. Wilson 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, R. Coppin 6.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. Rev. A. S. Roberts 1, Mrs. M. J. De Jong 2, G. Taysom 3, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, R. Curtis 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, I. George (first on eight) 8.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. J. Woodcock 1, S. G. King 2, Mrs. M. J. De Jong 3, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, C. J. Brown 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, L. W. Jewell 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Mr. A. J. Blackmore, 31 years churchwarden.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Marjorie Yarnold (first of Treble Bob) 1, F. A. Adams 2, D. G. Barnes 3, D. Cooper 4, M. P. Phipps 5, E. G. Mould (cond.) 6.

EYNESBURY, HUNTINGDON.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Osbaldiston 1, R. D. Bellamy 2, W. A. R. Chamberlain 3, D. J. Prescott 4, A. K. Peck 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome Andrew Michael Tapp and Roger Kevin Walker, born on July 15th and August 9th respectively, also to mark the 21st birthday of David Prescott, coupled with his engagement to Minyon Sutton.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Jarvis 1, E. Baker 2, T. Relf 3, W. Gorringe (cond.) 4, A. H. Kemp 5, P. Harrison 6, G. Waters 7, E. West 8.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Meakes (first quarter, age 12) 1, R. Hazell 2, D. Sears 3, K. Seymour (cond.) 4, C. Meakes 5, Mrs. R. Hazell 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Aug. 14th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mrs. H. Oatway 1, A. M. Stacey 2, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 3, J. Marks 4, C. A. Hughes 5, R. J. Collis 6, R. Cademy 7, W. F. Oatway 8, J. S. N. Porter 9, R. Mitchell 10. An 80th birthday compliment to ringer of 5th.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. George-in-the-East, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Rea 1, J. Euston (cond.) 2, Sandra C. Thexton 3, Rosemary J. Cotton 4, N. Thomson 5, C. G. Barnes 6, J. R. Pratt 7, W. Grove 8. For Evensong.

LUTON, BEDS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Garrard 1, K. Lewin 2, M. Amy Coburn 3, N. Garrard 4, B. L. S. Hulatt 5, J. G. Newman 6, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 7, A. E. Butcher 8. First Stedman 1, 2 and 4. A wedding compliment to Colin McCartney and Elisabeth Holmes, whose marriage took place this day at Grantham.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On July 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. H. G. Benson 1, Rev. J. Tomsett 2, Rev. R. G. Bryant 3, Rev. K. C. Davis 4, Rev. E. B. Wood 5, Rev. Canon C. E. Wigg (cond.) 6. For the birth of twin sons, Giles and Patrick, to the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Wood, and the birth of a son, Nicholas John de Bailleul, to the Rev. and Mrs. C. R. C. Coussmaker. (Correction)

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 15th, 1,344 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. Phippen 1, E. C. Shepherd (first of Yorkshire as cond.) 2, Eunice Overend 3, E. E. Norris (first in method) 4, E. Bray (first in method) 5, D. T. H. Robertson 6, R. E. Baker 7, N. G. Knee 8.

MELBURY ABBAS, DORSET.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. W. Marshall 1, J. P. Cooper 2, Miss M. Lush (25th quarter) 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5.

NORTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Bate (first quarter) 1, W. A. Osborn 2, F. L. Andrews 3, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 4, H. F. Creed 5, W. D. Miller (first quarter) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. L. Davis, a loyal member of the local ringers and choirman for many years, and Mrs. Davis.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Bingham 1, Mrs. D. Willey 2, Mrs. J. Bingham 3, S. Clark 4, J. Smith (cond.) 5, S. Law 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Annie Gridley, interred this day.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's, on Aug. 14th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford T.B. Major (Worcester Variation): F. Salter (cond.) 1, M. Foskett 2, N. Pailing 3, S. Foskett 4, H. Dale 5, D. Stainsby 6, R. Green 7, R. Inglis 8. For Evensong.

OLD MARKET, BRISTOL.—On Aug. 14th, 1,300 Doubles (four methods/var.): J. L. Hilman 1, Miss D. M. Chapman 2, P. Bridle 3, M. Powell 4, A. Howard (cond.) 5, G. King 6.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. P. Cooper 1, P. F. Romney 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, Miss M. Lush 4, T. F. Collins 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. E. C. Isaacs 1, E. Winkworth 2, Miss J. I. Frost 3, P. Clewett (first "inside") 4, F. Joyce 5, B. E. Frost (cond.) 6. Rung to the "Glory of God," and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Frost.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Hillman 1, Suzanne Withers 2, B. H. Goodliffe (cond.) 3, W. Willans 4, C. Brown 5, R. Haskins 6.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On July 31st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Barbara Duck 1, A. Locke 2, F. M. Rickard 3, Helen A. Hobbins 4, C. W. Jose 5, A. J. Davidson 6, G. F. Dunstan 7, R. Haines (cond.) 8.

SAXILBY, LINCS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): Mrs. S. Blair 1, Mrs. P. Crosby 2, J. Guymer 3, M. L. Mann 4, J. M. Blaikie 5, H. W. Cox (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and a 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON. — On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew), 4, 6, 8 covering: B. Cooper 1, Miss M. Lewis 2, W. Lewis (cond.) 3, J. Lewis 4, E. Townsend 5, P. Meecham 6, K. Wakefield 7, V. Avery 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. E. Coombes, a life-time ringer at this tower.

STOWTING, KENT.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): B. Butcher 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, A. Lamb 6. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 28th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: A. D. Smith 1, Mrs. A. D. Smith 2, D. Floyd 3, R. K. Russ 4, B. J. Davis 5, B. R. Eglesfield 6, M. A. New 7, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 8. By members of the Society of Raving Ringers for the Stratton summer fete. Also on July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. M. Lucas 1, Rev. R. C. Lucas 2, H. Stacey 3, A. McFall 4, M. J. Pryor 5, R. B. Smith 6, B. F. L. Groves (cond.) 7, J. Sangwin 8. For the birth of a second grandchild to the ringer of the 8th.

STURRY, KENT.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. B. Thompson 1, P. A. Harrisson 2, W. Corcran (first quarter) 3, H. J. Payne 4, R. C. Button (cond.) 5, A. E. Pullin 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Mackenzie 1, B. Durkan 2, H. Payne 3, G. Thompson (first "inside") 4, C. Bouldin (cond.) 5, P. Harrisson 6. For Evensong.

SUNNINGDALE, BERKS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,300 Plain Bob Doubles: C. I. Rowson 1, K. W. Smith 2, Ann Carpenter 3, Marie R. Cross 4, A. K. P. Poole (cond.) 5, M. C. E. Hodge 6. Rung for the wedding of Elaine Dixon and Bob Mordaunt.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On Aug. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Randall 1, Mrs. D. N. Randall 2, Shirley Jones (first Major) 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. W. Randall 5, F. G. Knight 6, R. H. Randall 7, C. W. Powell (cond.) 8.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Knight (cond.) 1, L. Derrick 2, H. G. Bird 3, W. Rice 4, J. Brain 5, R. Rice 6, S. G. Smith 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. Morris, aged 101 years.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at Keyworth also marked the achievement of the ringer of 3-4 in becoming the "Bingham District" putting champion.

Mr. Joe Thornley, of Bolton, Lancs, inquires about the new tower recently built at All Saints', Newquay, Cornwall. Are there to be bells?

The Rev. John Scott is to be inducted to the living of Newton St. Cyres, Crediton, Devon, on September 2nd. He asks to be remembered in readers' prayers.

A peal of Stedman Cinques was lost at Christchurch, Hants, on August 20th, through the clapper of the tenth breaking in the last three courses.

Former captain at Minehead, Somerset, Mr. John Pugsley, celebrated his 94th birthday on August 16th. Unfortunately the band met short for Caters and had to be content with a congratulatory quarter of Stedman Triples.

The ringers of Angersleigh, Taunton, Somerset, have effected a great improvement by providing a floor in the tower for ringing; previously this was a ground-floor ring. In consequence the bells are much easier to handle.

Composition correction. — Mr. J. Henry Fielden asks us to make a correction to the peal of 5,120 London Surprise Royal (page 536). The first course of the insertion should have a bob at home. This is covered in the script by calling it "A B." "B" is also missing from the "M 1/5th, 1/5th M" block.

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FIRST PEAL AT ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

The first peal on the bells at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, was rung on Saturday, August 13th, almost a year after they were dedicated and first rung. The occasion was the enthronement of the Most Rev. M. L Loane as Archbishop of Sydney and Metropolitan of New South Wales, the first Australian to reach this high office.

The service was one of high ceremony, and at the moment of the Archbishop's enthronement the bells rang out from the tower while in the Cathedral there was a fanfare of trumpets and the Doxology, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow . . ." was sung. At the conclusion of proceedings the bells rang out again as the Archbishop's procession left the building.

Shortly afterwards, a peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Tom Goodyer, was embarked upon and successfully accomplished, with a band of eight Sydney ringers together with Jack Roper and Bill Pitcher, the captains of the ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, and St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, who had been specially invited for the occasion.

LIVERPOOL BELLS IN AUSTRALIAN BROADCAST

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation came to Childwall Parish Church, Liverpool, on August 21st, to record a feature about "Childwall Bells and Ringers." The Ringing Master, Mr. Michael E. Dodd, was interviewed by Mr. John Harper-Nelson, after which the sound of the bells ringing out for evening service was included on the tape.

Mr. Harper-Nelson was given a detailed account of Childwall bells, the history of which goes back to the early 16th century. He was also presented with a copy of the current Lancashire Association Report, which he indicated would be passed on to the Perth ringers.

It is understood that the programme will be networked from Perth, Western Australia, on Station 6WF on the A.B.C. Saturday Night Show (7–10 p.m.) on either the second or third Saturday in September.

A YORKSHIRE TOUR

Mr. G. E. Thoday's party had a most successful peal tour of Yorkshire, scoring nine peals out of 12 attempts. Fifteen ringers took part. The organiser conducted six peals and rang in seven of the successful attempts. C. Martin Press also scored seven and Giles B. Thompson and George E. Bonham six each.

STEDMAN TRIPLES AT CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

The quarter of Stedman Triples rung at Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand on July 26th was the first in the method for the Society since 1905. Mr. G. Nelson Sloan writes that actually it could be the first, but it is possible that one was rung between 1900 and 1905, but there are no records to check on.

DEDICATION OF GEORGE CROSS MEMORIAL

The dedication of a very beautiful oak table as a permanent memorial to the late George H. Cross took place at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on July 9th. The service was taken by the Rector, the Rev. Austen Williams, and in his short address he spoke very sincerely of the qualities for which George Cross would be remembered at St. Martin's and by members and friends of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

The table, which has been beautifully made by Walter H. Dobbie, was afterwards placed in the belfry at St. Martin's and it looks most impressive as a permanent reminder of one who did so much for ringing there.

It was a great pleasure to welcome to the service Mrs. Cross and her son and twin daughters and to renew old friendships again. There were many present who knew them well, and apologies had been received from others who were unable to make the journey

We were joined at tea afterwards by the Rector and Mrs. Cross and her family, and following this a short business meeting was held. The day concluded with ringing on the new light eight at St. George's-in-the-East.

WASHINGTON SCORE OWN PEAL

Mr. Peter Staniforth received a cablegram on August 22nd from Washington, which read: "First peal Bob Major successful.—Betsy."

The sender, Miss Betsy Proctor, was recently in England and scored two peals—one of Stedman Triples at Leicester, and the other Plain Bob Major at Warfield, Berks, arranged by Mr. Frank Price.

There has only been one previous peal rung at Washington Cathedral and this was in connection with the opening ceremony in which the band was composed of the ten English ringers who flew over especially for the occasion.

The congratulations of ringers the world over will be extended to Washington Cathedral Society on this happy event of historical significance.

A telegram from Rick Dirksen was also received by Mr. Fred Price, of Southbourne. He replied: "Dirksen, Episcopal Cathedral, Washington. Congratulations. English ringers acclaim your fine achievement. Fred Price."

Mr. Fred Price asks us to make a correction regarding Miss Ann Gardner. He taught her to handle a bell, and not Mr. Harry Parks, who did not teach any of the girls from N.C.S.

COWLINGE, SUFFOLK

We are pleased to announce the revival of ringing at this pleasant five-bell tower. Following on the redecoration of the ringing chamber by three of the younger ringers, adjustments and repairs in the belfry and the purchase of new ropes, the bells, after having been virtually unringable, are now in good shape and "go" reasonably well. Visiting teams will be welcome. C. F. D. M.

KIKBY-LE-SOKEN'S SUNDAY

Ringers' Sunday at Kirby-le-Soken is again announced by Mr. F. B. Lufkin. The programme for September 11th is on the usual comprehensive lines. There is ringing for three services—the first at 7.15 a.m.—handbells in place of an anthem and a ringing parson preaching. A social gathering follows Evensong, with singing and Suffolk handbell ringers entertaining.

BARTON SEAGRAVE'S FAREWELL TO TOWER CAPTAIN

On August 30th Mr and Mrs. R. E. March, of St. Botolph's, Barton Seagrave, will be moving to a new home at Dawlish

Mr. March has been tower captain for many years, and the friendship and regular attendance of himself and Mrs. March will be greatly missed. The local ringers, together with many more from the Kettering District, wish them a happy retirement and look forward to hearing of their renewed ringing activities in Devon.

The occasion has prompted the ringing of a well-struck quarter peal and peal, which the writer has been privileged to conduct. The peal is reported in the peal columns. The quarter peal was as follows:

At Barton Seagrave, Northants, on July 18th, 1966, 1,260 Doubles (Rev Canterbury and Grandsire): L. Clarke (first quarter) 1, M. Downham 2, R. E. Marsh 3, M. A. Coleman (conductor) 4, W. H. Hulme 5.

FOXTON, CAMBS, 30 YEARS' SILENCE BROKEN

For some 30 years there has been no regular ringing at Foxton, Cambs, Parish Church, but the silence was broken on August 14th when a newly-formed team rang for the Sung Eucharist of the Patronal Festival (St. Laurence). The "recruits" had been trained by Mr. S. Brown, Ringing Master of the Cambridge District, who had been accompanied by Mr. H. Jordan, also of Cambridge, and at a parish breakfast following the service each was presented with a gift from the ringers as an expression of appreciation and esteem.

Mr. Brown congratulated the ringers on their progress, but stressed that they had still much to learn and advised them to increase their experience by frequent visits to other towers.

Later in the day one of the new ringers, Mr. Clive Creswell, also received a "presentation" from his wife, who gave birth to a fine baby boy in Royston Hospital. As the new arrival—surely, with his elder brother, a future ringer!—was born at the time of the Patronal Festival Evensong at Foxton, one of his names is to be that of the patron saint, Laurence.

At a recent meeting the ringers elected Mr. J Mead as their captain and Mrs. V. R. Smith as secretary. For the time being ringing will take place on alternate Sunday mornings but it will be more frequent as newcomers are trained.

ALL SAINTS', WORCESTER

The ringers of All Saints', Worcester, have committed themselves to raise over £3,000 to meet an estimate to have the bells rehung in an iron frame at a lower level in the tower.

BELL THEME FOR CHORAL WORK

The first performance of the choral work "Changes" by Gordon Crosse will be presented at this year's Three Choirs' Festival at Worcester on Thursday, September 8th. The music contains imagery of the sound of bells and some of the words are based on bell inscriptions.

RUTLAND AREA PEAL WEEK

RUNG FOR THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDITH WESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Surfleet Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Beverley Surprise, Single Oxford Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt

Joan Gilbert	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	Derek J. Jones	5
Alan G. Payne	3	Gerald W. Reynolds	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in this tower

GLASTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt

Alan G. Payne	Treble	J. Charles Hudson	4
Joan Gilbert	2	Derek J. Jones	5
Janet E. Hubbard	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

DEENE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed. Aug. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Double Court, (2) Beverley (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (4) Oxford T.B. (5) Cambridge, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt

Janet E. Hubbard	Treble	Gerald W. Reynolds	4
Joan Gilbert	2	Alan G. Payne	5
Derek J. Jones	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	*Gerald W. Reynolds	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	*J. Martin Thorley	5
Derek J. Jones	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* 25th peal together.

A compliment to Paddy and the conductor on their 12th wedding anniversary

UPPINGHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966 in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt in E.

John Woolley	Treble	†J. Charles Hudson	5
John Thorley	2	Gerald W. Reynolds	6
Robert C. Woodward	3	Alan G. Payne	7
*Derek J. Jones	4	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Composed by W. Harrison. Conducted by J. Martin Thorley

* 50th tower for a peal. † First peal of Major

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon S. C. Woodward, Rector of Uppingham, has accepted the living of Cosgrove, Northants

RUNG FOR THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet, (2) Cambridge, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt

Gerald W. Reynolds	Treble	Derek J. Jones	4
Joan Gilbert	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
Janet E. Hubbard	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

200th peal as conductor

RIPPINGALE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Aug. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Double Bob, (2) Surfleet, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt

John Thorley	Treble	Alan G. Payne	4
Joan Gilbert	2	Derek J. Jones	5
Janet E. Hubbard	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Jones.

WEST DEEPING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Aug. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Janet E. Hubbard	Treble	Derek J. Jones	4
*Joan Gilbert	2	Alan G. Payne	5
John Thorley	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* 225th peal. Tenor 9½ cwt.

QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Hereward and Double Bob, (2) Beverley, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Derek J. Jones	Treble	Alan G. Payne	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	Gerald W. Reynolds	5
Joan Gilbert	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

A birthday compliment to Janet E. Hubbard and Gerald W. Reynolds.

TYDD ST. MARY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Hereward and Plain Bob, (2) Cambridge (3) Thelwall and Childwall, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt

Alan G. Payne	Treble	Keith R. Davey	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	Gerald W. Reynolds	5
Derek J. Jones	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne

The conductor's 200th peal

MR. G. H. THODAY'S PEAL TOUR OF YORKSHIRE

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DONCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 17 lb. in C sharp.

C. Martin Press	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
Giles B. Thompson	2	Barrie Hendry	6
Peter G. Brown	3	George E. Thoday	7
Philip Mehew	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin Conducted by George E. Thoday.

HEDON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Mon. Aug. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5056 PURBECK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E

Anthony K. Fortin	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	5
George E. Bonham	2	C. Martin Press	6
John R. Ketteringham	3	Barrie Hendry	7
David E. Rothera	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

First in the method by all the band.

HEMINGBROUGH, Yorks.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary
On Mon. Aug. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B. (5 and 7) Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	George E. Bonham	4
David E. Rothera	2	Alan W. A. Leggett	5
Giles B. Thompson	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	5
John G. Gipson	2	C. Martin Press	6
Barrie Hendry	3	Philip Mehew	7
Anthony K. Fortin	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

First peal in the method on the bells.

A birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

SKIPTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues. Aug. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Philip Mehew	5
George E. Bonham	2	C. Martin Press	6
Giles B. Thompson	3	*George E. Thoday	7
John G. Gipson	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 25th peal in the method.

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Aug. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

George E. Bonham	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Giles B. Thompson	6
*Anthony K. Fortin	3	Barrie Hendry	7
George E. Thoday	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* First peal of Major in the method.

THODAY'S PEAL TOUR—Cont.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Aug 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

Giles B. Thompson	Treble	C. Martin Press	6
Alan E. Bagworth	2	John G. Gipson	7
J. Marilyn Astridge	3	George E. Thoday	8
David E. Rothera	4	Philip Mehew	9
*Peter G. Brown	5	†A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First of Royal "inside." † 625th different tenor "turned in."
A birthday compliment to Miss J. A. Quilter, of Braintree, Essex.

SCARBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

C. Martin Press	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Peter G. Brown	2	John G. Gipson	6
George E. Bonham	3	*George E. Thoday	7
Anthony K. Fortin	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 150th peal as conductor.

NORTON-JUXTA-MALTON, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

*C. Martin Press	Treble	Anthony K. Fortin	5
John R. Ketteringham	2	Giles B. Thompson	6
George E. Bonham	3	Alan E. Bagworth	7
David E. Rothera	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* 150th peal. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt 3 qr 18 lb. in C sharp

John Phillips	Treble	John Hill	7
John E. Chilcott	2	David P. Hilling	8
Roger F. Overington	3	James Phillips	9
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	Michael V. Chilcott	10
Alan R. Patterson	5	Frederick E. Collins	11
David E. Parsons	6	Richard C. Stevens	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Fredk. E. Collins.
Rung to mark 40 years' membership of the Ancient Society by the conductor.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
SYDNEY, New South Wales.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 29¼ cwt in C sharp

*Ross W. Bampton	Treble	John J. Cummins	6
Margaret E. Goodyer	2	Thomas W. Goodyer	7
Enid L. Roberts	3	John H. Fryer	8
Ralph L. Clark	4	William D. Watson	9
William B. Pitcher	5	John J. F. Roper	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd (No. 5). Conducted by T. W. Goodyer.
* First peal on ten bells First peal on the bells.
Rung for the enthronement of the Most Rev. M. L. Loane as Archbishop of Sydney and Metropolitan of New South Wales.

PARRAMATTA, New South Wales.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Jan. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In two methods and two variations, being 20 extents and one 240 of Grandsire, four extents of Norfolk, four extents of Old and 12 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

John H. Fryer	Treble	†J. David Langdon	4
*Clare J. Masefield	2	Ralph L. Clark	5
Enid L. Roberts	3	†Martin L. Anderson	Tenor

Conducted by Ralph L. Clark.
* First peal in Australia. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
LYNG, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 15 methods/variations: (1–2) Stedman, (3–5) Reverse Canterbury, (6–8) Wychbold, (9–11) Clifford's Pleasure, (12–14) St. Columb, (15–17) Southrepps, (18–20) Reverse St Bartholomew, (21–23) Fortune, (24–26) Plain Bob, (27–29) Kennington, (30–32) Dedworth, (33–35) April Day, (36–38) Old, (39–40) Norfolk, (41–42) Grandsire. Tenor 17 cwt. in E

Robin L. Coles	Treble	Robert J. Hawkins	3
Jennifer M. Durston	2	Julian E. Newman	4
Alan F. Lee	Tenor		

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
Most methods by all the band. First five-bell peal for all except conductor. First in 15 methods for the Association. First on the bells, which were rehung in 1954 by Mears and Stainbank.

LANGPORT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Aug. 11 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Oxford T.B. and two each of Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

Trevor E. Marks	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	4
Raymond P. Selway	2	Martin L. Howe	5
Gilbert W. Rendell	3	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

BUTLEIGH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 13 methods/variations: (1–3) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (4–6) Fortune, (7–9) Reverse Canterbury, (10–12) Southrepps, (13–15) Wychbold, (16–18) Clifford's Pleasure, (19–21) St. Columb, (22–24) Grandsire, (25–27) Plain Bob, (28–30) Kennington, (31–33) Old, (34–36) Dedworth, (37–39) April Day, (40–42) Reverse Canterbury.
Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

Ian P. Cox	Treble	William Lampard	4
Jennifer M. Durston	2	Alan F. Lee	5
Julian E. Newman	3	Robert J. Hawkins	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
First in 13 methods by all and for the Association. First on the bells, which have been a ring of six since 1878.

BATHFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Mon., Aug. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
42 extents (four callings) Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.

*Michael J. C. Cannon	Treble	Alan F. Lee	4
Shirley A. Cox	2	Ian P. Cox	5
Julian E. Newman	3	*Geoffrey J. Tayler	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* First peal attempt. First of Bob Doubles for all the band.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Derek F. Yates	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
Cynthia Warrilow	2	Basil Jones	7
John Worth	3	A. Peter Whitehead	8
Robert J. Warrilow	4	Alan McFall	9
Harold C. Lonyon	5	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by A. Peter Whitehead.
First peal on ten bells as conductor.

PULFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*Maryan E. Harrison	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Norah M. Randles	2	David N. Collins	6
John W. Griffiths	3	*Christopher C. Roberts	7
Dennis H. B. Millward	4	Geoffrey Parting	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Geoffrey Parting.
* First peal. A birthday peal for the conductor.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
FARNBOROUGH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A.

Ernest G. Jones	Treble	*Cyril H. Kinch	4
*Christopher C. Clarke	2	*Barry J. Davis	5
*Alec W. Ivings	3	*Michael W. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
* First peal in the method.
The ringer of the 2nd has now rung a peal of Kent T.B. from Minor to Maximus.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
LONDON, N.—At the Church of St. Anne, Stamford Hill.
On Sat., July 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 EARDLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Andrew J. Strathdee	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	Tom Page	6
C. Martin Press	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Peter M. Fleckney	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

John G. Gipson	Treble	Stuart Brown	5
Donald F. Murfet	2	Brian Pratt	6
*George E. Bonham	3	Frank E. Haynes	7
Chris M. P. Johnson	4	*†George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 50th peal together. † 175th peal for the Association.
Rung in memoriam T. Reginald Dennis, who died on Tuesday, August 2nd, 1966.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
(C.C.C. 22.) Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

Peter Baker	Treble	Valerie Willard	6
Ivor Goulter	2	William A. Farmer	7
*Peter Clarkson	3	Leonard Edwards	8
Cyril A. Wratten	4	Michael P. Moreton	9
†Frances Fairbank	5	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal in the method † First of Stedman Caters.

SOUTH CERNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

Ernest H. Jefferies	Treble	Bruce Wakefield	4
Herbert L. Cook	2	William F. Scudamore	5
Frank Reed	3	Roland T. Wakefield	Tenor

Conducted by Bruce Wakefield.
A compliment to Margaret Plain and Peter Rickards, married this day at South Cerney.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 1,760 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,600 of Lincolnshire, with 84 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt.

Geoffrey Dodds	Treble	*Roger D. R. Brown	5
*Julia A. Fellows	2	Eric Edmondson	6
*Keith J. Walpole	3	Gerald Penney	7
*Joyce Dodds	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HYTHE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 ECCLESTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

*Rhian N. Bagshaw	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
Paul J. Dye	2	Richard Hayes	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
Rev. Peter T. Robbins	4	†Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 800th peal. First peal in the method by all the band.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Aug. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative and 1,184 Bristol, with 110 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in G

Frederick J. Cullum	Treble	*Richard Hayes	5
D. Paul Smith	2	*Christopher H. Rogers	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Philip A. Corby	7
*Rev. Peter T. Robbins	4	†Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman (C.C.C. 13) Conducted by P. A. Corby.
* First peal of four-Spliced. † 150th peal. The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower."

SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative and 1,184 Bristol, with 110 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Tony Lewis	Treble	*D. Paul Smith	5
Richard V. Fuller	2	Andrew J. Corby	6
Judith M. Corby	3	*Ian H. Oram	7
Doris E. Colgate	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. (C.C.C. 13.) Conducted by P. A. Corby.
* 50th peal together.

HARRIETSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

*Diana H. Bradford	Treble	Frederick G. Hogan	5
*John L. Anderson	2	Robert T. Lambert	6
John T. Mannering	3	A. F. Tony Lurcock	7
Reginald E. Lambert	4	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the seventh, who is shortly taking a post in Helsinki.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ORMSKIRK, Lancashire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	Philip J. Crossthwaite	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	J. Barry Pickup	7
Richard J. Parker	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Maryl R. Crossthwaite.

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard the Less.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 1. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw	5
J. Barry Pickup	2	Philip J. Crossthwaite	6
*Roger Barnes	3	†Derek Butterworth	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	Richard J. Parker	Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal of Stedman. † 250th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Janice N. Smith and Jeffrey J. Fox on their engagement.

ROCHDALE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Tues., Aug. 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

Jane Reynolds	Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite	5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	Roger Barnes	6
John P. Partington	3	Frank Reynolds	7
Margaret Crossthwaite	4	Colin S. Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mary Patricia Nightingale, elder daughter of Canon H. Nightingale, Vicar of Rochdale, and Rodney Asten, married at this church on August 6th.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

A. James Poynor	Treble	B. Stedman Payne	7
Joan Beresford	2	Samuel J. Haines	8
Malcolm E. Wade	3	Brian S. Chapman	9
*J. Martin Thorley	4	E. Alan Jaques	10
David F. Moore	5	Russell S. Morris	11
W. Ernest Rawson	6	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by A. James Poynor.
* 200th tower for a peal.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH KILWORTH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Clive J. Mobbs	Treble	†George A. Barker	3
*Catherine E. Taberner ..	2	Rupert A. Clarke	4
David F. Moore	Tenor		

Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.
* First peal. † First peal "inside."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LICHFIELD, Staffs.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*Paul Raithby	Treble	Peter A. Sharp	6
Margaret E. Chilton ..	2	James W. Raithby	7
Joyce M. Sharp	3	William L. Exton	8
Jack L. Millhouse ..	4	Geoffrey R. Parker ..	9
John Walden	5	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

CASTOR, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., July 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Reverse Bob, Double Bob, College, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

Audrey Bains	Treble	Maurice Lings	4
William Bains	2	John Hall	5
Roger Hippisley	3	Neil Donovan	Tenor

Conducted by John Hall.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LOWER MACHEN, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Richard W. Owen	Treble	Donald G. Clarke	5
Jacqueline S. King	2	Austin T. Wingate	6
David J. King	3	David J. Llewellyn	7
Donald G. Clift	4	James L. Fitzgerald	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David J. King.
Rung after the wedding of the curate, the Rev. Alan Silverthorne, and Miss Mary Bounds.

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*Alwyn R. Lewis	Treble	Edmund J. Morris	4
William J. Thomas	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
Ellis N. Thomas	3	John M. Hughes	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr.

Jennifer Toon	Treble	Gordon Halls	6
Margaret Woolley	2	John K. Smith	7
Kingsley Jones	3	George Roobottom	8
Cyril Haynes	4	David Friend	9
John Dodd	5	Michael Webster	Tenor

Composed by George Freebrey. Conducted by Gordon Halls.
A wedding compliment to John F. Murfin and Noreen Wickham, who were to be married the following day.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PIDDINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one extent each of 42 methods/variations: (1) Stedman, (2) St. Simon, (3) Eynsham, (4) Cassington, (5) St. Albans, (6) Somerville, (7) Elford, (8) St. Martin, (9) St. Leonard, (10) St. Peter, (11) St. Paul, (12) Magdalen, (13) Austrey, (14) St. Nicholas, (15) Lapley, (16) St. Thomas, (17) St. Giles, (18) Nuffield, (19) Shareshill, (20) Winchendon Place, (21) St. John, (22) St. Luke, (23) St. Miles, (24) Wadham, (25) Ryton, (26) Plain Bob, (27) April Day, (28) Old, (29) Kennington, (30) Hudibras, (31) Seighford, (32) Norfolk, (33) Dedworth Bob, (34) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (35) Clifford's Pleasure, (36) St. Columb, (37) Southrepps Pleasure, (38) Campion, (39) Marston, (40) Grandsire, (41) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (42) Northrepps Pleasure. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

Cyril H. Kinch	Treble	Ernest G. Jones	3
Christopher C. Clarke ..	2	Barry J. Davis	4
Michael W. Coleman ..	Tenor		

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
The most methods/variations yet rung to a peal on the bells.

WARDINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Cyril H. Kinch	Treble	Barry J. Davis	4
Alec W. Ivings	2	Michael W. Coleman ..	5
Ernest G. Jones	3	Christopher C. Clarke ..	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
First peal on the bells

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

IRCHESTER, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Katharine.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

Barry E. Saunders	Treble	Roger W. Smith	5
Charles E. Truman	2	James Linnell	6
William J. Chester	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Barry R. Eglesfield	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

WEEKLEY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Aug. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, College, Oxford T.B., Double Court, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

Murray A. Coleman ..	Treble	*†John G. Mitchell	4
*Jean Marlow	2	*†Christopher N. Stephenson	5
*Philip Bosworth	3	Frank E. Coales	Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal "inside."
A 21st birthday compliment to Jean Marlow.

THE ST DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

LLANSTEPHAN, Carmarthenshire.—At the Church of St. Ystyffan.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Edmund J. Morris ..	Treble	†Ellis N. Thomas	5
Ruth E. Havard	2	David J. Llewellyn	6
J. Arthur Hoare	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	7
*David Barrington	4	Brian J. Woodruffe ..	Tenor

Composed by T. B Worsley. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Surprise. † 50th peal.
First peal of Superlative on the bells, in the county, for the Guild and by all except ringers of 6 and 8.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Fri., Aug. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

George A Dawson ..	Treble	F. Neville Pailing	5
*Richard Green	2	Graham J. N. Colborne ..	6
Denis A. Frith	3	Simon Humphrey	7
William Holmes	4	Richard Inglis	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Mrs. M. Fosket	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	6
Sampson Walklate	2	Edmund Shuttleworth ..	7
David W. Friend	3	Simon Humphrey	8
F. Neville Pailing	4	Richard Inglis	9
David Stainsby	5	George A. Dawson	Tenor

Composed by G. Freebrey. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
Rung in memory of John W. Coleman, a former member of the service band at this church.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BRAMFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being eight methods, viz.: (1) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (2) Reverse Canterbury, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Reginald C. Kersey	Treble	Roger L. K. Whittell ..	4
Alan R. Walters	2	Robert J. Southgate ..	5
Michael J. Howes	3	Neville F. Whittell	Tenor

Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.
Rung to mark the birth of a son to Peter and Jill Harris.

POLSTEAD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

William K. Whittell	Treble	Michael J. Howes	4
Alan R. Walters	2	Robert J. Southgate ..	5
Jennifer M. Andrews ..	3	Neville F. Whittell ..	Tenor

Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LOWER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., Aug. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LEWES SURPRISE MAJOR

David D. Smith	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Joan Beresford	2	C. Martin Press	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Peter M. Fleckney	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
First peal in the method. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

LEWES SURPRISE MAJOR
x 58 x 14.58 x 12.38.12 x 14.58.14 x 12.58. L.e. 18. 16482735.
Fourths place bob. F.C.E. 24365.

DORKING, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 DORKING SURPRISE MAJOR

A. Patrick Cannon ..	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting ..	5
Christopher B. Fynes ..	2	George Francis	6
*David D. Smith	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Tom Page	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.
* 25th peal. First peal in the method. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

DORKING SURPRISE MAJOR
x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 34 x 38 x 34 x 58. L.e. 12. 18674523.
F.C.E 24365. Composition: Wratten's Collection No. 5.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th Obs.). Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

Rosemary Earle	Treble	Frederick J. Lambert ..	5
Christine M. Baldock ..	2	*Roger E. Peckham	6
*Amette E. Bradbury ..	3	Alan R. Baldock	7
Ann Harris	4	Ian V. J. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal of Grandsire and first on eight bells.

BARCOMBE, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Bartholomew.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 16 twelve-scores (five each of Pitman's and Morris's and six Price's) and ten different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*Stella J. Soper	Treble	Albert Turner	4
E. Sybil M. Tonkin ..	2	†David R. McLean	5
*Marion E. Addy	3	*Cecil F. Vine	Tenor

Conducted by David R. McLean.
* First peal attempt. † First peal of Doubles and as conductor.
Rung to mark the centenary year of Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
TANGLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Thurs., Aug 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 21 extents of Grandsire and 21 extents of Plain Bob. Methods changed at each quarter peal. Tenor 6 cwt. 14 lb.

Peter Furness	Treble	Terry Tarrant	3
*Philip Taylor	2	Frank Tonge	4
		Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal in two methods.
Rung by Andover District members to welcome the Rev. K. N. Collins as Rector of Hatherden and Tangley.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
FECKENHAM, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

John W. Perkins	Treble	*Eric Styler	5
Robert W. Cole	2	Martin G. Powell	6
Richard Bateman	3	Walter H. Raxter	7
Arthur A. Jopp	4	Arthur C. Berry	Tenor

Composed by P. C. Wright. Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Peak, of Feckenham, Mr. Peak having been a service ringer at this church for over 40 years. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb.

Kenneth B. Sissons	Treble	Allan Sheppard	5
James S. Webb	2	John Potts	6
John Webb	3	Robin Brown	7
Daphne P. Brown	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

FIVE QUARTER PEALS IN A DAY
On August 20th.

DOWNE, KENT.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. Jones 1, N. Thomson 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, Rosemary J. Cotton 4, Jennifer Brown 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2.

BRASTED, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (10 methods): R. L. Jones 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, N. Thomson 4, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 5, Jennifer Brown 6. Most methods for all the band.

SEAL, KENT.—1,260 Minor (Double Oxford and Plain Bob): R. L. Jones 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, Jennifer Brown 3, Sandra C. Thexton 4, N. Thomson 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6. First of Double Oxford for all the band.

IGHTHAM, KENT.—1,260 Childwall Bob Minor: R. Jean Henderson 1, Sandra C. Thexton 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, Jennifer Brown 4, N. Thomson 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6. First in the method for all the band.

ASH, KENT.—1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): R. L. Jones 1, Jennifer Brown 2, R. Jean Henderson 3, Sandra C. Thexton 4, N. Thomson 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6.

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss P. E. Powell 1, Mrs. R. A. Reeves 2, Miss C. A. Bennett 3, P. R. Davis 4, M. W. Sayers 5, R. A. Reeves 6, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 7, B. J. Davis 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John E. Sayers, died on August 2nd, aged 22 years.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 14th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, Carol Cousins 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Amanda Powell 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At the Town Hall, on July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. O. Goulter 1, F. N. Smeaton 2, R. A. Jolly 3, B. R. Cox 4, J. A. Martin 5, D. J. Bleby 6, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 7, R. A. S. Adams 8. First quarter on eight by a resident Australian band. First of Plain Bob Triples 1, 3, 6, 7, 8. Rung as a farewell to Austin Adams, who leaves for America.

QUARTER PEALS

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): J. G. Flint 1, A. H. Smith (cond.) 2, Sheila I. Smith 3, D. G. Carr 4, F. H. Briscoe 5, A. S. Smith 6. Rung prior to the baptism of Heidi Louise Mullins, daughter of a local ringer.

BRADFORD PEVERELL, DORSET.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. W. Marshall 1, J. P. Cooper 2, Miss M. Lush 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5. First in five methods by all the band.

BRISTOL.—At St. John-on-the-Wall, on Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Gray 1, Miss V. Vincent 2, Miss E. Brocklehurst 3, S. Bendle 4, L. Pearce 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAM.—On June 10th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. R. Lewis 1, H. Boyce 2, D. J. Lewis 3, W. J. Thomas 4, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 5, D. Culpan 6.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.—At the Cathedral, on July 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (on the light eight): C. H. Ward 1, Dr. P. J. Perry 2, Miss Lyn Stevens 3, A. Summerell 4, N. F. Reeve 5, Dr. R. G. T. Bennett 6, R. H. Idle (cond.) 7, J. N. Dunn 8. First of Stedman for all except the conductor.

ECCLESTON, ST. HELENS, LANCS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. A. M. Roughley 1, J. Hedgcock 2, J. Dunbavin 3, N. Goulding 4, J. Ridley 5, Rev. C. Herbert 6, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 7, T. D. Roughley 8. First of Major 1, 2, 8.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (15 methods/var.): Janet Pink 1, Pamela Osborne 2, C. Hillier 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, A. Sturgess 6. Most methods to a quarter by all the band.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: K. J. Walpole (first on eight as cond.) 1, Julia A. Fellows 2, Susan D. Cowan 3, Gillian M. Brearley 4, J. Duggan 5, M. J. Bew 6, A. W. R. Wilby 7, R. E. Hardy 8. First of Yorkshire 1, 3, 5, 7.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On Aug. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jennifer Felton (first of Major) 1, I. C. Cooper 2, F. D. Bishop 3, Patricia Rogers 4, June Creak 5, H. W. Rogers 6, C. H. Rogers 7, R. J. Collis (cond.) 8.

LAKENHEATH, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 13th, 1,440 Minor (Oxford T.B., Plain Bob): R. W. Lockwood 1, A. R. Walters 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, M. J. Howes 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

LYTCHETT MINSTER, DORSET.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. H. J. Mears (first away from tenor) 1, P. J. Cooper 2, Miss M. Lush 3, Mrs. M. M. Godley 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6.

MABE, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, D. Stephens 2, Valerie C. Allen 3, G. F. Dunstan 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, G. W. Riddy 6. Rung in memory of Peter Spargo, local tower captain and people's warden, whose funeral was on previous day.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Lloyd 1, A. H. Reed 2, H. Purchase 3, G. Sparks 4, F. Casley 5, R. F. Arcott 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, W. Middleton 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. John Pugsley, former captain of Minehead tower, on his 94th birthday.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 14th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss I. Gocher 1, Mrs. J. Fynes (first of Surprise) 2, C. B. Fynes 3, M. Wake (first Surprise) 4, H. W. Franklin (first Surprise for 30 years) 5, R. Wake 6, G. Francis 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8. For morning service.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Stacey 1, M. Crowell 2, C. F. Mutton 3, Miss B. M. Boyle 4, A. Ballard (cond.) 5, S. M. Bailey 6, A. H. Everett 7, J. Everett 8. First of Stedman first attempt 2 and 3.

TYTHERINGTON, GLOS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hevan 1, A. Williams 2, R. Williams 3, B. Travell 4, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 5, E. Travell 6. First quarter 1 and 2. For Evensong.

WESTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): T. Shepherd-Walwyn 1, R. N. Longridge 2, C. F. Longridge 3, J. Shepherd-Walwyn 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, C. L. Dunster 6.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

STRATHDEE—SMITH. — The marriage between Andrew Strathdee and Wendy Smith will take place at Harlington Parish Church on Saturday, September 10th, 1966, at 12.45 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. Future address: 4, Packet Boat Lane, Cowley Peachey, near Uxbridge, Middlesex. 9761

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HOUSE. — From September 1st, for 10 months, the address of David E. House will be: 2400 Lübeck, Hohelandstrasse 4, Germany. 9782

MANGER.—The address of David and Jennifer Manger is now: 3, Thrift Cottages, Knoxbridge, Cranbrook, Kent. Telephone: Staplehurst 517. 9796

MR. AND MRS. C. F. MEW.—Will ringing friends please note that our married address is now 32, Wymond Street, Putney, S.W.15. Telephone number as before, PUTney 0733.

SCOTT.—The address of the Rev. John G. M. Scott is now: Newton St. Cyres Vicarage, Crediton, Devon. Tel. Newton St. Cyres 230. Institution September 2nd, 7.30 p.m. 9785

SMALL.—The address of Mr. Peter J. H. Small from September 1st will be: The Laurels, Stonehill, Sellindge, Ashford, Kent.

PERSONAL

"Having heard the word, keep it and bring forth fruit with patience."—St. Luke viii, 15.

MISCELLANEOUS

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. —Would all freshers coming to Birmingham in October please write to: J. R. White, 44b, East Lockinge, Wantage, Berks. 9792

COVENTRY COLLEGES GUILD. — All students in Coventry interested in joining next term are invited to contact the Acting Secretary, S. C. Walters, 64, Anchorage Road, Sutton Coldfield. A special general meeting will be held at Bericote Hall, College of Education, on Wednesday October 5th, at 8 p.m. Will all members or prospective members coming on the outing on October 8th please contact the Acting Secretary.—S. C. W. 9804

EARL SHILTON, Leics. — You will be welcome at the Parish Church of SS. Simon and Jude, Earl Shilton, Leics. on September 10th and 11th, for the annual Flower Festival. Bells available Saturday, 5.30 to 7.30; Sunday 10.15 to 11 for morning service; 5 to 6 for Evensong. 9761

PRINTING.—Tower and Association secretaries requiring stationery, meeting notices, tickets, membership cards and other small printed items should contact F. W. Lewis, 38, Boston Avenue, Reading. Reasonable prices. Estimates by return 9750

RINGERS' SUNDAY AT KIRBY-LE-SOKEN
September 11th, 1966.

Ringing:
7.15 a.m. for 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. for 11 a.m. Matins.
5 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Evensong.
Breakfast after 8 a.m. service free to those who notify me.
Social gathering after Evensong.
Singing and handbell ringing.
Light refreshment.
Special ringing arranged for parties

Come and join us.

F. B. Lufkin, 108, Salisbury Road, Holland-on-Sea, Essex. 9794

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Surprise Royal practice at St. Peter's, South Croydon, at 6–8 p.m. on Saturday, September 10th. Special method: London (No. 3). —B. Bull, Asst. Sec 9798

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Course on Elementary Change Ringing.—A series of six lectures will be held in St. Mary's Vestry Hall, adjacent to St. Mary's Church, Putney, on Wednesdays commencing September 7th. Each lecture will begin at 8 p.m. and last for about one hour, tea and biscuits will be provided afterwards, when questions may be asked. Squared paper and printed notes will be provided. The series will start from plain hunt and deal with method construction, bobs and their effect, conducting, compositions and proof of Plain Bob All ringers are welcome to attend the lectures; for further information and names, please to: Mr. C. F. Mew, 32, Wymond Street, Putney, S.W.15, or telephone PUTney 0733. 9801

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CANCELLED

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Christow, Saturday, September 17th, cancelled owing to clash with meeting at Buckfast Abbey. 9784

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Cherington (3—4.30) and Great Wolford (6—8 p.m.), September 3rd. Service 4.30 at Cherington. Own tea arrangements.—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 9756

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Clyst St. George, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Ringing at Woodbury 6 p.m. Names for tea to A. Williams, 8, Towerfield, Topsham. 9781

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Annual meeting at Dudley, Saturday, September 3rd. Service in St. Thomas' Church 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me. Bells available 2.45 p.m. until 3.45 p.m., Brierley Hill (8); 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Netherton (8). Dudley bells **not** available.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening meeting at Streatham, Saturday, September 3rd. Bells (6) from 6.30 till 8.30 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and Netherseale. 9771

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 3rd, Graveley (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. Stevenage (8) 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry. Everyone welcome. Norton, as usual, September 1st.—C. M Orme, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly and committee meeting will be at Dalton-in-Furness on September 3rd. Ringing at Flookburgh 12.30–2 p.m., Dalton from 2.30 p.m. Tea in the Cavendish Arms 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Wall, 19, Chapel Street, Dalton-in-Furness.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec 9514

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Calverton, September 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. B. Eaglesfield, 7, York Road, Stony Stratford, Bucks. 9743

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting at Lyneham, September 3rd, transferred to Heddington (6). Times as for Lyneham. Names for tea to Mr. D. Hacker, Downs View, Heddington, Calne. 9802

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday evening at Bunney, September 3rd, 5.30 p.m. 9760

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday, September 5th, at 7 p.m. S.M.: Spliced S. Major. 9803

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at Feltham, Wednesday, September 7th. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. All standard methods. —W. S. Deason 9716

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Combe Florey, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Ash Priors available 7.30 p.m.–9 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 10th. Bosley (6) 3 to 5 p.m.; Horton (6) 7 to 8.30 p.m. Please bring own tea. Free transport available between Bosley and Horton. 9736

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Wadhurst (8), Saturday, September 10th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex, by September 8th. 9787

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, September 10th Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing after until 8.30. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827). 9734

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Next meeting, Ruardean, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Meeting 6 p.m. Notify F. E. Wilson, 25, The Tythings, Newent, Glos, before September 3rd. 9795

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Highworth on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by Tuesday. 9795

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Meopham, Saturday, September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Mrs. H. Hinde, 59, Cheyne Walk, Meopham.—T Barton. 9764

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Barming. Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea, please, to Miss S. Gunner. 472. Tonbridge Road, Maidstone. —M. L H. 9777

LADIES GUILD. — Western District. — Quarterly meeting, Kelston, near Bath (6), September 10th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and meeting. Further ringing to 7 p.m. only Names for tea to Mrs. Parfrey, 18, Meadlands, Corston, Bath.—M. de Jong. 9797

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Helen's, Sefton, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Catering at Punch Bowl at reasonable prices.—M. E. D. 9791

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Elloe Deaneries Branch) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting, Saturday, September 10th, Bicker. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. B. Dawson, Gauntlett Lane, Bicker, Boston, Lincs, before Wednesday previous. **Please note change of venue of meeting.** 9715

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Branch.—Meeting at Fulbeck, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea provided. North Rauceby (5) available after tea.—G. R. P. 9762

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting at Coity on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry (Tel. 494) by Monday, September 5th. 9724

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, September 10th, St. Mary's, Lewisham High Street, S.E.13, 3–4.30 p.m. St. Alphege's, Greenwich Church Street, S.E.10, 7–8.30 p.m. No business.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 9806

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Cardigan, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Walters, Maesglas, Cardigan.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 9780

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester and Wimborne Branches.—Joint meeting, Saturday, September 10th, Wool (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Wareham (8) 6.30–8. Names for tea (at Wareham) to Mrs. J. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford, by previous Wednesday. 9723

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts. — Meeting at Sturton-le-Steeple, September 10th. Bells lately rehung and augmented to six. Names for tea to Rev. Harris, Croft House, Sturton-le-Steeple, Retford, by previous Wednesday. 9808

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Horringer (8) on Saturday, September 10th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 9783

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting at Clopton (6), September 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Bells in evening at Otley (6) 7 p.m.–9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Winifred Lockwood, Branch Sec., 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich, Suffolk, not later than first post Wednesday, September 7th. 9785

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Joint meeting between Western and Northern Divisions,
Billingshurst, Saturday, September 10th

Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea in the Women's Hall, 5 o'clock. Please notify for tea: W. L. Weller, Flagstones, St. Andrew's Hill, Billingshurst. Service at 6 p.m. conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Vicar of Lodsworth.

Ringing after the service, followed by a social in the hall. All welcome.
R. Wake, Hon. Sec., Western Division.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Extraordinary business meeting, Welland (6), September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall, also Castle Morton (6) 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Good attendance, please. Names for tea to Mr. J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester, not later than Wednesday, September 7th. 9776

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 10th, at Holy Trinity, Skipton. Ringing 3 p.m. and after the business meeting, and tea, which will be at 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. G. Dean, 60, Burnside Avenue, Skipton, by Wednesday, September 7th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9768

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting at Cowley (6) at 6.45 p.m., and Elkstone (5) at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14th. All welcome.—J. Homfray. 9749

ESSEX ASSOCIATION and SUFFOLK GUILD. — Joint meeting at Long Melford, Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (approx. 4s. 6d. per head) 5.15 p.m.; please send names to Miss E. R. M. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 9786

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Meeting at Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.15. Service at the Abbey 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Bro. Paschal, Buckfast Abbey, Devon 9789

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Ashtead (8), Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. T. Symonds, 44, West Farm Avenue, by September 15th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 9774

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

An **important** General Meeting will be held at **Bridlington** on **September 17th,** at which a presentation will be made to the former president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison.

The new Rules, copies of which will have been sent to all towers, will be proposed at the meeting, and nominations taken for one Central Council representative.

The service in the Priory Church will be at 4.15.

Tea in the Church School at 5 p.m. Names for tea are absolutely essential and should be sent to Mr. J. A. Parker, 188, Queensgate Extension, Bridlington, E. Yorkshire, by Wednesday, September 14th.

There is no General Committee meeting.

Bells: Nunburnholme (6), 10-11.30 a.m.; Flamborough (4) 2-3.45 p.m.; Bridlington Priory (8) 11.30-12.30, 2-4 and after the meeting.—W. F. Moreton. 9758

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The St. Albans District meeting on August 20th was held at Wheathampstead, the heat outside being compensated for by the coolness inside the church. The 60ft. of unguided rope rung from the floor of the church was made up for by the "go" and sound of the six bells, and methods such as London and Norwich were enjoyed. A short service was held and an excellent salad tea followed in the Church Hall. Unfortunately many who sent their names in neither joined in the service nor arrived in time for the tea.

At the business meeting Mr. John Cull was elected chairman. Miss Susan Desborough, of Kimpton, was elected a full member. The next meeting will be held at Barnet and Monken Hadley. It will be own tea arrangements, but luckily there are a fair number of cafés in Barnet. Special methods are Stanstead Triples at Barnet and Ealing Surprise Major at Monken Hadley.

Under any other business, the secretary, Mr. Roger Brown, read a letter from St. Albans Cathedral asking the District for help in teaching their learners on practice nights, there being only two ringers experienced enough in the present band. Mr. Gerald Penney reminded everyone of the car outing on October 1st. The number of cars is to be limited to 12, names for tea and 5s. per car to go to Eric Edmondson by September 24th at the latest. After a vote of thanks to the Rector, organist and Wheathampstead ringers for the tea, the meeting was closed and evening ringing followed until 8 p.m. J. A. F.

SPALDING, LINCS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Smith (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Noon 2, F. Taylor 3, Miss J. E. Hubbard 4, B. B. Tyrrell 5, M. Bennett 6, D. J. Jones (cond.) 7, M. Hare (first quarter) 8. For the Patronal Festival. Also on Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: D. Smith 1, Miss J. E. Hubbard 2, Miss M. Waters 3, D. R. Woods 4, B. B. Tyrrell 5, F. Taylor 6, D. J. Jones (cond.) 7, M. Hare 8. For Evensong.

LATE NOTICES

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Would any freshers going to Southampton for the new session like to contact Miss H. A. Walters, 8, Colbrook Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex. 9810

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, Winwick, Saturday, September 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Tea at Newton-le-Willows 4.30. Ringing afterwards.—K. F. Wilson Sec. 9811

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Special 12-bell practice at Manchester Town Hall on Wednesday, September 7th. Ringing 6 p.m.–9 p.m. — J. Brannan. 9812

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—Practice meeting, Newton St Cyres, September 3rd. Bells 7–9. — G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 9822

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

—The annual "Swaine" Cup Contest on Saturday, September 10th, at Hoylandswaine. Names for tea to Mr. K. Muxworthy, 303, Barnsley Road, Hoylandswaine, near Sheffield. Entries to Mr. T. Tarbatt, 7a, Manorstead, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield.
This is an open contest. 9826

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting on Saturday, September 10th, at Tring (8). Bells at 3 p.m. Names for tea to H. Collings, 16, Christchurch Road, Tring. 9815

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Yetminster, Saturday, September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Names to assistant secretary, M. M. Godley, St. Francis' Cottage, Yetminster, Sherborne, by Tuesday, September 6th. (Phone Yetminster 332).

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Andover District. — Quarterly meeting at St. Mary Bourne (6) on Saturday, September 10th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr E. W. Rich, Bourne Farm, St. Mary Bourne, Andover, by September 6th. Ringing after, Whitchurch (8). 9814

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A very successful meeting was held in the Hemsworth area on August 20th. About 30 ringers, including the Association president, tried with varying degrees of success to ring the 13 cwt. four at Badsworth. Ringing on Hemsworth's light eight was slightly delayed by a wedding

At the business meeting Mr. M. R. Meadows, of Wentworth, the District's new vice-president, took the chair, and opened the business by introducing himself. In closing the meeting, Mr. Charles Moxon, of Hemsworth, stated how glad he was to see so many ringers again. Further ringing took place on the ground-floor rings of six at Wragby and Crofton, although a broken stay delayed ringing slightly at Crofton
M. K.

TAXAL, DERBYS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Mould 1, Ann M. Smith 2, Marjorie Yarnold 3, G. A. Newman 4, M. P. Phipps 5, T. Wylie (cond.) 6. For the engagement of Mr. J. Collett (brother-in-law of treble ringer) to Miss J. Gunn.

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ACTION NOT WORDS IN THE BELFRY

Says GILES HUNT.

WHEN so many of our churches need large sums spent on repairs, and when missionary and charitable work is crying out for money, it may seem extravagant folly to spend nearly £1,500 on installing church bells. Why did we do so? And was it worth it?

We did so for a mixture of motives. First and foremost, there was a group of people who were keen to ring bells, and above all one real enthusiast who was ready to work tirelessly and give a lead by his own enthusiasm and generosity. Then, there was a surprisingly large body of opinion in the town—not all churchpeople—who felt that the parish church ought to have bells.

And thirdly, we were encouraged by the advice of bishops and other clergy that church bells were a Good Thing on pastoral grounds—not only is their sound a reminder that God is to be worshipped, but the art of ringing helps to build up the kind of fellowship that ought to be, but sometimes isn't, a vital part of the Church's life in a parish. (Bellringing in this respect is rather like a choir, which should exist both for the music which enhances worship and also for the Christian fellowship it should build up—choirboys constitute one of the biggest "youth organisations" in England.)

Was it worth it? Yes. Doubtless there will be periods when the bells and the ringers will be more of a headache than a useful addition to the worshipping life of the Church! For we are fallible humans, and the right leadership and the right spirit may not always be available.

Bellringers, like choirs, P.C.C.s, and even clergy, can be a pain in the neck at times. But our experience has shown that bellringing can do a surprising lot for "building up the Body of Christ."

When you see 15-year-olds and 80-year-olds; manual workers, schoolteachers, business men; men who have lived in Norfolk all their lives, and men who have come to live here from other parts—all ages, all types, all interests, bound together by a common interest, doing something that requires real teamwork, then you begin to see the point.

A couple of holidaymakers from the Midlands come up to the tower for a ring. Two or three ringers from another parish come along, giving up an evening to help our inexperienced band to learn a new method. For the Rector, what a relief to get away from the jargon of "Mutual Responsibility," "No Small Change" and "The People Next Door," and actually see the principles and ideas put forward being put into practice.

Bellringing is a wonderful fellowship that jumps parish boundaries, class divisions, age groups. And anything that helps a local congregation to do this is to be welcomed.

One interesting observation to end with. Although generalisations are always suspect, and the exceptions prove the rule, it has seemed that public reaction to the bells has reflected something indefinable but real in people's characters. You can't point to any particular class of parishioner (churchgoers; business men; young; old) as being definably for or against the bells.

But support and enthusiasm really does seem to have come from men, and women, "of good will." In some queer way, the bells seem to have made the kind of challenge and appeal that "the Church" ought to make but sometimes fails to. *From "The Norwich Churchman"*

SOUND CONTROL

THE problem of sound control is one most towers have to face. We have been reading in "Ringing Towers" the specification Mr. Frederick Sharpe prepared for St. Peter's, Ballarat, where the ring of eight was rededicated on July 3rd.

Here Mr. Sharpe recommended a louvred lantern on the tower roof of timber framing covered with a galt-glass dome or alternatively perspex sheeting with well protruding eaves. The four sides of the lantern should be fitted with louvres to give as much sound exit as possible. Inside the louvres small meshed wire netting should be used to exclude birds.

The base of the lantern should have an opening 6 ft. x 6 ft. in the tower roof and the roof of the lantern 4 ft. 6 in. from the tower roof at its highest point.

The space behind the old louvres should be boarded up with wood one inch thick and lined with one or two thicknesses of ¼ inch fibre insulation board on the inside. In this case the top 2 ft. 6 in. of the windows should be fitted with shutters hinged at the bottom and opened by means of cords and pulleys from the ringing chamber. Similar shutters could be fitted to the opening of the tower if desired.

The bells at Ballarat are hung in two tiers, as the tower is only 12 ft. x 12 ft. Dealing with snags Mr. Sharpe points out that the treble and third bell positioned in the lower tier of the bell frame will be overpowered by those in the upper tier. Two small openings approximately 12 inches by 12 inches should be made in the windows nearest these bells. On the inside these should have small megaphone-shaped boxes tapering to 18 inches by 18 inches. These openings should be slightly below the lips of the bells when set inverted.

The sound of the more sonorous tenor bell will tend to overpower that of the treble, and to prevent the sound of the tenor from being too loud in the direction of the windows the lower half of the bell wheel should be completely covered with ¼ inch hardboard. This will deflect the sound of the tenor away from the treble. Similarly, the lower half of the treble should be covered with hardboard and also the third bell wheel.

These details are an indication of the individual treatment given to each tower by the Towers and Belfries Committee.

MEMOIR OF A GREAT WELSH COMPOSER

MR. ALBERT JAMES PITMAN passed away on Tuesday, August 16th, at the age of 78 years. Ringers generally will remember Jack Pitman for his work as a composer, particularly of Spliced Surprise Major, and no doubt tributes will be paid to this side of his work by others more capable than the writer. To the older ringers in South Wales he will be remembered as a very active ringer and conductor, covering a great many years prior to his retirement, when he went to live near Leamington.

He was born at Baglan, near Port Talbot, where his father was a ringer and employed by the railway during the whole of his working life. When he retired he was yard inspector at Port Talbot goods depot.

He was an honorary member of the Central Council for many years, Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association in 1926 and elected a vice-president in 1965, and captain at Aberavon tower until leaving the district.

His ringing career started at Baglan and Aberavon, and in those days Grandsire was the only method rung and it was reported that the tower captains were not very keen in sharing the conducting in those days. However, Jack must have become interested in conducting and composing very early, as he conducted his first peal, Grandsire Triples, in 1914 and composed and conducted the next peal, Stedman Triples, in 1919.

KEEN HEARING

He was blessed with very keen hearing and on numerous occasions he listened to peals outside the tower and presented the conductor with the figures when they came out. It was indeed a very happy day for him last September when a touring band rang one of his compositions for Spliced Major in five methods at Aberavon and recorded the peal to honour the wedding of his granddaughter.

In all that he did he was self-taught and made little reference to any books. This resulted in him composing one peal of Stedman Triples in the early 1920's only to be told after he had conducted a peal of it that the same peal had been composed by Washbrook. He claimed that most of his composing work was carried out during the night hours and he was justly proud of the fact that not one of his compositions has been proved false.

His most active ringing years were the 1920's and 1930's; he did not keep a full record of his own peals but it is known that he rang 159 peals for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association and it is thought his total is about 250. During the 1920's a very active peal band operated on Wednesday evenings at either Bridgend or Aberavon, conducting being shared by Charles H. Perry and himself. Some of these peals included methods rung for the first time and most were his own compositions. Later on his ringing was curtailed as he had to nurse his invalid wife for many years until her death. He remarried after retirement and moved to Lillington, near Leamington, but continued to make regular visits to his family at Aberavon. It should be realised that the number of failures far exceeded the number of peals rung.

Like many noted ringers he had his odd habits; those who rang with him will remember that if he was confident that a peal was going well, his calling would get louder and louder as the peal neared the end, but if he was dropping his voice it usually meant that



MR. ALBERT J. PITMAN

something had gone wrong and this usually meant a lost peal. Another amusing tale told was that if the standard of striking fell for a while he would turn down his hearing aid and turn it up again when the rhythm had been restored.

FIRST PEALS IN WALES

An investigation into the Llandaff and Monmouth peal books reveals some interesting details of peals rung by his bands: Spliced Union and Grandsire Triples in 1925; Oxford Bob Triples in 1925; the first peal of Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples and Spliced Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples in 1926. The following peals were rung for the first time in Wales: St. Clement's Triples and London Bob Triples in 1927, Little Bob Major in 1928, Spliced Treble Bob Major and Forward Major in 1929, Erin Caters in 1935, Spliced New Grandsire and Grandsire Triples in 1937 and Double Grandsire Triples in 1947.

He also took part in the first peal on the bells at Haverfordwest and Usk in 1926, at Llanbadarn-Fawr, Cardigan, in 1927, and at St. David's Cathedral in 1932. He also arranged two peals of Grandsire Caters at Newport in 1922 and 1925 with all of the ringers being railway employees

The funeral took place at Baglan on Saturday, August 20th, the service being conducted by the Vicar assisted by the Rev. I. J. Richards, hon. treasurer of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, and was attended by representatives of the two Associations with which he had been most closely connected, the Llandaff and Monmouth and the Swansea and Brecon. Immediately after the funeral a half-muffled peal was rung at Baglan by the band from Bridgend, in whose tower he had rung so many of his peals.

The ringing fraternity is very much the poorer after the passing of this kindly and highly respected man, and our sympathy is extended to his widow and family. M. J. P.

AN APPRECIATION

With the death of Albert J. Pitman the Exercise has lost its greatest living composer and perhaps its greatest of all time. He was a composer of the very highest order and ranked with such as John Reeves and Joseph W. Parker.

There are very few composers whose work covers more than one field to any depth and, although in quantity he may have been surpassed by some, his work was always entirely original and never "variations on an old theme"; indeed most of it was pioneer work in a difficult field—Spliced Surprise Major. His main work falls into three series: Peals from four to 30 methods, peals of "all the work" from four to nine methods, and lengths of up to 13,440; these two first being the ne plus ultra until surpassed by W. E. Critchley and R. J. Crossland. Although such composing requires endless hours of sheer drudgery, no one could have achieved so much without a considerable amount of insight and genius.

The name of A. J. Pitman would survive on Spliced Surprise alone (indeed Spliced Surprise would not have survived so well without A. J. Pitman), but his 240 of Grandsire Doubles and many peals of Triples (Grandsire, Stedman and Spliced), some of which he called himself, are sources of inspiration to any who care to study them. Few composers achieve such a grasp of the fundamentals of composing as did he, and yet he was a man of only elementary education.

He was always ready to help and explain his methods of working and only in February this year we exchanged a brief correspondence which ended with the words: "Shall be pleased to hear further from you." Alas, I had been meaning to write again, but it is now too late. We shall hear no more from him. G. B. T.

MR. V. T. CHERRILL

It was a great shock to members of the Oxford Guild to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Vincent T. Cherrill, of Reading, aged 68 years. After apparently missing his footing on the pavement near his home on August 20th he fell and sustained a head injury from which he died two days later.

Learning to ring under Tom Hibbert at St. Laurence's, Reading, during the second world war, he never progressed beyond hunting the treble to Grandsire, and this he did very rarely, being quite content to drum the tenor behind. Yet he was very seldom absent from Sunday service ringing or practice night. He was steeplekeeper at St. Laurence's, Reading, for a number of years, also tower secretary and a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

His passing will be mourned by his many friends, but by none so much as the numerous members of the Reading University Society whom he taught to handle a bell in his official position as instructor.

The funeral service was held at St. Laurence's, Reading, on August 26th, attended by members of the Oxford Guild, who afterwards rang a half-muffled touch of Grandsire Caters. N. J. D.

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Bristol University Society's West Country Tour

IN spite of some opposition from the less energetic members of the Society, it was decided to go to the West Country for this year's tour; the appeal of Devon and Somerset scenery and—dare it be said?—cider was enough to decide most people.

It was no surprise to the more senior members to find it raining on arrival in Exeter and, unfortunately, the ringing at Topsham, some little distance from the centre of the city, tended to match the grey skies—though, as yet, most of the party, eventually to number over 20, had not arrived. Afterwards a generous tea was provided at the Vicarage before moving off to ring on the pleasant eight at St. Thomas's, Exeter. The weather cleared up unexpectedly in the evening and some cycled out to the picturesque village of Alphington to enjoy the views and to rest in the rustic hostelry, which contained a fine set of handbells.

On an unprecedented dilapidated collection of cycles the party set off next morning and surprisingly reached the first tower of the day Upton Pyne, on time. Then, guided through a maze of narrow country lanes by the Vicar on a motor scooter, we arrived at Crediton, where the tower carries a heavy ring of eight bells. It was a pity these fine bells occurred so early on the tour when the party was by no means at full strength, for some rather inadequately-struck Stedman Triples was the summit of achievement here. Ringing was enjoyed on the easy-going, rich-sounding ring at Tedburn St. Mary before we began the singularly hilly journey back to Exeter; on the way occurred what fortunately was the only accident of the tour—in view of the narrow lanes we encountered there could have been many—Miss Helen Roberts cutting her arm rather badly

FETE CANCELS RINGING

Saturday was a particularly interesting day. We began by ringing at Withycombe Raleigh and then moved on to one of the lighter rings in the world belonging to Mr. Frank Mack. Some difficulty was experienced at first, but the bells were eventually mastered, Spliced Surprise being rung fairly competently. Through a pleasant countryside we cycled on to Clyst St. George, where we found we could not ring because a fete was in progress; however, the scene on a perfect summer's day with Georgian Vicarage and Norman tower in the background compensated anyone who might otherwise have felt discontented. That evening we augmented the Cathedral practice and were greatly impressed with the grand bells.

Roger Powell, of London, had joined us this day; while other visitors included Clarke Walters, formerly of Cambridge, and Roger Havard, from Cardiff—all making welcome additions to the ringing strength. It should also be added that in the case of the latter two the attractions of the fairer sex had much to do with their presence.

On Sunday we finally left Exeter to make the hilly journey to Bampton and the hostel there; but before beginning the long climb we rang for Matins at St. Mark's, Exeter, on a good modern ring of eight. We spent perhaps the most unpleasant hours of the tour in getting to Washfield; in pouring rain the cycles had to be pushed most of the way—and on arrival it was found that the nearest hostelry was miles away. Fortunately after ringing and attending service here we were provided with a splendid tea at the Rectory. We reached Bampton just in time to ring for Evensong on what are very pleasant bells indeed.

NOISE AT NIGHT

The hostel is a converted 17th century malt house, one of many interesting buildings in this quiet Devon village, and for many the two days spent here were the most enjoyable. In vivid contrast to previous tours a feature of this year's was the amount of noise made at night; it was to reach a peak here and thereafter to die away apart from some notable, though isolated, incidents. It would be invidious to name names;; suffice it to say that the addition of Cardiff and Cambridge Universities certainly had no damping effect.

For a pleasant change it was fine and sunny on Monday morning when we began the inevitable climb to an undistinguished ring of six at Morebath—at least in comparison to most we visited on this tour. At the next towers visited, Brushford and Dulverton, ringing was quite good—surprisingly in the case of the latter tower because the bells are exceedingly odd-struck At East Anstey, with the fourth seemingly close to falling off the headstock, ringing was soon adjourned. It was this day that a strange though amusing incident occurred. Mr. J. T. Parsons and Miss Susan Jenkins were walking, not riding to towers, and they often followed the railway line; in his efforts to get a good cine shot, the former caused a train to stop, his enthusiasm for future exploits being rather curbed by a threat of prosecution.

On Tuesday we followed the lovely River Exe to Exford and its hostel, visiting two towers en route, Exton at the top of a very long and steep hill, and Winsford, where there is indeed a ford still in use. Exford was certainly the most comfortable of all hostels we visited and, perhaps situated as it is on the banks of the river, the most pleasantly positioned; the more sybaritic were disappointed to leave after only one night, but towers are few in this wild part of Exmoor.

We were glad to meet the Rev. H. F. Warren at Exford Church next day; he welcomed us to a very fine ring—as far as tonal qualities go perhaps the best we encountered. Up steep hills and in pouring rain we then proceeded to Cutcombe to ring the usual eight or so Spliced Surprise Minor, etc. on a distinctive ring of bells in an unusual tower. The views of Exmoor from here are quite exceptional in their beauty—and quite exceptional also were the steepness and narrowness of the lanes leading down to the main road before we could reach Timberscombe. The bells, cast in 1947, are modern and undistinguished.

HISTORIC DUNSTER

We stopped for some time in Dunster, finding much of interest in this historic town, and also enjoyed what was something new for some—a cream tea of dimensions enough to satisfy the most demanding apetite. Perhaps it was because of this that difficulty was found in ascending the steep hill to the hostel at Minehead. Although this is a pleasant house with a fine garden, it had a drawback in being situated two miles from the nearest place of refreshment; this, however, was not to deter the more thirsty of the party from making a nightly journey.

Thursday dawned fine and clear and it was a very pleasant walk over the hills to Dunster. The chimes of this church are, of course, famous—famous for their antiquity though rather than the tone of the bells, which are rather badly out of tune. Ringing was enjoyed very much on the excellent ten at Minehead and quite a good quarter of Grandsire Caters was accomplished the next evening. In spite of the indifferent weather Thursday afternoon was spent on the beach, where in a tense game of cricket the Master's team just defeated the retiring leader's. The victory was duly celebrated that evening.

It was a terrific—but satisfying—climb to Friday's first tower, at Selworthy. Unprepared, we were dazzled by this spectacular church with its grand south aisle and situation—a most unexpected building to find in such remote countryside. A fast ride was experienced to Porlock, where some lunched at the historic Ship Inn after ringing on the easy-going bells. As a consequence of the long lunch not much is remembered of the ringing or bells at Luccombe. This proved to be a hot and tiring day, as not only was the ride to Wootton Courtenay exceedingly hilly but, in addition, two people suffered punctures, repaired goodnaturedly by Roger Havard. Then came a long run back to the hostel, a quick supper, then a rush to start the quarter peal on time.

Next day we left Minehead hostel; thankfully it must be said, for here a number of people fell ill. Thus the ranks were considerably thinner on Saturday—the tenth day—though luckily this was to be only temporarily. the indisposed rapidly recovering with a change of air. Carhampton, the first tower of the day, has a newish Gillett six. We found the eight at Old Cleeve both difficult to handle and to hear, and so it was a relief to find an excellent ring at Watchet after a lunch partaken at the sea's edge; amazingly enough it was found the bells were cast in 1558 by Purdue, for they sound better than many modern rings. Then on to Sampford Brett to ring on the nice "country" five before progressing in increasingly dismal weather to Crowcombe and the hostel situated far from any habitation.

We rang for Matins at Crowcombe on a heavy and difficult six and then attended service. Then a pleasant ride in sunshine for a long lunch in the not too distant Stag's Head, continuing to the accompaniment of the hunting horn to Halse to ring on the difficult six. After—to use an awful term—"grabbing" nearby Fitzhead, it was only a short trip to Bishop's Lydeard and the eight bells hung at the top of a really fine perpendicular tower. Because of an alarmingly swaying tower, ringing is hard work here and it was deemed wiser to ring Yorkshire instead of the usual Bristol; on the whole the striking was quite good, the less experienced coping well.

A veil is best drawn over the happenings of the last night at Crowcombe . . . suffice it to say that certain members were almost asked to leave the hostel at one o'clock in the morning.

Two good light sixes at Coombe Florey and Ash Priors concluded the longest tour yet and perhaps the most hilly—but certainly a successful one. Thanks are due to Pauline for the hard work she did for securing such perfect arrangements. N. W. H. S.

WANTAGE RINGERS VISIT GUILDFORD

After an abortive attempt to arrange the annual outing earlier in the year to the Cotswold country, the Wantage ringers eventually held their outing on August 13th, when a party of 31 set off after lunch for Twyford, where some well-struck rounds and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain and Little Bob Major were rung. The next tower was at All Saints', Wokingham, where the bells proved a little difficult for the beginners, but a course of Double Norwich came home, the band including one ringer who had learned the method in the coach on the way from Twyford!

After an excellent tea at the Imp Restaurant, our next tower was that of St. Anne's, Bagshot, where we rang some good touches of Erin, Plain Bob and Stedman and a course of Double Norwich. And so to our final destination Guildford, where we managed to ring some quite well-struck courses of Grandsire and Stedman Caters on the ten at St. Nicolas'. Our final tower was Holy Trinity, Guildford, where we rang touches of Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich. The standard of ringing throughout the trip was much higher than has been heard on our outings for some years, and we felt that we had not discredited ourselves anywhere.

We were very glad to have with us our friends from Blewbury, East Hagbourne and West Hendred, and were also delighted that our old friend Charlie Lester was able to come. Our grateful thanks to all who helped to make the outing such a success. K. L.

Mr. Ernest J. Ladd had what he calls "quite an achievement" at Withyham, Sussex, on August 21st, when he conducted a quarter of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which was the first quarter for all the band except the conductor.

Letters

"THE FIRST LADY . . ."

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to see from your article in the issue of August 12th that my sister and her ringing activities are still remembered.

The article brought back many memories of my early childhood—trying to get to sleep on a summer's evening with ringers in the room below ringing touches on handbells, and ringer week-end visitors, among whom frequently was Mr. Will Shepherd. Sitting in the belfry one evening (I doubt if I was more than three at the time) two or three "bobs" had been called, and after another period when I thought a "bob" was due, and it wasn't called, I obliged!

My daughter visited my sister in Canada in August, 1964, and brought back some of her more personal bells from her collection; they include the bell in frame from the Ladies' Guild and a bell inkstand from the local band presented on the occasion of her marriage in 1920, a bell made of oak from the foundations of Winchester Cathedral, and a bell made from the metal when All Saints' bells (9) were tuned in 1916 and given to her by the late Mr. A. A. Hughes.

My own ringing life was curtailed by the 1914-18 war, although I rang in a number of towers during my Army service, but on resumption of my civil (Post Office) duties, which included many late turns, my activities unfortunately lapsed, and I could not emulate my father and sisters; I lost my father in 1918 whilst in France. However, I am still interested in any bell ringing news and, since retirement, I have rung in a few towers, and I have turned bellhanger and hung my own model bell (very light setting at back stroke).

I still have my father's peal book, with the names of F. Bennett, G. Williams, Rev. F. E. Robinson, F Hopgood, C. Giles, W. Shepherd, J. E. Ballard and A. E. Reeves among the conductors, and in this peal book is a copy of the 1923–24 report of the Ladies' Guild, in which details are given of the peal rung at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, London, E., by eight ladies and conducted by Miss Edith Parker in 1912.

Thank you, Mr. Editor, for this tribute to "The First Lady."—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD E. WHITE.

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Basingstoke.

THE WRONG SIDE OF THE RIVER?

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me that the peal I conducted at Werrington on July 13th, 1966, is in Cornwall and **not** Devon. The Rev. A. S. Roberts wrote to "The Ringing World" and the readers were notified of this change on July 8th; being away at that time, I missed it.

The peal was credited to the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and I would be grateful if the peal secretary and others who keep records would note the change so that it may not happen again.—Yours faithfully,

R. KINGSLEY MASON.

Knighton, Leicester.

In connection with the peal of Cambridge Maximus rung at Liverpool Cathedral on August 13th we are asked to state that it was not the first of Cambridge Maximus on the bells. That honour goes to Mr. Joe Ridyard and his band, who were successful last autumn.

TWO NOTTINGHAMHIRE RESTORATIONS

EASTWOOD

THREE years ago, two 14-year-old boys set fire to a curtain in Eastwood Church "to see what a church on fire looked like." The building was completely gutted and only the walls and tower remained. The belfry floor and ceiling were also destroyed by the flames, and but for their steel framework the bells would have crashed to the ground.

The site is now cleared, and the eight bells (tenor 19 cwt. 21 lb. in E flat) have been rehung by Taylors with new fittings at a cost of £800, repairs to the tower bringing the total cost to nearly £4,000. A grant of £50 towards the rehanging has been promised from the Southwell Diocesan Bell Repair Fund. A tender for rebuilding the body of the church to a new plan has been accepted, and it is hoped that the work will be completed by June, 1967 It is understood that the insurance cover fell short of the necessary expenditure by £10,000.

The rededication was performed by the Rural Dean of Bulwell, the Rev. P. G. Walker, at an open-air service held on August 20th. Afterwards a band, drawn to a large extent from Leicester Cathedral, attempted a peal of 5,024 Eastwood Surprise Major, which failed after two hours' ringing. The Rector of Eastwood, the Rev. D. G. Goodman, was formerly a chorister and ringer at Leicester Cathedral, and the conductor of the attempt, H. Povner, was a contemporary of his, both in choir and belfry Mr. Goodman rang the treble and did very well considering it was his first peal attempt for ten years. Also ringing and well known to him while at Leicester were S. Burton, H. B. Bowley and A. Ballard, with whom he rang several handbell peals, including the only peal yet rung of Kent Treble Bob 14-in.

The Rector wishes the bells to be used as much as possible, but feels that their use should be limited to one peal attempt or meeting each month. The Mansfield District will be holding a meeting at Eastwood on September 17th.

STURTON-LE-STEEPLE

At Evensong on August 26th the long-awaited rededication of the bells of SS. Peter and Paul's, Sturton-le-Steeple, was performed by the Ven. B. Woodhams, Archdeacon of Newark. The old five (tenor 11 cwt. in G) have been rehung without retuning, and a new treble has been added by J. Taylor and Co. A grant of £50 has been paid from the Southwell Diocesan Guild Bell Repair Fund towards the cost of the work.

Rounds were rung during the service by a team from Sturton and from North Wheatley. The North Wheatley ringers, led by J. P. Wright, are helping the Sturton band to become established.

By a coincidence, the Vicar of Sturton, the Rev. L R. R. Harris, who is learning to ring, was ordained together with the Rector of Eastwood.

Touches in various methods were rung after the service by 20 or so visiting ringers. The North Notts District will hold a meeting here on September 10th. H. P.

In the peal at Wilford (page 531), David Oliver rang his first peal on the treble, and not his first peal. The quarter peal rung at Lifton, Devon (page 559) was Grandsire Triples and not Grandsire Doubles as submitted.

REDEDICATION

THURSBY, CUMBERLAND

ON Saturday, August 13th, the bells of St. Andrew's, Thursby, rang out for over two hours after their rededication by the Archdeacon of Carlisle, the Ven. C. E. Nurse.

The old timber frame of 1846 has been replaced by a steel frame and the bells retuned and rehung on ball bearings by John Taylor and Co. They are the lightest ring of the 22 rings of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association, with a tenor of 7 cwt. 11 lb.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. R. Ridley, who is also the president of the Association, and the lesson was read by Mr J. W. Brownrigg, the secretary. Other clergy present included Canon W. R. M. Chaplin, of New Hutton, a past president, and Canon J. Winder, Vicar of Wigton, and Rural Dean.

As a voluntary before the service Messrs. R. W. Wetenhall, H. Byron and B. Street rang changes on handbells, and three members of the Crosthwaite Handbell Ringers accompanied the singing of the Bellringers' Hymn on handbells. Six members of the local band, Messrs. T. Little, I. Edgar, S. Shimmin, D. Dalton, P. Bell and D. Bell, rang the bells during the dedication.

Canon Nurse in his address congratulated the Vicar and parishioners on the work of restoration to the church and the bells.

An excellent tea was served by the ladies, after which the Vicar showed slides of the bells being removed from the tower and their return and rehanging. The day was very wet but will always be remembered as a very happy occasion. J. W. B.

ELY DISTRICT'S BANK HOLIDAY

Members of the Ely District and friends visited towers in West Suffolk and Norfolk on August Bank Holiday. The Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds, was first on the list, and a touch of Grandsire Caters was regarded as the highlight of the ringing.

After a traditional lunch of English roast beef, three six-bell towers were sampled. A broken rope curtailed ringing at Fornham St. Martin; Great Barton and Ixworth followed. Tea was at Thetford and then ringing on the delightful eight in which a course of Yorkshire and a touch of Stedman were really good. The programme ended at Elveden, where more good ringing was enjoyed.

Special thanks go to Don Knights, who made all the arrangements.

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BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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For the Beginner

THE MASTERY OF PLAIN BOB

By Robert B. Smith, conductor of the peal of the Extent of Bob Major

Part V : *Composing and Handbell Compositions*

WE have looked at compositions from the point of view of the conductor, but so far we have not considered how compositions are produced. To do this we refer to Fig. 6, where we see the first lead of Plain Bob Minor.

FIG 6
"THE NATURE OF ROWS IN PLAIN BOB MINOR"

+	123456
−	214365
−	241635
+	426153
+	462513
−	645231
−	654321
+	563412
+	536142
−	351624
−	315264
+	132546
+	135264

Starting from rounds, we see that the first change is produced by an **odd** number of bells crossing. The second change is produced by an **even** number of bells crossing. Working through to the end of the lead, we see that the number of pairs of bells crossing alternates between odd (3) and even (2). This means that any row is produced by either an **odd** number of pairs of bells crossing or an **even** number of bells crossing. In other words each row in the above block of figures has its own **nature**, i.e. the first change 214365 could not be produced from 123456 by crossing over an even number of pairs of bells. Similarly the row 132546 could not be produced from 123456 by crossing over an odd number of pairs of bells.

The most obvious way to indicate the nature of a row (as there are only two distinct possibilities) is to refer to it as being **positive** or **negative**. Considering rounds to be positive we see that 214365 is then negative as it is produced by an odd number crossing (3). The next row, 241635, is produced by an even number of pairs crossing from 214365 but the **total number which cross from rounds gives the nature.** We find, therefore, that 241635 is negative as it is produced by (3+2)=five pairs crossing. By the same reasoning the next two rows are positive.

For those who are mathematically minded it should be noted that the nature of rows follows the simple algebra rules that:—

Minus × Minus = Plus.
Minus × Plus = Minus.
Plus × Plus = Plus.

This means that it is not necessary to keep adding up the numbers of pairs crossing, but merely to observe the nature of the previous row before giving a nature to the new row.

Referring again to Fig. 6 we see that from rounds the rows are alternately two negative and two positive throughout the lead, and in fact throughout the course. It is important to note at this point that whenever the treble is in the positions 1, 4 and 5 the rows are always positive. Also, when the treble is in 2, 3 and 6ths place the rows are always negative. We will now show that it is impossible to produce the extent of Plain Bob without using singles (on even numbers of bells). Consider Fig. 7.

FIG. 7

+ 132546	+ 132546	+ 132546
+ 135264	+ 123564	− 132564
Plain lead	Bobbed lead	Singled lead

THE EFFECT OF CALLS ON THE NATURE OF ROWS

The plain lead and the bobbed lead both give positive rows when the treble is in 1st place (leading) but the singled lead-end changes the nature of the rows when the treble is in 1st place from positive to negative. Similarly, when the treble is in positions 4 and 5 all the rows will now be negative: when in positions 2, 3 and 6 the rows will all be positive. Two important rules follow from this:

Rule 7.—At least two singles are necessary to produce the extent of Plain Bob on even numbers in order to reverse the nature of the rows. If only two singles are used, then they must be half an extent apart.

Rule 8.—It is impossible for the same changes to be produced in a block IMMEDIATELY AFTER a single, as in the block IMMEDIATELY BEFORE a single.

Note.—Care must be taken in compositions where more than two singles are used as the nature of rows must be continually altering.

The foregoing rules (7 and 8) are put to good use by many composers. Half a peal may be produced having the desired qualities, then by calling a single to reverse a pair of bells the second half of the peal is produced automatically. Provided that the first half of the peal is true the second half will be true also. A good example of this system of composing is the 5,056 Plain Bob Major by J. R. Pritchard, which was given in the previous part of this article. If one refers to the coursing orders given for that peal, it will be seen that the coursing orders in the second half of the peal are the same as in the first half of the peal with the exception that 2 and 3 are reversed. (Some conductors start this peal by calling a single instead of the first bob at wrong in the first and third parts, which also reverses 2 and 3.)

Plain Bob has no "internal falseness," which means that if all the lead ends are different, then all the changes within those lead-ends will be different. Compositions of the method can be proved by writing down all the lead-ends, but this is a long and tedious method. Here we can make use once again of coursing orders. Each coursing order produces its own peculiar set of lead-ends, which means that each coursing order produces a different block of changes. This gives the most useful rule for proving compositions of Plain Bob, with the tenors together (i.e. 8 coursing before 7).

Rule 9.—Provided that the same coursing order does not occur in corresponding leads in a composition of Plain Bob (with the tenors together) then the composition will be true.

Notes.—(i) By corresponding leads we mean for example between "home" and "wrong" positions, etc. (ii) The most common place where repetition of leads occurs is by going out of a certain coursing order at a before and returning to the same coursing order at another before. **This causes a repetition of a complete lead.**

It is doubtful whether anybody can produce a **new** composition of Plain Bob unless it is of an unusual length, but it is a good method to practise composing on before trying other methods. One will see rather a large number of peals of Plain Bob which are "arranged and conducted" rather than "composed and conducted," because it is likely that somebody has previously composed the same peal, but the conductor may not know who!

When starting to compose a peal one usually has in mind certain qualities which it is desirable that the composition should have. In addition there are often other points in the mind of the composer, such as the length, e.g. a peal or quarter peal. For tower bells it is usual to aim at the maximum number of courses with 4, 5 and 6 in 5ths and 6ths place, which is considered by many to give the most musical effect. Again a good example of these intentions is to refer to the 5,056 Plain Bob Major by J. R. Pritchard, given in the previous part of this article. The essential calling of this composition is given below in a "broken down" form:—

23456	W	B	H
23564	—	x	(3)
23645	—	x	(3)
26435	—		?
32465	—		(3)

Repeated.

The first course is really only called WB, which produces a "desirable" course-end, so that 3H are added as a "Q" set. The same applies to the second course and the fifth course; with the 2H in the third and fourth courses 6 is moved into position ready to move into 5ths in the next course. By removing the "Q" sets and the singles at half-way and end from the composition we gave in the last article it leaves only 10 courses of the original 44 in the full peal. Systematic composing is a great help to a conductor as compositions of this type are much easier to call.

HANDBELL COMPOSITIONS

We mentioned that for tower bells compositions usually have 4, 5 and 6 in 5ths and 6ths place. On handbells, however, this is not so desirable as the music is much more dependent on coursing pairs. Unlike tower bells, the most musical coursing order is probably 65432 on handbells and dominates the music much more on the higher numbers, particularly Maximus. Until the recent popularity of Plain Bob Major and Royal on handbells there was a little scope for new work in this field, but this too appears to be worked out now.

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Mastery of Plain Bob—Contd.

It was my intention to write a complete chapter on ringing Plain Bob on handbells but this is adequately dealt with by Mr. C. W. Woolley in the Central Council publication "Change Ringing on Handbells." This book (price 2s. 6d.) is excellent value for money for all those who are interested in becoming proficient in handbell ringing, and is still available. It is worth considering a composition in detail for each of Plain Bob Major, Royal and Maximus.

5,056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR (H/B)

By C. K. Lewis.

23456	W	B	M	H
35264	—	x		2
23564			(3)	—
42536	—		S	
23465	(3)	x		(3)

Twice repeated. Singles halfway and end.

Considering the above (write out the coursing orders), it will be seen that from the bob at home at the end of the second course, 5–6 course until the before in the ninth course when they come into the 5–6 position. An important point to note for the conductor is that the fourth makes the last bob at the end of every block of three throughout the peal, i.e. all those bracketed calls.

5,220 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

By R. B. Smith.

23456	W	M	H	
42356			—	
62354		S		
32456	6	—		
62453		S		
34256	6	—	—	6=BBSBBS
53246	—	6		
43256	S			
54236	—	6		
23456	S		—	

The above peal is a course longer than necessary but was composed to help a band to progress from Major to Royal and has the quality that 3–4 course from the first bob at home to the end of the peal. The 6th makes 4ths at the singles in every block of 6; the bobs at home are called when the coursing order is "in course" only.

Note. — An "in course" coursing order is one which can be obtained from rounds or brought back to rounds by calling bobs only. If it is necessary to use a single then the coursing order is said to be "out of course."

As an exercise in composition, the above composition can be extended to give the complete 48 courses with 3–4 in course, the total length of the composition being 49 courses. (This can be given at a later date should anybody request it.)

The following composition is a modification of the above composition to include four courses of 65 course-ends while retaining 3–4 in course.

5,016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

By R. B. Smith.

23456	W	M	H
42356			—
62354		S	
42365	S	S	4
52364		S	
32456	S	—	
62453		S	
34256	6	—	—
53246	—		
43256	S		
54236	—		
23456	S		—

(To be continued)

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 29



JAMES F. LIST

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

THE Oxford Diocesan Guild introduces to this series a youngster of great promise.

James List was born on October 20th, 1948, at Long Hanborough, Oxfordshire. His education commenced at North Leigh Primary School, and from there he went to Witney Secondary School.

Coming as he does from a long line of well-known beef cattle breeders, it is not surprising that in addition to working on his father's farm he is also taking part-time courses in agriculture at the West Oxfordshire Technical College.

Jamie, as he is affectionately known among his friends, was taught to handle a bell by the Branch secretary, Edward D. Patching, who soon had him ringing call changes. In a very short time, due to the hard work of David Smith, a former Branch secretary, and other helpers, Jamie and the local band were able to struggle through Plain Bob. Determined to progress and improve his standard of ringing, he went out to other towers with other youngsters and learned to ring Surprise methods. He rang his first peal when he was 15, and this took place at Stanton Harcourt on July 15th, 1963, when he rang the treble to three Minor methods. The peal was conducted by D. K. Adkins. Since that date this promising youngster has progressed rapidly and now has a total of 32 peals to his credit.

Jamie relates an amusing incident which took place when he went on an outing with the Witney and Woodstock Branch. On this occasion their outing took them to the Wye Valley area. On arrival at one village the party discovered that the church only possessed two very small bells. The organiser had got mixed up with another village of the same name, which, unfortunately, was on the other side of the River Severn.

Jamie made Guild history when at the Witney and Woodstock Branch annual meeting in April last he was elected Branch Ringing Master, and so became the youngest member to hold this important office in the Branch and probably in the Guild. His chief ambition as a ringer is to strengthen Sunday service ringing in as many Branch towers as possible.

This is an excellent record for one so young and one which surely deserves praise and congratulations from the Oxford Guild and the whole Exercise.

NORVING.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The Society held its monthly meeting at Silkstone on the second Saturday in August. During the afternoon the attendance was not large and the ringing started with an attempted quarter peal which had to be cut short at the 720 mark owing to the arrival of more ringers.

After tea in the village youth centre, supplied free of charge by Mr. H. Mann, the business meeting took place in a cordial atmosphere with the Rev. D. Birch in the chair, and all matters were agreed without much ado.

Ringing during the evening, though limited in the number of methods, was of good quality, ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge, including some of the irregular methods. Ringing continued well into the evening.

The next meeting will be held at Hoylandswaine on the second Saturday in September.

T. T.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

Cricket on the village green with the bells ringing from the nearby church was the perfect English countryside setting for the meeting at Benenden on August 27th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Jessop-Price, assisted by Mr. D. L. Cawley. In his address the Vicar mentioned the detached wooden campanile which was destroyed by fire in the 17th century.

Tea was enjoyed in the school, and Mr. J. Willis took the chair at the business meeting. Mr. N. J. Davies proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had contributed to making the day the success it undoubtedly was. Many more visitors arrived during the evening, the ringing concluding at 9 p.m.

R. J. S.

HUNTINGTON OUTING

On August 22nd ringers from Huntington (Yorkshire) and friends repeated last year's successful experiment of a combined ringing and seaside outing.

Ringing in the morning was at Kirby Moorside (6) and Middleton (4). The party then went to Whitby across the Yorkshire moors, which were carpeted with purple heather at its best. A picnic lunch was eaten at Sandsend and bolder members ventured into the sea.

In the evening we were not allowed to ring at Marske, where the bells were said to be unringable. At Guisborough (6) we were pleased to give some of the local ringers the chance of change ringing on their own fine-sounding bells.

C. J. G.

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QUARTER PEALS

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Tipler 1, R. L. Jones (first in method) 2, Miss R. J. Henderson 3, R. J. Cooles 4, F. A. Benn 5, J. Hills (first in method as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Perrin 1, R. Falder (first quarter) 2 B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, F. J. Robinson 4, J. Welch 5, A. E. Jones 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Bird. Mr. Bird was a bell ringer and churchwarden. Also first quarter rung on these bells since the erection of the new ringing gallery.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Mumford 1, Patricia Hill 2, Anne Pickering 3, J. Priest 4, Judith Collins 5, R. Collins 6, P. Privett (cond.) 7, R. G. Collins 8. For Evensong.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sonia M. Norgrove 1, J. F. List 2, A. E. Hicks 3, E. D. Patching 4, D. Floyd (cond.) 5, N. I. Bridges 6. For christening service.

DARTMOUTH, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Petrox, on Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Pollard 1, G. J. L. Read 2, Miss C. Pearson 3, G. J. Roberts 4, P. J. Daniel (cond.) 5, K. E. Fursdon 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sandra Goodship 1, Joan A. Rance 2, Sue Sargeant 3, F. C. Price (cond.) 4, C. W. Bailey 5, S. G. Scott 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, W. R. Churchill 8. First of Triples 1 and 3. A wedding compliment to Dorothy Humphries, a member of this tower, and Charles Tanner, organist, married on August 20th.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. J. Bullock (first "inside") 1, P. G. Hickey (first on working bell) 2, R. K. Williams 3, S. B. Bell 4, J. Ward (cond.) 5, W. D. Cook (first quarter) 6. Rung muffled in memoriam James Hickey, buried this day at Eastnor.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, W. G. Marsh (cond.) 3, R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5, A. Foster 6. For Evensong.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara L. Johns (first quarter) 1, J. W. Griffiths 2, Carol F. Ferris 3, E. C. Crewe 4, F. R. Ferris 5, M. H. Hodgkinson (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Jennifer May Staines and William David Billington.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Taylor 1, A. J. Davidson 2, Mrs. B. C. Castle 3, E. H. Langley 4, Alan Carveth 5, D. A. Trethewey 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, G. F. Dunstan 8. Arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Castle, on their visit to Cornwall.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: E. Shipp 1, Miss H. Maltman (first of Royal) 2, W. Curson 3, W. Cousins 4, R. Harrop (first of Royal "inside") 5, J. Raper 6, F. Sutton 7, R. Newson 8, L. Houghton 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for Chris Crome, for many years a staunch member and for some years secretary, who died on August 16th in his 94th year.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Sally M. Hooper 1, Mary Pryor 2, Gwen Bidgood 3, Anne Pilgrim 4, F. W. Corney 5, M. Kingsley 6, M. Pilgrim 7, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Anne Pilgrim 1, Gwen Bidgood 2, Mary Pryor 3, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 4, D. S. Bishop 5, D. Barrington 6, B. Pilgrim 7, J. Williams 8. In memoriam A. J. Pitman.

MILTON REGIS, Sittingbourne, KENT.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Bryant (first quarter) 1, A. B. Eldridge 2, D. P. Leworthy (first in method) 3, N. J. Chesson 4, P. D. J. Beal (cond.) 5, D. T. Green 6. To celebrate the birth of a daughter, Helen, to Mr and Mrs. David T. Green.

MONTACUTE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Doubles, Plain Bob and Grandsire: R. Parker 1, R. Guppy 2, J. Farthing (cond.) 3, I. Read 4, G. Rendell 5, H. Jones 6. Rung for the 100th birthday of Mr. T. F. Rogers, of Montacute. Vicar's warden and reputed to be the oldest churchwarden in the country.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Kennard 1, J. Roden 2, M. Clewes 3, B. Wootton 4, J. Lawley 5, P. Bill (cond.) 6. By the local band for evening service, and as a birthday compliment to Miss Anna Sadowska, of Bishop's Cleeve, Glos.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. Dunfee 1, Julie Armstrong 2, L. W. Allen 3, B. J. Bull 4, D. C. Brookes (cond.) 5, Christine M. Cobb 6. An engagement compliment to Michael Bangham and Elizabeth Zass, both ringers at St. Mary's, Wimbledon.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Hockham (first on a working bell) 1, Anne Carpenter 2, A. K. Poole 3, J. R. Poole 4, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 5, C. I. Rowson 6. For the wedding of J. M. Elaine Dixon and G. Robert Mordaunt. Also on Aug. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor ("in hand"): M. Hodge 1—2, C. I. Rowson 3—4, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 5—6. In honour of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Mordaunt.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 21st, 1,320 April Day Doubles: Mrs. E. Cheal 1, Mrs. D. Wraight 2, F. J. Cheal 3, T. Wraight 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, N. Humphries 6. For the christening of Alison Jane Finch, and for the birth of Michelle Louise to Brian and Mary Sayer, late of Rainham.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 10th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain): Marion R. Panton 1, Josephine A. Quilter 2, Yvonne A. Murray 3, K. W. Brown 4, P. G. Brown (cond.) 5, J. L. Towler 6. For the Festival of Flowers.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey Church, on Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Prosser 1, R. Liddell (first "inside") 2, Nadine Price 3, D. Trenfield 4, J. O. Attwood, sen (cond.) 5, R. Bateman 6. For morning service.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 720 Plain Bob): R. Nalliah 1, A. King 2, D. Hunton 3, M. King 4, M. A. Beaumont 5, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as an engagement compliment to A. King and Miss Pat Smith. Also on Aug. 26th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): R. Nalliah 1, M. A. Beaumont 2, A. King 3, M. King 4, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 5, T. Cairns 6.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, LINCS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Irene Bamford (first quarter) 1, M. Lings 2, Janet Hudson 3, J. F. Underwood 4, B. J. Bull 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to Janet Hudson and Brian Bull.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Jane Osbon 1, Caroline Harris 2, Glenda Beckett 3, Jean Osbon 4, Roger Osbon 5, Robert Harris 6, Colin Osbon 7, Ernest J. Ladd (cond.) 8. First quarter for all the band except the conductor.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. J. Rose 1, H. E. Bardell 2, T. Tocock 3, H. F. Ware 4, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 5, P. A. Chare (first quarter) 6, C. J. Davisson (first quarter) 7, R. E. Lathom 8. Rung half-muffled in grateful memory of John R. Sedgwick, joint secretary of the Parochial Church Council, on the day of his funeral.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. C. Porter (first in method) 1, M. T. Hebden 2, M. Dodson 3, P. J. England 4, G. Hebden 5, S. G. Smith 6, R. Rice 7, W. S. Rice (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

5,088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Arranged by TIMOTHY G. PETT.

B	M	W	H	23456
			—	52436
	—	—	—	63425
			—	54326
	—	—	2	36245
	—			26543
x				64235
		—	—	23645

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The sixth extent of the peal (published on page 532) at St. Vedast's, London, was of St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and not St. Clement's only, as published.

The name of Miss Pat Dowse was inadvertently omitted from the list of ringers from St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, who toured the Isle of Wight at the beginning of August.

The ringer whose 90th birthday was commemorated by the quarter peal at King's Somborne, Hants (page 559), was Mr. Hewlett, The tenor was rung by Mr. W. Mulford.

St. George's Guild, Jesmond, Newcastle on Tyne, is temporarily losing one of its active members. Miss Jane Holden is going to Israel for a year.

Mr. C. W. Denyer, vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, is in Farnham Hospital following a heart attack. We are pleased to learn that he has now turned the corner and is making satisfactory progress.

Mrs. Albert Hughes has recently undergone an operation for cataract in one eye. It appears to have been successful and she can now see to get about much better than she has done for well over a year. She hopes the other eye can be done before Christmas.

Because of a late start it was impossible to ring a full peal at Llandeilo on August 22nd. It was decided not to risk the bricks that had been thrown at the tower when the last peal (ten years ago) had overshot. However, a half peal was rung in 1 hour and 25 minutes, being the first in 11 Doubles methods for all.

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Kersey, near Hadleigh, Suffolk, is a noted beauty spot, with the church high up on the hill at one end of the village, and down the hill a stream which, owing to its attraction, has not been bridged. The street then continues up the slope on the other side.

Friends of the fabric and bells of Kersey Church urge passing motorists to throw their money into the ford! Twice a day Mrs. Ethel Beeton, a member of the organising committee puts on her rubber boots and wades into the ford to bale out the money, which had been tossed out by visitors, into a drum. So far £70 has been collected in this way.

The Friends' target is £2,500, the estimated cost of rehanging the six bells, which have been silent since the early part of this century because the frame is in such a poor condition.

Registered as a charity, the committee has already raised £850, which includes a grant from the Barron Bell Fund. Following on the success of their Flower Festival, which last year raised £325, the "Friends" held another last week-end and anticipate reaching this splendid total again.

"SANDWICH" SALLIES

The College of Campanology has been taking note, particularly of the reaction of learners to instruction in sally catching (position on sally, etc.) and in ropesight generally, during the earlier phases of their training. Certain pointers show the usefulness of the clearest indication of the top and bottom of the sally, i.e. tufting in white, to aid in due appreciation, during movement, of length of sally and of the point of grip along it, in each individual's case.

An all-white sally would tend to lose freshness of appearance; but the effect of white ends only is in no way lessened by having the main (inner) portion of the tufting in colour—plain or mixed—and a useful proportion is two-thirds of the total length as the inner, coloured portion, with the remaining one-third as two white ends, i.e. one-sixth total length each.

Such "sandwich" colour arrangements do not detract from the use of the College-recommended white elastic "serviette ring," slipped over the sally to the appropriate position for each individual pupil, to check his point of grip in the early stages.

Sallies of the white-ended type are being tried out in the belfry of Portsmouth Cathedral, and reaction is being noted with interest.

RINGERS WED AT STRATTON ST. MARGARET

Stratton St. Margaret Parish Church was the scene of the wedding between two ringers on August 20th. The bride was Miss Pauline Ann Lansley, younger daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. J. J. Lansley, 7, Wanborough Road, Stratton St. Margaret, and the bridegroom Mr. Gordon Land, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Land, of Lechlade, Glos.

The bride wore a straight dress of white brocade with a shoulder-length veil held in place by a crystal coronet. She carried pink and lemon roses.

Bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Goddard, Miss Anita O'Brien and Miss Marian Giles, with Trevor Goddard as pageboy. The best man was Mr. William Gearing of Lechlade. The couple will live in Bristol.

WANT NORFOLK PEAL WEEK TO BE ANNUAL AFFAIR

Ringers from the Watford and Witney areas converged upon Sculthorpe, Norfolk, for the opening peal attempt on Monday, August 15th, during their Norfolk Peal Week. Despite the unusually hot weather, which was totally unexpected, the week was very successful, four out of six attempts being accomplished.

Perhaps the highlight of the week was the peal of Zurich Surprise Major on the lovely bells of the Memorial Tower at Elveden. The standard was high with a steady beat throughout. Surprisingly, the "hottest day" had less effect on the band than had other attempts.

The headquarters was at the Crown Hotel, Fakenham, which was generally considered quite comfortable and an ideal centre for the towers visited. Between peal attempts visits were made to seaside resorts, which enabled everyone to relax and temporarily "forget" the somewhat sombre thought of peals in the hot weather.

It was indeed a pleasure to have Nolan Golden in two attempts and also to receive such a warm welcome wherever we went. Sunday morning ringing was enjoyed at Fakenham, which unfortunately indicated the end of a very enjoyable week by all who had participated.

Grateful thanks are extended to all the tower correspondents and steeple keepers for having everything ready and to all incumbents for use of the bells. It is hoped that this tour will become an annual event.

LOSS TO DEVON GUILD AND TO PLYMOUTH

Mr. Harold W. Milford, general treasurer of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers since 1960, having previously been auditor, has had to relinquish his post on transfer from Plymouth to H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth.

His association with Plymouth dates back to 1943, when he came to St. Andrew's, Plymouth, and quickly grasped the rudiments of "the art." He has been a very popular and loyal supporter. To show their appreciation in tangible form, his fellow members presented him with a copy of "Change Ringing" by Wilfrid G. Wilson, and with it go their best wishes in his new appointment.

In addition to his service to St. Andrew's he has been a member of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers since 1944, and here again he has served the Exercise with talents not so much as a ringer but rather on the administrative side, having been elected to the General Committee in 1956.

"He is the type of person we can ill afford to lose and we shall always retain happy memories of him," writes Mr. T. G. Myers. A farewell quarter was rung at St. Andrew's on August 25th.

WOOBURN'S NEW FOREMAN

Mr. B. A. Cracknell has taken over the duties of foreman at St. Paul's Church, Wooburn, Bucks, and all are working hard to raise the standard of ringing. It had been planned that the band's first quarter attempt would be of Plain Bob Minor for the Confirmation service in November. The sudden death of Mr. J. R. Sedgwick, joint secretary of the P.C.C., meant that the first attempt was an in memoriam quarter peal to him on the day of his funeral. It was rung in grateful memory for his life and hard work for the church.

"RINGING TOWERS"

The August issue of "Ringing Towers" is another large one. Main feature is the A.N.Z.A.B ringing festival associated with the annual meeting. It says a lot for Australian enthusiasm when 22 ringers came from Victoria, three from Adelaide, two from Hobart, one from Western Australia, three from Canberra three from St. John's, Brisbane, and one from Armidale. The report of the festival has already appeared in 'The Ringing World," but the Editor's colouring was not so apparent. It should satisfy even the critical eye of Philip Gray, who reports on the Central Council meeting at Bath. Certainly it cannot rival "The Ringing World," which, according to Philip, "most members feel that . . . . too many articles are dull and ill-written and that it is getting worse." After such a condemnation we cannot expect increased sales in Australia. It certainly prevents the Editor from getting high-minded.

Graeme Waldron writes about the rehanging and rededication of the bells at St. Peter's, Ballarat. These bells were recast at the Whitechapel foundry and it was the job of the local company to get the bells and new frame in the small 12ft. square belfry. It was no little achievement. A lantern roof was built and a complete system of sound control introduced from a specification by Mr. F. Sharpe. Very favourable comments have been made on the hanging supervised by Graeme Waldron, and the great ease with which the bells can now be rung.

Another feature we welcome is "Sydney's Up-and-Coming Youngsters."

FATHER AND GRANDFATHER RANG IN 10-YEAR-OLD'S FIRST PEAL

Keith Scudamore (aged ten years), of Cirencester, whose name first appeared in the quarter peal columns earlier this year, has now scored his first peal, ringing the treble at North Cerney, Glos, to a peal of Doubles. He is to be congratulated for a truly outstanding performance, throughout which he showed no signs of either nervousness or fatigue.

Keith's only complaint was "My feet went to sleep." The band included his grandfather, Mr. Ralph E. Scudamore (Tower Master at Llandeilo) and his father, P.Sgt. W. F. Scudamore (Ringing Master of Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association).

HALF A CENTURY AS TOWER KEEPER

Another of John Euston's veterans is honoured this week in "Jim" Chapman, who for 50 years has been towerkeeper and captain at St. Leonard's, Streatham. A peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on the bells on August 20th as an 85th birthday compliment to him. It was a Sussex Association peal and Len Stilwell made the journey from Worthing to participate Ringing next to him was Miss Anne Horsford, who was in Great Adventure II with Len.

PORTISHEAD PEAL WEEK

The Portishead Peal Week this year was rather unlucky, losing 11 peals out of 27 attempted. The highlights of the week were Stedman Caters at Bath Abbey (only seventh peal on the bells) and Minor at Clapton-in-Gordano rung by the ladies. This was a very good peal, admired by many male listeners.

Among the personal achievements during the week were the 700th peal by Ralph G. Edwards, 500th by D. John Hunt, 150th by Philip J. Rothera and 50th by Geoffrey W. Randall.

PEALS AROUND PORTISHEAD

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	7
Susan Rothera	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	8
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	3	Philip J. Rothera	9
Anthony H. Smith	4	David P. Hilling	10
C. Martin Press	5	John H. Fielden	11
Richard S. Starkie	6	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sun., July 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	Treble	C. Martin Press	5
John C. Slater	2	Alan Tubb	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Geoffrey H. Pullin	4	Maurice C. Hughes	Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth J Hesketh.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose.
On Sun., July 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	D. John Hunt	5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	Richard S. Starkie	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	John H. Fielden	7
*David E. Rothera	4	*Peter S Bennett	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* First peal of eight-spliced Surprise Major.
Rung to celebrate the birth of David Jonathan, second child of Mary and Patrick Bird.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Mon., Aug 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb in E flat.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	James L Towler	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	John H. Fielden	7
D. John Hunt	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by S Ivin. Conducted by Kenneth J Hesketh.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

Anthony H. Smith	Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Richard S. Starkie	6
F. Mark Robottom	3	Alan Tubb	7
Peter G. Brown	4	Frederick Shallcross	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Stephen the Martyr.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Gillian M. Hussey	Treble	David E. Rothera	6
Hazel A. Arrowsmith	2	C. Martin Press	7
Susan Rothera	3	Philip J Rothera	8
Geoffrey H. Pullin	4	D. John Hunt	9
Geoffrey W. Randall	5	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BARROW-GURNEY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., July 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Hazel A. Arrowsmith	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	5
Susan Rothera	2	*Peter G. Brown	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	David P. Hilling	7
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal in the method.

LONG ASHTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	James L. Towler	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	D. John Hunt	7
Geoffrey H. Pullin	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Hazel A. Arrowsmith	Treble	C. Martin Press	5
Susan Rothera	2	Peter G. Brown	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	Peter S. Bennett	7
David E. Rothera	4	Philip J Rothera	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett,

EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	Anthony H. Smith	6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	Kenneth J Hesketh	7
*Hazel A. Arrowsmith	3	Tudor P. Edwards	8
Gillian M. Hussey	4	Ian C. Maycock	9
†Geoffrey W. Randall	5	‡D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Royal. † 50th peal and first of Surprise Royal.
‡ 500th peal.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Marion R. Panton	Treble	Gillian M Hussey	4
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	Ann E. Fellows	5
Hazel A. Arrowsmith	3	Susan Rothera	Tenor

Conducted by Maryl R. Crossthwaite.

PORTISHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1966 in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

F. Mark Robottom	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
Richard S Starkie	2	Alan Tubb	6
D John Hunt	3	Frederick Shallcross	7
*Peter G Brown	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
* 50th peal of Surprise.

BATH, Somerset.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 33 cwt. 25 lb. in C sharp.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Philip J Rothera	6
Gillian M. Hussey	2	David P. Hilling	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	3	John H. Fielden	8
Geoffrey H. Pullin	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	9
C. Martin Press	5	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by A S. Hudson Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

BRIDGWATER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat. Aug 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D

Peter G. Brown	Treble	John H. Fielden	5
Ann E. Fellows	2	James L Towler	6
F. Mark Robottom	3	David P. Hilling	7
Alan Tubb	4	*Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* 700th peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St James.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt 2 qr. 18 lb. in D

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Peter S. Bennett	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	C. Martin Press	8
Susan Rothera	3	Kenneth J. Hesketh	9
Ann E. Fellows	4	Frederick Shallcross	10
Richard S Starkie	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	11
*Philip J. Rothera	6	Eric J. Hitchens	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* 150th peal.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.
On Fri., Aug. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

Hazel A. Arrowsmith	Treble	David E Rothera	5
Alan Tubb	2	*Geoffrey W. Randall	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	David P. Hilling	7
John H. Fielden	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* First peal of Cambridge Major.

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK PEAL TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THT NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SCULTHORPE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

H. George Hart	Treble	*Terence J. Hester	4
Elsie K. Hart	2	†D. Kay Adkins	5
*Sara K. D. Woolley	3	†Kenneth R. Dunstan	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal in four Minor methods. † 50th peal together.

FAKENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., Aug. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Nolan Golden	Treble	Frank Reed	5
Terence J. Hester	2	John Underwood	6
*Sara K. D. Woolley	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
H. George Hart	4	Kenneth R. Dunstan	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E.

WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnston's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. 100 lb. in F sharp

Elsie K. Hart	Treble	H. George Hart	5
*Sara K. D. Woolley	2	Christopher W. Woolley	6
Kenneth R. Dunstan	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
Terence J. Hester	4	Frank Reed	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal in the method.

ELVEDEN, Suffolk.—At the Memorial Tower of the Church of SS. Andrew and Patrick.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	John Underwood	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Frank Reed	6
D. Kay Adkins	3	Christopher W. Woolley	7
Vernon Green	4	Kenneth R. Dunstan	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 3rd.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STOKE-SUB-HAMDON, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lb.

*Trevor E. Marks	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	4
*Derek S. Beaufoy	2	*Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	5
*Frederick G. Sandy	3	Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.
* First peal in the method.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Harold Dowler	Treble	Barnabas G. Key	6
Norman Sherratt	2	Charles A. S. Webb	7
David J. Midgley	3	Raymond J. Ballard	8
Philip W. Gay	4	Roy Worrall	9
E. Marion Key	5	Barry Corbishley	Tenor

Composed by Sir Arthur Heywood. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. Marion Key.

OLD GLOSSOP, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

David Walker	Treble	Neil D. Lomas	5
Sidney Hough	2	Jeffrey Brannan	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	F. John Nelson	7
Dennis Latham	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
A 21st birthday compliment to Richard King, of St. George's, Stockport. Tenor 17 cwt.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ILKESTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Girling Rigby	Treble	Ivan Barlow	5
Mrs. Joyce Chadwick	2	Peter Bellamy-Knights	6
Jack Chadwick	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
John Moore	4	Edward F. Gobey	Tenor

Composed by E. C. Gobey. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.
Rung as a compliment to the granddaughter of the tenor ringer.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
STOCKLAND, Devon.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 16 cwt.

Raymond Selway	Treble	Cuthbert W. H. Powell	4
Walter H. Poole	2	William Turner	5
Henry G. Keeley	3	David Ellery	Tenor

Conducted by Cuthbert W. H. Powell.
First peal of Stedman Doubles by all except the ringer of the 2nd.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Mrs. B. C. Sadler	Treble	Bernard C. Sadler	5
Peter G. Pitt	2	Frank B. Lufkin	6
Neil V. Avis	3	Stephan D. Humphrey	7
Lesley Ward	4	Brian J. Vaughan	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Barker. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

*Rachel J. R. Orman	Treble	Neville F. Whittell	5
Alan R. Andrews	2	Edward E. Davey	6
*Jennifer M. Andrews	3	Harry J. Millatt	7
George N. Orman	4	*Geoffrey H. Isgar	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.
* First peal in the method.

COLCHESTER Essex.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 15 methods, being seven 720's as follows: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (2) London Scholars, Oxford, Kingston, Sandal and Capel T.B., (3) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (4) Kent T.B., (5) Oxford and Double Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Peter G. Pitt	Treble	Neil V. Avis	4
Lesley Ward	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Brian J. Vaughan	3	Stephan D. Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NORTH CERNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 12-scores (Morris's, Price's and Pitman's) and ten six-scores.

*K. W. Scudamore (10 yrs.)	Treble	Herbert L. Cooke	4
E. Mary Bliss	2	William F. Scudamore	5
Ralph E. Scudamore	3	Ernest H. Jefferies	Tenor

Conducted by William F. Scudamore.
* First peal. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Herbert L. Cooke (tower master at Cirencester and Watermoor) on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CRAYFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Paulinus
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Hazel A. Arrowsmith	Treble	Doris E. Colgate	5
Ralph Bird	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Ann Jenner	3	Stanley Jenner	7
*Paul J. Dye	4	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of Spliced "inside."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ORTON, Westmorland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Nicholas M. Newby	Treble	*David Bradshaw	5
James E. Dickinson	2	James Blackburn	6
James E. Burles	3	Wilfred Bolton	7
Alan Metters	4	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
* First peal. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At the Church of Emmanuel.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Grove's Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

Jack N. Brown	Treble	*Martin E. Snape	5
William E. Court	2	*Terence M. Fitzgerald	6
*Nigel P. A. Goulding	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	7
*John R. Ridley	4	Dennis R. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HALSALL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

Robert E. J. Dennis ..	Treble	Martin E. Snape	4
Nigel P. A. Goulding ..	2	*Dennis R. Jones	5
John R. Ridley	3	†Terence M. FitzGerald ..	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.
* 25th peal for the Lancashire Association. † 25th peal. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by all except the ringers of 1 and 6.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Mon., Aug. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*George A. Barber	Treble	Ron Hughes	5
David F. Moore	2	Edward W. Martin	6
Mary Barrass	3	†Guy Slater	7
N. Roderick Ellway ..	4	Rupert A. Clarke	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major "inside."

NUNEATON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

*Cynthia M. Wells	Treble	†Brian L. Burrows	5
Judy A. Suffolk	2	William Johnson	6
†Christopher M. Sturgess	3	†John Watkins	7
Gerald Johnson	4	†K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
* First on eight bells. † First of Major in the method. First of Major as conductor.

HINCKLEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of the Assumption of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 TRING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 6 lb. in D.

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	*Roland H. Cook	5
Martin Green	2	Samuel J. Haines	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	A. Maxwell Lindsey ..	7
Martin C. Faulkes	4	R. Kingsley Mason ..	Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 225th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

BARKBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

Judy A. M. Cox	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	4
*N. Roderick Ellway ..	2	*Edward W. Martin	5
*Julian M. Morley	3	Michael W. Brown ..	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Brown.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor "inside." 25th peal as conductor.

ROTHLEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966. in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

*N. Roderick Ellway ..	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	4
*Judy A. M. Cox	2	*Edward W. Martin ..	5
*David F. Moore	3	*Michael W. Brown ..	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Brown.
* First peal in the method.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
FISHTOFT, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Guthlac.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich, (2) Hereward and Double Bob, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Thelwall and Childwall, (5) Kent and Oxford, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's and (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob. 34 changes of method Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*Janet E. Hubbard	Treble	*Derek J. Jones	4
†Joan Gilbert	2	†Alan G. Payne	5
R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal together.

ALGARKIRK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Primrose, Ipswich, Surfleet, Norwich, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	R. Arthur Goldsmith ..	4
*Janet E. Hubbard	2	Edwin T. Chapman	5
Derek J. Jones	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
* 50th peal.

WIGTOFT, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being ten methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) College, (2) Surfleet Surprise, (3) Hereward and Single Oxford, (4) Beverley Surprise, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A sharp.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	Edwin T. Chapman	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	Denis R. Woods	5
Derek J. Jones	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BAGLAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Christine Brett	Treble	Harold Preece	4
Thomas E. Hiddins	2	D. R. Lynn-Jones	5
William T. Petty	3	D. Walford Davies ..	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
Rung half-muffled in respectful memory of Albert J. Pitman, following the funeral at this church this day.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Aug. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 STAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

John K. Smith	Treble	Daniel F. Moore	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	*R. Kingsley Mason ..	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	G. Ronald Edwards ..	7
Joseph William Cotton ..	4	†Samuel J. Haines	Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Middleton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 275th peal. † Now completes the circle. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Paul J. Atkins	Treble	*Philip Gay	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Raymond J. Ballard ..	6
T. Felicity Webber	3	Walter Sherratt	7
Harold Dowler	4	Charles A. S. Webb ..	Tenor

Composed by L. Goodall Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
WREXHAM, Denbighshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt.

William Cathrall	Treble	George H. Randles	5
Norah M. Randles	2	Dennis H. B. Millward ..	6
Frederick R. Evans	3	John Walden	7
John W. Griffiths	4	Geoffrey Parting	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
Rung to mark the appointment of the Rev. Chancellor Glynne Jones, Vicar of Wrexham, as Archdeacon of Montgomery.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NORWICH.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising a 2,160 block and four extents (being C.C.C. Nos. 31, 32, 48 and 49). Tenor 9 cwt. 80 lb. in G sharp.

Desmond P. Mortlock ..	Treble	†Martin Cubitt	4
Geoffrey H. Pullin	2	*David Cubitt	5
*Peter Adcock	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association. Rung by the Colegate Society.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HELMDON Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 15 methods, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Hexham, Berwick and Primrose Surprise, (3) York and Durham Surprise, (4) London Surprise, (5) Chester Surprise, (6) Carlisle Surprise, (7) Double Oxford and St. Clement's.

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

Graham C. Paul	Treble	James Linnell	4
William J. Chester	2	Charles E. Truman	5
Barry R. Eglesfield	3	Barry E. Saunders	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Mon., Aug. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

Ryland E. March	Treble	†William H. Hulme	3
*Anthony Loasby	2	†Leslie A. Dunmore	4
Murray A. Coleman	Tenor		

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. March, who are leaving for Dawlish, Devon.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. FLORENCE, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Florencius.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Philip Huntback	Treble	Derek H. Walters	4
Barry R. M. Johnson	2	Rev. Russen W. Thomas	5
Philip C. Rogers	3	Richard L. Underwood	Tenor

Conducted by Richard L. Underwood.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sun., July 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, being 1,760 Cambridge, 1,760 Yorkshire and 1,600 Lincolnshire, with 84 changes of method.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Ernest J. Gower	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
*Linda M. Foot	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Geoffrey W. Randall	3	*†John K. Foot	7
Peter S. Bennett	4	Ian C. Maycock	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

* First peal of Spliced. † 25th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Roger Tallis and Christine Rothera, who were married the previous day.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

TUXFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*Paul Raithby	Treble	Graham J. N. Colborne	5
Christine L. J. Mills	2	R. Brian Mills	6
†Mary C. Poyner	3	‡John A. Coates	7
Denis A. Frith	4	†William L. Exton	Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal of Major. † 250th peal. ‡ First peal of Surprise Major "inside." First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

ELSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Aug. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 variations/ methods, viz.: Four extents each of Rushall, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure and three extents each of Little Aston, Seighford, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Hilary Renyard	Treble	Maurice W. Harrison	4
Ruth Blackshaw	2	William L. Exton	5
Margaret E. Chilton	3	F. William Midwinter	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

A birthday compliment to Hilary Renyard.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BRAMFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Reverse Canterbury, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Roy W. Lockwood	Treble	Alan Munnings	4
Simon Christian	2	Robert J. Southgate	5
Michael J. Howes	3	Neville F. Whittell	Tenor

Conducted by Neville F Whittell.

Most Minor methods rung to a peal for all except the conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to John W. S. Seamans and Jill C. Southgate, married in this church on Saturday, August 20th, 1966.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Aug. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Frederick A. Benn	Treble	Noel R. Waite	5
Alan R. Millidge	2	Brian J. Bull	6
Robert J. Cooles	3	Alan R. Patterson	7
Michael J. Uphill	4	David C. Brookes	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by David C. Brookes.

A compliment to Chris Mew and Ann Gasson, both ringers at this church, who were married on August 6th at St. Mary's, Goring-by-Sea, Sussex.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STREATHAM, London.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	John R. Norris	5
Anne Horsford	2	Raymond J. Talbot	6
Robert C. Cooles	3	Frank H. Hicks	7
Christopher G. Barnes	4	John W. Euston	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by John W. Euston.

Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to "Jim" Chapman. The Rector (the Rev. P. Morell Smith) and all at St. Leonard's extend sincere thanks and appreciation to him for his loyal service (50 years towerkeeper and captain) at this church.

FITTLEWORTH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall and three different extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

Charles B. Skinner	Treble	†E. Winifred Keys	4
Edward F. Fosberry	2	Philip Stevens	5
*Anne M. Smith	3	Bernard E. Matthews	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.

* First peal in seven methods "inside." † 275th peal.

RUDGWICK, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

Arthur J. Hart	Treble	David D. Smith	4
Derek Slater	2	W. Arthur Riddington	5
Herbert W. Woolven	3	John A. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by John A. Howard.

First peal on the bells since the rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

FINDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Aug. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

*Brenda I. Wilkinson	Treble	Henry D. Butler	4
Leonard Stilwell	2	Frank H. Hicks	5
Graham R. Hills	3	Roy M. Cox	Tenor

Conducted by Roy M. Cox.

* First peal.

A 21st birthday compliment to Brenda Wilkinson.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

CONSTANTINE, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Constantine.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Containing seven methods in the following extents: (1) Cambridge, (2) Plain Bob, (3) St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Margery A. Wratten	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	4
John H. Taylor	2	*Derek A. Trethewey	5
Michael J. Thomas	3	Alan Carveth	Tenor

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten

* First peal in more than one method. First of Minor on the bells.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

Gillian M. Hussey	Treble	*D. Paul Smith	6
Michael J. Thomas	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
*Malcolm M. Powell	3	George H. Francis	8
Reginald W. Rex	4	James R. Taylor	9
*Richard W. Sweet	5	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by D. John Hunt

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society)
CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*Margaret Donovan	Treble	Geoffrey W. Pilkington	5
Andrew J. Jobson	2	David Nichols	6
John Smalley	3	Michael King	7
Stuart Armeson	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* First peal.

(Selby and District Society)
HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Aug. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*Andrew N. Pearce	Treble	†Terrence W. Brighton	3
Jennifer E. Pearce	2	Susan E. Thompson	4
Christopher J. Groome	Tenor		

Conducted by Christopher J. Groome
* First peal. † First in the method. First of Doubles as conductor. Rung by the local band.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5392 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Granta variation. Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	*Alan F. Scholfield	7–8

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in this variation on handbells by all the band and for the Guild.
Rung to the respected memory of Albert J. Pitman.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LEVERSTOCK GREEN, Hertfordshire.—In the School.
On Sun., Aug. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Gerald Penney	1–2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	5–6
*Julia A. Fellows	3–4	Walter Ayre	7–8

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
*50th peal together.
A birthday compliment to Julia Fellows.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Christopher T. Osenton	5–6
Edward J. Beer	3–4	*Ronald Constant	7–8

Composed by John Vicars. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal "in hand."

STROOD, Kent.—At 2B, King Arthur's Drive.
On Sun., Aug. 14, 1966, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being Morris's 240 and 40 extents, ten callings. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	*C. T. Osenton (cond.)	3–4
		†Leonard Crouch	5–6

* Have now rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques "in hand."
† First peal "in hand."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
SYSTON, Leics.—In the belfry of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Mary C. Poyner	1–2	Harry Poyner	5–6
Rupert A. Clarke	3–4	Malcolm D. Barsby	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.

THE ST. GEORGE'S GUILD, JESMOND.
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At 11, Sanderson Road.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven differently called extents. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*Jane F. Holden	1–2	Andrew G. Craddock (cond.)	3–4
		Malcolm Lincoln	5–6

* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to Jane Holden, who is leaving for Israel for a year.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
KEYWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At 5, Meadow Drive.
On Sun., Aug. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*Christine L. J. Mills	1–2	*William L. Exton	5–6
Brian M. Buswell	3–4	*R. Brian Mills	7–8

Composed by C. K. Lewis Conducted by R. Brian Mills.
* First peal "in hand." First of Major as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL

LLANDEILO, CARMS.—On Aug. 22nd, 2,520 Doubles (11 methods): Rev. R. W. Thomas 1, D. H. Walters 2, A. F. Walters 3, R. L. Underwood (cond.) 4, P. C. Rogers 5, R. E. Scudamore 6. First in 11 methods for all.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Jacky Roberts 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Amanda Powell 4, R. Rayfield (first as cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. For Evensong.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, R. E. Lester (cond.) 2, R. F. Taylor 3, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 4, J. J. Prentice 5, E. J. Lockwood 6. For Flower Festival.

BROOKE, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. S. G. Harrison (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. E. Lester 2, Dr. S. G. Harrison 3, R. Lubbock 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, H. W. Barrett 6. Rung for the wedding of F./O. Peter Brioddy and Miss Margaret Boddy, sister of the treble ringer.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 21st, at the Norman Tower, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Stannard 1, W. Cousins 2, A. Ballam 3, J. Underwood 4, R. Newson 5, L. Houghton 6, R. Stannard 7, W. Goodship 8, N. V. Harding (cond.) 9, H. Doel 10. For evening service, and as birthday compliments to H. Doel (65) and A. E. Moore (84).

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Beryl M. Hills 1, K. I. Davis 2, M. E. Harrisson 3, D. W. Standing 4, R. H. Glover 5, L. H. Bennett 6. Conducted by 3, 2, 4, 5. First in three methods for all. To announce the engagement of Roderick H. Glover and Beryl M. Hills, and to compliment Martin E. Harrisson and Janet E. Cluett, on their recent engagement.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Chivers (cond.) 1, Miss R. Bevan 2, E. Wadman 3, D. Adnett 4, D. Targett 5, J. Targett 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage this day, at this church, of Mr. Peter Martin and Miss Susan Beck, daughter of the tower captain (Mr. R. G. Beck).

EVERTON, LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of Emmanuel, on Aug. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): T. W. Hesketh 1, J. Hedgecock (first "inside") 2, J. R. Ridley 3, D. C. Simpson 4, T. S. Horridge (cond.) 5, G. K. Austin 6, N. P. A. Goulding 8.

GAMLINGAY, CAMBS.—On Aug. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Pearce (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, Mrs. B. Alder (first on tower bells) 3, C. J. Blain 4, J. R. Hough 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to David Prescott and Minyon Sutton, of Eynesbury.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On July 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Davey 1, W. E. A. Morris 2, Mrs. J. Morris 3, Mrs. R. B. Davey 4, E. J. Thoday 5, G. W. Henson 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, C. J. Higgins 8. Rung on the middle six for morning service.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Clissett 1, Miss I. Ellsmore 2, E. F. Gobey (cond.) 3, M. Lashford 4, H. Shilvock 5, T. Greenhall 6, B. Ellsmore 7, A. Hackett 8. To celebrate the christening of a granddaughter of the conductor at this church.

HERTFORD.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): B. Foley 1, R. Wiltshire 2, J. Kemp 3, J. Thorp 4, P. Searles (cond.) 5, D. Digby 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Joan Winifred Stapleton, aged 51 years, R.I.P. Also on Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: V. Tubby 1, J. Thorn 2, Mrs. L. E. James 3, I. Thorp 4, S. James 5, R. Wiltshire 6, J. Kemp (cond.) 7, B. Foley 8. Half-muffled following a requiem for Mrs. J. W. Stapleton, wife of Mr. Stanley Stapleton, churchwarden.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Aug. 21st, 1,320 All Saints Doubles: B. Butcher 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 3, M. Thomson 4, R. A. Birch 5, A. Lamb 6.

LYNDHURST, HANTS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Fallick (first of Minor) 1, T. Matcham 2, L. D. Smith 3, W. R. Gilks (first of Minor) 4, J. Hartless 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6.

ROWDE, WILTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: Janet Pink 1, R. Fisher 2, Pamela Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. For Evensong.

SELLING, KENT.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Beryl M. Hills (first quarter) 1, P. A. Harrisson 2, K. I. Davis 3, R. H. Glover 4, M. E. Harrisson 5, D. W. Standing 6. Conducted by 5, 4, 3 and 2. First in two methods for all. To announce the engagement of Roderick H. Glover and Beryl M. Hills, and to compliment Martin E. Harrisson and Janet E. Cluett on their engagement.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rachel Saggs (first of Minor) 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, E. Clifton 4, J. Richards 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

THRYBERGH, W. YORKS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. Smith 1, Margaret Donovan 2, J. Smalley 3, F. Brust 4, G. W. Pilkington (cond.) 5.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.—On Aug 1st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Valerie J. Howard 1, D. R. Comber 2, Charlotte M. Harris 3, Gillian R. Parsons 4, D. Slater 5, J. A. Howard (cond.) 6

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,440 Minor (Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Mary Coleman 1, Jean Marlow 2, C. Stephenson 3, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 4, J. G. Mitchell 5, F. Coales 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Jean Marlow.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At All Saints', on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sheldon 1, M. Turner 2, Miss C. Turner (cond.) 3, H. Morton 4, H. F. Baraclough 5, J. R. Cotterill 6, B. Morton 7, D. Timmins (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for Mrs. Mary Martin.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 8th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. R. Comber 1, Valerie J. Howard 2, Charlotte M. Harris 3, D. Slater 4, M. P. Howard 5, J. A. Howard (cond.) 6. Also on Aug. 22nd, 1,296 Surfleet Surprise Minor: D. R. Comber 1, Valerie J. Howard 2, Gillian R. Parsons 3, D. Slater 4, D. D. Smith 5, J. A. Howard (cond.) 6.

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BIRTHS

COBB.—To Sally and Don Cobb, of Waltham Abbey, Essex, on August 31st, 1966, a daughter (Lucy Anne), a sister for Richard. 9852

SHORT.—On August 20th, 1966, at Musgrove Park, Taunton, to Audrey (née Bailey) and Ronald Short, a son (Malcolm David John). 9820

DEATH

CHERRILL. — On August 22nd, 1966, in Battle Hospital, Reading, Vincent Theodore Cherrill, of St. Laurence's, Reading, aged 68. 9847

PERSONAL

MR. PETER BORDER has asked us to state that at no time has he ever made claim to be "the finest living ringer" or, for that matter, "the King of Tenor Kings." The opinion expressed on page 554 was editorial and did not emanate from Mr. Border or from any of his colleagues in the peals at Exeter Cathedral or Liverpool Cathedral, in which he turned in the tenors single-handed

"Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions: so iniquity shall not be your ruin."—Ezekiel xviii. 30

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

With reference to the notice published on pages 519 and 551, I now confirm that the meeting of the Central Council at Nottingham will take place on Tuesday, May 30th, 1967.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS

BANWELL, SOMERSET

Rededication of the ring of eight bells by the Archdeacon of Bath at 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 24th. Refreshments available Numbers, please, to W. Rice, Stoneleigh, West Street, Banwell. The bells have been rehung at a lower level in a new frame by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. 9790

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—A Flower Festival will be held on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (6) available 6.30–9 p.m. Ringers and flower lovers welcome. 9745

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — The first practice of the term will be held on Friday, October 7th, at Sacred Trinity, Salford, at 7.30 p.m. Practices every Tuesday thereafter. Freshers are invited to write to the secretary for details.—D. J. Jukes, 34, Beacon Drive, West Kirby, Cheshire. 9853

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—All new students will be very welcome. For further details please write to the secretary, Maurice Ingram, 22, Warren Hill Road, Birmingham 22C. 9840

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Will all committee members please note that there will be a full committee meeting at the forthcoming Lichfield Diocesan Festival on September 17th next at Uttoxeter in the Church Hall at 3 p.m.—Please support this function.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, CREWKERNE.—Tower Sunday on September 18th. Service 6.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. E. J. Burt. Bells (8) from 5 p.m. and after service. All ringers welcome. 9862

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday September 10th. Bosley (6) 3 to 5 p.m.; Horton (6) 7 to 8.30 p.m. Please bring own tea Free transport available between Bosley and Horton. 9736

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Meeting at St. Andrew's, Roker, on Saturday, September 10th Bells (10) 2.30–4.30. Tea, St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, 5. Bells (8) 6 to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bell, 22, Brinkburn Street, Sunderland, Co. Durham. 9821

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Wadhurst (8), Saturday, September 10th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m Names for tea to C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 9787

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting on Saturday, September 10th, at Tring (8). Bells at 3 p.m. Names for tea to H. Collings, 16, Christchurch Road, Tring. 9815

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Meopham, Saturday, September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. H. Hinde, 59, Cheyne Walk, Meopham. — T. Barton. 9764

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Barming, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss S. Gunner 472, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone —M. L. H. 9777

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Tarleton, Saturday, September 10th. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Ashcroft, Woodside, Parrs Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk.—L. Walmsley. 9816

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District. — Meeting, Mountsorrel, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names for tea to Mr. G. Harrald, 15, Leicester Road, Mountsorrel, near Loughborough.—F. W. Faulkner, Dis. Sec. 9825

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— Saturday, September 10th, St. Mary's, Lewisham High Street, S.E.13, 3–4.30 p.m. St. Alphege's, Greenwich Church Street, S.E.10. 7–8.30 p.m No business.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 9806

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Monthly practice for Western Deaneries at Shipdham, Saturday, September 10th, 3 p.m. Bring own teas. 9834

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting, Maidwell, September 10th. Names for tea to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 9829

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Cardigan, Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Walters, Maesglas, Cardigan.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 9780

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Meeting, Burbage and Milton Lilbourne, September 10th, afternoon and evening respectively. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts 9823

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Colston Bassett, September 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton.—R. Blackshaw. 9828

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.— Practice meeting at Horringer (8) on Saturday September 10th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.— A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 9788

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.— Quarterly meeting at Clopton (6), September 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Bells in evening at Otley (6) 7 p.m.–9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. Winifred Lockwood, Branch Sec., 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich, Suffolk. 9785

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on September 13th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: September 13th, St. Paul's Cathedral; September 20th, St. Mary-le-Bow; September 27th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; October 4th, Southwark Cathedral. — J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 9837

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Nailsea on September 17th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 9484

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Lanchester on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by annual general meeting of Western District. Names for tea to H. P. Thompson, 3, Hallgarth Terrace, Lanchester, Durham. 9848

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Matlock (8), September 17th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea; cafes nearby. All welcome. Please attend.—E. J. Sterland, Hon. Sec. 9824

ESSEX ASSOCIATION and SUFFOLK GUILD. — Joint meeting at Long Melford, Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (approx. 4s. 6d. per head) 5.15 p.m.; please send names to Miss E. R. M. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 9786

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Quarterly meeting at Christow, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Meeting 4.30 in Church Hall. Tea 5. Striking competition between Heavitree and Newton St. Cyres 5.30, also any other challengers. Names to Mr Mallett, 61, Butts Road, Heavitree, Exeter. 9630

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Meeting at Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.15, Service at the Abbey 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Bro. Paschal, Buckfast Abbey, Devon 9789

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. — Striking competition, Thames Ditton, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing evening. Names for tea to Mrs. F. E Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton. 9842

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Tenbury, September 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas. 9849

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— St. Albans District.—Barnet, September 17th. Bells 3–5 p.m. S.M. Stanstead Triples. Own tea arrangements, please. Monken Hadley 6 p.m. S.M. Ealing.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9832

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester and District Branch. — Annual meeting at Middleton Stoney (6), Saturday, September 17th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, by Wednesday, September 14th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Thorncombe, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 9843

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting at Oakley (6), September 17th, 6.30 p.m.—A. W. H. L., Dis. Sec. 9486

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Ashtead (8). Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to J. T. Symonds, 44, West Farm Avenue, by September 15th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 9774

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Annual meeting, King's Norton (10), Saturday, September 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea by previous Thursday.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. Phone Stourbridge 3470. 9817

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

An important General Meeting will be held at **Bridlington** on **September 17th,** at which a presentation will be made to the former president, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison.

The new Rules, copies of which will have been sent to all towers, will be proposed at the meeting, and nominations taken for one Central Council representative.

The service in the Priory Church will be at 4.15.

Tea in the Church School at 5 p.m. Names for tea are absolutely essential and should be sent to Mr. J. A. Parker, 188, Queensgate Extension. Bridlington. E. Yorkshire, by Wednesday, September 14th.

There is no General Committee meeting.

Bells: Nunburnholme (6), 10-11.30 a.m.; Flamborough (4) 2-3.45 p.m.; Bridlington Priory (8) 11.30-12.30, 2-4 and after the meeting.—W. F. Moreton. 9758

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at St. Peter's, Staines, Tuesday, September 20th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome. —W. S. Deason. 9717

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

The annual dinner will be held at the Royal Mount Ephraim Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, September 24th at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets at 17s. 6d. each are available from W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. Please send s.a.e.

As no requests for ringing have been received, will anybody intending to do so please write by September 10th in order that arrangements can be published in "R.W." of September 23rd.—

W. H. D.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Striking competition, Stratton Strawless (6) Saturday, September 24th. Commence 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teams from all Districts and fellow members from any other Association welcome. Names of teams competing to Mr. F. C. Goodman, 260, Norwich Road, Costessey, Norwich, NOR 57N. Buffet tea.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 9833

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting, September 24th, at Brightwell. Bells 2.45. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by 20th, please. — C. Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot. 9834

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

AUTUMN MEETING, NOTTINGHAM

Saturday, September 24th, 1966

Ringing arrangements as per programme.

Names for lunch and tea to

Mr. S. Foskett, 6, Charles Street, Arnold, Nottingham.

J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec. 9831

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Westham (6), September 24th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me at 8, The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield, Sussex, by Wednesday, September 21st. — G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 9850

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Autumn general meeting will be held at Wantage, Berks, on Saturday, October 1st. Meeting 2.30 p.m. in the Victoria Cross Gallery 4.30 p.m Tea 5.30 p.m. Service in the Parish Church. Applications for tea tickets (together with remittance, 3/3 each) to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks, before Monday, September 26th. List of towers will be distributed with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to same address.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9827

LATE NOTICES

PUBLICATION

"BELLS & BELLRINGING."—Articles in August issue include: "Newcastle Cathedral Bells," "Henry Penn of Peterborough," "East Bergholt Bells," "The Eayre Family' and several other shorter articles. Price 3s. 6d., post free, from Hilton, 19, Lonewood Way, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent. 8754

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HALLETT.—The address of Michael and Janet Hallett is now: 47, St. Mary's Road, Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. 9858

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MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL.—There will be no practice today (September 9th).—S. G. Ponting. 9876

LEICESTER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—For details would all freshers coming up in October please contact the Secretary: R. J. Southgate, Fairlight, Bramford, Ipswich, Suffolk. 9876

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. — New students coming up are warmly welcome at the first practice of term on Thursday, October 6th, at 6.30 p.m., at St. Olave's, Hart Street. Tube: Tower Hill. Turn right out of station and right again up Seething Lane. Further information from the Secretary, D. L. Cawley, Torbay, Hillview Road, Whitstable, Kent. General meeting, October 16th. Details later. **Please note:** Dinner date changed to Saturday, February 25th, 1967.

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District. — Meeting, September 10th. Bells: Duxford (6) 3; Whittlesford (6) 6. Service Duxford 4.30. Tea Whittlesford 5, followed by meeting.—B. D. Threlfall. 9877

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Corsham, Tuesday, September 13th. Bells (6) 7.30 to 9 p.m.—A. Heath. 9856

COVENTRY ARCHDEACONRY. — Meeting, Willoughby, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. Hancock, Brookside, Willoughby, near Rugby, by September 13th. 9870

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, St. Werbergh's, Warburton, on September 17th. Bells (8, 26 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Light refreshments provided.—M. Thomson 9880

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting and striking competition, Poynton, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, advise Mr. S. Hough, 4, Edale Close, Hazel Grove, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Elton and Alwalton, September 17th. Bells: Alwalton (5) 2.45–4 p.m.; Elton (5) 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—Michael J. Dyer. 9883

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, September 17th, Watermoor (8) 4 p.m, Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. H. Cooke, 43, City Bank View, Cirencester, by September 15th. **No name, no tea.** Siddington (6) 3–4 p.m. only—R. Wenban. 9173

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. — Stroud Branch.—Practice evening September 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea (names, please) 5 p.m. Cherington (4) available.—E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud. 9875

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MOSSLEY, St. George (8), 12 cwt., 6.30–9 p.m.

Names for tea are **essential.**

Send names to Mr. W. H. Nield, 151, Stockport Road, Mossley, to arrive not later than Wednesday, September 14th.

J. Brannan (Manchester).
G. Cheetham (Rochdale).
9866

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Little Hadham, September 17th. Bells 3.30. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Ringing in evening Braughing.—D. H. Kingston 9885

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch. — Meeting on Saturday, September 17th. (Please note change of date.) Afternoon ringing at Darwen from 2.30 p.m. until cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at Blackburn Cathedral from 7 p.m. approx.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 9855

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN RINGING FESTIVAL in North Staffordshire area, September 17th. Ringing: Cheadle C. of E. 10.30 to 12 noon; Cheadle R.C. 12–1.30 p.m.; Mayfield 2–3 p.m.; Alton 2–3 p.m. and 7.30–9 p.m.; Ellastone 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Leigh 3–4 p.m.; Marchington 3–4 p.m. and 7–8 p.m.; Rocester 7–8.30 p.m.; Uttoxeter 3–3.30 p.m., 4–4.45 p.m. and 6.30–9 p.m. Service 4.45 and tea 5.30, Uttoxeter. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Midgley, 3, Eleanor Place, Newcastle, Staffs, by Wednesday previous. 9879

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Stow, Saturday, September 17th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify Mr. A. L. Denton, Stow Road, Sturton, Lincoln, by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Primrose Surprise and St. Clement's.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec. 9861

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, Saturday, September 17th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9962

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practice, Hurst, September 17th, 6 p.m. Special method: Double Norwich. 9882

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, Southminster on newly augmented ring, September 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Tillingham (6) available 2.30–3 p.m 9889

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District. —Meeting, September 17th, Elston. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Sibthorpe (4) in evening. Names by previous Wednesday.—Mrs. B. N. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton. 9884

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Ditchling (8), September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by September 14th. —D. L. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 9871

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch. — Meeting, St. Clement, September 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea by September 20th. Details of "Test of Proficiency" may be obtained from Miss B. J. Duck, Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 9874

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MEETING THE COST OF BELL RESTORATIONS

By Dr. P. J. Perry, University of Christchurch, N.Z.

JUDITH Scott's letter of June 3rd advocating a Central Fund for bell restoration surely deserves the most urgent attention of all ringers, and more serious consideration than it seems to have received at this year's Central Council meeting.

We must admit that the value of bells and ringers as such is marginal to the preaching of the Gospel in the twentieth century, and that if the Church is to be true to that Gospel almost every claim that is made on its limited resources merits prior consideration to those of its bells. As men and women active in church and community, ringers are not luxuries, but their bells undoubtedly are. Moreover, we enjoy the use of costly equipment, which gives us very great pleasure, at, in most cases, a less than nominal cost; to do so is, in the circumstances, verging on hypocrisy.

Is there any other recreation where the participants pay next to nothing for the use, maintenance and replacement of expensive equipment as we do? The old argument of the value of our service to the Church in proclaiming its existence and message no longer has much weight; highly though most of us value Sunday service ringing, we must be prepared to admit that this can no longer justify the expense to the Church which it involves.

In brief, the bells of Britain must be endowed to face a future of necessarily increasing expense and a diminishing willingness and ability to pay on the part of the Church. And such a future may be much nearer than we like to think. Clearly any endowment must begin with the ringers themselves, and primarily with those peal and tour ringers who make most recreational use of the bells, although it should also include the less peripatetic and the less peal conscious. (As to details of any such plan this would be of great importance and requires much thought, but lies outside the scope and purpose of this article.) Equally clearly any money paid from a trust fund should be paid as far as possible on a pound for a pound raised locally basis, but also bearing in mind the size and affluence of the local population and the extent to which the bells are likely to be used.

But more than an appeal to ringers is surely needed: to raise a fund with a worthwhile annual income some national appeal to industry, to individuals and to institutions must be undertaken. Such appeals have substantially aided many undertakings, new (and old) universities, cathedrals and churches for example and I see no reason why an appeal of this kind if conducted competently (which means professionally in this case) should not raise several hundred thousand pounds.

As to the management of such a fund, I refuse to believe that there are insufficient ringers of ability and integrity to undertake this task. In my own limited experience over ten years and in three localities in Britain I am sure I could find a group capable of undertaking such a task (again provided they received adequate professional advice on e.g. investment policy). And as Judith Scott pointed out, a national fund by being national avoids many of the problems which bedevil a local one.

Finally, the matter is urgent. If it deserves attention, and however much deliberation and planning it requires, it deserves and requires them now; it will be too late when the crisis is upon us and the bells are silent.

NOTE.—Miss Judith Scott is secretary to the Council for the Care of Churches, and her letter in the issue of June 3rd was received too late for consideration by the Central Council at Bath, although copies were available for the Standing Committee. Mr. E. A. Barnett, the then secretary of the Central Council, wrote upon the subject in the issue of May 20th, and doubted whether Associations like the Kent County, who had had belfry repair funds for over 50 years, would surrender their independence.—Ed.

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Wratten's Wringers' Tour again Centred on Cheltenham

THE fourth annual tour of Wratten's Wringers was held from July 2nd to 9th and was centred, as usual, on Cheltenham. The tour party consisted of Diana Chapman, Gill Hussey, Peter Bridle, John Hunt, George Cousins, George Thoday, Richard ("Cap'n Crunch") Sweet, Victor Griffin, Chris Kippin and Cyril Wratten, assisted part time by Tony Kench and sundry other ringers from the Cheltenham and Swindon areas.

As numbers were somewhat smaller than last year, we were not able to attempt two peals on the first Saturday, but we made up for this by ringing Hampstead Surprise Royal on the fine ten at Daventry, Northants, our only ten-bell attempt of the week. On the way back to Cheltenham we dropped in at Quinton, Warwickshire, to enable Cyril to salve his conscience by attending at least part of his local Branch meeting and for the rest of us to "grab" a new tower.

Sunday morning brought the arrival (very early) of George Thoday, who had spent the previous day cheering the West Indies at Trent Bridge. We enjoyed ringing for morning service on the twelve at Cheltenham Parish Church, Stedman Cinques and Little Bob Maximus being brought round. Richard was particularly delighted with the twelve-bell ringing since it gave him his first opportunity to rise above tenth's, despite some previous twelve-bell experience at another Gloucestershire tower!

After lunch we headed towards Birmingham, Packwood being our objective. We arrived in time to see a christening party beat us to the church. The spare half-hour was spent in various activities, mainly learning the method for the peal, but despite the wait a good peal of Belvedere was scored. The tenor ringer, unlike his cricketing cavaliers, was disposed to coast along, and the time of 2 hours and 31 minutes was ample evidence of his nocturnal driving activities! A pleasant hour or so was spent after the peal renewing acquaintances with Maurice Hughes and Ian Maycock.

SNUFF WITH THE RECTOR

On Monday morning the peal ringing began in earnest with an attempt for Pitman's six-spliced "all the work" Surprise Major at Hampton, near Evesham. With half of the record Spliced Major band ringing, this attempt should have been a "walk-over," but unfortunately, after an hour and three-quarters' good ringing, the conductor unwittingly varied the composition, which deprived us of the 65's and the peal. Perhaps we should have taken heed of Geoff Hemming's advice before the attempt and rung "Yorkshire and score." The afternoon's attempt for Superlative at Hinton-on-the-Green was, however, successful, the morning's conductor being banished to Evesham to listen to the Test Match. As the peal came round Mrs. Amy Thomas arrived home and it was the pleasure of some of us to renew old acquaintances. In the evening we met the Rector of Evesham, the Rev. Albert Webb, quite by chance in a local hostelry, and before the end of the evening some of the hardier members were seen taking snuff with him, with varying degrees of success, much to the amusement of the remainder of the party. Later we said farewell to Tony Kench.

The Evesham area was again invaded on Tuesday and Sawley Surprise Major scored at Badsey. After a late so-called lunch we made our way to Oxford, where we were due to ring Bristol at St. Martin's and All Saints'. Having duly inspected the peal boards and remarked lightheartedly about the slow times of some of the peals recorded, we succeeded in ringing our peal in 3 hours and 7 minutes, one of the slowest on the bells. This gave rise to the rumour heard in Oxford a few weeks later that we rang until 11 o'clock (we in fact finished at 8.45 p.m.!). The elements were unkind that evening, undoubtedly due to England losing the Test Match, and the journey back to Cheltenham was quite hazardous in the pouring rain.



After the peal of London at Hanbury, Worcs (left to right): John Hunt, George Cousins, Richard Sweet, Gill Hussey, Cyril Wratten, Diana Chapman, Peter Bridle, Chris Kippin and George Thoday. Vic Griffin is missing.

On the following morning we headed eastwards to Kingham, where the musical Taylor eight were soon tapping round to the first peal of Alloa outside Scotland. This was the only peal during the week when the tenor ringer really "got cracking" and George was most put out to see his fast time of two years ago broken by a secondary "tenor king"! At lunchtime Richard became attracted to a hunting horn for sale in a shop in Chipping Norton and, after much amusing haggling, succeeded in purchasing the instrument. The ensuing attempts in the High Street to play the horn caused consternation so we beat (and blew) a hasty retreat to Churchill to ring a peal of Cheltenham. Despite attempts at sabotage by the members of the band who preferred the 2nd's place version of this method (Pudsey!) we were eventually successful, scoring the second peal in this method also.

FIRST BLANK DAY IN FOUR TOURS

Thursday morning brought our now annual pilgrimage to Ledbury. Previous attempts here, both thought to be "in the bag," failed due to shift courses and inadequate bobs, so this time we decided to ring "Yorkshire and score." Our only anxiety was, as usual, the conductor, especially when it was discovered that the chosen composition was not composed by Mr. Pitstow, and, what is more, parted the tenors, but even he seemed to be on form and the attempt, as usual, looked "in the bag." Unfortunately we reckoned without fate, and after three hours' ringing the tenor clapper snapped. The conductor was, of course, blamed for pulling too hard, especially when it was discovered that this was the third tenor clapper this year that had broken on him, but recriminations were soon forgotten over a glass of beer.

The afternoon attempt for Spliced at Upton-on-Severn came to an untimely end after half an hour due to the same unlucky person shifting with the organiser, who was conducting this time, and so we returned to Cheltenham with our tails between our legs, having had the first "blank" day in four tours. The usual Thursday practice at Cheltenham did much to brighten our spirits, however, and Cambridge Maximus was attempted, much to Richard's excitement, as he was now able to go to 12th's place for the first time! The hunting horn was again much in evidence and credit must go to Frances Fairbank, who managed to play two notes on the thing, the previous maximum being one for the musical members of the party and none at all for the remainder, including the owner!

Worcestershire was again the objective on Friday, and Stoke Prior was selected for the morning's attempt of Rutland, which was duly scored. At lunchtime John and George Thoday took on the local coalmen at darts and, much to the latter's consternation, beat them handsomely. The start to the afternoon's attempt for London at Hanbury was delayed while Richard told us (again) how he had rung the second there to an inordinately long peal of Bob Major lasting nearly eight hours. Suitably impressed, we succeeded in ringing our humble 5,000 of London in 2 hours and 56 minutes, which sufficed for most of us near the end of the week. The evening was spent in the traditional Friday evening manner, preparing ourselves for the final day's peal ringing.

Of course, the weather decided to turn against us in the morning and we accordingly splashed our way down to Stratton St. Margaret to ring a peal of Wessex, which was successfully concluded. One famous ringer in the band was heard to remark that it was a change to hear these bells rung to something other than Spliced . . . . The final attempt was at Highworth, a ring which we found much better than we had expected and, after two mysterious false starts, rang an enjoyable peal of Fordcombe, one of the more musical of the Lincolnshire variations.

Farewells were said rather hastily afterwards, as one member of the party had a train to catch to yet another ringing tour, and therefore our thanks to Cyril for another first-class tour must be reiterated. Our thanks are also due to Margery Wratten for again putting some of the party up (or putting up with some of the party, as one person was heard to remark!) for the fourth year running, and not least to the incumbents and tower captains.

R. C. K.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Garrod 1, J. Weaving 2, D. Digby 3, H. Shire 4, P. Owen (cond.) 5, R. J. Wilsher 6. For the Patronal Festival (St. Peter). Also on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Owen 1, N. S. Blamire-Brown (first "inside") 2, R. J. Wilsher 3, Miss S. J. Farnes 4, D. Digby 5, S. Healing (first quarter) 6. Conducted by Peter Owen. To welcome the birth of a son to Audrey and Ron Short.

MIDDLESEX ASSN. AGAINST CHANGE

Saturday, August 20th—a glorious summer day—a North and East District meeting at St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill—a delightful octave and a panoramic view of the countryside for miles around for those not actively participating in the tower. What more can a ringer ask?

The attendance was slightly above average, despite the fact that the holiday season was in full swing, and visitors were welcomed from Southampton and Cheshire. It was nice to see Miss Pat Laycock in our midst again after a 12-month stay in Canada.

In the absence of the Vicar the service was conducted by the Rev. C. F. Dare, Vicar of St. Paul's, South Harrow, whilst Mr. Brian Apperson accompanied at the organ. This was followed by a splendid tea prepared by the members of the local band.

At the business meeting, under the chairmanship of the Rev. F. W. Goodfellow, five new ringing members were elected to the Association, viz.: Mr. and Mrs. Woolley and Mr. and Mrs. Murphy (Harrow) and Mr. Martin Jordan (Hendon). The provisional election of Mr. Maurice Ingram (Birmingham) as a non-resident life member prior to a peal of Stedman Triples at Harrow was ratified.

On a suggestion originating from Miss Ruth Foreman it was decided to hold "Surprise" practices at St. Mary's, Hendon, on the second Wednesday of "even" months (February, April, etc.) in a similar manner to that recently established by the South and West District on the first Wednesday of "odd" months, the inaugural meeting to be held on October 12th.

A discussion also took place on a proposition submitted to the Editor of "The Ringing World" for a revision of the format of peals rung in the Greater London area to show borough, county, dedication and locality, but this was not favourably received, the general consensus of opinion being that no useful purpose would be served by adopting this method as diocesan boundaries had not changed and Greater London had only been brought into being under the London Government Act for administration purposes.

Following a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting a return was made to the belfry and ringing continued in a variety of methods under the able guidance of Mr. T. G. Hawkins.

E. H. K.

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN TABERNER, J.P.

John passed peacefully away on August 24th, aged 74 years. He had been a member of the Lancashire Association for 50 years, but it is in the smaller community of Higher Walton, near Preston, that he will long be remembered.

His whole life was devoted to his beloved All Saints' Church, his prosperous retail business and the welfare of the village in which he spent his life.

At his church he had been a member of the Parochial Church Council ever since its inception and had prided himself on never having missed a meeting until his illness of a few months ago. He had been a regular ringer there for about 50 years and a churchwarden for some 30 years. Although his ringing did not progress beyond Treble Bob, he set a wonderful example in attendance and devotion to duty.

A man of steadfast faith and strong convictions, he was never prepared to compromise his principles.

The funeral service was held on August 27th, and many people from all walks of life gathered to pay their tribute to his life and example. The bells were chimed to whole pull and stand before the service and rung half-muffled afterwards, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside immediately after the committal.

On the same afternoon a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung to his memory at Samlesbury, but unfortunately an attempt for Treble Bob Major at his own tower was lost when the treble clapper came out in the very last course of the peal

W. M.

BOTTISHAM, CAMBS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Payne 1, A. Martin (first quarter) 2, W. J. Osbourn 3, D. E. Latchford (cond.) 4, A. Payne 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lord Fairhaven.

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Letters to the Editor

THE USE OF AN "X"

Dear Sir,—An article specifically addressed to beginners ought to be confined to established facts. The instalment on page 558 of R. B. Smith's series violates this axiom so blatantly that his readers should be warned.

His last note states that most composers use an x for a call Before to indicate that it alters the length of the course. The C.C. Collection of Peals, Group II, Section II, contains 19¹ compositions of Plain Bob Major by 40 composers, not one of whom uses an x for a bob Before. Unless Mr. Smith can name a greater number of composers of Plain Bob Major who do use an x, he should retract his statement.

The use of an x (more properly a multiplication sign) originated in the first edition of Stedman in the Snowdon series, where it was introduced to indicate the two bobs that behave as one in the twin-bob system. It has subsequently been freely used in an analogous manner in other methods, for instance, In and 5ths in London Surprise Major. In Plain Bob Major it is well established as an indication of 5ths and 4ths.

Nearly every bob Before in the C.C. Collection is indicated by a numeral. By contrast with the dashes used for other bobs, a number suggests some difference in effect. It so happens in Plain Bob Major that the number of leads added to the course is equal to the number of bobs Before. Such a direct indication of the result of bobs Before could not be improved on, hence it is not surprising that it has become the accepted normal way.

In the second column of his instalment, Mr. Smith writes 3x to indicate three bobs Before. The bobs are completely denoted by the 3; the addition of a redundant x is fatuous.—Yours sincerely,

M. HODGSON.

Chesham.

GREATER LONDON PEALS

Dear Sir,—Concerning the recording of peals rung in the Greater London area, I was surprised to read that Mr. Cobb's sensible proposals had been rejected by those members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild present at the meeting at Harrow, on the grounds that we are a body of Church bellringers. I was particularly surprised in view of the fact that a suggestion, made at a recent meeting, that the name of the Association be changed to "The London Diocesan Guild"—which would have emphasised the fact that we are workers for the Church, not the county—was thrown out with a vehemence which had to be seen to be believed, not even a word of discussion being permitted.

As far as the example of Kilburn is concerned, the new form would be: "City of Westminster, London.—At the Church of St. Augustine, Kilburn." which to at least one member of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild is neither unpopular, unhelpful, misleading nor irritating.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN SPREADBURY.

Southgate, N.14.

CAMBRIDGE PEAL DUPLICATED

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the peal rung at St. Andrew the Great, Cambridge, on August 11th, may I point out that the peal has been inadvertently duplicated, and that the first publication, on page 561, should be disregarded.—Yours faithfully,

G. E. THODAY.

Cambridge.

INJUNCTION THREAT AND COMMON VIEWS

Dear Sir,—After reading the article over and over again, I thought of a "No mention in the Act" among the technicalities of the Noise Abatement Act. Does this mean that church bells can go on and on haphazardly, regardless of rhythm and time? Being a ringer myself who has been brought up to the discipline of rhythm, I can feel for Mr. Paul Marriott. This was illustrated to me by our parishioners after a peal was rung at our own tower by what was supposed to be a creditable band, like the company at Newton-le-Willows.

Dear Editor, the object of my letter is not to create any ill-feeling or friction between ringers and myself, for I am and always have been a lover of church bells. If the views of Mr. J. Gilbert (Handsworth), Mr. J. Phipps (Chesterfield) and Mr. Harold Chant (Felkirk) were accepted in all towers, it would go a long way towards suppressing the likes of Mr. Paul Marriott.

My little bit of advice to every peal ringer is to imagine that in every tower are these words towards the bells: Let thy speech be better than silence or be silent.—Yours, etc.,

J. B.

Greenfield, Oldham.

Note.—Although church bells are not specified in the Noise Abatement Act, it does not mean that bells can be rung indifferently, thus creating a nuisance. Injunctions have been obtained under Common Law, one noted case, so we are informed, being of church bells rung at 7 a.m. on a Sunday.—Ed.

DISCOURAGED

Dear Sir,—Where have all the ringers gone? (S. G. S., September 2nd.) I'll tell you where some of them are. They have gone away disheartened by ringers who encourage none but competent ringers at their towers.

I am a comparative novice by some standards, having been ringing only 21 years with no more than three Major Surprise and some half dozen Minor Surprise methods in my repertoire. At the present time I am instructing a band of six learners on a difficult 23 cwt. six and am the first to admit that the striking at times is not all that it could be, but they are keen and regular attenders both at practice nights and every Sunday, which I consider most important. I would agree with anyone who says that a high standard of ringing should be encouraged, but surely it is better to have the bells rung regularly by ringers who will improve their performance week by week than seldom or not at all.

Recently I took one of my more promising learners to a tower where I have always been made welcome (I hope not only for my ringing ability). Admittedly it was Sunday evening, but the poor fellow stood by for an hour without as much as "Would you like a few rounds?" It would not have been so bad if he could only ring rounds. No ringer ever goes away from our belfry without having had the best we can offer, and when more ringers realise, as I was taught, that the bells are for the service of the Church and not for their convenience, then will the ringers start coming back.—Yours truly,

GORDON W. RENDELL.

Montacute, Somerset.

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STANLEY IS BACK

It was a strange coincidence that my previous contribution should appear in "The Ringing World" at the same time as the account of the record peal of Minor at Ashbocking, as I live within earshot of these bells and know the ringers personally.

My last letter was written from my hotel in Sydney, where I had a fine time with the ringers, particularly Willie Watson. I made the trip by train to Melbourne for a week-end with my cousins and, of course, a ring at St. Paul's Cathedral, where I received a grand welcome. With my usual luck we again lost a quarter of Plain Bob Major, but it was a joy to ring these beautiful bells.

Returning to Sydney, I rang at All Saints', Parramatta, and was able to meet Margaret Goodyer, who has just returned from England with about 70 towers under her belt! Congratulations to her son, Philip, who rang his first quarter while I was in Sydney. Tom and Margaret must be proud to have a son carrying on the tradition. For my final evening, after practice at St. Jude's, Randwick, we met at Enid Roberts' home, where I took my leave of the many friends I had made.

Willie Watson, faithful to the last, saw me off at the airport for New Zealand the next morning. I arrived at Wellington determined to ring at Christchurch Cathedral. Inquiries indicated that the only way to get there on a Sunday was to fly the 152 miles at a cost of £10 return, so I was airborne again. At Christchurch I found the Cathedral and was getting my bearings when I saw two men talking beside the Cathedral. On going over to them I found one was Nelson Sloan, the man I was looking for, and John Dunn, who hails from Birmingham. Needless to say my day was made; they gave me a grand time and I was able to ring for the evening service and catch my plane back to Wellington after the service.

My next move was to Auckland and from here I set my sights on Hamilton; this was easier as I was able to get there by bus. Mr. Coldwell met me and I was able to ring on this nice eight for Evensong and catch my bus back to Auckland—a very pleasant evening. From there I moved across the Pacific to Los Angeles and Jamaica and finally to London Airport. In 55 days I had circled the globe, I had delivered a message from Roy Law in Cape Town to Ray Idle in Christchurch, I had rung at Melbourne on the bells in which George Pipe has a special interest, I had met wonderful people in Sydney and, above all, I had been taught a lesson. Here in England we have lovely old churches with rings of bells hanging silent, while people in other parts of the world have not enough to go round. It is up to us to get them ringing again, for there is no doubt in my mind that ringing is one of the greatest fellowships on earth and the bigger it becomes the better the world will be.

On the evening of my return I called in at a party being given in honour of Miss A. E. Lester, who is shortly leaving for Singapore, and was welcomed with musical honours—so much for my previous article.

A peal has been rung at St. Andrew's, Sydney, since I left, and through "The Ringing World" I offer my hearty congratulations to the ringers. This Christmas I shall have a lump in my throat and my thoughts will turn to my many friends across the seas, people who last year I did not even know. May they continue the good work. And, to all in England, let's show 'em—we have the bells, let them speak to the world and not hang in silence until they fall down in decay.

STAN BLOOMFIELD.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

BELLS AT ALL SOULS', EASTBOURNE

Dear Sir,—Over the past three to four weeks there has been some conflicting reports regarding the above bells and inquiries made to members of the Council have met with little information. Having heard on Friday last that builders were removing the bells I decided to visit the church as soon as possible.

On Sept. 5th I visited the tower and found that the five bells, together with all fittings and frames, have been removed by John Taylor of Loughborough. Two bells were already loaded on a lorry for a destination unknown. In place of the ring, I understand that a single bell will be installed on a metal headstock. (No doubt Messrs John Taylor will supply fuller details in due course.)

For the records, there is no ring of five bells (tenor 10¼ cwt.) at All Souls', Eastbourne. —Yours sincerely.

R. W. R. PERCY.
Hon. Gen. Sec., Sussex County Assn.

RINGING AT BRAINTREE

Dear Sir,—You published in the September 2nd edition a letter from Mr. Roy Threadgold, whose address is shown as Braintree.

As Roy says that he seldom gets beyond the stage of Bob Doubles as conductor or researcher, it could be taken that this is the limit of our activities at Braintree. Actually, Roy—who is far too modest about his ringing ability, both in theory and practice—rings at Wethersfield, near Braintree. We at Braintree are fortunate enough to have a band for Surprise Major on most Sundays. — Yours truly, R. J. LINDSELL.

Braintree.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

At a well-attended meeting of the Guild at Halifax Parish Church on September 3rd full advantage was not taken of the 12, which are the loveliest ring of bells in the district. The Rev. Mr. Sorsby conducted the ringers' service and an excellent tea was provided by the local band.

Mr P. Birkett presided over the business meeting, during which he, as a delegate to the Yorkshire Ringing Societies, announced the desire to hold the Ringing Festival of 1967 at Halifax. Mr. E. Lord put on record that Halifax was proud to be chosen as the venue, and his proposal that the committee meet to make preliminary arrangements was carried.

Ringing continued until 9 o'clock. W. M.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

At a special meeting at Haresfield on August 20th a resolution was unanimously approved informing the Association that they would strongly resist any attempt to interfere with present boundaries.

Prinknash bells (8, 21 cwt.) are to be hung for ringing when the Abbey tower is eventually completed. The Abbot, the Rt. Rev. Dyfig Rushton, has said that they would much appreciate being members of Stroud Branch when the time comes.

Minchinhampton's oldest bell, the fifth, has become cracked, and the annual meeting in December will be transferred to Chalford.

Tony Bishop's Party in the West Country

THE West Country was again selected by Tony Bishop's party for their tour, which started on August 6th, with Yarcombe as a base. Attending were Deborah Hopkins, Vanessa Rodrigues, Kay Tremeer, Prisca Hornby, Lesley Read, Tony Bishop, Alan Bagworth, Rodney French, Keith Sansom, David Hughes and Michael Uphill.

The first commitment on Sunday was ringing for morning service at Up Ottery, where a good start was made with Cambridge. The afternoon's ringing was at Stockland and on the lovely six at Luppitt, where we found an enthusiastic local band. The eight at Honiton were well rung to Stedman for the evening service. Shouts from a bedroom window welcomed us back to the hotel—they were from Gill Sims, our 12th ringer, who had just arrived.

A strenuous day had been prepared for Monday. Before lunch ringing took place at Hawkchurch, Uplyme and Lyme Regis, where Erin and Double Norwich were both well struck. In the afternoon the six at Symondsbury and the eights at Bridport and Bradpole were enjoyed. That evening Westminster was attempted on the pleasant bells at Netherbury, and Hexham at Broadwindsor. Finally, after moving the choir stalls, we rang Stedman and Bob Major at Winsham. We arrived at Yarcombe in time to hear the end of a quarter peal to mark the dedication the previous day of the newly-augmented bells from five to six (tenor 14 cwt.).

FREE AFTERNOON EARNED

Tuesday was cool and blustery but this could not daunt our spirits. The sixes at Hinton St. George (where York went well), Merriott and the heavy-going bells of Norton-sub-Hamdon were rung before preparing ourselves, by having lunch, for the 24 cwt. six at Montacute. The magnificent bells were rung to Durham and Oxford T.B. and were much praised before enjoying a well deserved free afternoon. For evening ringing we visited Kingsbury Episcopi and Martock, where a half-course of Superlative produced the best striking.

The fine weather continued on Wednesday. The sixes at Membury and Chardstock (where Michael Uphill called his first "Devonshire Surprise" of the week) were rung before going on to the lovely eight at Thorncombe. The incident of the afternoon was at St. Michael's, Honiton. The man who met us was unable to open the tower door with the key so he calmly took a pickaxe to the lock and informed us that he had done the same thing for another visiting band a few weeks earlier! Before ascending the staircase we were warned to keep to the outside as parts of the steps towards the centre were likely to be missing. An oil lamp illuminated the ringing chamber. However, we were pleased with our Bob Minor and lower in peal. Two ringers from Luppitt obtained permission for us to ring at Cotleigh, where London was enjoyed.

LADIES TO THE FORE

The ladies opened Thursday's programme with a good course of Cambridge at Dalwood. Kilmington and Shute bells were rung before splitting up for a free afternoon, which was spent walking. In the early evening we were ringing at the lovely twin-tower at Ottery St. Mary, and this attracted an audience. The eights at Sidmouth and Sidbury followed.

Friday was another heavy day of ringing and we were pleased to be joined at Ilminster by Chris Marshall and Fred Sage. Curry Mallett, North Curry and Curry Rivel were among the towers visited and the last of some nine towers was at Stoke-sub-Hamdon, where Cambridge and Carlisle went well. Saturday was wet and cold and we took leave of each other soon after ringing at Glastonbury, having previously rung at Somerton and Butleigh.

L. R.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

When the Eastern District met on August 27th ringing took place at Hessle and Kirk Ella in the afternoon and Cottingham after tea. Evensong was at Cottingham.

The new District vice-president, Mr. Alan Sheppard, presided at the meeting and gave a hearty welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bottomley and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Moreton and ringers from Dewsbury and Coventry. The meeting approved the committee's recommendation fixing District meetings on the third Saturdays of February, May (A.G.M.), August and November. Sherburn-in-Elmet has been provisionally booked for the next meeting on November 19th, with Tadcaster if available.

Four new members were elected—Misses L. I. Clowe and S. S. Brenland (Huntington) and Messrs. J. Brook and A. Shingles (St. Mary's, Beverley).

A DAY TO REMEMBER IN LEICESTERSHIRE

Ringers and friends of St. Mary's, Peterborough, will not forget August 29th, the day arranged for them in Leicestershire by Mr. G. Davis, and the splendid way Mr. G. Cowlin organised the ringing at the ten towers visited. All the 25 ringers, at different stages of experience, enjoyed themselves.

Promptly at 9 a.m. we were at Desford (a delightful six). Next came Ratby, and despite the absence of stays on the treble and second, good touches of Plain Bob and Kent Major were rung. Two good sixes followed at Groby and Markfield.

We claim the indulgence of the people at Anstey (8) for the poor ringing that followed lunch. By the time we reached Rothley (6) and Sileby (8) the roast beef and Yorkshire pudding had settled and morale restored. At Asfordby (6) the striking could hardly have been bettered. But the best ringing of the day came after tea at Waltham-on-the-Wolds (6) with standard methods to Cambridge. With all in high spirits, we felt that Buckminster (6) could not let us down. Double Oxford was the highlight here. Our best thanks to all who made us so welcome. P. A. S.

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ARLEY, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day): R. Farmer 1, M. F. Edwards 2, Merryn D. Hutchings 3, J. W. Belshaw (cond.) 4, C. J. Royal 5.

BATHEASTON, BATH.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. J. Tayler 1, J. M. Dennis 2, P. Giles 3, J. E Newman (cond.) 4, M. Blanchard (first "inside") 5, M. J. C. Cannon 6. For Evensong.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Peers 1, E. T. Carvell 2, A. P. Foster 3, R. Peers 4, A. M. Pemberton 5, A. J. Martin 6, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 7, I. A. Robertson 8. First in method 1, 2, 4, 5, 8.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Prisca Hornby 1, Kay Tremeer 2, Lesley Read 3, L. A. Tremeer 4, B. S. Gambrill 5, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 6. First of Kent 1 2 and 5, and as conductor.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, H. E. Wells 3, E. J. Grace 4, Claude Corderoy 5, R B. Blond (cond.) 6, P. Corderoy 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For the wedding of Miss Linda Henly-Stuart and Mr. Christopher Sixsmith, also a compliment to a former ringer, Mr. Arthur Yates, on the 52nd anniversary of his wedding.

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christopher Pouncey (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Pouncey (first "inside") 2, J Attwood, sen. (cond.) 3, F. Wood 4, J. Attwood, jun. 5, G. Stallwood 6. Rung for service.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Williams 1, C. T. Collins 2, J. A. Roe (13, first "inside") 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, D Perry 5. To welcome the new curate, Rev. David Broomfield. Also on Aug. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Adkins (14, first quarter) 1, A. E. Rowley 2, J. A. Roe 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Perry 5. For Family service, and a 19th birthday compliment to David Perry, and 14th to Alan Adkins.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On July 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. H. Jefferies 1, Miss E. M. Bliss 2, R. T. Wakefield 3, H. L. Cooke 4, F. Reed 5, P Morgans (first of Caters) 6, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 7, M. E. Stracey 8, D. K. Adkins 9, W. A. Godwin 10. Rung for Cirencester Heritage Flower Festival. Also on Aug. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. E. Stracey 1, Miss E. M. Bliss 2, E. H. Jefferies 3, B. Wakefield 4, H. L. Cooke 5, C. E. Brown 6, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 7, F. J. Lewis, jun. 8. In memoriam Mr. S. Smith, parish clerk of Cirencester and Watermoor.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Brown 1, Miss R. Cotton 2, Miss S. C. Thexton 3, J. R. Pratt 4, N. Thomson 5, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 6.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): Jennifer Parker (first quarter) 1, H. Benjamin (first quarter) 2, B. Butler (first in two methods) 3, J Cousins (first Minor "inside") 4, A. J. Leaves (first of Minor in two methods) 5, G. N. Benjamin (first quarter) 6, D. C. Manger (cond.) 7, R. Weeks (first in two methods) 8. For Matins.

DISS, NORFOLK. — On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Oxford T.B. Major: F. Sutton 1, O. P. Claxton (first "inside") 2, A. Cook 3, A. G. Harrison 4, H. B. Fuller 5, L. J. Minns 6, R. Churchill 7, W. J. Flatt (cond.) 8.

DOLGELLAU, MERIONETH. — On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, Norah M. Randles 2, J. Clutton 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, W. Cathrall 5, G. H. Randles 6, J. Walden 7, E. Edwards 8.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. H. W. Barratt (first attempt, aged 12) 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, A. C. Perry 3, S. W. J. Milverton 4, S. Davis 5.

EAST MORDEN, DORSET.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. C. Shute 1, J. P. Cooper 2, Miss M. Lush 3, T. F. Collins (cond.) 4, E. H. Amey 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

EBRINGTON, GLOS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): C. Povey 1, Angela Newing 2, B. G. North 3, B. J. Stone 4, C. A. Wratten 5, Rev. P. Newing (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise): C. N. Stevenson 1, F. E. Coales 2, E. C. Buckby 3, K. J. Chapman 4, R. J. Cowley 5, D. G. Pearson (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to Mr. Denis Pearson and Miss Susan Hawkins.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. C. Stevens 1, Miss R. Cotton 2, Miss D. Bird 3, N. Thomson 4, A. Brown 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6.

GRAVELEY, CAMBS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,272 Minimus (Double Bob and Plain Bob): C. J. Higgins 1, Hilary Knight (cond.) 2, T. R. Garrett 3, P. S. Abbott 4. First in two methods for all the band. Rung on the Feast of the beheading of St. John Baptist.

HALLING, KENT.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marilyn Chidwick 1, C. Underdown 2, M. Hitchcock (first quarter) 3, D. Garrott 4, Phyllis Chidwick 5, C. Osenton (cond.) 6. Rung to the Glory of God, and as a farewell to Miss Janice Underdown, ringer at this church.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Minor (London S., Plain Bob): Delphine E. L. Holman 1, G. W. Randall 2, A. J. Cox 3, P. C. Randall 4, R. W. Sherriff 5, F. M. Robottom 6. Rung non-conducted.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,440 York Surprise Minor: C. L. Bell 1, P. E. Wells (first in the method) 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, P. Woollven 4, D. F. Murfet 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. G. Barker 1, Miss S. Buckley 2, M. J. Fellows 3, N. Abell 4, P. K. Goodhew (first as cond.) 5, S. J. Caldwell 6.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Bob and St. Clement's): P. Brentnall (first in two methods) 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, K. D. Waples 3, G. Spratt (first Oxford Bob) 4, P. W. Harper 5, R. J. Picton (cond.) 6.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Sept. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. A. Jones 1, Miss B. G. Schofield 2, R. W. Pipe 3, Miss V. M. Miles 4, Mrs. M. Barron 5, E. Spence 6, R. Aldington (cond.) 7, C. A. Barron 8. For Matins.

KIRKHEATON, YORKS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J Anscombe 1, W. Hargreaves 2, A. Bennett 3, M. Holmes 4, W. Sykes 5, R. Senior (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): P. M. F. Searles 1, J. Thorpe 2, D. Digby (first in methods) 3, R J. Wilsher 4, J. M. Kemp (cond.) 5, P. Owen 6. First in two Minor methods 4 and 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (Grandsire P.B. and Rev. Canterbury, with 7, 6, 8 covering): Phyllis Daniel 1, Christine Evans 2 Rev. T. Evans 3, J. R. Williams 4, J. Astbury (cond.) 5, Ann Richardson (first quarter) 6, B. Jones 7, K. Richards 8. First in three methods 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Aug. 28th, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: F. V. Gant 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, R. Durrant 3, D. A. Hewitt 4, M. B. Jefferyes 5, R. G. Cousins 6, R. D. Tomlin 7, R J. Chapman 8, C. G. Wright 9, K. Warner 10. For Evensong, and in memoriam Mrs. M. Wright, grandmother of C. G. Wright.

LYMPNE, KENT. —On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Judith Brooks 1, Mrs. Myrtle Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, R. G. Butcher 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, R. A. Birch 6.

MACHYNLLETH, MONTGOMERY. — On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Hodges 1, Norah M. Randles 2, J. Clutton 3, F. R. Evans (cond.) 4, W. Cathrall 5, G. H. Randles 6, J. Walden 7, E. Edwards 8. On the occasion of a visit by Wrexham District ringers by kind invitation of Mr. H. L. Fearn.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Strong 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, C. Kortwright 3, H. Hardwidge 4, J. Lott 5, M. Robbins (first quarter) 6. As a wedding compliment to C. Kortwright and Monica Vince.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. John, on July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joy Askew (first quarter) 1, J. Pardoe 2, G. White 3, R. Yeates (cond.) 4, A. Craddock 5, R. Askew 6. For Evensong.

NEWTOWN, HANTS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minimus: K. E. Joyner (14) 1, R. J. Crocker (14) 2, P. L. Furniss (12) 3, P. G. Taylor (14, first as cond.) 4. First on four bells by all the band. A birthday compliment to K. E. Joyner.

NOTTINGHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Salter 1, S. Foskett 2, M. Foskett 3, R. Inglis (cond.) 4, R. Green 5, G. Clift 6, F. N. Pailing 7, E. Hutchby 8. Rung to mark the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.

OCKHAM, SURREY. — On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss V. Martin 1, Miss J. E. Cleeve 2, D. Lodge 3, C. Slyfield 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Aug. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. W. Milford 1, Yvonne C. Porter 2, T. G. Myers (cond.) 3, Mrs. June Smith 4, J. C. Mitchelmore 5, J. W. Perkins 6, G. E. Mudge 7, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 8, H. F. Myers 9, D. R. Bould 10. Rung for Evensong, also a birthday compliment to D. Roy Bould, and a farewell to Harold W. Milford on departure to H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Whiting (cond.) 1, J. Mowle (first "inside") 2, A. G. Harrison 3, O. P. Claxton 4, H. B. Fuller 5, L. J. Minns 6, R. Churchill 7, W. J. Flatt 8. An 80th birthday compliment to the conductor.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Ruth Gordon (first quarter) 1, H. Parkes 2, Tessa Hollis 3, A. Lewery 4, N. Chaddock (cond.) 5, A. Howland 6, S. Armeson 7, J. Chaddock 8.

SELWORTHY, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Sylvia Arscott (age 10) 1, A. Arscott (age 13) 2, F. C. Arscott 3, C. H. J. Arscott 4, L. H. Arscott 5, R. E. Arscott (cond.) 6. A family quarter peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Frederick C. Arscott (tower captain), who is "uncle" to the rest of the band, also a birthday compliment to his brother, Harry, who is grandfather and father to the rest of the band, Charles, Leslie and Raymond being his sons, and Adrian and Sylvia his grandchildren.

SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Anthea M. Sparshott 1, J. W. Belshaw (cond.) 2, Merryn D. Hutchings 3, M. G. Ingram 4, A. J. Cox (25th quarter) 5, C. J. Royal 6. Also on Sept. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods/variations): E. Anthea M. Sparshott 1, Merryn D. Hutchings 2, A. J. Cox (cond.) 3, J. W. Belshaw 4, C. J. Royal 5, M. G. Ingram 6.

STOKE ABBOTT, DORSET.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. H. J. Mears 1, J. P. Cooper 2, Miss M. Lush 3, T. F. Collins 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5.

STOURPAINE, DORSET.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. W. Marshall 1, J. P. Cooper 2, Miss M. Lush 3, T. F. Collins 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, E H. Amey 6.

SULLY, GLAMORGAN.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, P.B. and Reverse Canterbury): Dr. T. G. Morris 1, Miss R. E. Havard 2, G. Davis 3, R J. Lee 4, R. G. Havard (cond.) 5, Miss C. A. Havard 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Aug 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. Hulme 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, W. Merritt 3, Mrs. E. Jaques 4, M Scowen 5, E. Sutton (cond.) 6, A. G. Wells 7, E. E. Gosling 8, P. Minchin 9, W. W. T. Daniell 10. First of Royal "inside" 3 and 4. Rung prior to Evensong for Mr. E. E. Gosling.

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POLICE MEMORIAL SERVICE AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY

TUESDAY morning, September 6th, saw the Parliament Square area of Westminster literally seething with police of all ranks, representative of all Forces in the country who attended the memorial service in the Abbey, led by the Dean, Dr. Eric Abbot, for the three Metropolitan Police officers who met death on duty in such tragic circumstances recently. The Metropolitan Police Band and Choral Society also took part in this service.

Arrangements had been made to relay the service inside St. Margaret's Church and in the Abbey Cloisters for the great number of police and civilians who attended.

The capacity congregation in the Abbey was led by Her Majesty's representatives and members of the Government, Lords and Commons, the Judicature, the Commissioner (Sir Joseph Simpson) leading the serving ranks of all departments and divisions, and representatives of many other Forces.

The "back eight" half-muffled bells of St. Margaret's Church were rung to two touches of Stedman Triples before the Abbey service by members of the National Guild of Police Ringers, comprising Supt. R. J. C. Hagley and Sergt. H. A. May (Surrey Constabulary), Constables A. Jacques and J. Smith (Leicestershire and Rutland, Constable G. Cousins (Herefordshire), Constable C. Neal, ex-S. Ch. Insp. J. Lott and ex-Contable N. S. Bagworth (Metropolitan).

COMMISSIONER'S THANKS

Immediately at the conclusion of the Abbey service the half-muffled bells of the Abbey were rung for a short period by the "staff band" of the Abbey, and the above-named police ringers commenced an attempt for a quarter peal of Stedman Triples at St. Margaret's. The latter was brought to an untimely conclusion in the fifth course, mainly by the sudden and most unexpected appearance in the belfry of the Commissioner himself, who had made the climb to see and thank the ringers personally. A fresh start was made for a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples after his departure, which unfortunately came to grief two courses after the halfway single had been successfully passed.

The ringers were entertained to lunch in the senior officers' dining room at New Scotland Yard by Mr. R. Linge, Dep. Commander No. 1 District of the Metropolitan Police, to whom Supt. Hagley expressed the sincere thanks of the police ringers for all he had done at such short notice to make the necessary official arrangements. The equally sincere thanks are also passed to Mr. J. W. Euston for all he did to have the bells of St. Margaret's ready for the occasion.

N. S. B.

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With reference to the notice published on pages 519 and 551, I now confirm that the meeting of the Central Council at Nottingham will take place on Tuesday, May 30th, 1967.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY,
Secretary.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

MAYNE—DALRAINE.—The marriage between John R. Mayne and Marguerite E. Dalraine will take place at King's Road Evangelical Church, Berkhamsted, on Saturday, September 24th, 1966, at 12 noon. All friends welcome at the church. Future address: 114, Park Street Lane, Park Street, St. Albans, Herts. 9895

DEATH

CLAYTON. — On September 6th, 1966, Dorothy, beloved wife of Harry, 17, Bayswater Road, Melton Mowbray, passed peacefully away in hospital. 9905

PERSONAL

G. J. B. S.—Come back! All is forgiven!—Ll. C. G. C. R. 9913

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Rededication of the ring of eight bells by the Archdeacon of Bath at 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 24th. Refreshments available. Numbers, please, to W. Rice, Stoneleigh, West Street, Banwell. The bells have been rehung at a lower level in a new frame by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. 9790

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. J. E. Jeater has received a money order for £2 1s. 10d., dispatched from Sydney, N.S.W., on August 16th. Details are awaited.

The Society of Sherwood Youths scored two peals in the West Country. George A. Dawson conducted Bob Royal at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, and Richard Inglis Minor in five methods at St. Juliot, Cornwall.

Miss Valerie Mills participated in a farewell peal at Apsley End before leaving for Chelsea College, Eastbourne. We always regarded ringing as a good subject for physical education.

The first peal of Pudsey Surprise Maximus was rung for the Southwell Diocesan Guild at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on September 3rd. Jack L. Millhouse conducted and the band came from Lincolnshire, Bristol and Kent.

Twenty-one peals were rung during a peal week in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. Conductors were W. F. Moreton (7), W. E. Critchley and J. H. Fielden (4 each), S. Armeson (3), R. E. Price (2) and W. Massey (1).

Congratulations are due to Malcolm Bowers of Lelant for the way in which he rang his first peal—on a working bell to five Minor methods—at Manaccan on August 27th. After the peal the Vicar and the ringers were entertained to refreshments at the New Inn by Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, a vice-president of the Guild.

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GIFT OF RING OF EIGHT AND TOWER

A tower and ring of eight bells are to be given to the Church of St. Margaret, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, by Mr. Alan J. Brush, head of the A. J. Brush Organisation, in memory of his father, the late Mr. A. W. Brush, who died last January.

The bells are being supplied by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of the Loughborough Foundry, and the casting took place on September 7th. The tenor bell, weighing 11¼ cwt., is inscribed with the name of Arthur William Brush. Others have the names of Alan Brush, his wife and his mother, and also the present Vicar of St. Margaret's, the Rev. John Bundock, who was at school in Leigh with Mr. A. W. Brush. A stone on the tower will record Mr. Alan Brush's gift.

The tower is designed in campanile style to match the church, which is of a classical design. It will be surmounted by a small cross, the top of which is 70 feet from the ground or twice the height of the church. The architect of the tower is Mr. Laurence J. Selby, F.R.I.B.A., and the builders are Messrs. A. J. Arnold and Sons.

IN THE NORTH-EAST

Mr. Wilfred Williams is by now accustomed to publicity and his very successful peal tour with 12 successes in the North-East received both Press and radio coverage. It was pleasant to hear Wilfred speaking in the Home Service over the breakfast table about his "busman's holiday," as the radio commentator suggested in a reference to his association with St. Paul's.

We have also had sent to us a copy of "The North Eastern Evening Gazette" giving a picture of Ormesby Church during one of the peals. Five toddlers from a nursery school are posed in front with their hands on their ears. We cannot imagine that the London Surprise Major was so badly struck or so loud as to justify such action. Is it a method of inculcating prejudice against church bells?

After commenting that the toddlers found the noise too much for them, the report goes on: "But the eight men locked in the bell tower have rejected a camping holiday for campanology. They are a band of dedicated bellringers from the South touring North-Eastern churches, ringing for pleasure."

Also mentioned in the report with Mr. Wilfred Williams is Mr. Peter Border. After recounting his single-handed ringing of the tenor at Liverpool Cathedral, he is now credited with achieving a peal of 75,280 changes! Certainly a challenge to Mr. Bob Smith of the "Extent of Major" fame.

HECKINGTON AND DISTRICT OUTING

Worcestershire was chosen by the Heckington, Lincs, and District ringers for their outing on August Monday.

Despite being a small company, owing to harvest activities, a most enjoyable day was spent at the following towers: Church Lench, Upton Snodsbury, Feckenham, Stoke Prior, Crowle, Alvechurch and Redditch.

Methods rung were Grandsire Triples and Doubles, Bob Major, Triples and Minor, Double and Single Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob. Premature calls often found our driver off "course," home being reached at 1 a.m. Warm thanks are extended to the clergy and local ringers, also to Mr. Edgar Cole for arranging another excellent outing. J. A. M.

ENTHUSIASM TOWARDS RINGING SHOWN AFTER QUARTER PEAL

A quarter peal was rung on August 26th at East Morden, Dorset, by the Charminster ringers. The ring is composed of five bells (tenor 9 cwt. in G) and is hung in two tiers since the tower is very slender. The three trebles form the top tier and the two tenors are below.

Before ringing could take place the old ropes, which had been on the bells for over 50 years, had to be replaced with better ones. The Charminster ringers did this in the afternoon and the bells were pulled up and tried out. The only bell which gave trouble was the tenor, which was found to be loose on its headstock. This was remedied by tightening a few nuts, and after it was oiled it went as well as the others.

The quarter peal, which was 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles, was rung by the following: W. C. Shute 1, J. P. Cooper 2, Miss M. Lush 3, T. F. Collins (conductor) 4, E. H. Amey 5. It is believed to be the first on the bells but this is subject to correction.

After the quarter, welcome refreshment was found at the local and it was here that great enthusiasm was shown towards ringing by some of the villagers. If only more bands would get together to ring the bells which are rarely rung perhaps they would stir up enthusiasm among the local people to get their bells ringing regularly again as this band has done.

Other five-bell towers where a quarter has been rung are at Long Bredy, Piddletrenthide, Sydling St. Nicholas, Leigh, Bishop's Caundle, Melbury Abbas, Bradford Peverell and Stoke Abbott. The backbone of the ringers of these quarters: Miss M. Lush, J. B. Cooper, E. H. Amey and T. F. Collins, the latter pair sharing the conducting. Well done!

THE LATE MR. A. J. PITMAN'S PAPERS

Mr. Trevor M. Roderick informs us that the papers of the late Mr. A. J. Pitman are being dispatched to him and that he will keep them safely until the Central Council decides who is to inspect them. Before Mr. Pitman's departure from South Wales, the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association presented him with a filing cabinet in which to keep his papers.

DERBYSHIRE BELLS TO BE REHUNG

The bells of St. Michael's, Hathersage, have been lowered prior to dispatch to the Whitechapel Foundry for cleaning, retuning and quarter turning before being rehung in a new metal frame with all new fittings.

Hathersage has a ring of six (tenor about 12 cwt.). All the six bells are over 300 years old, and it is thought that the treble and the fourth, both undated, could be as old as 500 years. The small sanctus bell, known locally as Tommy Tinkler, is dated 1460 and bears a Latin inscription to the memory of Robert and Joan Eyre, together with the Eyre and Padley coats of arms.

An eight-bell frame is to be installed, but there are no immediate plans for increasing the ring from six to eight. At present the local ringers perform only rounds and call changes, although some 80 years ago the ringers used to ring Grandsire, London and various other methods. The only record of a full 5040 peal was in September, 1963, when members of the Derby Diocesan Association rang seven extents of Plain Bob Minor. R. E. R.

FORTHCOMING BELLRINGING COURSE AT GRANTLEY HALL, YORKSHIRE

The principal lecturers on the above course, to be held from Friday night to Sunday, November 11th to 13th, will be Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. W. F. Moreton and Mr. N. Chaddock.

The aim will be to offer suitable lectures and activities for both elementary and advanced students (particularly tower captains and tutors). There will be an alternative choice during most lecture periods and there will also be ringing at 4-, 6- and 10-bell towers nearby.

Topics will include initial instruction, method ringing and splicing, conducting, maintenance, handbell ringing, etc. Special needs of particular students will be met.

Applications should be sent to: **The Warden, Adult College, Grantley Hall, near Ripon, Yorkshire.** Average cost of the course (fees and board) is about £3 per student. Grantley Hall is a lovely country mansion and food and accommodation are excellent.

SURPRISES AT BOGNOR

When Mr. D. L. Cawley visited Bognor Regis, Sussex, recently, he was disappointed on consulting 'Dove" to find the details: "S. John Bapt., 8, 10-3-12 in A flat. Chiming only." After having been to Chichester Cathedral in the morning, he went to Evensong at Bognor. Surprise, surprise, as he approached the church he heard beautifully struck Stedman Doubles with 7-6-8 covering coming from the tower. A machine, he thought.

But the open belfry door invited investigation, and the second surprise came when he found the tower captain and one of her regular team playing the bells (by Gillett and Johnston, 1952) by clavier. This part of a bunch of surprises was completed by an invitation to sign the visitors book (not always found in towers with proper rings). The captain informed her astonished visitor that they practised regularly on their chime and on a fine set of handbells (which she produced) on Wednesdays in winter. The final surprise came during the announcements for Evensong: "The bellringers will be holding their outing . . . ."

If all towers with ringing peals had ringers as enthusiastic as those at Bognor, which has only a chime, albeit a very fine-toned one, the future of the Exercise would be rosy indeed.

Incidentally, the outing referred to above was to the Son et Lumiere at Salisbury, not to other towers with chimes! D. C. L.

TO SINGAPORE

Miss Alice Lester is leaving by air for Singapore, where for two years she will be teaching at one of the Service schools. There was, however, a farewell peal at Ashbocking by the band who rang in the peal of 148 Minor methods. This was a modest attempt of 14 methods which they set out to do some eight months ago. All the band moved to the left from their normal bells and Bob Lester eventually rang his 14 methods peal!

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR

Cambridge University Guild's Week was held in Lincolnshire. There were four peal successes, viz.: Stedman Caters at Grantham; Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Surfleet; Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Burton-on-Stather; and Bristol Surprise at Billingborough. Some 19 ringers took part in these peals.

MR. WILFRED WILLIAMS' TOUR OF THE NORTH-EAST

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SPROTBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Wilfred Williams ..	Treble	Tudor P. Edwards	5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	2	Edward Jenkins	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	John H. Fielden	7
Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
Rung in memory of Mr. A J. Pitman, the composer of the peal

SELBY, Yorkshire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Germanus.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	2	George E. Thoday	7
Edward Jenkins	3	A. Patrick Cannon	8
Cecil W. Pipe	4	Ralph G. Edwards	9
John H. Fielden	5	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Olive Barry, of Gloucester.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Aug. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

William A. Theobald ..	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	George E. Thoday	6
Peter Border	3	Ralph G. Edwards	7
Tudor P. Edwards	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

ORMESBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Tues., Aug. 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
William A. Theobald ..	2	Tudor P. Edwards	6
Edward Jenkins	3	John S. Mason	7
Peter Border	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Peter Border.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Aug. 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 16 lb. in E flat.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Michael Maughan	5
Cecil W. Pipe	2	*George E. Thoday	6
William A. Theobald ..	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Tudor P. Edwards	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Richard Parker. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* 450th peal.

HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	*George S. Deas	7
William A. Theobald ..	2	*Eric N. Harrison	8
W. Eric Critchley	3	George E. Thoday	9
Wilfred Williams	4	John S. Mason	10
Cecil W. Pipe	5	Ralph G. Edwards	11
Kenneth J. Hesketh	6	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by D. E. Parsons. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
* 200th peal together.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Durham.—At the Parish Church.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	Michael Maughan	6
William A. Theobald ..	2	George E. Thoday	7
Cecil W. Pipe	3	Tudor P. Edwards	8
Kenneth J. Hesketh	4	Ralph G. Edwards	9
Edward Jenkins	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

DARLINGTON, Durham.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	Tudor P. Edwards	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	2	Edward Jenkins	6
George E. Thoday	3	Peter Border	7
Michael Maughan	4	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, Durham.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

William A. Theobald ..	Treble	Michael Maughan	6
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	A. Patrick Cannon	7
George E. Thoday	3	John S. Mason	8
Cecil W. Pipe	4	Edward Jenkins	9
Peter Border	5	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, Northumberland.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in D flat.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	7
Edward Jenkins	2	John S. Mason	8
Kenneth J. Hesketh	3	George E. Thoday	9
William A. Theobald ..	4	Tudor P. Edwards	10
Eric N. Harrison	5	Ralph G. Edwards	11
Michael Maughan	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

SUNDERLAND, Durham.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Roker.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

William A. Theobald ..	Treble	John S. Mason	6
Kenneth J. Hesketh	2	A. Patrick Cannon	7
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Eric N. Harrison	8
Cecil W Pipe	4	Ralph G. Edwards	9
George E. Thoday	5	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
Ralph G. Edwards	2	George E. Thoday	6
William A. Theobald ..	3	John S. Mason	7
Cecil W. Pipe	4	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.)	Treble	R. M. Damerell (Corpus)	6
M. Susan Jackson (Girton)	2	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	7
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) ..	3	A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn)	8
V. Nutton (Selwyn)	4	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	9
J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's)	5	E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson (Clare). Conducted by K. J. Darvill.

SURFLEET, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare)	Treble	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	6
C. W. Woolley (Selwyn) ..	2	R. M. Damerell (Corpus)	7
M. Susan Jackson (Girton)	3	E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	8
W. T. Cook (Jesus) ..	4	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	9
A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn)	5	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's)	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by A. R. Heppenstall.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

R. Leigh (St. Cath's) ..	Treble	*J. B Cooke (Queens') ..	5
M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.)	2	*V. Nutton (Selwyn) ..	6
*M. Susan Jackson (Girton)	3	R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	7
*H. E. Bishop (Selwyn) ..	4	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Woolley (Selwyn). Conducted by V. Nutton.
* First in the method.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Aug. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

J. B. Cooke (Queens') ..	Treble	W. T. Cook (Jesus) ..	5
C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel)	2	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's)	6
V. Nutton (Selwyn) ..	3	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	7
E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	4	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) ..	Tenor

Composed by H. Hodson. Conducted by B. D. Threlfall.

NORTH COUNTRY TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KESWICK, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Kentigern, Crosthwaite.
On Sun., Aug. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Frederick R. Scott	Treble	*Brian Street	5
*Eunice A. Lewis	2	Maurice G. Ingram	6
Edward R. Venn	3	Frank W. Lewis	7
Anthony D. Sansom	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Frederick R. Scott.
* First peal of Lincolnshire.
Rung for the engagement of Colin Forsyth and Jennifer Gowling, members of the local band.

ALLENDALE, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

Frank W. Lewis	Treble	Maurice G. Ingram	5
Eunice A. Lewis	2	*Anthony D. Sansom	6
Edward R. Venn	3	Frederick R. Scott	7
Robert M. Ashman	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Edward R. Venn.
* 25th county for a peal.

DARLINGTON, Durham.—At the Church of St. John.
On Tues., Aug. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

Edward R. Venn	Treble	Maurice G. Ingram	5
Eunice A. Lewis	2	Frederick R. Scott	6
Anthony D. Sansom	3	J. Keith Ward	7
Robert M. Ashman	4	Frank W. Lewis	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton Conducted by Frank W. Lewis.
First peal as conductor.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

John R. Ridley	Treble	Maurice G. Ingram	5
Edward R. Venn	2	Frederick R. Scott	6
*Anthony D. Sansom	3	Frank W. Lewis	7
Robert M. Ashman	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.
* 100th peal.

A WEST COUNTRY WEEK-END

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Thomas H. Francis	2	Alexander J. Martin	8
John Worth	3	Alan McFall	9
Richard Inglis	4	Derek Butterworth	10
Geoffrey R. Parker	5	Basil Jones	11
Christopher T. Osenton	6	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.
On Sun., Aug. 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Brian J. Woodruffe	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Richard Inglis	2	Alexander J. Martin	8
Geoffrey R. Parker	3	Christopher T. Osenton	9
Alan McFall	4	Derek Butterworth	10
Basil Jones	5	Thomas H. Francis	11
Jack L. Millhouse	6	Edward Jenkins	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Basil Jones.
Rung to the memory of Albert J. Pitman.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
PAINSWICK, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Arthur G. Mason	7
Geoffrey R. Parker	2	Alexander J. Martin	8
John Worth	3	Christopher T. Osenton	9
Thomas H. Francis	4	Derek Butterworth	10
Richard Inglis	5	Robert B. Smith	11
Basil Jones	6	Edward Jenkins	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John Worth.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Robert C. Kippin	Treble	David E. Parsons	6
Frank E. Darby	2	†David P. Hilling	7
John Armstrong	3	Noel J. Diserens	8
Andrew N. Stubbs	4	John H. Crampion	9
*John D. Rock	5	Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* 250th peal. † 200th peal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ILTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being six 240's and 30 extents (10 callings). Tenor 14 cwt.

George Norcliffe	Treble	Charles Gratton	4
Jack W. Drew	2	Robert Parker	5
Stella Crocker	3	Thomas J. Hill	Tenor

Conducted by Jack W. Drew.
First peal of Doubles on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean, who were married earlier in the day.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Fri., Aug. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Eric T. Lee	5
*Trevor Newlands	2	John F. Pedler	6
*David Rennolds	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Gillian M. Hussey	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Major.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*Trevor Newlands	Treble	Andrew Howard	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	D. Paul Smith	6
Richard W. Sweet	3	D. John Hunt	7
George T. Cousins	4	Dennis A. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First in the method by all the band.

CHIPPING CAMPDEN, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Gillian M. Hussey	Treble	Maurice New	5
Richard W. Sweet	2	David P. Hilling	6
D. Paul Smith	3	D. John Hunt	7
Cyril W. Wratten	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First in the method on the bells.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sun., Aug. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods: Surfleet, Beverley, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Maurice New	4
Gillian M. Hussey	2	D. Paul Smith	5
George T. Cousins	3	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
STALYBRIDGE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

William H. Riddle	Treble	David C. Walker	5
Sidney Hough	2	Jeffrey Brannan	6
Ann Hardman	3	Dennis Mottershead	7
John Gibbons	4	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
MICKLETON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Robert W. Sherriff	Treble	Frederick G. Kinchin	5
Robert J. Edden	2	William H. Male	6
Richard J. Danby	3	Geoffrey W. Randall	7
*Peter C. Randall	4	F. Mark Robottom	Tenor

Conducted by William H. Male.
* First of Triples and of Grandsire.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

*Peter C. Randall	Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall ..	5
†Doris Randall	2	James L. Garner-Hayward	6
Clare F. Dolphin	3	‡Robert H. Randall	7
Ernest J. Gower	4	Edward Holdsworth ..	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Edward Holdsworth.
* 25th peal. † First peal on eight bells and "inside." ‡ First peal. First peal by the Sunday service band.

ALLESLEY, Coventry.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Percy Stone	Treble	Hubert G. Summer	5
Colin Sweeney	2	Ian D. Thompson	6
Frank W. Perrens	3	L. Michael Callow	7
John W. T. Taylor	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.
Rung with the best wishes of the band for the future happiness of Ian F. Garvie and Janet Barker, married earlier in the day at this church.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ETWALL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain, Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in A flat.

John A. Dodd	Treble	Peter Marriot	4
Michael A. Willis	2	Gordon A. Halls	5
Sampson Walklate	3	David W. Friend	Tenor

Conducted by David W. Friend.
Rung with best wishes to Mr. John Murfin and Miss Noreen Wickham, both ringers at this tower, who were married at this church on August 6th, 1966.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	Geoffrey Pearson	5
Geoffrey M. Brewin ..	2	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
C. Martin Press	3	John G. Gipson	7
Philip J. Rothera	4	Peter S. Bennett	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

HEMINGFORD GREY, Hunts.—At the Church of St. James.
On Tues., July 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

John R. G. Spicer	Treble	Chris L. Bell	4
*Michael Dines	2	George E. Bonham	5
Paul E. Wells	3	Harold S. Peacock	Tenor

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.
* First peal, first attempt.
A farewell peal to Michael and Andrew Dines, members of the local band, upon leaving the district.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BROMLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. George.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: One extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*David N. Wenden ..	Treble	Felix H. Erith	4
Susan C. Wenden	2	Adrian G. Semken	5
†Derek W. Bloyce	3	Philip G. Erith	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian G. Semken.
* First peal. † First in four methods.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band as an 82nd birthday compliment to the tower captain, Mr. A. W. Cole.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. MARY CRAY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 14 methods: (1) Rossendale and Stamford, (2) London and Wells, (3) Durham and York, (4) Berwick and Surfleet, (5) Norfolk and Ipswich, (6) Primrose and Hexham, (7) Cambridge and Beverley, with 128 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Christine M. Webb	Treble	*Michael H. O'Callaghan	4
Ian H. Oram	2	Tony Lewis	5
Richard G. Crosland ..	3	*D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* Most methods to a peal "inside." 150th peal of Surprise as conductor.

HOLLINGBOURNE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*Paul W. Miller	Treble	Colin J. E. Wyld	4
Shirley P. Town	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
†Ian R. Russell	3	Alastair D. Macfadyen ..	Tenor

Conducted by Alastair D. Macfadyen.
* First peal. † First peal "inside." First peal as conductor.

EAST SUTTON, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In 42 methods: (1) Horton, Hanley, Milton, Cheddleton, Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (2 and 3) Lindley, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Carlisle, Wooler, Whitley, Alnwick, Newcastle, Morpeth, Canterbury, Chester and Munden, (4) London, Wells, Dearne Valley and Cunecastre, (5) Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale, (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich, (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley, with 163 changes of method.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Tony Lewis	Treble	Ralph Bird	4
Mary S. Faircloth	2	Ian H. Oram	5
John Faircloth	3	*Thomas Cullingworth ..	Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* 600th peal. Most methods to a peal by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

Kenneth Davenport	Treble	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Susan Rothera	2	Philip Rothera	8
Iris Lemare	3	Dennis Latham	9
John Robinson	4	F. John Nelson	10
Richard Starkie	5	Jeffrey Brannan	11
Andrew C. Stubbs	6	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Conducted by F. John Nelson.

LANGDALE, Westmorland.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B and two extents each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Alan Metters	Treble	Nicholas M. Newby ..	4
†Kevin Price	2	*James Blackburn	5
James E. Burles	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe ..	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
* First peal in five methods. † First in five methods on tower bells. First in five methods as conductor.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Ruth E. Havard	Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	6
Geoffrey R. B. Stickland ..	2	John S. Mason	7
Ellis N. Thomas	3	Tudor P. Edwards	8
Mary E. Pryor	4	David J. Llewellyn	9
Donald G. Clift	5	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.

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THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
PORTHKERRY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Curig.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Single Oxford, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Grandsire, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

Geoffrey J. B. Stickland ..	Treble	*Raymond S. Price	4
Mary E. Pryor	2	†Barrie A. Williams ..	5
Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	3	David J. Llewellyn ..	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb.

Derek J. Godfrey	Treble	D. R. Lynn Jones	4
Christine Brett	2	Thomas E. Hiddins	5
William T. Petty	3	Harold Preece	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
Rung muffled following the funeral of Mrs. Florence Hughes, wife of Mr. David L. Hughes, for many years a ringer at this church.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Ten-course block extended. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Samuel J. Haines	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Derek P. Jones	2	Roland H. Cook	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	Gordon H. Lane	8
Rupert A. Clarke	4	G. Ronald Edwards	9
Arthur E. Rowley	5	David F. Moore	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Aug. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

David F. Moore	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Samuel J. Haines	2	Paul J. Rigby	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	Gordon H. Lane	8
Derek P. Jones	4	R. Kingsley Mason	9
Arthur E. Rowley	5	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by John M. Jelley. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

GRENDON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., July 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Robert Farmer	Treble	Paul J. Rigby	4
Joseph W. Cotton	2	Gordon H. Lane	5
Vivienne M. Rigby	3	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SAXTHORPE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., and Plain Bob and one of St. Clement's. Tenor 2 cwt. 94 lb. in E.

*Leslie F. Bailey	Treble	Desmond P. Mortlock ..	4
Peter N. Mackley	2	Richard A. J. Bower ..	5
Geoffrey H. Pullin	3	Henry Tooke	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* 75th peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
OXFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

Anthony D. Sansom ..	Treble	Peter J. Heritage	6
Edward R. Venn	2	Barry R. Egglesfield ..	7
G. Robert Mordaunt ..	3	Victor Griffin	8
Frederick R. Scott	4	J. Keith Ward	9
Bruce Wakefield	5	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by Henry J. Tucker. Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe with St. Peter-le-Bailey.
On Sun., Aug. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Charles Coles	Treble	Peter J. Heritage	5
Frederick R. Scott	2	Edward R. Venn	6
J. Keith Ward	3	Alan R. Patterson	7
David P. Hilling	4	Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
The conductor has now "circled the tower" to peals.

KINGHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Robert A. Reeves	Treble	Paul R. Davis	5
Pamela E. Powell	2	Mark W. Sayers	6
Diana Reeves	3	Alec W. Ivings	7
Charlotte A. Bennett ..	4	Michael W. Coleman ..	Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
Rung in memory of John E. Sayers, a former ringer at Adderbury Parish Church, who died on August 2nd, 1966, aged 22 years.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods: Three extents of Kirkstall Delight and two each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

Marie R. Cross	Treble	Michael C. E. Hodge ..	4
Peter Woollven	2	Christopher I. Rowson ..	5
Robert A. Partridge ..	3	James R. White	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
OXFORD.—At New College.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

Norman H. Leslie	Treble	Philip Walker	6
Peter J. Heritage	2	Victor Griffin	7
G. Robert Mordaunt ..	3	Dennis A. Leslie	8
Anthony D. Sansom	4	Brian R. White	9
Edward R. Venn	5	Francis A. White	Tenor

Composed by Clement Glenn. Conducted by Victor Griffin.

ROSS-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 24½ cwt.

Patricia E. Hibbert	Treble	Dennis A. Leslie	5
Cyril J. Hibbert	2	Francis A. White	6
Norman H. Leslie	3	Brian R. White	7
John W. T. Hibbert	4	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Conducted by Brian R. White.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
WHILTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being extents of Norwich, Warkworth, Bacup, Bamborough, Kelso, Lincoln and Coldstream. Tenor 11½ cwt.

James Linnell	Treble	Roger W. Smith	4
Alan A. Paul	2	Charles E. Truman	5
Barry E. Saunders	3	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
CAMBRIDGE.—At the University Church of St. Mary the Great.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

C. M. P. Johnson ..	Treble	Peter J. Stretton .. .	6
*Harold J. F. Muncey ..	2	David J. Purnell ..	7
John C. Eisel	3	Barrie Hendry	8
David R. Ingram	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
Edward W. Colley ..	5	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe (87). Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Edward W. Colley	Treble	James Insley	6
Roderick W. Pipe	2	John C. Eisel	7
George E. Fearn	3	Martin D. Fellows	8
John R. Insley	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
David J. Purnell	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.
On St. Bartholomew's Day, Aug. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

*John N. Lindon	Treble	David R. Ingram	5
George E. Fearn	2	Peter J. Stretton	6
†Merrin Hutchings	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
John R. Insley	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* 150th peal. † First peal of Surprise on an inside bell.
Rung as a tribute to the memory of Ernest W. Tipler.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four 720's Oxford Bob and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	Maurice W. Harrison ..	4
Harry Barnes	2	J. Edward Brown	5
F. William Midwinter ..	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.
A birthday compliment to James H. Musson.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 14 methods, viz.: (1) Single Court and Double Court. (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise. (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Thelwall and Childwall. (7) Pinehurst and Buxton.
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Howard W. Egglestone ..	Treble	Alice E. J. Lester	4
*Robert E. Lester	2	Robin H. Rogers	5
Janet I. Rogers	3	George W. Pipe	Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
* Most methods to a peal "inside."
Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the fourth before her departure for Singapore for two years.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*Andrew J. C. Brown ..	Treble	†Jeremy R. Pratt	5
†Rosemary J. Cotton ..	2	†Nigel Thomson	6
*Juliet Stoy	3	Richard C. Stevens	7
†Sandra C. Thexton	4	Frederick E. Collins ..	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt.

W. Arthur Riddington ..	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	6
Herbert E. Audsley	2	Herbert W. Woolven ..	7
Alexander Waddington ..	3	Martin L. Howe	8
Albert W. Bond	4	Christopher T. Osenton ..	9
Cyril S. Jarrett	5	Douglas P. Snoswell ..	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Haley. Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington.

CRAWLEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*David L. Nicholson ..	Treble	*Stanley Arnold	5
John Howard	2	George T. Jennings ..	6
Derek Slater	3	Michael Reed	7
Hedley Burton	4	†Ian Wickens	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Ian Wickens.
* First peal † First on eight bells.
Rung to celebrate the birthday of George T. Jennings, the ringer of the sixth.

BOLNEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Douglas P. Snoswell ..	Treble	Herbert W. Woolven ..	5
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	W. Arthur Riddington ..	6
Martin L. Howe	3	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	Christopher T. Osenton ..	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal of Surprise on the bells since rehanging.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Douglas P. Snoswell, of the St. Peter's, Brighton, band.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
MANACCAN, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Plain Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Anthony Locke	Treble	*F. Malcolm Bowers ..	4
Alan Carveth	2	Rev. A. S. Roberts ..	5
John H. Taylor	3	Anthony J. Davidson ..	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.
* First peal. First peal since rehanging and first of Minor on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. H. Dixon, Vicar of Manaccan with St. Anthony-in-Meneage, on his impending retirement.

THE WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL RINGING SOCIETY.
WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.—At the National Episcopal Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Rung on the light eight of the Cathedral ten.

*Geoffrey Dirksen	Treble	Diana Wriggins	5
*Sarah Irwin	2	Roger D. Bailey	6
*Ann Gardner	3	Christine Kelsey	7
Betsy Proctor	4	†Richard S. Dirksen ..	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roger D Bailey, of Lancashire, England.
* First peal. † First in method.
This peal marks the first full peal for the Cathedral Ringing Society, and is dedicated to Miss Katharine Lee.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PORTSEA, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

Katharine J. Maundrell	Treble	†Robert Allinson	5
*James C. Alexander ..	2	Malcolm M. Powell ..	6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay ..	3	William T. Perrins	7
Richard F. Prime	4	Ronald N. Marlow ..	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by William T. Perrins.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 3 lb. in F sharp.

John C. Eisel	Treble	Michael J. Fellows	5
James Insley	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
John R. Insley	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Robert Edwards	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Beverley and District Society.)
HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Aug. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*Lynne I. Clowe	Treble	Terrence W. Brighton ..	4
Susan Mitchell	2	Susan E. Thompson ..	5
Christopher J. Groome ..	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung by members of the local band for Evensong and also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

(Selby and District Society)
HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*Susan Mitchell	Treble	*Terrence W. Brighton ..	4
*Mary I. Hilldred	2	A. Colin Banton	5
*Jennifer E. Pearce	3	†Simon P. D. Burnett ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal at first attempt. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(The St. George's Guild)
JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.
On Sun., July 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Parker's 12-part. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

*J. Geoffrey White	1–2	Rodney A. Yeates	5–6
*Pooky Glaser	3–4	Andrew G. Craddock (cond.)	7–8

* First peal of Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
EASTCHURCH, Kent.—At The Rectory.
On Sun., July 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Nicholas J. Chesson ..	1–2	Joan A. Hayward	5–6
†Peter M. Wilkinson ..	3–4	*Peter D. J. Beal	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.
* First peal of Major "in hand." † First peal "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1966, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	*Kevin M. Price (cond.) ..	3–4
Mary Whalley	5–6		

* First peal away from 5–6.

NOTICES

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UNIVERSITY WELCOMES

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—All new ringers coming to Durham in October are invited to write to Mr. S. C. Wells, 30, Forresters Road, Burbage, Leics. 9898

HULL COLLEGES GUILD.—Would any ringers coming up to Hull next term please contact Mr. P. Church, 149, Norton Street, Radford, Nottingham. 9892

LEICESTER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—For details would all freshers coming up in October please contact the Secretary: R. J. Southgate, Fairlight, Bramford, Ipswich, Suffolk. 9876

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—All freshers welcome. Ringing: Sunday, October 9th, St. Mary Magdalene's, 10–10.30; St. Ebbe's, 10.30–11. Tuesday, October 11th, business meeting, 8.15 p.m., in North Lecture Room, St. John's.—A. P. Foster, St. John's.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—All new students will be very welcome. For further details please write to the secretary, Maurice Ingram, 22, Warren Hill Road, Birmingham 22C. 9840

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Would any freshers going to Southampton for the new session like to contact Miss H. A. Walters, 8, Colbrook Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex. 9810

UNIVERSITY OF LANCASTER. — Will anyone coming to Lancaster this October please write to: K. Lewin, 38, Shaftesbury Road, Luton, Beds. 9860

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY welcomes all freshers. For details please write to: Miss H. Essen, 50, Wensleydale Road, Hampton, Middx. 9896

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MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

The 329th Anniversary Dinner
will be held at
The Albert Restaurant,
20, Albert Embankment, London, S.E.1
on Saturday, November 5th, 1966,
at 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

Tickets (30/-) may now be obtained from the Secretary. Remittances to be made payable to the Society, please.

Albert Embankment is on the south bank of the Thames and the Albert Restaurant is about midway between Lambeth and Vauxhall Bridges.

J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London S.W.12. 9838

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—A Flower Festival will be held on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (6) available 6.30–9 p.m. Ringers and flower lovers welcome. 9745

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Bagshot (8). Thursday, September 22nd, 7.30–9 p.m.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, CREWKERNE.—Tower Sunday on September 18th. Service 6.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. E. J. Burt. Bells (8) from 5 p.m. and after service. All ringers welcome. 9862

ST. HELENS, LANCS. — Will tour organisers please note that communications about the bells of St. Thomas' Church should now be sent to Mr. Robert Carrington, 150, St. Helens Road, Rainford, Lancs. These bells are **not** available for peal ringing. 9902

PRINTING.—Tower and Association secretaries requiring stationery, meeting notices, tickets, membership cards and other small printed items should contact F. W. Lewis, 38 Boston Avenue, Reading. Reasonable prices. Estimates by return. 9750

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MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting and striking competition, Poynton, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, advise Mr. S. Hough, 4, Edale Close, Hazel Grove, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Elton and Alwalton, September 17th. Bells: Alwalton (5) 2.45–4 p.m.: Elton (5) 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—Michael J. Dyer. 9883

ESSEX ASSOCIATION and SUFFOLK GUILD. — Joint meeting at Long Melford, Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (approx. 4s. 6d. per head) 5.15 p.m.; please send names to Miss E. R. M. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 9786

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. — Striking competition, Thames Ditton, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing evening. Names for tea to Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queens Road, Thames Ditton. 9842

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Little Hadham, September 17th. Bells 3.30. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Ringing in evening Braughing.—D. H. Kingston 9885

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Barnet, September 17th. Bells 3–5 p.m. S.M. Stanstead Triples. Own tea arrangements, please. Monken Hadley 6 p.m. S.M. Ealing.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 9832

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FRIEZLAND, Christ Church (6) 15 cwt 3–4.15 p.m.
Tea in Schoolroom of St. John the Baptist, Roughtown, Mossley, at 4.30 p.m.
MOSSLEY (Roughtown) St. John (6), 11 cwt., 5 30–7 p.m.
MOSSLEY, St. George (8), 12 cwt., 6.30–9 p.m.
Names for tea are **essential.**
Send names to Mr. W. H. Nield, 151, Stockport Road, Mossley, to arrive not later than Wednesday, September 14th.
J. Brannan (Manchester).
G. Cheetham (Rochdale)
9866

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting September 17th, Stoney Stanton (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to M. Vernon, Long Leys, Stoney Stanton. 9894

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, Saturday September 17th. Bells from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 9862

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester and District Branch. — Annual meeting at Middleton Stoney (6), Saturday, September 17th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Thorncombe, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 9843

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, Southminster on newly augmented ring, September 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and evening. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea. Tillingham (6) available 2.30–3 p.m. 9889

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, September 17th, Elston. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Sibthorpe (4) in evening. Names to Mrs. B. N. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton. 9884

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District) and THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, September 17th, Eastwood (8). Bells 3–8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meetings.—D. J. Beach, Sec., Mansfield District.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting at Oakley (6), September 17th, 6.30 p.m.—A. W. H. L., Dis. Sec. 9846

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Ditchling (8), September 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to D. J. Hall, Studley, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 9871

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Annual meeting, King's Norton (10), Saturday, September 17th. 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. Phone Stourbridge 3470. 9817

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at St. Peter's, Staines, Tuesday, September 20th. Ringing 7.45–9.15 p.m. All welcome. —W. S. Deason. 9717

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening practice meeting, Swithland, Wednesday, September 21st. Ringing 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Faulkner. 9907

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—280th anniversary, Saturday, September 24th. Bells (12) 3.30 p.m. Tea (2/6) 5 p.m. Names to R. T. Watts, 2, New Street, Painswick, Stroud, Glos, not later than Tuesday, September 20th. Painswick Feast, Sunday, September 25th. Ringing 2 p.m.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Church Lawton, September 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by September 21st.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 9910

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9911

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

The annual dinner will be held at the Royal Mount Ephraim Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, September 24th at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets at 17s. 6d. each are available from W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. Please send s.a.e.

As no requests for ringing have been received, will anybody intending to do so please write in order that arrangements can be published in "R.W." of September 23rd.—W. H. D.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting, September 24th, at Brightwell. Bells 2.45. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by 20th, please. — C. Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Striking competition, Stratton Strawless (6) Saturday, September 24th. Commence 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teams from all Districts and fellow members from any other Association welcome. Names of teams competing to Mr. F. C. Goodman, 260, Norwich Road, Costessey, Norwich, NOR 57N. Buffet tea.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 9833

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Striking competition. Hitcham and Burnham, Saturday, September 24th. Evening meeting, Wednesday, September 28th. Dorney 7 p.m. Branch dinner-dance, November 19th, Beaconsfield. Tickets 26s. All welcome.—Miss Hague. 9881

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Meeting. St. Mary's, Peterborough (6), September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Spencer, 69, Newark Avenue, Peterborough, by previous Wednesday, essential.—R. H. Daw. 9915

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Practice meeting at Pitsford on Saturday, September 24th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. D. Isaacs, 9, The Square, Pitsford, by the Tuesday previous. 9923

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch — Quarterly meeting at Gayton on September 24th. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea to W. A. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham, by Tuesday previous. 9904

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

AUTUMN MEETING, NOTTINGHAM

Saturday, September 24th, 1966

Ringing arrangements as per programme

Names for lunch and tea to
Mr. S. Foskett, 6, Charles Street.
Arnold, Nottingham.

J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec.
9831

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Enford, September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 20th. 9906

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — **Crawford Cup Contest** at Gamston, Saturday, September 24th. The first team will ring at 3 o'clock prompt. Buffet tea served in schoolrooms from 4 o'clock till 5.30. Names to Mrs. M. C. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, by Wednesday, 21st. 9886

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Westham (6), September 24th. Bells 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me at 8, The Drive, Church Coombe Estate, Uckfield, Sussex, by Wednesday, September 21st. — G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec 9850

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District. — Meeting at Defynnog, Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to M. R. Thomas, Station House, Brecon. — M. R. E. 9872

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch. — Meeting, St. Clement, September 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea by September 20th. Details of "Test of Proficiency" may be obtained from Miss B. J. Duck, Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road. Hendra, Truro. 9874

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Dronfield (8), Saturday, October 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. D. Peers, 42, Lea Road, Dronfield, Sheffield, by September 28th. (Tel. Dronfield 3848). Eckington (8) 7–8 p.m. —B. P. Morris, Sec. 9931

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Autumn meeting, Ermington, Saturday, October 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 and after tea. Service and address 4.30, followed by tea and meeting Yealmpton bells (6) available 7.45 to 9. Names for tea to me, please, not later than Monday, September 26th.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec, 11, Sydney Close, Plympton, Phone: Plymouth 36891. 9847

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — Annual District meeting at Cheriton. Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Newington bells (6) available after tea. Names for tea to Miss P. Court, 8, Quarry Walk, Seabrook, Hythe, by Thursday, September 29th. 9819

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The A.D.M. will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Please send names for tea to me by Wednesday, September 28th.—W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 9916

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
The final of the Striking Competition will be at
Aughton on Saturday, Oct. 1st at 3 p.m.
8-bell section at Christ Church.
6-bell section at St. Michael's.
Names for tea to D. R. Jones, 226, Prescot Road, Aughton, not later than Sept. 24th. —F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD. — Eastern District. — Colchester, October 1st. St. Peter's (8) 2.45–4.30, followed by service and meeting. St. Leonard's (6) 6.30–7.15. Shrub End (6) 7.45–9. Own tea arrangements.—J. M. A. 9912

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Autumn general meeting will be held at Wantage, Berks, on Saturday, October 1st. Meeting 2.30 p.m. in the Victoria Cross Gallery 4.30 p.m Tea 5.30 p.m. Service in the Parish Church. Applications for tea tickets (together with remittance, 3/3 each) to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley Abingdon. Berks before Monday, September 26th. List of towers will be distributed with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to same address.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9827

LATE NOTICES

RUBY WEDDING

LANGLEY.—On September 18th, 1926, at St. Mary the Virgin's, Leigh, Lancs, Edward Langley to Lily Peacock. Present address: 16, Roskear, Camborne, Cornwall (late of Wokingham, Berks, and Taunton, Somerset). 9925

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHAMPION. — The address of Colin and Myrtle Champion is now 15 Cradock Place, Durrington Hill, Worthing, Sussex. Telephone Swandean 3347. 9930

HODGE — Renumbering of Address.—As from October 1st, 1966, the address of Michael Hodge will be: 56, Bath Street, Abingdon, Berks. Tel. Abingdon 901.

WRIGHT.—The address of Leslie Wright is now Maltings Close, Welnetham Road, Rougham, near Bury St. Edmunds. Tel. Beyton

PUBLICATIONS

"METHOD SPLICING, MINOR METHODS," by H. Chant. 9s. post free from Hilton, 19, Lonewood Way, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent. 9918

MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — A dinner will be held on Saturday, November 12th, at Wells Town Hall, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Cost £1 approx. Full details later.—G. Salmon, Gen. Sec. 9914

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Would all freshmen coming up in October please write to: E. N. Thomas, Danygraig House, Aberdulais, Neath, Glam. First practice of term: Wednesday, October 5th, 7.45 p.m., at Great St. Andrew's. 9920

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner, September 24th, at The Meet, County Cricket Ground, Grace Road, Leicester, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets from J. M. Jelley by phone (Narborough 3732) **only**—by Friday, September 16th latest. Ringing: South Wigston 2.30 to 3.30, Aylestone 3.30 to 4.30. 9921

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Newcomers to the University and local training colleges please contact Miss B. Cooke, 43, Queen's Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne 2. See Union notice board for meetings. 9932
544. 9929

SUSSEX UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Please will all freshers or people coming to other Brighton Colleges write to M. J. Bew, Hestercombe, Carlton Road, Harpenden, Herts. 9934

CANCELLED

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Meeting at Christow, Saturday, September 17th, cancelled because of clash with Buckfast Abbey meeting.—G. Skinner, Hon. Sec. 9933

MEETINGS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. — Stroud Branch.—Practice, Avening, September 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30 Tea (names, please) 5 p.m. Cherington (4) available.—E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud 9875

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Evening meeting at Husbands Bosworth on Saturday, September 17th at 6 p.m. Names for outing.—L. W. Allen. 9927

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Melton District) and PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (Rutland Branch).—Joint meeting at Somerby, Saturday, September 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Stimson, Highfields, Somerby, Melton Mowbray, by the 16th.—J. H. Cook. 9917

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Ilton (6), Saturday, September 24th Service at 4.30. Usual arrangements for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Langport. 9924

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Evening meeting, Aspley Guise (note change), Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) 4.30 p.m. Short service 6.30–7. Ringing until 8.30. 9922

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.G.M. and ringing meeting at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss W. Aird, 18, Hobart, Whitley Bay. 9938

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, September 24th, Ware (8), 7 to 9 p.m.—P. M. F. Searles. Dis. Sec. 9928

LANCASHIRE ASOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Bolton on Saturday, September 24th. St Peter's, Smithills 3 p.m.–5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All Souls' 6 p.m.–8 p.m. — M. E. Fort. 9937

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting at Idle on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Please bring own food; cups of tea only provided.—Ian North, Hon. Sec. 9936

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.—A.G.M. arranged for September 24th at Lancaster has been cancelled. Details later. 9940

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Change of date of meeting at Northwold to Saturday, October 1st.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9935

QUARTER PEALS

BROADWOOD KELLY, DEVON.—On Aug. 24th, 1,440 T.B. Minor (Cambridge and Oxford): S. Humphrey 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, P. R. Humphrey 3, J. R. Pratchett 4, G. A. Dawson 5, R. Inglis (cond.) 6. First quarter peal on the bells.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Madeleine Denison (first quarter) 1, J. Seymour (cond.) 2, C. Clark 3, G. Tinson 4, S. Dinwiddy (first "inside") 5, Mrs. Wiggins 6.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Barnard 1, A. E. Ling 2, R. J. Mann 3, J. Sanderson 4, J. G. Gipson (cond.) 5, B. Horrell 6.

COMPOSITIONS

5,088 CASSIOBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
By STANLEY JENNER

23456	M	W	B	H	
42356				—	
(53246)	—	2	x		A
24536		—		—	A
(24365)		—	x		A
36245		—		—	A
(64235)	—		x		A
23645		—		—	A
62345				—	
43526	—	—		3	
(43265)		—	x		
26435		—		—	
(26354)		—	x		
23564		—		2	
23456		A			

Rung at Gravesend, Kent, on August 6th, 1966.

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By EDWARD W. MARTIN

23456	W	5ths	4ths	B	M	H
42356						—
32564	—			B	S	3
52436	S				—	
64235	—	—	—			
23564		—	—			2

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NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD

ON TUESDAY, April 19th, the ten bells at New College were rung again after a silence of more than a year. It is interesting to note from Mr. F. Sharpe's "The Church Bells of Oxfordshire" that Michael Darbie recast the original five medieval bells into a ring of eight, the first recorded octave cast by one founder. Four of these bells remain as the third, fifth, eighth and tenor of the present ring of ten, the others having been recast.

Henry Knight of Reading recast the present six in 1672, Abraham Rudhall I recast the present fourth in 1703. A few years later, in 1712, further activity is recorded, Magdalen College, also with the services of Abraham Rudhall I, added two bells to make up the octave there and the rivalry that seems to have existed at the time between the two colleges resulted in two further bells being added in the same year to make up the ten bells at New College; these also were cast by Abraham Rudhall I. The only other recasting was the ninth in 1723 by Abraham Rudhall II.

At the present time, therefore, we have a ring of ten by four different founders. The result, while not to my mind up to the excellent standard of the bells at Magdalen College, is nevertheless satisfactory. The rehanging has been done by Messrs. F. A. White of Appleton and is another example of the excellent work produced by this firm for very many years.

Peals at New College have always been few. Mr. Harry Miles of Carbis Bay, a former Ringing Master of the Oxford Society, while visiting Oxford recently, recalled in conversation an event early in the century (probably 13th July 1903) when permission had been given for an hour's ringing. The Hon. Alexander P. F. Erskine, a member of the College, and probably in his last year, had made the arrangements and as he arranged for only ten ringers to be present it was clear that he intended to try for a peal. The door was locked and after a false start a peal was rung. Members of the College administration had tried to get into the tower to stop the ringing but were unsuccessful. In consequence of this it is probable that no further peals were rung in the tower until 1922.

Even the peal rung at the College to commemorate the rehanging of the bells did not go by without incident. Permission for a peal attempt was requested and the date, August 27th, was chosen by the College authorities as the most suitable for them. As this clashed with a peal attempt at the Cathedral already arranged it was decided to ask if the attempt could start at 6 p.m. Permission was granted and the bells went into changes at about 6.10 p.m. The ringing went steadily on until nearly 9 p.m. when there was a rattle at the door and then a loud banging. This went on intermittently until the peal was brought to a successful conclusion. On unbolting the door we found outside one of the college porters, complete with blunt instrument. It appears that a number of people had telephoned the College to complain about the continued ringing. It would seem that an evening peal is not a good idea and something we shall have to watch in the future.

PHILIP WALKER

GUIDANCE

MANY weeks have elapsed since the new "Ringing World" Committee was elected at Bath, and now we learn that the Committee is to meet at Derby on October 9th. Messrs. George W. Pipe and Dennis Beresford have not, at the time of writing, disclosed their plans for improving the paper to the Editor. Shortly after the Council meeting the Editor received various suggestions for improving the journal, and these have been forwarded to the convener. Mr. Anderson was anxious that these should be considered at the same time as the much-delayed proposals for brightening the paper.

One thing, in particular, has Mr. Pipe informed the editor. He has prepared three designs for a new front page illustration. Mr. Pipe's skill as a cartographer is well known and evidence of his ability in this direction has appeared on the front page of "Ringing Towers," the Australian quarterly. The 1911 title design of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith has done yeoman service. When Mr. J. Frank Smallwood was convener, he gave very serious consideration to this design and promoted a competition, which was won by Miss Muriel Reay. But the affection of many influential readers for the preservation of the existing design was so pronounced that the Committee decided against change.

In the light of all that was said at Bath it is assumed that many would like to see a new format on the front page, something more in keeping with the spirit of the age. Is this the accepted view of the majority of our readers? Guidance from the general body would be helpful. Has the tradition, so precious to many of our elderly readers, outlived its usefulness in this computer age?

For the Beginner

THE MASTERY OF PLAIN BOB

By Robert B. Smith, conductor of the peal of the Extent of Bob Major

Part VI : *Influence on Other Methods*

THE vast majority of methods which are rung in these times are "treble-dominated methods." By this we mean that the treble is working in a way which is peculiar to itself, i.e. plain hunting on following a "treble path bob." During the time that the treble is doing this each of the other bells is ringing some particular part of the method. Because the treble is following a regular path, as in the case of Plain Bob, it can be used as a guide to ringing the method, in the manner described at the end of Part 1 in this series of articles. The important thing to note here, however, is that these methods are each divided into leads in precisely the same way as Plain Bob, each working bell being in a different position at each successive lead-end, until it finally returns to its starting position. In all **regular** methods the row at the end of each lead of a method (i.e. the lead-end) is one of the Plain Bob lead-ends. This is a stipulation laid down in the Central Council Handbook (1956) and has good mathematical foundations, apart from the fact that it makes method ringing and conducting considerably easier than it would otherwise be.

N.B.—**Irregular** methods do exist (i.e. those without Plain Bob lead-ends) but generally speaking they are not worth ringing.

Consider now the figures given in Fig. 6.

FIG. 6

LEAD-ENDS OF VARIOUS METHODS

(A) Plain Bob Major	(B) D. Norwich C.B. Major	(C) Cam. S. Major
12345678	12345678	12345678
13527486	18674523	15738264
15738264	13527486	18674523
17856342	16482735	14263857
18674523	15738264	13527486
16482735	14263857	17856342
14263857	17856342	16482735
12345678	12345678	12345678

The first thing that we observe from the above figures is that Plain Bob lead-ends need not necessarily come in the same order as they do in Plain Bob. Actually very few of the standard "Surprise" methods have the first lead-end 13527486; many have 15738264, which is the same as Cambridge.

The second thing we should notice is that by changing from the method to another one at the lead-end it is possible to shorten or lengthen the course which is precisely what is done in peals of "spliced," e.g. by ringing one lead of Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge we will return to rounds (irrespective of the order in which these methods are called).

From the practical point of view the most important use of Plain Bob lead-ends is to check that each of the bells is in the correct position. If the eighth bell finishes in 7ths position at the lead-end, then the 6th bell should be in 8ths position at the lead-end . . . etc. Some conductors use this method of conducting by checking the position of each bell at the lead-end. On the higher numbers of bells this method is not of very much use alone as there is a long space of time in between successive lead-ends. This method of conducting is referred to as being by "transposition of the natural course-ends" and is the same as "pricking the sixes" in Stedman. Most proficient conductors just use this as a part of their equipment for conducting and we will refer to it when we consider individual methods later.

In the third part of this series we considered the effect of calls on the coursing orders and we can now see just how useful coursing orders can be. We now know that all regular methods have Plain Bob lead-ends, and it follows that if the bob is made in the same manner as Plain Bob (i.e. by the bells in 2nds, 3rds and 4ths position at the lead-end), then the transposition of the coursing order will be the same. This means that a call such as a bob at wrong in any regular method (e.g. Cambridge, London, Bristol, etc.) having a Plain Bob type bob, always transposes from 532 to 325 (ABC to BCA). Once the transposition of coursing orders has been mastered for Plain Bob it can be applied to the great majority of all regular methods. In addition, if Treble Bob methods (which includes all "Surprise" methods) are rung without the use of singles, as they generally are, then the number of possible coursing orders is halved, as only "in course" coursing orders are obtained

N.B.—"In course" coursing orders are those which can be obtained from the plain coursing order by using bobs alone. 53624 is an "in course" coursing order, 53264 is an "out of course" coursing order.

Much could be said about each standard method with respect to coursing orders but we must limit our study to just a few methods. Every method has a coursing order although in some methods it is rather obscure. We will only consider Major methods in detail but it should be understood that the greater the number of bells being rung, the more useful becomes the system of ringing and conducting by using coursing orders.

A. DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

12345678
21436587
24135678
42316587
24361578
42635187
24365817
42638571

46283751
64827315
46287135
64821753
46812735
64187253
61482735
16847253
18674523

We will consider each lead of the method in detail with respect to the tenor bell, noting which bells the tenor passes.

1st Lead.—Double dodge 7–8 down with 7th, pass treble 7–6. Pass the 5th and 3rd, then dodge with the 2nd. Make 3rds, let treble through, make 4ths, pass 4 and 6.

If we now analyse this lead we see that the bells are passed (neglecting dodges and places) in the order 71532146. This is precisely the same as for Plain Bob apart from the fact that the treble comes between 7 and 5 in the first half of the lead and between 2 and 4 in the second half of the lead.

2nd Lead.—Analysing this lead we see that the bells are passed in the order 1753124. Again the same as Plain Bob with the exception of the treble.

3rd Lead.—Analysis 6175132.
4th Lead.—Analysis 4167153.
5th Lead.—Analysis 2146175.
6th Lead.—Analysis 3124617.
7th Lead.—Analysis 5132416.

By eliminating the treble from these coursing orders, it being understood that the 8th bell will not be included in the numbers, as that is the one we are considering the method from, we find that Double Norwich retains Plain Bob coursing orders on the front and the back throughout the course. This is one of the reasons that the plain course of Double Norwich is so enjoyable to listen to, and the same is true of Yorkshire, Superlative and Bristol.

B. KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

12345678
21346587
12435678
21436587
24163857
42618375
42163857
24618375
26481735
62847153
62481735
26847153
28674513
82765431
82674513
28765431

27856341

Note.—It is only necessary to write out half a lead of a method as shown in order to see how the bells work, as the second half of the lead is always a "mirror image" of the first half.

Kent Treble Bob has been referred to as "Plain Bob slowed down," which is a perfect description of the method. The bells are all passed in the same order as Plain Bob, with the exception that the treble appears in the order in place of the bell which is ringing the slow work. If we consider the first lead of the method from the tenor, the bells are passed with the treble coming in between 3 and 4, which tells immediately that the 2nd is the slow bell. This is very useful when conducting because the slow bell may try to leave the front too soon.

C. LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

12345678
21354768
12537486
21573846
25178364
52713846
52178364
25713846
52731486
57234168
75321486
73524168
37254618
32745681
23476518
24367581

42637851

We will analyse this method in the same way that we analysed Double Norwich.

1st Lead.

Analysis 64.3—3.461—532467—41623.

This looks quite complicated at first sight, but it will be noticed that in moving towards the lead the bells are passed in reverse coursing order. 64.3, with the 2nd missing (slow bell). When the tenor turns round to move towards the back, the order becomes 3.46 before turning round with the treble. It then has a perfect run down to lead in Plain Bob coursing order, with the 7th coming last instead of first, 532467. The 4th is the slow bell and turns the tenor: here it must be remembered that the slow bell is always the one coursing next but one in front of your own bell, i.e. if you are ringing the 6th to the plain course and are doing the Stedman whole turn before the lead-end, the slow bell will be the 2nd. After passing the treble the bells again come in reverse coursing order 6.23 with the 4th missing (slow bell).

Mastery of Plain Bob—contd.

2nd Lead.
Analysis 576—7135246—57613—357.4.

3rd Lead.
Analysis 2357—7512346—735—7351.

4th Lead.
Analysis 1426—426—7523146—64235.

5th Lead.
Analysis 642—21764—7534216—7—642.

6th Lead.
Analysis 3715—6753241—75.2—2.57—6.

7th Lead.
Analysis 42.5137—5324—5324—6214.357.

Again this looks complicated but one does not learn all these numbers. The method in this case is made up of forward and reverse Plain Bob coursing orders with certain exceptions and it is the exceptions that should be learned For example, one would learn the block in the 3rd lead 7512346 as being Plain Bob with the pair immediately after the treble being reversed.

CONCLUSIONS

We have seen that Plain Bob and, in particular, Plain Bob coursing orders are tremendously important in change ringing. Time spent in ringing Plain Bob with learners on tower bells and handbells should never be found boring as there is more to the method than at first meets the eye. There is no substitute for really learning methods before attempting to ring them, and people who say that they can learn better on the end of a rope should always be regarded as the weak links in a band Practice and experience are both invaluable for method ringing; both depend upon the individual and his or her enthusiasm.

(Concluded)

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Combe Florey proved a delightful venue for the September meeting of the Taunton Branch of the Bath and Wells Association and a very happy afternoon was spent there by the 30 members and friends who attended. Evensong was held in the church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. R. Fooks, who gave the Guild a warm welcome. A good tea was provided in the Village Hall and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-chairman of the Branch, Mrs. E M. Williams.

The light ring of six was kept going during the afternoon and early evening and the ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the number of young ringers present and the excellent way in which they rang. E. S. P.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

The annual meeting of the Guild was held at Dudley on September 3rd. As Dudley bells were not available owing to repairs being carried out to the spire, Brierley Hill bells were rung during the afternoon, and Netherton bells in the evening.

The Guild service was taken by the Rev. R. S. Short, assistant curate at Dudley, and this was followed by a tea which had been prepared by the Dudley ringers.

At the business meeting the accounts for the year 1965 were presented and all the officers, except the secretary, were re-elected. Mr. M. D. Fellows, the secretary, did not seek re-election and Mr. R. Edwards was elected in his place The new secretary's address is: 139, Cinder Bank, Netherton, Dudley, Worcestershire.

Ringing ranged from rounds and call changes to five-spliced Surprise Major.

M. D. F.

Leicester Cathedral Ringers Married



[Photo by Midland Press Agency.

The wedding of Mr. Derek M. Sawyer and Miss Susan D Foster took place at Leicester Cathedral on September 3rd. The Cathedral had been beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion and the bells were rung to greet the bride as she arrived with her father The service, followed by Holy Communion was fully choral and was conducted by the Archdeacon of Leicester (the Ven. R. B. Cole), a close friend of the bride's family, assisted by the Rev. H. H. Cufflin, chaplain of Leicester Cathedral.

The bride wore a dress of white nylon on silk taffeta, trimmed with lace piqué, and her long veil, also decorated with lace piqué, was held in position by a cluster of white flowers She carried a bouquet of white roses, lilies of the valley and stephanotis. She was attended by her sister, Elizabeth, who wore a dress of peacock blue Thai silk and carried a bouquet of pink roses and stephanotis. Also in attendance were two nieces of the bride, Katherine and Wendy Herrick, who wore white dresses and bonnets and carried posies of pink and white roses. The best man was Mr. Alan Sawyer, brother of the bridegroom.

As the couple left the Cathedral the bells again rang out. A reception attended by over a hundred guests was held at the Heathfield Hotel.

Derek is a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the University of Bristol Society and, with Susan, rings at the Cathedral. A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus was later rung to mark the occasion.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

Southern District

About 30 attended the Southern District meeting at Newton Nottage on September 3rd The towers represented were St. Mary's, Swansea, St. Paul's, Sketty, Cadoxton, Neath and Newton Nottage, with visitors from Fishguard and Maesteg. Ringing was under the supervision of the Master, Mr. G. I. Lewis

The service was conducted by the Rector the Rev. Hector Wynne Evans, who was assisted by the Rev B. M. Lodwick. The Rector, in his short address, gave a very warm welcome to the Guild. Tea was served in the Church Hall. At the short business meeting a tribute to the late Mr. A. Jack Pitman, who died on August 16th last, was given by the District secretary and Mr. Trevor M Roderick. The meeting then stood in silence.

Those who provided and served the tea were included in the vote of thanks proposed by the District secretary, also all those who contributed to the success of the meeting Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

December meeting: St. Paul's, Sketty.

J. A. H.

DEVON RINGERS' TOUR

A representative number of members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers held another successful tour on September 7th. when the Torbay area was the venue. The organiser was again Mr A. L Bennett and accompanying him were Mr and Mrs. C. E. Lankester (London). Mr and Mrs. F. W. Housden (Shalford, Surrey), Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Harding (Portsmouth), Messrs. D. R. Bould, G. E. Mudge (Tavistock), Mr. and Mrs. N Mallett and family (Exeter). Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Myers and family, Mr. T G. Myers and Miss Y. C. Porter (Plymouth), Mr. J. P. Coad (Looe), Mr. K E. Fursdon (Torquay) and Mr. J. Michelmore (Tavistock).

Towers visited were St. Mary's, Brixham (where the bells have recently been increased to ten), Churston Ferrers, Stoke Gabriel, Totnes (where some of the ringing was tape-recorded), South Brent and Dean Prior. There was a tea break at Totnes.

Methods rung were Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Stedman Doubles, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Thanks were afterwards expressed to the organiser.

A. L. B.

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Letters to the Editor

"THE RINGING WORLD"

Dear Sir,—In your reference (page 592) to "Ringing Towers" and the report therein by Mr. Gray, you express doubts about obtaining now an increased circulation of "The Ringing World" in Australia. In my view, Mr. Gray's report will have no such effect. The interest shown by ringers in this country in our Australian friends, helped by the recent tour and by the many hospitable contacts between Australian visitors and those of us who are fortunate to be able to show our friendship, will far outweigh Mr. Gray's denigration of our (and his) ringing paper.

I have long felt, especially in view of the criticisms at Bath and in your columns since, that it is time the Exercise decided what it expects "The Ringing World" to be. There is no doubt in my mind that it is primarily a newspaper. Not only is it registered as such, but its sub-title is "The Official Journal of the C.C. of C.B.R." My dictionary defines a journal as "a record of events or news, properly one published daily but now extended to . . published at regular intervals."

That surely is what, considering its small staff and lack of paid reporters, "The Ringing World" does amazingly well. It records events past, present and to come; gives details of performances, notices and accounts of meetings and outings; details of personalities and the events in their lives, etc. And if space is left and money available, it publishes articles if they have been written. But it can only do this last if **you**, the reader, write such articles and submit them. To do this **you**, the reader, must have the knowledge, the ability to pass that knowledge on in an interesting manner, the ability to write English, the considerable spare time to do so and, more important still, the inclination. **You** must also be thick skinned enough to take the comments of your friends (and others) about your views, especially when you are proved wrong or (as I have been) you are accused of being too fond of seeing your name in print.

The Exercise must decide, through the Central Council, if it wants a glossy magazine instead of a newspaper. It will not be able to pay for it out of advertisements as do the major technical journals. To obtain a regular supply of technical articles to fill such a magazine every week it would have to pay for them—whether or not they were really worth publishing. I don't believe even then they would be forthcoming—we have not many J. A. T.'s and those of us who try to emulate him might not do it to order.

I see a large number of technical magazines and they look very attractive, especially the American ones with their art paper and colours. But take their advertisements away and there is seldom much left. The R.I.B.A. journal for September (price 5s.) has about 40 pages of varying interest, inset in 108 pages of advertisements. The "A. J." (1s. 6d.) has 43 pages inset in 118 pages of advertisements. "Roads" for July (2s. 6d.) has 29 pages inset in 38. I don't consider the news content of these magazines, paid for by advertisements and bought out of expense accounts, gives their readers the knowledge of and contact with each other that "The Ringing World" does for ringers.

"The Ringing World" is our **local** paper and like the normal local paper (but without the revenue) tells us news, usually of an ephemeral kind, that we like to read. If we want good technical articles, in a form which we can keep, we should be prepared to buy some of the technical books and pamphlets which we can fortunately enjoy these days.

Perhaps some of your critics would like "The Ringing World" padded out with gardening notes, or hints on poultry keeping, etc., all of which can be better obtained elsewhere.

I am sure that you, sir, with me, would welcome any really constructive suggestions, but they must be more than sugg[illegible] someone else to do something.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

London.

"WHERE HAVE ALL THE RINGERS GONE?"

Dear Sir,—S. G. S. asks and M. A. (a learner) replies: "Gone—frozen out—interest killed—by whom?—Old soldiers that **will not fade away.**"

I have waited 55 minutes out of 60 completely ignored because I am only a learner—then proudly presented with the "last bell" to toll.

I have heard "asides": "Watch him—he's a learner" and "It's up to you—but he's only a learner.'

Dear, sweet old soldiers—please, please fade away.—Yours truly,

M. A.

P.S.—In all fairness I must state that there are very many towers I have visited to receive only kindness, courtesy and help, and to them I am truly grateful.—M. A.

BELL ROPES AND SPLICING

Dear Sir,—There has been a fair amount of correspondence at times on bell ropes and their life and the best methods of making them last.

What I would like to see is an article on splicing bell ropes written and illustrated for those whose experience in splicing is nil (they include myself). I am sure there are many bell ropes cast aside for want of a splice, because none of the churches' ringers has the ability to effect the repair.

An article of this nature would also need to contain advice on the position of splices so as to avoid putting the join where it will soon wear again, on how to detect and remove rotten rope, etc. Old ropes, rotten where the weather or some other cause has affected them, often have perfectly good sections which can be used to make one good rope out of two if someone can splice them.

I am sure that there is sufficient interest to justify an article of this nature.—Yours faithfully.

BARRY CORBISHLEY.

Macclesfield.

Note.—Such an article with illustrations would be welcome.—Ed.

PEAL OF YORKSHIRE MAXIMUS WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I regret to have to withdraw the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus rung at Hull on May 8th, 1965, as the composition, by myself, is false. All in possession of the Yorkshire Association report for 1965 should make a note that Composition No. 6869, page 83, is false. My sincere apologies to all those who rang in it.—Yours faithfully,

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

Sprotborough, Doncaster.

NOISE AT NORTHAMPTON

Dear Sir, — Poor Mr. Paul Marriott! If a ringers' meeting upsets him, how would he like this: In a main thoroughfare of Northampton, a few miles from where I live, is a Salvation Army Citadel with a public house bang opposite.

A few yards away is a church with a ring of eight bells, from which I often get greeted to a "peal" on the first two and a clashing of the rest being pulled up (seldom in peal) but in odd ones, or anyhow! The noisiest juke box I should think there is anywhere in this country is going every night in the pub, with its doors and windows wide open, to compete on Sundays and other occasions with the Salvation Army band across the road.

More than once these two, and the bells further down, have all been going together, mingled with the noise every few seconds from passing cars, lorries, or gay youths on motor cycles with engines full throttle sounding more like jet aircraft.

Then on Sunday mornings once a month it is quite a "musical din" to hear "Come to the Prussian War, boys" from the bugles of the Boys' Brigade outside the church with its bells going at the same time and the Salvation Army playing a few yards further away, the participants probably being unconscious of the "mixed grill" they are inflicting on the neighbourhood by all going together.

If a ringers' meeting at Newton-le-Willows can beat this, then Mr. Marriott may well feel he truly needs to get out an injunction—especially where the juke box in competition with the Salvation Army opposite is concerned. But if his grudge or complaint is actually against church bells as such, then I am wondering just where does the Act of limitations come in—or doesn't it?

I have always been given to understand that there is a time limit to which a complaint of a nuisance can be valid — and that is **six years**, after which it becomes **invalid**. Surely Newton-le-Willows bells have been ringing more than six years?—Yours truly,

P. AMOS.

Northampton.

TUTORS' HANDBOOK IDEAS WANTED

Dear Sir,—So far, response to my request for contributions to the proposed tutors' handbook has been very limited.

May I therefore draw the attention of anyone interested in this subject to my letter published in "The Ringing World" of June 24th, asking for ideas to be sent direct to me or to "The Ringing World" correspondence columns.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

17, Herringthorpe Grove,
Rotherham.

TWO DIFFERENT THREE GENERATIONS TOGETHER

Dear Sir, — Whilst congratulating young Keith Scudamore on ringing a peal with his father and grandfather, I am reminded, more or less, of a corresponding peal of Bob Major at Grundisburgh on April 25th, 1934. In this were three generations of Clarke (natives), also three of Tillett (Ipswich), Harold and his father, George E. Symonds (conductor).—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

Note.—On the "Belfry Gossip" page we record one of the fourth generation ringing his first quarter peal at Darlington, but only his parents rang with him.—Ed.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Albert J. Pitman's Work for Spliced Surprise

By C. Kenneth Lewis

The name of Albert J. Pitman is nowadays almost exclusively associated with Spliced Surprise but an examination of his work reveals that he produced compositions in almost every field.

In 1923 his 240 of Grandsire Doubles appeared. This is a very clever production as each of the six-scores of which it is composed is true and complete but does not come round.

By the time the first peal in the four standard Surprise methods was rung in 1927 his ability was recognised and he was asked to get out a composition of London, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge, New Gloucester and Norfolk. This he did by using a fourth's place bob for Norfolk. He extended this composition to ten methods and this was rung in 1929. At the time no criticism was made of the use of a fourth's place bob for Norfolk but some years later there was some acrimonious correspondence in "The Ringing World" into which a reference to this was made. This composition was the foundation for his 12 to 30 method peals, and when in 1950 we came to ring selections from these we sought his permission to reverse the composition to remove this "alleged" blot and Norfolk (bobbed) became Cray (plained).

He produced various long lengths of Spliced Surprise Major all of which were rung by the Chester Guild and culminated in the 13,440, the extent with the tenors together. He came from South Wales in the depths of winter to listen to at least two of these peals and followed the composition from outside the tower. His escort on one occasion was rather disconcerted by his anticipation of the changes of method.

I have left what I consider to be his greatest work to the end: his production of peals in which all the bells do all the work of all the methods included. The origins of this idea lie in a letter to "The Ringing World" of May 10th, 1935, from Mr. John Worth commenting on the resolution on "Splicing" on the Central Council agenda for that year, in which he threw out a suggestion that compositions of this kind were what was required. On June 14th that year Mr. Pitman published a peal with all the work for London, Bristol and Superlative but not Cambridge. During the war years work was done by various composers but no one produced a peal with these qualities without parting the tenors. 1947 saw the production of Harold Cashmore's 5,056, which he conducted on April 19th, 1947, but on April 11th A. J. Pitman had published his masterpiece of 5,152 London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative with a quarter peal of each method and all the work. This was rung at Frodsham on July 18th, 1947, conducted by the late James C. E. Simpson This composition was conducted (1955) by the writer in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and the following extract from Mr. Pitman's letter shows the enjoyment he got from seeing his compositions rung: "I feel that my efforts are amply rewarded when I find my compositions being rung so frequently." He subsequently produced compositions in up to nine methods on this plan all well worth ringing.

This brief summary of his work cannot give even the slightest idea of the extent of his genius, his capacity for taking pains, his extensive knowledge of composition, but with it all his great modesty and shy disposition.

His ringing achievements were modest but his contribution to the Exercise cannot be gauged. He was content to provide what was asked for and no one turned to him in vain. In Milton's words, "They also serve."

VINCENT CHERRILL
AN APPRECIATION

Reading ringing has suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. Vincent Cherrill. The kindest of men, he was a good friend to all the ringers in a town where there were many differences of attitude and temperament.

He had a special sympathy for young people, which he showed particularly in the enthusiastic support he gave to the University Society. From its beginning he gave constant help at practices and, even more valuable, he gave up an enormous amount of his time to teaching learners. He enjoyed, too, arranging peals in which members of the University band could gain experience of eight-bell ringing, whilst his peals at St. Laurence's gave a number of us our first chance of Caters and Cinques. Many of us remember, too, the warm hospitality from him and his sister at his Earley home after these peals and on other occasions. Finally it was he, as tower captain, who made it possible for the University Society to have the privilege of calling St. Laurence's its home tower.

These bells were perhaps his greatest pride. He was an excellent steeplekeeper and kept the bells in first-class condition: and he would often spend a great deal of time ensuring that everything was in perfect order for the visits of the many bands who enjoyed peals here.

His loyalty to St. Laurence's, where he had been a regular churchgoer for 37 years, was exemplary. Invariably punctual, he can hardly ever have failed to appear every Sunday morning and evening, even during a long and difficult period when he knew there would be only one or two ringers there. Reading will not seem the same without him, and St Laurence's will find him impossible to replace.

P. M. W.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET

On August 20th the local ringers, with five friends from Taunton, had a half-day outing into Dorset. In the afternoon the towers visited were Piddletrenthide (5, 19 cwt.), Piddlehinton (6, 12 cwt.) and Fordington St George, where ringing had to take place on the front five as the tenor is away for recasting. After tea the band rang at Martinstown (6, 8¼ cwt.), Bradford Peverell (5, 7¼ cwt.) and Stratton (5, 9¼ cwt.).

Ringing ranged from rounds and call changes for the beginners to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

OBITUARY

MR. JOSEPH L. MERRY

With the sudden death of Mr. Joe Merry, at the age of 53, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton, has lost one of its most regular Sunday service ringers and faithful church workers.

Joe began to ring regularly when the present band formed some six years ago, although he had learned to handle a bell before this. He never learned change ringing but played the part of Higham's tenor man for Doubles ringing His ringing performances consisted of one peal (for the Leicester Diocesan Guild) and 17 quarter peals with the local band.

Joe will be greatly missed in the tower and for his work for charity. Besides being a ringer he was church gardener and a sidesman.

Several ringers were at the funeral service on August 30th and a peal was rung with the bells half-muffled the following evening by four local ringers and two friends from Sapcote and Burbage. We all extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Merry and Ivan, who is one of the leading ringers at Higham. K. P. G.

MR. G. S. SMITH

Lavenham, Suffolk, has lost another of its respected members by the sudden death of Mr. George Stanley Smith on September 5th.

Stan, as he was known in the tower and to all ringing friends, started to ring in 1919 and, although he had rung very few peals, he was a regular attender on Sundays and had many quarter peals to his credit.

To coincide with the deceased's age, the famous tenor bell was rung 66 times, and at the funeral service, which was followed by cremation at Ipswich, the local company was represented by M. T. Symonds (Ringing Master), F. Boreham C. Curtis, W. Faiers, A. R. Knight and A. F. Turner.

As a tribute and a last mark of respect touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Kent Major, with half-muffled clappers, were rung on the tower bells in the evening.

M. T. S

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NAWADAHA'S MUSIC

On an evening drove Nokomis
Far into the streaming westward
To the golden, hazy north-west
To the land of the Keewaydin,
To the place called Mons Acutus
And the Church of Katarina.
For another sound was coming,
Rising falling, changing, calling—
And she sought those wondrous voices
Longed to know their secret message,
Learn their ways and all their courses,
Learn their names and all their keepers,
Called them "Katarina's children."

So she took her only daughter,
Called Wenonah, as her first born,
Sought the home of Nawadaha
In that village to the north-west.
(Not the old—young Nawadaha—
With his golden, lovely consort,
And his sons within his tepee).
We have come to learn your music,
And rashly Nawadaha answered—
"We will teach you, O my sisters."

So they climbed the footworn staircase
Of the Tower of Katarina,
To the place where ropes were dancing—
Crimson, white and blue the sallies—
And the ropes spoke to the bell wheels
And the bell wheels moved the monsters
High above them in the tower,
Till the sound that floated upward,
Outward, over all the country,
Was the tune the men called "Grandsire,"

Many days of streaming summer,
Many days of vapoured autumn,
Dark Nokomis and Wenonah
Rode into the crimson north-west,
Climbed into the ancient belfry
With a band of other learners.
Learned the bells and all their customs,
Handstrokes, backstrokes, sliders, gudgeons,
Stays and clappers, rope's end, tuffing,
Learned to raise them, learned to fall them,
Ring in rounds—with endless patience
On the part of Nawadaha—
Till at last one day he whispered
In a voice that thrilled his pupils—
"You can now try Plain Course Grandsire."

With the other learners, gently,
Gently did young Nawadaha
Get the wise men of the bell ropes
To assist their wayward pulling
(Soon beset with bobs and singles).
Ivan, Charlie, Rodney, Alan,
Jack and Norrie were their helpers,
Guided by young Nawadaha
(Now as clever as his father),
With such others as attended
Till the russet glow of evening
In the village to the north-west
Carried far the ageless message
To the people of the west land,
"Come and worship—come and worship."

Thus the monsters on the bell wheels
Told of Infant Birth at Christmas,
Told again of Black Good Friday
And the glorious Resurrection—
Spoke of old years slowly dying,
And the year that now was coming,
Told of feasts and autumn harvests,
Danced for weddings, grieved at partings,
When the huge bronze tenor monster
Tolled a soul gone forth for ever
To the Kingdom of the Blessed.
To the Land of the Hereafter.

Then they all told Nawadaha—
Still progressing far beyond them
To the hazy land of Yorkshire,
To another land called Cambridge—
We have made your tune called Grandsire,
Not the finished, polished product
Of the wise men of the bell ropes,
But, it may be, rougher, harder,
For we are not skilful players.
But a great joy filled the learners,
For the music now called Grandsire
Rings a message to all people,
Tells of peace and joy to all men
If they will but stay and listen.

All these things Keewaydin told me,
Of the bells of Nawadaha,
(The musician—the sweet singer)
How the great bronze bell mouths whisper
Down through all their wondrous courses
Echoing round the ancient bell tower
Of the Church of Katarina—
"We give praise to Christ the Saviour—
"We give thanks to him for all things."

M. M. L.

With apologies to Longfellow!

Nokomis being the grandmother of Hiawatha; Nawadaha—Hiawatha's musician; Keewaydin—the North-West Wind; Katarina—St. Catherine; Mons Acutus—Montacute.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Marlborough District held its monthly meeting on September 10th at Burbage on a perfect summer afternoon. The bells, while perhaps not possessing good tonal qualities, have recently been rehung on new bearings by local labour and in consequence the "go" has been improved to a remarkable extent.

Ringing was under the direction of the Rev. R. Keeley, Ringing Master, and he also conducted the service in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. A. Woodford), on holiday. The visitors were the guests of the local company to a splendid tea and, in appreciation of the hospitality, took a collection for the Belfry Repair Fund.

At the business meeting Mr. T. A. Palmer (hon. secretary) reported on the last three meetings, and Mr. G. Newman (chairman) gave details of the proposed outing to the New Forest area on September 24th. In his closing remarks the chairman thanked all who had helped in the day's arrangements

Ringing was resumed at Burbage afterwards for the benefit of some late arrivals, but the majority moved on to Milton Lilbourne

Subject to permission, the next three meetings will be at the Ogbournes (October), Marlborough (November) and Mildenhall (December). W. A. E.

NORTH HERTS ASSOCIATION

The Northern District quarterly meeting was held on September 3rd and for the first time in many years two towers were open St. Mary's, Graveley, six were raised in peal shortly after 3 p.m. and were kept going to a variety of methods and rounds. There was no service as the Vicar was on holiday Members made their own tea arrangements. We did not do justice to the grand ring at Stevenage (8).

At the business meeting one new member was elected—Mr. Robert Vigor, of Hitchin, was welcomed back after many years away from the Exercise. Three evening meetings are to be held before the annual general meeting at Hitchin on January 7th, the dates being Saturdays October 1st, October 29th and December 23rd. Ringing continued until 8.15 p.m. Our thanks to Dr. Gullick, who officiated at both towers and the business meeting. A fair attendance was recorded but could have been much better. J. K. O.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY TOUR

THIS year's tour was centred on Barnstaple, and on Wednesday, April 13th, 12 members of the party arrived at the home of Miss Ruth Gay at East Harptree, Somerset; Mrs Gay provided us with an excellent lunch. Chewton Mendip bells were available and so after some hasty "thank yous" we set off to sample this wonderful eight. Grandsire, Plain Bob and Cambridge were successful. We arrived at Barnstaple at about 7 p.m., which was none too early as some members of the party had been travelling for almost 14 hours. It was here that we were joined by the Rev. M C. C. Melville.

It was snowing hard when we awoke on Thursday morning We went by coach to Pilton, and our best achievement on the lovely heavy eight was half a course of Cambridge. Other towers that morning were Westleigh (a good six), where Cambridge and Kent were rung. Bideford (a lovely eight), where a course of Yorkshire was rung, and Northam (8). After lunch we visited Appledore, where the bells are spoilt because they are rather inaudible However, we successfully spliced Lincolnshire with Plain Bob. The remaining two towers for the day, both sixes, were at Abbotsham and Littleham.

NEGOTIATING SNOWDRIFTS

Friday was almost entirely devoted to six-bell towers, and several times we had to negotiate snowdrifts in the narrow country lanes. However, our driver did a magnificent job and every tower was reached on time Both Loxhore and Kentisbury had pleasant sixes, and Spliced Minor and a "peal" of call changes (Sixty in Thirds) were rung at the latter tower. Bratton Fleming bells were so pleasing that permission to ring a peal on these bells was requested. After lunch we went to High Bray, where we encountered what were probably the most difficult bells of the tour. The tenor dropped easily, and Kent, Oxford and London were only successful after several attempts. Other towers visited that day were East Buckland, North Molton and South Molton. Effort was required to ring the last two but in both cases we were well rewarded.

Saturday started with two good eights, at Braunton and Georgeham, and at the former tower St. Clement's and Rutland were successful. Ipswich was rung on the pleasant six at Mortehoe. After lunch everyone took advantage of the lovely weather. Four members decided to walk across the cliffs to the next tower, in Ilfracombe, but found the going rather harder than expected, and a pleasant walk developed into a race against time to reach the next tower. At Ilfracombe we preferred the bells at Holy Trinity, but three leads of Bristol were successful at SS. Philip and James'. Everyone enjoyed the bells at West Down and here we rang Spliced Minor and Ipswich.

"NEVER HEARD RINGING LIKE THAT"

On Sunday morning we joined the local ringers in Barnstaple for service ringing. In the afternoon a party of six travelled to Bratton Fleming, where they were successful in ringing a peal of Ipswich. This seemed to create considerable interest among the local ringers and afterwards they said they had never heard ringing like that before! In the evening we were shown films of "Great Adventure II" and the "Washington Visit"; we were most grateful to the Rev. M. C. C. Melville for arranging this film show

Our first visit on Monday was to Great Torrington, where the very good eight went well to Superlative. Hatherleigh bells, also a pleasant eight, sounded well to Pudsey. The next tower was at Okehampton, and on the very good eight we rang London and Pudsey. After lunch we visited Bridestowe and Lydford, both having pleasant sixes, and finally the fine heavy octave at Tavistock. Although there was still one more day of the tour left, most of us agreed that these must be the best bells of the tour.

Tuesday was a busy day when we were scheduled to visit seven sixes and an eight. The day started at Bishop's Tawton, followed by Yarnscombe. The next tower was at Atherington, and in spite of new ropes we found these bells to be one of the better sixes of the day. After lunch we visited Chittlehampton (a very good eight) and rang a touch of Erin Triples. The light sixes at Filleigh and West Buckland were very enjoyable, but the best six of the afternoon was at Swimbridge, where London and Double Court were rung. The tour was concluded on the pleasant six at Landkey.

Our thanks go to all incumbents and local ringers who met us, and most of all to Paul M. Evans, our organiser. J. W. R.

With the Editor's apologies for delay.

QUARTER PEALS

BARNSLEY, YORKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Joan Pagdin (first quarter) 1, L. W. Carbutt 2, P. Carbutt (cond.) 3, A. Dunn-Birch 4, E. Stainrod 5, H. Mann 6. For evening service, and as a farewell to treble ringer, who is joining her husband with H M. Forces in Germany.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Carter (first on treble) 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, F. A. Benn (first in the method) 3, N. Thomson (first as cond.) 4, Rosemary J. Cotton 5, E. E. Dodds 6, J R. Pratt 7, Sandra C. Thexton 8. For Youth service.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Payne (first Doubles) 1, Lynne Payne 2, B. Johnson 3, F. Goodearle 4, H. Deacon (cond.) 5. D. Blackman (first quarter) 6.

BRABOURNE, KENT. — On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Butcher 1, Myrtle J. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, B. L. Marks 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss Betty Finn.

BRADFIELD, BERKS. — On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): G. Keal 1, Mrs. A. D. Smith 2, F. Brooks 3 A. D. Smith 4, J. Butler (cond.) 5, M. Wise 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Patricia Johnson.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sept. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. V. Sheppard 1, Angela M. Wright 2, Ruth M. K. How 3, Janet M. Besant 4, M. S. Loveday 5, A. Swatton 6, D. P. Snoswell 7, A. W. Bond 8, B. G. North (cond.) 9, Margaret A. Head 10. For Evensong. First on ten 6 and 10.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Janice C. Saunders 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, L. Mannering 3, Vivienne M. Dye 4, Sylvia Knight (first of Triples) 5, A. P. S. Berry 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, P. C. Sinden 8.

COLCHESTER, SHRUB END. — On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Baker (first quarter) 1, D. Whent 2, K. Good (cond.) 3, D. Cobb 4, P. Schafie 5, C. Coulson 6.

CROYDON, SURREY — On Sept. 4th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: R. Davies 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, G. H. Humphries 3, E. J. Razzell 4, J. Preston 5, C. G. Barnes 6, G. Fisher 7, N. D. Brown 8, M. Parry 9, N. G. Steere 10, F. E. Collins (cond.) 11, A. J. Brown 12. For Evensong.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 9th at Holy Trinity, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: D. Cox 1, Mrs. Irene Park (first on tower bells) 2, G. A. Barker 3, Miss D. M Killingley 4, P. M. Park 5, R. Park (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 5.

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. C. Hayward 1, Joan A. Hayward 2, P. D. J. Beal 3, P. M. Wilkinson 4, N. J. Chesson (first of Minor as cond.) 5, H. Gardner 6. Rung for Communion.

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods). Claire Bray (first quarter) 1 Mary White 2, Maureen White 3, Betty Daysh 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, N. J. Lambert 6. For the wedding of Philippa Scott and Stephen Robertson.

ECCLESTON, ST. HELENS, LANCS. — On Sept. 5th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: G. Austin 1, J. Hedgcock 2, K. Edwards 3, R. Dorling 4, D. Burgess 5, F. Heyes 6, T. Horridge (cond.) 7, D. Bennett 8. A compliment to Jim Hedgcock, of this church, who will shortly be leaving for Canterbury.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND. — On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Rothery 1, Vera C. Bell 2, G. Tembey 3, J. A. Haile 4, C. F. Gates 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6. For Evensong on the eve of the departure of Canon I. M. German to Maryport.

ELY, CAMBS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Bass 1, F. Talbot 2, J. W. Pickett 3, A. M. Barber 4, H. S. Peacock 5, D. F. Murfet 6, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 7, R. Turnill 8. Rung for the marriage of Miss Harriet Bagley, daughter of the Vicar, to Mr. Richard H. Redmayne.

FOLKESTONE, KENT. — On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, A. S. Binfield 2, Vivienne M. Dye 3, Rachel J. Sinden 4, L. Mannering (cond.) 5, B. Johnson 6, Alan P. S. Berry 7, J F. Wellard 8. Rung on the occasion of the institution and induction of the new Vicar, Rev. Victor Kingston.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On July 17th, 1,320 Doubles (17 methods): J. Dawson 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, G A. Dawson (cond.) 3, D. A. Osbourne 4, D. Surman 5, R. Adey 6. A welcome to the Bishop of Southwell at the annual civic service.

GODALMING, SURREY.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Hagley 1, Christine Abbott 2 Diane Street 3, Rosemary Weal 4, I. H. Payton (first of Triples as cond.) 5, N. G. Stroud 6, R. J. C. Hagley 7, P. G. Stroud 8. A compliment to Elizabeth Stevinson and Henry Rossell, on their engagement. Also a welcome home after nine months in America to the ringer of 2

GODSHILL, I.o.W.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Meriel Coldman (first quarter) 1, Linda Gray 2, L. Bailey 3, C. Denness 4, A. Harman (cond.) 5, G. Coldman 6. First "inside" in the method 2 and 6.

GRANTHAM, LINCS. — On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Pinchbeck 1, D. J. Hopkinson 2, L. H. Squires 3, J. A. Colborne 4, G. J. N. Colborne (cond.) 5, K. Ketteringham 6, H. R. Woods 7, J. H. Holmes 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY. — On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Ward (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, Miss J. Warner 3, Mrs. G. Webb (cond.) 4, G. Bailey 5, J. King 6, C. Webb 7, M. Squire 8. For Evensong.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On July 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Joiner 1, R. Crocker 2, P. Furness 3, P. Tailor 4, G. Dodd (cond.) 5, C. Kendall 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For morning service. Also on Aug. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Joiner 1, R. Crocker 2, P. Furness 3, P. Tailor 4, W. Furness 5, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 5, and by the local band.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. N. Pearce (first of T.B.) 1, Susan Mitchell (first of T.B. "inside") 2, Susan E. Thompson 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5, T. W. Brighton 6. For Evensong.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints and Plain Bob): W. G. Wright 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallett (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. After the wedding of Pamela Newell and Peter Friend, a local ringer.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Sept. 4th, 1,320 Spliced Surprise Royal (London No. 3, Cambridge): Pamela E. Brown (first of Surprise Royal) 1, Deborah Hopkins 2, Yvonne Edwards (first of Spliced Surprise Royal) 3, A. S. Bishop 4, Christine Darby 5, M. J. Bangham 6, A. Stubbs 7, D. T. Darby 8, A. R. Patterson 9, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 10.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. B. Crowder 1, E. Jones 2, Miss J. Brown 3, G. Clarke 4, Miss F. Cannon 5, J. Machell 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, D. Gebbett 8. Rung to mark the birth of a son to Susan and John Machell.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor. Jane Darby (first quarter) 1, H. Corney 2, Glynis Perry 3, Christine Neville 4, F. W. Tomlin 5, D. Riley (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of Association secretary's wedding.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At All Saints' Church, on Aug. 7th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. Evenden 1, T. Grice 2, F. Macey 3, T. Sone 4, A. Macfadyen 5, L. Head 6, G. Evenden (cond.) 7, B. Baker 8, B. Groves 9, H. Smith 10. For Evensong.

MARTIN, HANTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Kerly 1, W. T. Perrins 2, J. Baverstock 3, T. Byford (first "inside") 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, J. O. Coleman 6. A compliment to the Rev. Gordon Baverstock and Shelagh Hudson, on their wedding.

MARTLEY, WORCS. — On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): L. Parry 1, J. Ranford 2, F Davies 3, T. Cooper (cond.) 4, J. Cale 5, J. Millward 6. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. T. Hoskins, a loyal local ringer, and Mrs. Hoskins.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS. — On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Young 1, W. Clamp 2, Mrs. Dorothy Day 3, R. Looker 4, Gwen Homewood 5, R. Manton (cond.) 6, J. Day 8. Rung for Evensong, and for the wedding the previous day of Rev. Dudley Gummer, curate, and Miss Jane Murray, of Chidham, Sussex. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Young 1, P. Sanders 2, W. Clamp 3, Mrs. Dorothy Day 4, O. Homewood 5, J. Day 6, R. Cook (cond.) 7, S. Smith 8. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Mrs. D. Clayton, wife of Mr. Harry Clayton (ringer at this church), who was laid to rest earlier in the day.

MILTON, GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: P. E. Jackson 1, Joan A. Hayward (first of Major as cond.) 2, N. J. Chesson 3, P. D. J. Beal 4, B. R. Trill 5, P. M. Wilkinson 6, G. A. Naylor 7, B. E. Jemmett 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringing in a peal at Buckfast Abbey on September 2nd were Messrs. A. P. Cannon and Arthur Mason. A year to the day they were ringing Cambridge Surprise Major at Adelaide with Great Adventure II.

Two corrections.—The peal at Wigtoft was rung on August 22nd, 1966, in 2 hours and 37 minutes, and not as published on page 595. The peal at West Deeping (page 577) was Joan Gilbert's 25th peal, and not as published.

Miss Ann Funnell, vice-captain of the West Malling band, who recently rang her first peal, is leaving to take a two-year course in Ipswich to become a children's officer. We wish her every success.

Of the many pupils Mr. W. Birmingham, of Stoke Poges, has launched on a ringing career, D. C. Brown, who rang his first quarter at Slough on September 4th, is believed to be the first to do so without a single trip throughout the quarter.

Following upon the first peal of Bristol Surprise Royal for the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Banbury last July, yet another first in the Royal line for the Guild has been achieved by Spliced Surprise in three methods at Slough on September 3rd.

In the peal of Grandsire Caters rung at St. Mary's, Watford, on September 3rd, the composition used was the same as that of the peal at St Peter's, St. Albans, for the Hertford County Association, which is recorded on page 682 of "The Ringing World," November 20th, 1959.

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WEDDING OF JOHN CLARK AND JOY MARTIN

At one time ringers together at Petersfield and the bridegroom was later captain at East Meon, Mr. John E. Clark and Miss Joy Martin were married at All Saints' Church, Witley, on August 20th by the Rev Philip Holden formerly Vicar for 34 years. The best man was Dr Jeremy Salter, of Oxford University Society

The printed form of service showed a drawing of Witley Church by the bridegroom, who is particularly skilled in the delineation of churches. In the Cathedrals of Guildford and Hereford there are framed drawings of all the churches in each diocese, which he executed.

Music before and after the service was provided by two friends from the Northern Sinfonia, Newcastle upon Tyne, who played flute and harpsichord As the newly-wedded couple left the church a long touch of Stedman Triples was conducted by Peter Smart, Master of the Guildford Guild. Also included in the band were Supt R. J. C. Hagley and his son, Mrs P. Smart. Messrs. C. E. Bassett (Warsash), A. Reeves (Bruton), B. Gambrill (Liss) and K Waller (Warnford).

Handbells were rung at the reception held in the garden of Watlings, Chiddingfold The three-tier wedding cake was tastefully decorated with bells.

The bride, whose home was formerly at Bitterne, Southampton, teaches at Grayshott. The bridegroom is a teacher at Haslemere and organist at Witley Parish Church.

WASHINGTON'S GREETINGS TO KENILWORTH

A letter addressed to the ringers at St. Nicholas', Kenilworth from the three young lady ringers from Washington Cathedral was received with great delight, writes John Royal (Ringing Master) During their stay over here they attended the practices at Kenilworth and nearby Stoneleigh. They made great progress and before leaving for home were able to ring Cambridge with an "adviser" at their elbow.

Their letter gives news of their recent peal, conducted by Roger Bailey, and stated that they were now ringing Treble Bob and hoped to get back to Cambridge when all the members returned from holiday.

Humorously they added that they had found no more "Royalty" to ring with (a reference to the three Royals who ring at Kenilworth).

A MEMORY LAPSE

Dear Sir,—We in Daventry were pleased to read on page 588 of "The Ringing World" that the Ely District enjoyed their August Bank Holiday outing in Norfolk and Suffolk. We would have been even more pleased had Mr. Donald Knights taken the trouble to inform us that their plans had been changed. In this way we could have ensured that one of our band and the verger did not waste their own Bank Holiday waiting to welcome them.

I would have written to Mr. Knights privately but have destroyed his letter. I hope organisers of Ely District outings will be a little more considerate in future.—Yours faithfully,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Daventry.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, NEWQUAY

We are indebted to Miss Margaret Weston, of Crantock, Newquay, for answering Mr. Joe Thornley's question regarding the recently built tower at the Church of St Michael the Archangel, Torquay.

She forwards to us the Vicar's reply to Mr Thornley's question as it appeared in the parish magazine:

"There are two matters about which I have been frequently questioned. 'Are there to be bells?' and 'Is there to be a clock?' First, the bells. Unfortunately, when the time came to realise the investments so that the money could be made available to meet the contractor's bills the market was 'down' and the value of our assets had depreciated by thousands of pounds. The result of this loss is that the money available is only sufficient to meet the cost of the tower. The provision of bells is not immediately possible, though at some future time it is expected that there will be money for them. How long that will be is not known. We shall have to wait."

Miss Weston adds that the tower is complete externally but not internally.

SCOUTS LOSE THEIR MAGAZINE

Boy Scouts are losing their weekly magazine, "The Scout," on September 30th. It has been losing from £1,500 to £2,000 a year and its circulation has dropped to 20,000. An increase in price from 6d, was not regarded as a solution "The Ringing World" in these difficult days must be truly thankful to be able to continue production at 9d, and, through the generosity of readers, to show a profit.

A BRIGHTON AMAZON

Fifteen-year-old Margaret A. Head, who rang the tenor at St Peter's, Brighton, to the quarter peal of Grandsire Caters on September 4th, is to be congratulated. It is believed to be only the second time by a lady, and certainly the youngest, as Margaret only commenced her ringing career 14 months ago

IN HOSPITAL

The many friends of Mr. Stanley Armstrong, vice-president and past Master of the Sussex County Association, will be sorry to learn that he is in Brighton General Hospital under observation suffering from suspected ulcerated stomach. We understand that an operation may be necessary but treatment is being given in the hope that this may be avoided.

Stanley can rest assured that he will be in the thoughts of all of us in the Association that he has served so faithfully and well, in the hope that, after rest and treatment he will once again in the not too distant future be with us in our towers around the county.

R V J.

COULD THESE DRY BONES SPEAK

Dear Sir,—Whilft perufinge your journal, I waf confiderably fhocked at ye letter of one Mifter Kenricke. I devifed my princip. folely too bringe out ye beauty and melodye of ye bellef, viz. three belles fhall be in ye quick or ye flow, ye otherf fhall dodge. Ye ufe of loci and fquare roots if heathen and not what I intended, whatfoever there if no place for fuch thingf in ye noble Christian folke-art of ye Campanalogia.

Yr. moft humble and obfequious fervant,

F. STEDMAN, Efq.

ft. Benet'f,
Cambridge.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

Philip M. Park, 14-year-old son of Mr and Mrs. R. Park, of Darlington, rang his first quarter at Holy Trinity, Darlington, on September 9th. It was Plain Bob Major called by his father; his mother, who was on the second, was ringing her first quarter peal on tower bells. Philip rang the fifth and there were two other first quarters

Philip is of the fourth generation of the family to become a ringer His great-grandfather rang for many years at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, his grandfather was for 63 years at Holy Trinity, whilst his father has also rung for many years at this church and his mother for the past few years. The time covered by these activities is over 80 years.

ODD VENTURES

Comments on some touches that are different.

PLAIN BOB MAJOR

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2345678 1. 2. 5. 7.

Short touches of Plain Bob Major with the tenors together are rather limited in scope, and beyond W.H. repeated and W.3B.M.H. and one or two others, very little is usually heard at meetings and practices.

Here are some experiments in parting the tenors. They all came from Mr. A. W. T. Cleaver some years ago and were the results of trying to get the Queens change in a small number of changes.

All manage to reach Queens and home again, but the rest of the attendant music is not very exciting. Nevertheless they are worth experimenting with, and if the conductor springs one of these suddenly on a normal Plain Bob band he may produce some unexpected entertainment.

E. C. S.

YORKSHIRE AND LINCOLNSHIRE PEAL WEEK

THE FOLLOWING PEALS WERE RUNG FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

PATRINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Patrick.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Jeanne E. Bottomley	Treble	Ronald Ducker	5
Susan M. Jackson	2	Ian G. Campbell	6
Frances Fairbank	3	John S. Rank	7
W Eric Critchley	4	Vernon Bottomley	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed 300th peal as conductor. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley

WALKINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge S., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Ian G Campbell	Treble	David S. Johnson	4
Elizabeth Peace	2	Frederick Ross	5
Howard Scott	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25¼ cwt

Richard E. Price	Treble	Peter Scholfield	7
Iris Lemare	2	Neil Donovan	8
M. Susan Jackson	3	Stuart Armeson	9
Jeanne E. Bottomley	4	Ronald Ducker	10
Vernon Bottomley	5	J. Henry Fielden	11
W. Eric Critchley	6	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden

HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon. Aug. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 768 each of Bristol, London and Rutland and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt

Iris Lemare	Treble	Stuart Armeson	5
Howard Scott	2	J Henry Fielden	6
W Eric Critchley	3	Michael P. Moreton	7
Neil Donovan	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith Conducted by W Eric Critchley

PENISTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Ronald Ducker	Treble	John S. Rank	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Neil Donovan	6
Ian G Campbell	3	Frederick Ross	7
Ian North	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Richard E. Price

ROYSTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In eight methods, being (1) Double Court, (2) Oxford Bob, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge S., (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt

Howard Scott	Treble	Peter Scholfield	4
Frances Fairbank	2	David S. Johnson	5
Wilfrid F. Moreton	3	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F Moreton.

RIPPONDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt

Patricia Lockwood	Treble	*Ian North	5
Frances Fairbank	2	Neil Donovan	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Peter Scholfield	4	Michael P. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley
* First peal in the method.

SOWERBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 608 Dorchester, 640 Superlative and 576 Pudsey. All the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 16 cwt.

Elizabeth Peace	Treble	Stuart Armeson	5
Iris Lemare	2	J. Henry Fielden	6
Howard Scott	3	Richard E. Price	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Frederick Ross	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

HALIFAX, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Souls, Haley Hill.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 24½ cwt.

John S. Rank	Treble	Ronald Ducker	5
Neil Donovan	2	Michael P. Moreton	6
Ian G. Campbell	3	Tom Cullingworth	7
David S. Johnson	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

THORNER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Peter Scholfield	Treble	Ronald Ducker	5
Ian North	2	David S. Johnson	6
Frances Fairbank	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
Ian G. Campbell	4	John S. Rank	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

RIPON, Yorks.—At the Cathedral Church of SS Peter and Wilfrid.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 23¼ cwt.

Neil Donovan	Treble	Stuart Armeson	6
Iris Lemare	2	Frederick Ross	7
Howard Scott	3	Tom Cullingworth	8
W. Eric Critchley	4	Richard E. Price	9
Michael P. Moreton	5	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

EASINGWOLD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Michael P. Moreton	Treble	Frederick Ross	5
W Eric Critchley	2	Neil Donovan	6
Richard E. Price	3	Tom Cullingworth	7
Howard Scott	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by W E. Critchley. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

PINCHBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Peter Scholfield	Treble	John S. Rank	5
Frances Fairbank	2	Ronald Ducker	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	Neil Donovan	7
James A. D. Woolford	4	Frederick Ross	Tenor

Composed by A Craven. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

GOSBERTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

W. Eric Critchley	Treble	John S. Rank	4
Howard Scott	2	Ian G. Campbell	5
Peter Scholfield	3	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

ALL THE FOLLOWING PEALS WERE RUNG FOR THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARMSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Elizabeth Peace	Treble	Ian North	5
David Massey	2	John S. Rank	6
Iris Lemare	3	Wilfrid F Moreton	7
Ian G. Campbell	4	Frederick Ross	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

HEYDOUR, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Ian North	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
*Patricia Lockwood	2	Stuart Armeson	6
James A. D. Woolford	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
Ronald Ducker	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
* First peal in the method.

YORKS AND LINCS PEAL WEEK — Continued

SURFLEET, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Fri., Aug. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 12 cwt.

Richard E. Price	Treble	Ian G. Campbell	7
Howard Scott	2	Ian North	8
Frederick Ross	3	Neil Donovan	9
Michael P. Moreton	4	Ronald Ducker	10
Frances Fairbank	5	James A. D. Woolford	11
Patricia Lockwood	6	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

MOULTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Aug. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In ten methods, being (1) Primrose S., (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (3) Oxford Bob, (4) Cambridge S., (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Iris Lemare	Treble	W. Eric Critchley	4
Elizabeth Peace	2	David S Johnson	5
Wilfrid F. Moreton	3	John S. Rank	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

BICKER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

Howard Scott	Treble	Richard E. Price	5
Iris Lemare	2	David S. Johnson	6
Stuart Armeson	3	*Michael P. Moreton	7
Michael W. Crowder	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* 400th peal.

SUTTERTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

David S. Johnson	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
*Elizabeth Peace	2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	6
*Patricia Lockwood	3	George W. Massey	7
*Ian North	4	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Composed by M. Hodgson. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal in the method.

SPALDING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Frances Fairbank	Treble	Dennis R Woods	5
Iris Lemare	2	Michael P Moreton	6
Frederick Ross	3	J. Henry Fielden	7
Ronald Ducker	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Stuart Armeson

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

PORT SUNLIGHT, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Robert J. Warrilow	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Derek Yates	2	Alan McFall	6
John Worth	3	Robert B. Smith	7
Harold C. Lonyon	4	Basil Jones	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

WEST KIRBY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Donald Peers	Treble	Robert Peers	5
Antony P. Foster	2	Ernest T. Carvell	6
*Christopher J. Eden	3	Alexander J. Martin	7
David J. Jukes	4	Charles F. Pocock	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Charles F. Pocock
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the wedding earlier in the year of Susan Jukes and Julian Wallace, and also to mark the occasion of the forthcoming ordination to the priesthood of the curate, Alastair V. Shufflebotham.

TIBBERTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations, being three extents each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Old, Dedworth, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb and Wychbold. Tenor 5 cwt. in C sharp.

Keith W. Eaton	Treble	Leon A. Perry	3
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	John R. Scott	4
Frank R. Morton	Tenor		

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

BUCKFAST, Devon.—At the Benedictine Abbey Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

Tony Price	Treble	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Ralph G. Edwards	2	Alan E. Bagworth	7
Arthur G Mason	3	David P. Hilling	8
*Clive G. Bryant	4	George E. Thoday	9
William S. Deason	5	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First peal of Surprise Royal and first of Cambridge.

(and The Society of Sherwood Youths)
PLYMOUTH, Devon.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in D flat.

D. Roy Bould	Treble	John H. Taylor	6
*John C. Mitchelmore	2	‡Simon Humphrey	7
†Elizabeth J. Foster	3	Richard Inglis	8
*George E Mudge	4	‡George A. Dawson	9
‡Peter R Humphrey	5	‡John R. Pratchett	Tenor

Composed by H. Tucker. Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal. ‡ First of Plain Bob Royal. First of Royal as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Elizabeth J. Foster, D. Roy Bould and Simon Humphrey

(and the Society of Sherwood Youths)
ST. JULIOT, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Juliot.
On Fri., Aug. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob and one extent each of Kent T.B., Cambridge S. and St. Clement's.
Tenor 8 cwt 12 lb. in A.

John R. Pratchett	Treble	George A. Dawson	4
Elizabeth J. Foster	2	Peter R. Humphrey	5
Simon Humphrey	3	Richard Inglis	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Inglis.
First peal in five methods on the bells.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, being 1,760 Cambridge, 1,760 Yorkshire, and 1,600 Lincolnshire, with 84 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Percival C. Richards	Treble	John C. Eisel	5
†Martin C. Powell	2	Michael J. Fellows	6
*M. Irene Ellsmore	3	Martin D. Fellows	7
*Peter L. Bill	4	Brian J. Luff	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Quarterly peal for the Guild.
† First of Surprise.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Westminster, (2) Netherseale, (3) London, (4) York, (5) Beverley, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.
Tenor 5¼ cwt. in B.

Robert W. Leavett	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	4
*Peter G. Brown	2	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Peter J. Came	3	James L. Towler	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* 100th peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABBOTT'S LEIGH, Somerset. — At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*Colin V. Coombes	Treble	William Willans	4
Roger FizGeorge	2	Alan Tubb	5
Michael H. Gregory	3	Andrew Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Tubb.
* First peal.

SOUTH CERNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Ernest H. Jefferies	Treble	*Raymond W. G. Fenton	4
William A. Godwin	2	Bruce Wakefield	5
Roland T. Wakefield	3	Michael E. Stracey	Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Stracey.
* First peal of Minor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRISTOL Central.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

Gordon W. Land	Treble	Richard J. Bowden	5
J. Frank Smallwood	2	Alan Tubb	6
Diana M. Chapman	3	James R Taylor	7
Elisabeth A G. Bowden	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by Gordon W. Land.
Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to J. Frank Smallwood.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*Geoffrey R Fielding	Treble	John E. Ewer	6
Kenneth R. Dunstan	2	Robert E. Hardy	7
Vernon Green	3	C. Martin Press	8
David E. Rothera	4	Gerald Penney	9
Martin L. J Jordan	5	Jonathan S. N. Porter	Tenor

Composed by George W. Debenham. Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.
* First peal on ten bells First as conductor on ten bells.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative and 768 Bristol, with 129 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Katherine S. Maylott	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	5
Christopher W. Woolley	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Robert E. Hardy	3	Vernon Green	7
David Burbidge	4	Stephen Ivin	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Roger Baldwin

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Ann P. Bond	Treble	Walter Ayre	5
Augustin V. Good	2	Reginald E Sheppard	6
Susan E Williams	3	Peter W. Harper	7
C. Valerie Mills	4	Antony R. Kench	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Anthony R. Kench
Rung in honour of the marriage between Barrie Arthur Mayes and Diana Mary Kench, the conductor's sister, which took place in this church later on the same day.

APSLEY END Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods. being one extent each of Cambridge S., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14¼ cwt

Walter Ayre	Treble	Augustin V. Good	4
C. Valerie Mills	2	*Keith Sheppard	5
*Francis M. Byrne	3	Reginald E J. Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal of five methods.
Rung with the best wishes of the band as a "God-speed" to Valerie Mills as she leaves for Chelsea College, Eastbourne.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., Aug. 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Ann Jenner	Treble	*Kevin S. Hohl	5
*Angela M. Wright	2	*Edward J. Jenner	6
*Peter Adcock	3	Stanley Jenner	7
*Paul J. Dye	4	*Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal in the method

MARDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F

Edwin G. Jenner	Treble	Reginald E. Lambert	5
Thomas E. Sone	2	E. S. John Hatcher	6
*Ann F. Funnell	3	Ernest J. Ladd	7
Peter Carter	4	Reginald L. Sills	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to Ann Funnell, member of the West Malling band, who is leaving for Ipswich for two years.

NETTLESTEAD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., Sept. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being Morris's 240 and 12 extents of Grandsire, 14 extents of Plain Bob and 14 extents of Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B.

*R. Jean Vidler	Treble	*Clarissa M. Miller	3
†Ian R. Russell	2	†Paul W. Miller	4
Peter S Muchlinski	Tenor		

Conducted by Peter S. Muchlinski.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTHOUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*Roy Jolley	Treble	‡James E. Andrews	4
James Cunliffe	2	Albert Greenhalgh	5
†R Keith Lister	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal † First "inside." ‡ First of Surprise Minor. Believed to be the first peal at his tower to be rung by the service ringing band.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Greenhalgh and Mrs. Thomas W. Smith.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Sept. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

*Martin Green	Treble	David Wilford	7
†David A. Moore	2	Derek Tranter	8
†Murray A. Colman	3	Brian S. Chapman	9
*Rupert A. Clarke	4	Herrick B. Bowley	10
J. Martin Thorley	5	E. Alan Jacques	11
Shirley Burton	6	John M. Jelley	Tenor

Arranged by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Yorkshire Maximus.
Rung for the marriage of Derek M. Sawyer and Susan D. Foster, which took place in the Cathedral on Saturday, September 3rd.

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Ronald J. Hill	Treble	A. James Poyner	5
Sandra E. Chesterton	2	Peter J. Staniforth	6
*Tony Natt	3	Russell S. Morris	7
Alfred Ballard	4	Brian S. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* First peal in the method.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Derek M. Sawyer and Susan D. Foster, who were married earlier in the day at Leicester Cathedral.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CARDIFF.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

*James Clatworthy	Treble	Brian J. Woodruffe	6
†Richard W. Sweet	2	M. Jack Pryor	7
Gwen Bidgood	3	Christopher Aldridge	8
Thomas Yeomans	4	Christopher T. Osenton	9
‡Nicholas W. H. Simon	5	William Harford	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal on ten bells. † First of Caters, ‡ 100th tower-bell peal.

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THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ABERAVON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	M, Jack Pryor	5
Gwen Bidgood	2	Nicholas W. H. Simon	6
Ruth E. Havard	3	David J. Llewellyn	7
Thomas Yeomans	4	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland	Tenor

Composed by Albert W. Pitman. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
Rung half-muffled in memory of the composer, vice-president of the Association and for many years leader of the ringers at this tower.

PORTHKERRY,' Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Curig.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being eight methods in seven extents: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Single Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Oxford, (6) Grandsire, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Geoffrey J. B. Stickland	Treble	*Raymond Price	4
Mary Pryor	2	†Barrie James	5
Nicholas W. H. Simon	3	David J. Llewellyn	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRECON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Claudia A. Critchley	Treble	John Hill	5
*Joan Beresford	2	G. William Critchley	6
*Ruth M. Foreman	3	*Thomas J. Lock	7
Alick Cutler	4	*John R. Mayne	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal on this bell. First peal in the method for the Association.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
DRAYCOTT, Staffordshire—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb.

*Glenda Rowley	Treble	*Eric Young	5
*Philip Jones	2	Andrew Thompson	6
*Mandi McCallion	3	Charles S. Ryles	7
T. Leslie Walley	4	G. Arnold Moore	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Charles S. Ryles
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.
Rung for the induction of Dr. Healey as Rector.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
REDGRAVE, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Robin R. Churchill	Treble	Albert G. Harrison	4
*Alfred W. Foreman	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Owen P. Claxton	3	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
* First peal away from the treble.

THURSTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents each of Grandsire, St. Martin and St. Simon and 12 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

Charles H. Blake	Treble	Leslie Bailey	3
Henry Tooke	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	4
H. William Barrett	Tenor		

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*Thomas J. Newell	Treble	J. Barry Pickup	4
Rosemary A. White	2	Trevor N. J. Bailey	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	Richard C. L. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Gerald Parsons.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
RADLEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Marie R. Cross	Treble	Christopher I. Rowson	4
Daphne J. Pollard	2	Michael C. E. Hodge	5
Christopher C. Clarke	3	Michael W. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
Rung for the 21st birthday of Christopher Allso, a member of the local band.

SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In three methods, comprising 1,200 London No. 3 and 1,920 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire with 77 changes of method.
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

William Birmingham	Treble	Michael P. Moreton	6
Frederick R. Scott	2	Alan E. Bagworth	7
Andrew N. Stubbs	3	John Hill	8
Anthony D. Sansom	4	Robert C. Kippin	9
J. Keith Ward	5	David P. Hilling	Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal by all except the ringers of 3, 8 and 9. First peal of Spliced Surprise Royal for the Guild.

SOUTH NEWINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one extent each of 42 methods/variations: (1) St. Remigius, (2) Horsley, (3) St. Chrysostum, (4) Church Gresley, (5) St. Richard, (6) St. Cleer, (7) St. Nicholas, (8) Lapley, (9) St. Thomas, (10) St. Giles, (11) Nuffield, (12) Shareshill, (13) Winchendon Place, (14) St. John, (15) St. Luke, (16) St. Miles, (17) Wadham, (18) Ryton, (19) St. Simon, (20) Eynsham, (21) Cassington, (22) St. Albans, (23) Somerville, (24) Elford, (25) St. Martin, (26) St. Leonard, (27) St. Peter, (28) St. Paul, (29) Magdalen, (30) Austrey, (31) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (32) Clifford's Pleasure, (33) St. Columb, (34) Southrepps Pleasure, (35) Campion, (36) Little Aston, (37) Plain Bob, (38) April Day, (39) Old, (40) Kennington, (41) Hudibras, (42) Seighford. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Cyril H. Kinch	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke	3
Michael W. Coleman	2	Ernest G. Jones	4
*Alec W. Ivings	Tenor		

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
* First peal of Doubles.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRIGSTOCK, Northants.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., March 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in six methods, viz.: Twelve Reverse Canterbury, eight Winchendon Place, six each St. Martin, Grandsire and Plain Bob and four St. Nicholas. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Ronald P. Russell	Treble	Michael Hawkins	3
J. Martin Thorley	2	Stephen Bell	4
Peter M. Fleckney	Tenor		

Conducted by Peter M. Fleckney.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE'S YOUTHS
CROMHALL, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being two extents of Double Oxford Bob, two extents of St. Clement's College Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in G.

Graham C. King	Treble	Andrew Howard	4
Michael H. Gregory	2	Hugh N. Evans	5
Alan Tubb	3	John H. Taylor	Tenor

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HODNET, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

Raymond J. Ballard	Treble	F. Hector Bennett	5
Norman Sherratt	2	*Gerald Parsons	6
*David J. Midgeley	3	†Dennis Latham	7
T. Felicity Webber	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by L. Goodall. Conducted by Dennis Latham.
* First peal of Bristol "inside." † 100th peal. First in the method as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	*A. Robin Heppenstall	7
*Olive D. Tester	2	*Geoffrey Paul	8
*Gillian M. Hussey	3	*Colin A. Tester	9
*Trevor A. Cross	4	John Freeman	10
Geoffrey R. Parker	5	*D. John Hunt	11
Peter A. Sharp	6	Frank Darby	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse
* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Maximus. First peal of Pudsey Surprise Maximus on the bells and for the Guild.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sun., Sept. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
J. W. Washbrook's variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

Joyce M. Sharp	Treble	Colin W. Reed	5
Beryl N. Reed	2	Cyril H. Pritchett	6
Gwen I. Bloomfield	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
Peter A. Sharp	4	Peter Wakefield	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and the 800th anniversary of the church.

GOTHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being seven extents each of All Saints, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington and April Day. Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

Graham Fisher	Treble	Neil Handley	3
*Trevor Kirkman	2	John Eberall	4
David Oliver (cond.) ..	Tenor		

* First peal.

GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

S. C. Carnall	Treble	A. Harry Hawcroft	4
Miss K. Burchnall	2	Harold Denman	5
Miss G. Burchnall	3	Leslie M. Woodhead ..	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.
Rung as a welcome to Gamston for the Rev. John Edge, who was inducted on August 17th, 1966, and Mrs. Edge.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(Northern District)
BATTERSEA, London.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., September 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Robert J. Cooles	Treble	Jeremy R. Pratt	5
Sandra C. Thexton	2	Christopher G. Barnes ..	6
Rosemary J. Cotton ..	3	Nigel Thomson	7
*Frederick A. Benn	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* First peal "inside." The conductor's 75th peal.
Rung to mark Mr. George A. Barber's 50 years' membership of the local band.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HORBURY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Leonard.
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 11¾ cwt. in F sharp.

Margaret White	Treble	Alan Newbould	5
Patricia Lockwood	2	Alan Clifton	6
David S. Lockwood	3	Irvin Slack	7
Ian North	4	Eric Robinson	Tenor

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by Irvin Slack.
Rung as a belated welcome to the Rev. Ronald Bullivant, who was inducted as Vicar here on June 29th, 1966.

DORE, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Michael Hardy	Treble	Richard Farnsworth ..	5
Andrew Jobson	2	Richard Tibbetts	6
Felicity A. Kelly	3	Clive Langden	7
*Michael Edwards	4	Leonard Goodall	Tenor

Arranged by L. Goodall. Conducted by Richard Farnsworth.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

(The Beverley and District Society)
HUTTON CRANSWICK, East Yorks.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Sept. 2, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in seven methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Double Oxford Bob, (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

Richard D. Gibson ..	Treble	Graham K. Smith	4
*Vivienne M. Kirk	2	Ronald Ducker	5
Robert Hawtree	3	John S. Rank	Tenor

Conducted by John S. Rank.
* First peal attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
RISLEY, Derbyshire.—At 85, Derby Road.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford, Kent, St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Denis R. Carlisle	1–2	Gordon A. Halls	3–4
David J. Marshall (cond.) ..	5–6		

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., Aug. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minues,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5–6
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	3–4	Edward J. Beer	7–8
John W. Gander	9–10		

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal of Treble Bob Royal "in hand" by all the band except the ringer of 7–8. A 21st birthday compliment to Valerie J. Groves.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHEPSTOW, Monmouthshire.—In the Lounge of the George Hotel.
On Sun., Aug. 28, and Mon., Aug 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1–2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	Richard Inglis	7–8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
200th peal as conductor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
HILLMORTON, Warwickshire.—At 88, High Street.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*Graham C. Paul	1–2	Richard F. B. Speed ..	5–6
Anne B. Speed	3–4	*Roger W. Smith	7–8

Composed by John Patrick. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal of Treble Bob "in hand." Tenor size 15 in C.

QUARTER PEALS

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marianne Leeworthy (first quarter) 1, Margaret Mallinson 2, H. Gardener 3, D. Leeworthy 4, P. Beal (cond.) 5, P. Cockrill (first quarter) 6.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Bourner 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, Vivienne M. Dye 3, L. Mannering 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, A. S. Phelips 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Willis, chairman of the K.C.A.

OLD ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Huggins 1, Dorothy M. Huggins 2, Prisca Hornby 3, Kay Tremeer 4, L. Tremeer (cond.) 5, J. Hatch (first quarter) 6. A wedding compliment to Jean and Michael Stenning.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Hallett 1, Miss J. Griffith 2, A. House 3, T. Sharp 4, D. Sloman 5, M. Carter 6, R. D. Tomlin (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

RIPE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. R. Pratt 1, Sandra C. Thexton (first as cond.) 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, N. Thomson 4, G. G. Barnes 5. For morning service.

ST. GILES-IN-THE-HEATH, DEVON.—On Aug. 30th, 1,680 Doubles (four methods): D. S. Beaufoy 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, J. R. Pratchett 3, S. Humphrey 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5. First quarter on a cracked bell for 2 and 4. Longest length on the bells.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Ellis 1, J. Pilgrim 2, S. Bedford 3, J. Marjoram 4, A. Knight (first as cond.) 5, H. Archer 6. Congratulations to ringers of 1 and 3, both aged 13 years, on their first quarter.

SHILLINGSTONE, DORSET.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: W. C. Shute 1, Miss R. M. Julius 2, H. J. Ralph 3, Mrs. M. M. Godley 4, F. Priddle (cond.) 5, A. E. Woods 6. First in the method for all.

SHRUB END, COLCHESTER.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Mortimore (first quarter) 1, P. Schafie 2, D. Cobb 3, K. B. Good (cond.) 4, D. Whent 5, C. Coulson 6.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. R. Hare 1, D. C. Brown (first quarter) 2, J. K. Ward 3, D. P. Hilling 4, T. G. Pett (cond.) 5, F. R. Scott 6, W. Birmingham 7, G. R. Shedden 8.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Aldgate 1, Jean Hague 2, K. Hall (cond.) 3, Lesley Wilson 4, F. Howard 5, S. Giblin 6. A farewell to the ringer of the second.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Catherine Cameron (first quarter) 1, W. Thornley 2, G. Rigby 3, R. Butler 4, P. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 5, J. Hanley (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. M. J. Walker, who is to become Rector of Saxmundham.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sept. 1st, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): Diana Cullen (first away from tenor) 1, J. H. Payton (cond.) 2, Diane Street 3, Rosemary Weal (first in four methods) 4, J. W. Hagley 5, Elizabeth Stevinson 6.

TENDRING, ESSEX.—On Aug. 27th, 1,272 Minor (four methods): Heather McArthur 1, D. Bloyce 2, J. Avis 3, P. Erith 4, N. Avis 5, A. Semken (cond.) 6.

WELLESBOURNE, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. E. Mackie 1, Miss C. Mackie 2, Mrs. D. Randall 3, G. W. Randall 4, J. L. Garner-Hayward 5, E. Holdsworth (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,296 Netherseale Surprise Minor: W. Bavin 1, A. J. Causer 2, H. S. Peacock 3, G. E. Crisp 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For morning service, and to the memory of T. R. Dennis.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Lovell 1, S. Lewis 2, J. Lambard 3, J. Coombes (cond.) 4, S. Hallett 5, W. Kingsbury 6. Rung after fitting a reconditioned clapper in the tenor.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

COOK.—Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Cook, of Meldreth, Cambs, who celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding on Saturday, September 10th, 1966. 9970

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BEGRIE.—The address of R. H. Begrie is now: 13, Rowan Drive, Crowthorne, Berks. 9955

PETT.—As from September 25th, 1966, the address of Timothy G. Pett will be: 8a, Herne Hill Mansions, Herne Hill, London, S.E.24. Ringing friends welcome. 9956

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PERSONAL

"Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to who tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour."—Romans xiii, 7.

UNIVERSITY WELCOMES

HULL COLLEGES GUILD.—Would any ringers coming up to Hull next term please contact Mr. P. Church, 149, Norton Street, Radford, Nottingham. 9892

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — All freshers will be most welcome. Please write to the secretary, G. Cooper, 47, Haslemere Road, Bobbers Mill, Nottingham. 9944

LEICESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Would all freshers coming to Leicester please write to H. C. Palmer 51, Redland Drive, Kirk Ella, East Yorkshire. We are hoping to start a peal band. 9946

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY.—Freshers interestind in joining Ringing Society please contact F. D. Keast, 1, Glentworth Terrace, Lostwithiel, Cornwall. 9957

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY —First meeting of term, Beeston, October 5th, 7.30. Freshers wishing to join should come to the Society's stall at "Week One" on Tuesday, October 4th, for details. 9868

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD —Would any freshers going to Southampton for the new session like to contact Miss H. A Walters, 8, Colbrook Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex. 9810

MISCELLANEOUS

BANWELL, SOMERSET

Rededication of the ring of eight bells by the Archdeacon of Bath at 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 24th. Refreshments available. Numbers, please, to W Rice Stoneleigh, West Street, Banwell. The bells have been rehung at a lower level in a new frame by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. 9790

EAST MALLING, KENT.—Rededication of the ring of six bells in a new frame by the Archdeacon of Tonbridge at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, October 1st. All ringers welcome Refreshments available after service. Apologies for short notice. 9963

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Saturday, October 15th, in the Bowdon Institute, Bowdon, near Altrincham. Meet 6 for 6.30 p.m. Cost of tickets 23s. each.

All applications for tickets to Mr. C. K Lewis, 52, Wellington Road, Altrincham, **before October 8th** — Henry O. Baker, Gen Sec. 9954

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET. — No ringing after September 25th for about three weeks. Clappers and staples at Whitechapel Foundry for overhaul and modification.—R. M. Virgin, 13, St. Keyna Road, Keynsham. 9942

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—280th anniversary, Saturday, September 24th. Bells (12) 3.30 p.m. Tea (2/6) 5 p.m. Names to R T. Watts, 2, New Street, Painswick, Stroud, Glos. Painswick Feast, Sunday, September 25th. Ringing 2 p.m.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — St. Mary's, Birkenhead, September 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 9945

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY —Meeting at Thorne (8), Saturday, September 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Bell, 24, Tennyson Avenue, Thorne, Doncaster. 9941

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. —Combined meeting at Stinchcombe and North Nibley on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available: Stinchcombe 3 till 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells will also be available at North Nibley from 6, and Stinchcombe from 6 till 8 p.m. 9947

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 24th, in the vestry at Stoke-next-Guildford, 6 p.m., followed by ringing. Evening practice at Stoke-next-Guildford on October 8th cancelled —Diana Street, Dis. Sec. 9958

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, September 24th, Ware (8), 7 to 9 p.m.—P. M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 9928

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Striking competition, Hitcham and Burnham, Saturday, September 24th. Evening meeting, Wednesday, September 28th, Dorney 7 p.m. Branch dinner-dance, November 19th, Beaconsfield. Tickets 26s. All welcome.—Miss Hague. 9881

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Peterborough (6). September 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m Service 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to R Spencer, 69, Newark Avenue, Peterborough, essential.—R. H. Daw. 9915

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Practice meeting at Pitsford on Saturday, September 24th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. D. Isaacs, 9, The Square. Pitsford. 9923

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District. — Meeting at Defynnog, Saturday, September 24th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting Names for tea to M. R. Thomas, Station House, Brecon. — M. R. E. 9872

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Meeting at Swainswick (6), October 1st Bells 3.15. Other arrangements as usual. Names for tea to D. McDaniel, 18, Bennett's Road, Swainswick, by September 29th certain.—Alan Lee, Sec. 9851

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch — Quarterly meeting at Shapwick on Saturday, October 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, by previous Wednesday —J. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford, Bridgwater Holford 345. 9950

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Eight-bell practice at Timberscombe on Saturday, October 1st, 7 p.m. 9948

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, High Ham (5), Saturday, October 1st. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. **Numbers for tea, please.**—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 9959

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Cardington (8), Saturday, October 1st, 3.30 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Willington from 6.15. Names must be sent by Tuesday.—32, George Street, Clapham. 9943

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Dronfield (8), Saturday, October 1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. D. Peers, 42, Lea Road, Dronfield, Sheffield, by September 28th. (Tel. Dronfield 3848). Eckington (8) 7–8 p.m. —B. P. Morris, Sec. 9931

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Newcastle on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing: Fenham 1.30–2.30, Gosforth 2.30–3.45, Cathedral 5–5.30 and 7–9, Gateshead 8–9. Business meeting 4 p.m. in Cathedral library, and service 5.30 p.m. in Cathedral. Tea at Bainbridge's 6.15 p.m (price 7s.). Notification for tea essential to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 9967

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Change of date of meeting at Northwold to Saturday. October 1st.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 9935

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bath, 1. Lyndhurst, Woodlands Road, Camberley, Surrey.—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 9908

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Autumn meeting, Ermington, Saturday, October 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 and after tea. Service and address 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Yealmpton bells (6) available 7.45 to 9. Names for tea to me, please, not later than Monday, September 26th.—R. A. Southwood, Branch Sec, 11. Sydney Close. Plympton, Phone: Plymouth 36891. 9847

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, October 1st, Great Wymondley (6) 6 p.m., also Norton (8), Thursday, October 6th, 7.30 p.m.—C. M. Orme 9966

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — Annual District meeting at Cheriton. Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Newington bells (6) available after tea. Names for tea to Miss P. Court, 8 Quarry Walk. Seabrook, Hythe, by Thursday, September 29th. 9819

FOURTH BRISTOL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 29th, 1966

(South Route In)		(North Route In)	
Brislington (6)	9.30–10.30	Filton (6)	9.30–10.30
Knowle (8)	10.00–11.00	Horfield (5)	9.45–10.45
Bedminster (6)	10.15–11.15	Henbury (8)	10.00–11.00
St. Philip's (8)	10.30–11.30	Westbury (6)	10.15–11.15
		St. Mark's (6)	10.30–11.45

Cathedral service 12 noon.
Own lunch arrangements.

(West)		(East)	
Long Ashton (5)	2.15–3.15	St. George's (8)	2.15–3.15
Abbott's Leigh (6)	2.45–3.45	St. Ambrose's (8)	2.45–3.45
Stoke Bishop (6)	3.15–4.15	Stapleton (6)	3.15–4.15
Emmanuel, Clifton (8)	3.45–4.45	St. Werburgh's (6)	3.45–4.45

(Country Route)		(City Towers)	
Mangotsfield (8)	2.30–3.30	Cathedral (8)	1.45–3.00
Pucklechurch (6)	3.00–4.00	Redcliffe (12)	2.30–5.00
Abson (6)	3.30–4.30	Christ Church (10)	3.30–4.45
Dyrham (6)	4.00–5.00	St. Stephen's (10)	4.00–5.15
Doynton (5)	4.30–5.30	Kingsdown (8)	4.30–5.45
Warmley (6)	5.00–6.00	St. Michael's (6)	5.00–6.15
		St. John's (6)	5.30–6.45
		St. James' (10)	6.00–7.15

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D. J. Hunt, 58, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The A.D.M. will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Please send names for tea to me by Wednesday, September 28th.—W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 9916

LADIES' GUILD. — Eastern District. — Colchester, October 1st. St. Peter's (8) 2.45–4.30, followed by service and meeting. St. Leonard's (6) 6.30–7.15. Shrub End (6) 7.45–9. Own tea arrangements.—J. M. A. 9912

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting, Exeter, October 1st. St. David's (8) 1–2 p.m. and 3–4 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. in vestry. St. Petrock's (6) 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Boobier, 47, Oxford Road, St. James', Exeter, by September 28th. 9968

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. — Meeting at Melling on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m Tea 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. Gibson, Brentwood, Melling, Carnforth. 9953

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.— Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Talbot Square, Blackpool, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. 9964

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Countesthorpe, October 1st. Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30. No business. Further ringing until 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 9960

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting at Tutbury on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. and service 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. 9961

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Autumn general meeting will be held at Wantage, Berks, on Saturday, October 1st. Meeting 2.30 p.m. in the Victoria Cross Gallery 4.30 p.m Tea 5.30 p.m. Service in the Parish Church. Applications for tea tickets (together with remittance, 3/3 each) to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley Abingdon, Berks before Monday, September 26th. List of towers will be distributed with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to same address.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 9827

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Escrick, October 1st. Bells (8) 2.30–8. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names, please, to Mrs. H. Storr, Main Street, Escrick, York, before September 28th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec 9939

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Waltham Abbey, October 8th. Bells (12) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. and from 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m., followed by further ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to D. Cobb, 1, Elm Close, Waltham Abbey. (Waltham Cross 20920.) 9857

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, October 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the College Rooms. Washington film to be shown Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. H 9962

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION — Monmouth Branch. — Meeting, Chepstow, Saturday, October 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. 9975

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Happisburgh on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. E. Larter, 2, School Common Road, Lower Happisburgh, Norwich. NOR 252, by previous Wednesday.—N. P. J. C 9854

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice for Western Deaneries at Mulbarton, Saturday, October 8th, 3 p.m Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr P. M. Adcock by Wednesday, October 5th 9836

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western and Midland Districts.—Joint meeting on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells available: Brown Edge (6) 3 to 4 p.m.; Norton-le-Moors (8) 4 p.m. and after tea: Newcastle-under-Lyme (10) 7 to 8.30 p.m. Service at Norton 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Johnson, Engine Locks, Norton-le-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent, by October 17th.—H. L. Horn and S. Chesterton, Dis. Secs. 9965

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—**Oswy Street Cup Contest** at Cuckney, Saturday, October 22nd Will captains of teams intending to compete please contact H Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, Notts, by October 7th. A record entry is likely and the committee must consider how far to cut the test piece and what other changes to make to the rules to keep the total time within reasonable bounds. 9887

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD. — A.G.M., Leicester, October 29th. Details of lunch and ringing later.—C. E. Willmington. 9971

LATE NOTICES

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MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Worle (6) on Saturday, October 1st (please note change of date), 5–8 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting at Silverdale on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) from 6.30 p.m. until 9 p.m.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 9983

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Monthly meeting at Ecclesfield (8), near Sheffield, October 1st. Please note—evening meeting only. Bells from 6 p.m. and no business meeting. All welcome.—Andrew King, Hon Sec. 9984

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, October 1st. at Kildwick. Bells (8) 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Special methods: Plain Bob and Stedman. All welcome, especially learners. — Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 9986

AMBLECOTE, Stourbridge, Worcs.—Holy Trinity Church.—Dedication of new Taylor eight by the Lord Bishop of Worcester, Sunday, October 2nd, at 6.30 p.m. All welcome. General ringing after service. 9987

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District — A.D.G. meeting at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, on Saturday, October 8th. Service at 4.15 p.m. Bells available from 2.30 Other ringing details to District towers. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall. Would those requiring tea, at the cost of 2s. per person, please contact Mr. T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury, by October 5th.—T. C. P. 9978

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS — Quarterly meeting in Central London on Saturday, October 8th. Ringing arrangements later. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, Putney, S.W.15. 9972

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Striking competition and quarterly meeting at Wimbledon on October 8th. Draw 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, other than contentants, should be sent to Mr. M. J. Baugham, 27, Liverpool Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. Any Sunday service band in the county is invited to compete. Entries to N. Steere, 1, Prior Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

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ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY AT TONG

By ALBERT E. GARBETT

TONG, a Shropshire village near to the border of Staffordshire, is in a setting of sylvan beauty, with Dickens association. It was here that Little Nell and her grandfather found peace after their many wanderings: quoting from "The Old Curiosity Shop," "The church was old and grey, it was a quiet place," and near to the south door of the church is to be seen a small grave bearing a plaque worded "The reputed grave of Little Nell."

The present church, dedicated to St. Bartholomew, was built in the early part of the 15th century. It is of cruciform design with a central tower and spire; in the upper belfry hangs the ring of six bells; in the lower is the "Great" bell. All the bells are rung from the floor of the church between the nave and the chancel in view of the congregation, which can be rather embarrassing to the ringers should they not be staying to service.

With its many tombs and fan vaulting in the Vernon Chapel, the church has aptly been described as "The little Westminster Abbey of the Midlands" and attracts visitors from all parts of the world. Not only is the church renowned for its tombs, brasses, wood carvings, library, its silver ciborium (a beautiful piece of work by Holbein) but also for its "Great" bell.

The present bell is the third of its kind. The first, given by Sir Henry Vernon, was hung in 1518. Local legend has it that Sir Henry, being benighted in the surrounding forest, heard the church bells ringing, the sound guiding him eventually to his castle, and as a thank-offering he gave the "Great" bell. There is no information as to who cast this bell, but we are told in "The History of Tong Church" that the weight of it was 58 cwt.; it cracked during the Civil War and was recast by Abraham Rudhall at the Gloucester foundry in 1720. This bell also cracked in 1848 when being tolled for a service on Ash Wednesday. It was recast and rehung in 1892 by John Taylor, Loughborough, the weight now being approximately 50 cwt.

This bell is tolled on occasions and rung on others; a board in the church porch tells when these are. One annual ringing is on St. Bartholomew's Day (August 24th). On the evening of this day in August last, ringers assembled from Tong, Edgmond, Gnosall and Stafford to honour the patron saint by ringing this bell. It was a surprise to find present a reporter from the B.B.C., who recorded an interview with Mr. Tindel of Tong and also the sound of the "Great" bell as it was being "rung up". This recording was broadcast the next morning, Thursday, August 25th, in Midland Regional Extra at 7.35.

We who were raising the bell had moments of dismay as when about halfway we heard a snap and on looking upward found that a strand of the rope had parted, and we had doubts as to whether the other strands would hold. Fortunately they did and all present were able to ring, usually with one "strapping"; a Tong ringer did ring it himself. It was a joy to stand in the churchyard to hear the majestic and sonorous note of this bell.

As the "Glimmering landscape faded from the sight," and with the moon rising in a cloudless sky, the bell was rung down, its note gradually dying away over the stillness of the countryside. Then its six smaller sisters were rung down in peal, ringing had been much curtailed on these; so ended another St. Bartholomew's Day at Tong. We left on our various homeward journeys with the majestic note of the "Great" bell still in our ears, and our friends bidding us farewell with "Don't forget to come next year." Truly a very pleasant evening and one to be remembered.

RINGING TOURS

THE summer season of 1966 is almost over, and the tours, whether peal, day or half-day, are now only a memory, but invariably each provided an unexpected experience and to the majority new towers. One particularly happy corner of the country for touring is South West Devon with Aubrey L. Bennett as guide and organiser. He can look back on a season of striking of a high standard. Young ringers of Plymouth revel in such outings: they certainly by now know more about methods and the idiosyncrasies of bells.

The most recent of these tours took place in the Torbay area, when included in the party were old and new friends from as far afield as London, Guildford and Portsmouth. A "new" ten was sampled, and amongst other interesting things of note was a thousand-year-old yew tree in the churchyard of a well-known village alongside the ever-popular River Dart. An adjunct to many tours is the tape-recorder: collections of picture postcards of towers are now accompanied by recordings of the bells, thus making a more permanent reminder of the visit.

Looking back with gratitude to the pleasures unfolded as a ringing visitor, one is conscious of the debt perhaps unpaid. It does not finish with the organiser and those who often provide transport. Without the permission of the incumbents the ringers would be in a sorry state. Very often a stimulating personal welcome is forthcoming, and capital assets worth thousands of pounds are graciously placed at our disposal. Are we at times not apt to take all these blessings for granted?

THE FULL STORY OF THE TRIUMPH AT LIVERPOOL

Amazing Series of Early Misfortunes

By TUDOR P. EDWARDS

FOLLOWING an attempt earlier in the year for Cambridge Maximus at Liverpool, which was unfortunately lost after three and a quarter hours' ringing, permission was again given by the Cathedral authorities for a second attempt on August 13th.

After many letters and telephone calls, and by remarkable luck considering it was the middle of the holiday period, it was possible to get together the same band for the second attempt. All was well until 10 o'clock on the Thursday evening before the peal, when unfortunately Ricky Shallcross was taken ill and, although willing to start for the peal on the Saturday, he thought a fully fit replacement should be obtained. Fortunately a certain "young man" from Oldham was available to fill the breach, and the band are grateful to Ted for standing in at such short notice.

Most of the band assembled in Liverpool on the Friday evening and a most pleasant time was spent at a well-known Liverpool hostelry. All were up early the following morning as the attempt was due to start at 9 a.m. Arriving at the Cathedral we were met by Mr. Joe Ridyard and a member of the Cathedral band, and with the arrival of Peter and Ted and the Preston contingent we were soon making our way up to the belfry.

ANGUISH

Shortly after 9 a.m., with Peter suitably clad for action, we were ready to try out the bells in rounds. Just as the conductor on the treble was calling out to start, there was an anguished cry from the reverend gentleman on the tenth who had just discovered his bell was down. The reason for the tenth being let down was a mystery to all.

Raising the back bells at Liverpool is quite a performance, due to their weight and the difficulty of changing the clappers, but with the help of some of the local ringers and a few healthy young men, the tenth was soon ready for action.

We were then ready to try out the bells. This time we did get as far as pulling the bells off, but as soon as the third had pulled off at handstroke there was a fearful crash and the bell dropped like a stone. The look on the face of our bellhanger friend, who was ringing the third, was a sight to behold.

By this time we were wondering if fate had decreed that we were not to make the attempt. Examination in the bell chamber showed that the bell had fouled one of the chiming hammers, but that fortunately no great damage had been done. The situation was quickly put right and we were ready to start.

BROKEN ROPE

A few adjustments to the ropes and we were soon away ringing Cambridge Maximus just after 9.30 a.m. The ringers settled down immediately and this, we thought, was going to be it. However, with just under half a course rung the ringer of the fourth suddenly found himself enmeshed by a large amount of rope, which had broken off somewhere in the bell chamber.

The feelings of the band, and particularly of Peter at this stage, are practically impossible to describe, and for a moment or two an air of resignation that this was not going to be our day settled over the tower. However, Peter immediately said that he thought the tenor was going well and that he was not going to be deterred so easily, so up to the bell chamber we went again, and while Peter did a splice in the rope some of the remainder quickly rechecked all the other ropes.

When all was ready again a considerable amount of time had been lost and it had just gone 10 a.m. Once again we set off into Cambridge Maximus, although perhaps most of the band had thoughts of what misfortune was going to happen next.

SETTLED DOWN

The composition chosen was by F. Dench, and the ringing settled down immediately, probably remarkable in fact of what had happened previously. The first course-end came up in just about half an hour and the speed of ringing was to remain fairly constant at just under half an hour a course throughout the peal. The ringing was very good and things progressed steadily, the very few occasional slips being corrected by a gentle word of encouragement from the conductor.

Halfway, and the second 65 course-end came up in just under two and a half hours with Peter still ringing the tenor in masterly fashion. One more course of 65's and then another course, and we were in the course where the previous attempt had failed. This was rung without incident, this time, apart from a smile or two, and then two courses to go, with just under four hours' ringing behind us.

During one lead of the ninth course some slight hesitation crept into the ringing, probably due to anxiety and tension on the part of the band. However, a few sharp words from the conductor and Peter quickly put everyone back on their mettle. These few words from Peter, and the way in which they were said, had a remarkable effect, as it showed to one and all he was fully capable of finishing the peal and that it was up to the rest of us to give of our utmost to help him.

FINE FINISH

The last course was rung in fine style and the bells came round just before 3 p.m., the peal being completed in 4 hours and 48 minutes, Peter finishing the peal ringing the tenor as he had done throughout—superbly.

During the last course a number of people had entered the belfry to join those who had remained throughout the peal, and congratulations were given to Peter by all the band and all present.

Unfortunately, due to the time of finishing the peal, we were unable to obtain suitable refreshment in the other "belfry" across the road from the Cathedral, but due to the great forethought of Mr. Ridyard and Bob Dennis, alternative arrangements had been made and we were all extremely grateful to them for the refreshments that were provided.

NEVER SURPASSED

It is impossible to find the correct words to describe Peter's performance on the tenor, and it is probably best to let the reader judge for himself the enormity of the task and just to say that the bell was put in its correct place from the beginning to the end of the peal. A performance that may be equalled some time in the future but never surpassed.

Before closing, one would like to remark on the splendid way in which John rang the 11th, and also on the way in which the "young man" on the second rang, but really to mention anyone apart from Peter in a performance that was fundamentally a team effort would be wrong, and it must suffice to say that all gave of their utmost.

Finally, all the band would like to express their sincere thanks to the Dean of Liverpool for allowing the attempt to be made, and to Mr. Ridyard and all the others who helped to bring a successful conclusion to this historic ringing event. T. E.

Note.—To enable easy identification with those not familiar, the band stood: Wilfred Williams (conductor) treble, Edward Jenkins 2, William A. Theobald 3, Tudor P. Edwards 4, Kenneth J. Hesketh 5, Cyril Crossthwaite 6, John H. Fielden 7, John S. Mason 8, Ralph G. Edwards 9, Rev. Roger O. Fry 10, John A. Anderson 11, Peter Border tenor.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester and Wimborne Branches

A joint meeting between the two branches was held on September 10th, a lovely, warm, sunny day. Ringing in the afternoon took place at Wool (6) where various methods were rung, catering for all stages.

The Guild Office was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Whitter) and was unique in that four hymns, one psalm and two canticles were sung during the service! The large company then travelled over to Wareham for tea. Unfortunately more ringers than had sent their names in sat down to tea, which very rapidly disappeared.

The chairman of the Dorchester Branch (the Rev. C. Brinkworth) welcomed everyone to the meeting, representing 12 towers in the two Branches, and thanked the two secretaries for the arrangements. The vice-chairman of the Wimborne Branch (Mr. R. Fuller) replied suitably and expressed how much he had enjoyed meeting everyone and thanked them all for attending. Ringing then continued at Wareham (8).

North Dorset Branch

When the North Dorset Branch met at Yetminster on September 10th the following towers were represented: Gillingham, Iwerne Minster, Kington Magna, Okeford Fitzpaine, Sherborne, Shroton, Stourton Caundle and Yetminster.

The Guild Office was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. D. Widdecombe), and in his address he spoke of John Bunyan and his attitude towards bells, and added his own encouragement to those who play their part in this branch of service to the Church. During the service a touch on handbells was rung by T. Bleathman, J. Longridge and C. Longridge, all of Okeford Fitzpaine.

Tea, served by local ringers' wives, was followed by the meeting, with the Rev. R. N. Longridge (Master) in the chair. Tribute was paid to Mr. C. F. Mills, for many years captain at Sturminster Newton tower, who had died recently. New members elected to the Branch included ten from Durweston, where membership had lapsed for some time. This revival of interest had been brought about by young members from Okeford Fitzpaine and Shroton, who had worked hard to train and encourage the new band.

Yetminster Church bells were rung during the afternoon and again after the meeting, while Thornford bells were also rung in the evening.

WINLATON, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Jenkins (first quarter) 1, R. W. Leighton 2, K. W. Cheeseman 3, W. C. Bennett 4, T. T. Bullerwell 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6. To welcome the return of the Rector, Canon B. J. G. Fox, after his sojourn in India.

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T. J. LOCK'S TOUR IN CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES

AS usual, this year the week started with two peals on the Saturday afternoon. Rutland went well on the light ring at St. Peter's, Macclesfield, but the band at St. Mary's, Handbridge, just outside the wall of Chester, had a harder job on the heavier-going bells. However, a good peal of Yorkshire was scored and both bands made their way to the Retreat House in Abbey Square, Chester.

Staying at a Retreat House was a new venture for us and it proved highly successful. The Sisters went out of their way to be helpful, supplying us with some front-door keys so that we could arrive back at night at times to suit ourselves. We also had full use of the sitting room in the evenings, and many times the "early-to-bed" ringers went up the stairs with the faint sound of handbells following them. Most of us had trouble in finding Abbey Square at first, as after 7 p.m. a bar is locked across the rather unobtrusive entrance to this peaceful cobbled backwater.

Chester is a city rich in historical interest and we were fascinated by the "double-decker" shops, which we were told date back to 1830. One can walk on the wall right round the heart of the city, and it would seem there are more cobbles in and around Chester than anywhere else in England. The Cathedral is lovely, and we regretted not having more time for exploring.

On Sunday some of us attended Holy Communion at the Cathedral, and then after breakfast we split into two parties, one group joining the local ringers at Handbridge and the other group ringing 1,260 Stedman Triples prior to morning service at St. Mary-within-the Walls. The ringers for this were R. Sharp 1, Miss E. W. Keys 2, Rev. M. Melville 3, D. Rothera 4, M. Maughan 5, G. Halls 6, W. Rogers (conductor) 7, D. Knox 8. The access to the tower at this church is slightly unusual, involving two vertical ladders inside something rather like a chimney, before arriving in the pleasant ringing chamber.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

After morning ringing we made our way to Liverpool through the Mersey Tunnel. I wonder why both going and coming back a police Jeep tailed the Renault? We had been given permission to ring the Cathedral bells prior to Evensong, and this was a greatly appreciated experience for us all. We took the opportunity to watch the bells ringing—from above they appear rather like a flower opening and shutting—and to see the panoramic view from the top of the tower, which included the rather odd-looking structure of the Roman Catholic cathedral. Two of our ringers distinguished themselves by being unable, at first, to pull off the 11th and tenor respectively, but our amusement was tempered by wondering if we could have done any better.

We went hopefully to Wrexham for the evening ringing and were pleased to receive a welcome from the local tower captain and ringers.

Monday started the business of the week in earnest. We were later finishing breakfast than anticipated, and regretted having kept a local ringer waiting at St. Mary-within-the-Walls. Here we were attempting Superlative, but a missed call brought an untimely finish. Better luck was had at Tarporley where Lincolnshire was brought round, and in the afternoon a respectable peal of Yorkshire Royal was scored at Crewe. Of this ring of ten the fourth is the lightest bell. While this peal was in progress the non-pealers had an enjoyable ring at Barthomley, where they were very pleased to have two local ringers join them. Only one event marred the day, when three cars behind Richard Price failed to stop and left him with a dent in the rear of his Volvo. Luckily, no one was hurt.

On Tuesday morning, while New Cambridge was being rung at Bebington, the non-pealers enjoyed a ring at Bromborough. After the peal band had refreshed themselves with hot pasties at the local pub, we set off for the two afternoon towers. Bristol was scheduled for Port Sunlight, and to our relief a creditable peal was rung. (This had been one of our "bogey" methods last year.) The church at Port Sunlight is interesting, being an undenominational church on the Lever Bros.' estate, which was developed in the middle of the last century. The other peal was seven Surprise Minor at Birkenhead where the church is behind the ruined Abbey. During the peal the two non-pealers listening were disturbed to see a police car arrive, but relieved to find that its occupants were apparently investigating a recent fire at the Abbey. In the evening one of the Sisters joined us for the showing by Malcolm Melville of his films of Great Adventure II and of the Washington dedication.

GRESFORD DISASTER RECALLED

Wednesday saw Cambridge being rung at Buckley. The bells here seem rather sluggish but a nice peal was rung, after a false start. The other band went to Gresford for four-spliced Major, and here Mr. and Mrs. Randles, who recently returned to Gresford from Lincoln, met us at the tower with Mr and Mrs. John Walden, from Lincoln. The ringing chamber has a peal board which reads: "A Peal of Grandsire Triples 5040 Changes (Parker's 12 Part) rung in this tower on October 4th, 1934, in 3 hrs, 12 mts., with the bells muffled as a token of respect and sympathy to the memory of the 265 men who lost their lives in the Gresford Colliery disaster of September 22nd, 1934." A good peal was rung in 3 hours and 20 minutes and the band unanimously agreed that it should be to the memory of the composer, A. J. Pitman There was no time for lunch before rushing to Northop, but when we arrived we had to wait an hour before the key could be found. The ropes were checked, and finally the bells went into Yorkshire, but after about 50 minutes the clapper of the sixth broke, and that was the second lost peal of the week.

In the evening some of the party gave a demonstration of handbell ringing for the Sisters, who showed great interest in this side of the art.

Thursday morning saw the special method of the week, Cheshire Surprise Major, being rung on the lovely Taylor eight at Bowdon. The tenor here is actually 18 cwt, and the bells won't be hurried, but a good peal was brought round in 3 hours and 10 minutes. We were very impressed with the effective sound-proofing at this tower.

A quick ham roll, and the peal band was off to meet the others, who had been enjoying ringing at Wilmslow and Knutsford Heavy traffic caused delays on the way to Marple and Norbury (Hazel Grove); it may have been this or just mid-week tiredness which caused the failure of both afternoon peal attempts. That afternoon will most be remembered for the torrential downpour that seemed by rights to have belonged to equatorial Africa. In the evening we had been invited to join in the 12-bell practice at Ashton-under-Lyne, and here we were given a warm welcome. It was a tired group of ringers that finally made its several ways back to Chester.

Friday morning, and the day on which we reluctantly had to say goodbye to the Retreat House and move to an hotel for the last two nights. It was a day of heavy showers, but this did not deter the band at Frodsham, where a good peal of Ealing came round in 2 hours and 53 minutes. Cambridge was rung at Daresbury, also in 2 hours and 53 minutes, despite a lack of the usual "back-enders." In this church is a window in memory of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (Lewis Carroll) showing Alice in the left-hand window, and Alice in Wonderland characters along the bottom of the window. There is also on display the certificate of his birth on July 11th, 1832.

A GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S FEAT

In the afternoon we found the bells at Runcorn decidedly lumpy, but after a second start a surprisingly good peal of Yorkshire was rung, with all credit due to the bend. This was the day when Bill Rogers rang two peals in a day—is he the first great-grandfather to do this? The usual social evening was held in the hotel lounge, with competition from the television set round the corner. Tom Lock was presented with a leather case for his camera, and a film, being our way of thanking him for all his hard work in arranging the tour. There was a long discussion over the venue for next year, and the usual poem was read, being slightly personal comments on members of the party.

The tour was not yet over, although some of the ringers had to leave, and on Saturday morning we set out for a ring at Neston, where the bells are rather odd-struck, and we were a little glad we were not going for a peal. Two of the party overslept and were late arriving—was this why Grandsire Triples would not go? In glorious sunshine, a depleted party made its way to Liscard, and on the way the six bells at Wallasey were heard ringing for a wedding; the party were delighted to be offered the ropes and told to have a ring. At Liscard the tour was finally wound up with a peal of Superlative, making 14 peals out of 18 attempts.

We very sincerely thank all incumbents and tower captains for giving us permission to ring on their bells, and we also thank all those who took the time and trouble to come and meet us. R. M. F.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

There was a good attendance with ringers present from Burry Port, Cardigan, Carmarthen, Fishguard, Llandeilo, Llanelli, Pembroke, St. David's, St. Florence and Tenby at the quarterly meeting of the Guild at Cardigan on September 10th.

The bells (6) were available in the afternoon previous to the service, which was conducted by the curate, the Rev. D. W. Morgan. Mrs. Miriel Griffiths, the wife of a ringer, was organist.

The Master, the Rev. R. W. Thomas, who gave the address, said that gathering was virtually the anniversary of the founding of the Guild. The object of bell ringing was threefold: Firstly, the bells called people to worship; secondly, they proclaimed to others who were unable to attend, perhaps through illness, that worship was about to commence, so that in their hearts they, too, could join with the fellowship of the faithful; and lastly, they pricked the consciences of people who did not attend church and who were very often the ones who objected most to the sound of the bells.

An excellent buffet tea was given by the ladies of the parish, and this was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. D. W Morgan presided. After the opening prayer members stood in silence remembering the late Albert J. Pitman. Apart from the minutes of the last meeting, those of the inaugural meeting, held on September 29th, 1945, were read and listened to with interest. Six new members and one life ringing member were elected. The auditor (Mr. D. P. Griffiths) reported that of 350 booklets printed to commemorate the 21st anniversary, 120 remained unsold to date.

Congratulations were offered to Mr. R. E. Scudamore, of Llandeilo on having rung in a peal at North Cerney Glos, with his son and ten-year-old grandson.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for providing such a good tea was proposed by the Rev. R. W. Thomas. Further ringing followed until 8.30 p.m. B. M. R.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

A well-attended quarterly meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Coalbrookdale on September 4th. Mr. A. Bayley, the local tower captain, made the arrangements for the meeting, and tea was served by his lady helpers. The Vicar conducted the Guild service and gave a short address. Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. A. Jones, Ringing Master.

Letters to the Editor

BELLS DO NOT BELONG TO RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Much has been said and written recently on bell restorations and, more important, footing the bill Should we create a national fund? Like Mr. E. A. Barnett ("The Ringing World," May 20th), I feel that it would tax the wisdom of a modern Solomon to administer a national scheme equitably, even if such a scheme were practical. Moreover, what has become of our local pride?

If a parish is fortunate enough to possess a beautiful church (and very many do) it is because those who have passed on made sacrifices to build it, and it is the proud privilege of all who live in this day of prosperity (?) to maintain our churches without calling for the assistance of outsiders, for how can a congregation feel that the church in which they worship is theirs if it is largely maintained by outside help?

Bells are church equipment, or fittings; they do not belong to the ringers, but to the parish, and I would no more expect ringers to provide the bells they ring than an organist to provide the instrument he plays, or a parson to build the church he preaches the gospel in!

Of course, every ringer worth his salt will handle his bell with the greatest care and respect and help in its maintenance, and if he (or she) be a member of the Bedfordshire Association he will contribute regularly to the Association's Belfry Repair Fund for, like most other Associations, we like to do our best in this way, but the grants of such organisations can surely be only a token gift or a practical expression of fellow-feeling, and the bulk of the cost of maintenance, whether of fabric or equipment, must rightly fall on the local community.

As for the remarks of Dr. P. J. Perry ("The Ringing World," September 16th), I find them ill-considered in the extreme (perhaps he is one of the doctors who should have gone to the U.S.!), and to suggest that it is hypocritical to ring bells without payment of "nominal cost" is quite ridiculous. Thank God for the many "hypocrites" who have sent out the message of the bells down the centuries.—Yours faithfully,

A. E. RUSHTON.

Luton.

VISION NEEDED

Dear Sir,—Dr Perry's letter on bell restoration is full of sound sense. More than sound sense is needed, however, for Dr. Perry leaves out the main justification for bells and ringing. That is the purpose for which they were dedicated—to the glory and honour of God.

Can Dr. Perry tell us when the expense of church bells was ever "justified"? Society has never been richer than today, yet in past centuries men found it worthwhile to go to the enormous trouble and expense of installing rings of bells.

Only if we catch the vision they had will God provide the money and install and maintain these instruments. As it says in II Corinthians ix, 8: "It is in God's power to provide you richly with every good gift; thus you will have ample means in yourselves to meet each and every situation, with enough and to spare for every good cause." (N.E.B.)

There should be no question of using money that ought to go elsewhere, or of calling in professional firms to raise (and make) money. Enough will be provided for everything, in proportion to our faith.—Yours sincerely,

B. W. ASHURST.

Otley, Yorks.

THE USE OF "X" FOR BEFORE

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Hodgson's letter on the use of "X" for Befores ("The Ringing World," page 604), I would point out that the note at the end of the article was a purely general note about "Befores," with Plain Bob referred to in brackets. I appreciate that in the past any one of three methods has been used but it is a fact that most present day composers do use an "X" for a Before. Of the recent compositions I have extracted from "The Ringing World" the ratio is five to one in favour of "X." It would be an asset if everybody used the same system, and I considered it worthwhile pointing out to learners why they see "X" used so frequently in "The Ringing World."—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

Dear Sir,—In 1956 there was a motion before the Central Council about the use of X. As proposer, I said exactly the same as Mr. M. Hodgson does in his letter, namely, the twin bob mark is suitable for London, in and fifths and for Plain Bob, fifths and fourths. I condemned it in Double Norwich at 5 Home, which was prevalent at the time. Why should anyone wish to set out Plain Bob as:

B H
3 —
2 —
x —

I am sorry to see Mr. Smith says lead-end when he means lead-head.—Yours sincerely,

Skegness, Lincs. JOHN SEGAR.

HANDBELL FEAT WITH FEET

Dear Sir,—Reading the leading article in "The Ringing World" of July 8th on "The Birmingham Handbell Tradition" called to mind a schoolboy ringer we had at Kingsbury around 1950.

After Friday evening practices he used to entertain us by ringing solo a plain course of Grandsire Triples on handbells—four in hand and four "in" feet. When he left us I believe he moved to the Windsor area and then joined the R.A.F., where we noted him ringing at Locking, Somerset. His name was John Schofield and I often wondered whether he ever extended his handbell repertoire.

From your quarter peal columns it would appear that, if it is the same person, he now lives in North Surrey, and it was a surprise to read in "The Ringing World" of August 19th that the judge for the Leatherhead District striking competition was none other than John Schofield.—Yours faithfully,

DENNIS T. C. SMITH.

Kingsbury, N.W.

THANKS FROM THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Dear Sir,—Surely Mr. Rendell's experience (page 604) is an isolated occurrence and one that naturally promotes disappointment when encountered. This note, however, is not to enlarge upon the subject but to say a big "thank you" to the visitors to the Isle of Wight in recent weeks who have given us invaluable help. Many of them have hundreds of peals behind them, and are experts in Surprise, but all have been willing to join in rounds and innumerable plain courses of Grandsire Doubles and Triples to enable our beginners to improve the first difficult stages of hunting and ropesight.

To all our visitors may I say how much we in the Isle of Wight have enjoyed the pleasure of their company and trust they will come again in the future.—Yours sincerely,

L. BAILEY.

Godshill, I.O.W

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK KINSEY

With great regret we record the death of Mr. Frederick Kinsey in the Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital on August 24th in his 85th year.

Fred was a ringer in and around Ipswich and district for over 50 years and learned to ring at Old Newton in Suffolk with his father as tutor. Latterly he had for some years been a faithful member of St. Margaret's company, Ipswich.

Although he had not been able to ring for the last three years he still took a great interest in ringing generally. He rang a few full peals some 44 years ago but in recent years he was more interested in Sunday service quarter peals and general service ringing.

As a last token of respect a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in the evening of the day of his funeral, as recorded elsewhere. May he rest in peace.

J. M.

MR. JAMES BRACKLEY
AN APPRECIATION

The passing of my friend, Jim Brackley, of Old Woking, on September 18th, severs another link of ringing and personal friendship of 55 years. I first met him on May 20th, 1911, when we hoped to ring a peal of Minor at Horsell in the early days of "The Ringing World" at Woking. It was his first peal, and though he did not ring many peals he always enjoyed those he took part in, for he was a safe ringer and appreciated a conductor who was helpful throughout the peal. His last peal with me was on August 10th, 1946, at Staines, for the 80th birthday of William C. Parker.

Jim was born at Shere and was employed at Unwin's printing works, Old Woking, until he retired. He was leader at St. Peter's, Old Woking, faithful in his duties, not only in the tower, for he was a regular member of the choir until his health began to fail. For loyal service as a church worker over a large number of years Jim's record would take some beating.

Jim and I enjoyed going out to meetings and outings together; he came to see me at home when I could not keep him company owing to my illness. When he last visited me, a few months ago, he did not look at all well. And now I learn of his passing to higher service, one of the best who did his best, and one can honestly say: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

INFORMATION WANTED

Dear Sir,—On page 606 of your issue of September 16th a band of youngsters is reported as having rung a quarter peal of 1,260 changes of Plain Bob Minimus at Newtown, Hants. Perhaps the "conductor" could shed a little more light on this performance. According to my reckoning it would have ended with the treble at the back!—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Stoke Poges.

SURPRISE PREVIOUSLY RUNG AT BOLNEY

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal rung at Bolney for the Sussex County Association (page 613), I would like to point out that the footnote is incorrect since the first peal of Surprise on the bells since rehanging was on January 17th, 1966—a peal of Adelaide Surprise Major conducted by Derek E. Sibson.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID D. SMITH.

Horsham.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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"CHANGES," by Gordon Crosse at Three Choirs Festival

THE Three Choirs Festival is held at the beginning of September each year in the Cathedrals of Gloucester, Hereford and Worcester in turn It is said to be the oldest music festival in Europe and this year the 239th meeting was held at Worcester. As well as traditional works, the programme usually includes some modern music and this year there was given the first performance of the above work. Gordon Crosse is one of the young generation of composers and this work was written in response to a commission by the National Federation of Music Societies.

The title, "Changes," is naturally intriguing to a bellringer but it is really a play on words: it embraces an anthology of poems which deal with the changing cycle of night and morning, death and rebirth, reflecting the imagery of change ringing.

The work is in four parts and the first part is a compilation of Latin texts taken from bell inscriptions. Some of the inscriptions have been used quite commonly on pre-Reformation bells and the part opens with some of the usual invocations such as "SANCTE THOMAS ORA PRO NOBIS." This one and the three which follow it were found by the composer whilst visiting the church at Iken, Suffolk. Further on, the line "SUM ROSA PULSATA MUNDI MARIA VOCATA" ("When I am rung I am called Mary, Rose of the World") is used, which is found at Great Glemham, also in Suffolk.

THE BELLMAN'S SONG

Latin then gives way to English with the chorus singing the words, rearranged, from the old rhyme which begins "Men's death I tell by doleful knell. Lightning and thunder I break asunder," etc. These words are interspersed four times with the text inscribed on Great Paul, "VAE MIHI SE NON EVANGELISAVERO" ("Woe unto me if I proclaim not the Gospel."). Crosse arranged this part so that the words and the music mirrored in reverse the cycle found in the remaining parts, morning bells giving way to the nocturnal funeral knell.

The remaining parts consist of the poem anthology sung variously by the soprano and baritone soloists and the full chorus and the children's chorus. Part II opens with the coming of night and the man's thoughts of death and hope of resurrection. Then comes a dialogue between hope and despair in Part III preluded by the Bellman's Song (Herrick). "Along the dark and silent night," etc.

FROM WILLIAM BLAKE

Part IV heralds the morning beginning with some lines by William Blake, "The door of death is made of gold . . . The soul awakes; and wondering, sees . . . ." This leads into the conclusion which is a New Year carol sung by the children's chorus and full chorus, "Here we bring new water from the well so clear" (Anon.), and one can hear in the final music the sounds of the clock chiming and the New Year bells.

I cannot competently describe the music other than to say it is "modern" and, to me, reminiscent of Britten. At times it was most dramatic and throughout one could variously discern the effects of bells tolling or clocks chiming. The nearest I could detect to bells rung in changes was in the children's chorus, "Like to the lightning from the sky. . ."

Gordon Crosse was kind enough to give some background information in response to my request. He says straight away that he has no real knowledge of campanology as a subject though by a strange coincidence he was recently prevailed upon to organise a course in it at Birmingham University, where he is staff tutor in music! The texts came in the first instance from De la Mare's anthology "Come Hither." He goes on to say that the symbolism of bells and ringing appeals to him rather than any practical interest They relate to modern musical technique in two ways (he continues), the changes or permutations relate to "serial technique" and the "chance" element of rhythm, etc., is very common in recent music. "The wonderful effect of two sets of bells or two clocks chiming independently, mingling yet never 'together' in a strict musical sense, has always fascinated me."

The first performance was given on Thursday, September 8th, by the Three Choirs Festival chorus and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra The soloists were Noelle Barker and John Noble, and the performance was conducted by Christopher Robinson, organist of Worcester Cathedral.

Acknowledgments are due to Oxford University Press, the publishers, and to the composer for use of his notes.

DAVID BEACHAM.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Buckfast Abbey

The Mid-Devon Branch held its quarterly meeting at Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, on September 17th, when the event attracted the usual large number of visitors.

Ringing took place throughout the afternoon on the various combinations under the supervision of Mr. W. Simmonds, the Branch Ringing Master, and a service in the Abbey was conducted by the Rev. Father Christopher Delaney, who welcomed the visitors. The Rev. Father Gregory Burke was the organist

After tea the usual business meeting followed in the Parish Hall, with Miss Mary Russell (Branch chairman) in the chair, who welcomed all the visitors and expressed the thanks of the Branch to the Abbey authorities. A full membership certificate was presented to Mr. David Pollard, of Torre.

Subject to permission, the annual meeting was fixed for January 7th at Brixham, with Churston Ferrers in the evening. Attention was drawn to the South Devon Association competition at Buckland-in-the-Moor on October 1st.

The appeal for funds towards the Exeter Cathedral restoration was discussed.

Evening ringing was at Bickington.

BIGGLESWADE RINGERS SAMPE ESSEX TOWERS

On September 10th, in ideal weather, the members of Biggleswade District held their annual outing, visiting the interesting county of Essex.

The splendid ring of eight at Great Dunmow made an excellent start to the day's ringing, though a broken rope delayed ringing for some time. Broomfield, with its interesting round tower, was the next stop, and some ringing on these excellent bells was enjoyed until—yes, you've guessed it!—a rope broke!

If you attach a ton or so of metal to one end of a piece of rope then allow a well-nourished specimen of Bedfordshire manhood to take hold of the other end, something has got to give! However, a quite expert splice was effected in good time for the local ringers to celebrate in traditional style the wedding that followed immediately after our visit.

Lunch was taken at Chelmsford, after which the urge to make music reasserted itself and an excellent medium was found in the six bells at Little Waltham. At Witham we were welcomed with warmth and enthusiasm by the Vicar, the Rev. R. D. Black, who took those who could tear themselves away from the bells on a very interesting tour of this ancient and historic church.

After an adequate and very welcome tea a visit was made to the beautiful Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Kelvedon, whose heavy ring of six bells includes the "Festival of Britain" tenor.

The next stop, according to the programme, was at Coggeshall but, an organ recital being in progress, we were unable to ring the bells. However, a phone call to the Rev. Francis Boykett, Vicar of Stebbing, brought an immediate and delightful response, as he not only placed his very fine ring of bells at our disposal but very graciously welcomed us to the church in person Some good ringing on this splendid six concluded the more active part of an exceptionally fine day's outing.

After a little refreshment at this most hospitable village of Stebbing the homeward run was made in fine spirits and with grateful hearts

Sincere thanks to incumbents and to all who made us so welcome, and to Mr. L. H Bywaters for his excellent arrangements. A most enjoyable day. A. E. R.

THE LADIES' GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Kelston on September 10th. This tower is not often available for meetings and good use was made of the pleasant six, with ringing ranging from rounds for the younger members, through enthusiastic but unsuccessful efforts to bring round a touch of Grandsire Minor to respectable touches of Cambridge and London.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. Maddock, with Mr. F. Battin as organist, and tea was served in the Village Hall.

At the short business meeting the secretary outlined the programme of practice meetings up to the end of the year. These are at Bath Abbey, SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol, and Frampton Cotterell on October 31st, November 24th and December 13th respectively, all at 7.30 p.m. M. de J.

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HALF PEAL

BUTLERS MARSTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 9th, 2,520 Minor (four methods): P. C. Randall 1, Shirley E. Jones 2, C. J. Royal 3, A. J. Cox 4, R. W. Sherriff 5, G. W. Randall (cond.) 6.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Betty Harris 1, N. Hoath (first quarter) 2, Mary S. Faircloth 3, G. R. Fielding 4, J. Faircloth (cond.) 5, J. W. Wallace 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Gaynor Wallace 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, Carol Cousins 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Amanda Powell 5, C. Macve (cond.) 6. For Matins.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE. — On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wilcox (first of Minor) 1, J. R. Scott 2, G. A. Edwards 3, K. W. Eaton 4, L. A. Perry 5, F. R. Morton (cond.) 6. British Legion Standard dedication service.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. Warne 1, Mrs. Q. Cresswell 2, Miss J. A. Quilter 3, Miss J. Millbank (first "inside") 4, Mrs. J. M. Syder 5, C. Barker 6, A. Wiffen 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. For the induction of the Rev. R. J. Mulkenan, F.C.A.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.—On Sept. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. N. Parting (first of Major) 1, Mrs. N. Randles 2, D. Collins 3, G. Morrall 4, B. R. Millward 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, G. H. Randles (cond.) 7, G. Parting 8.

CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Papworth (first quarter) 1, P. Jones 2, H. Wooding (cond.) 3, A. Jones 4, R. Henman 5. For Evensong, and a farewell to J. Papworth who is going to Chester Teachers' College.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—At the Priory, on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Triples: J. O. Coleman 1, J. Claughton 2, D. Wilson 3, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 4, A. W. Fry 5, L. F. Cobb 6, W. E. Cheater 7, L. Perrens 8. First in method by all the Ringwood Parish Church band. Also on Sept. 10th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: W. T. Godfrey 1, H. Harrison 2, G. W. Scragg 3, M. Stone 4, C. Conway 5, R. Ingham 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, A. Johnson 8, R. Prime 9, A. A. Price 10. Both rung for the Festival of Flowers and Harvest Thanksgiving.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret A. Phelan 1, D. H. Netherton 2, Rosemary J. Cotton (first as cond.) 3, Irene E. Shanks 4, J. R. Pratt 5, B. J. Imber 6. To celebrate the silver jubilee of the Very Rev. Fr. G. Lucas. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (6-8 covering): Margaret A. Phelan 1, J. R. Pratt 3, Irene E. Shanks 4, C. G. Barnes 5, D. H. Netherton 6, B. J. Imber (first as cond.) 7, T. Farmer 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Fr. C. MacPherson.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP. — On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Bennett 1, E. Drew 2, J. Courtman 3, C. Jones 4, G. Goodson 5, F. Bennett 6, V. Parton (cond.) 7, A. Nurse 8. In memoriam Mrs. R. M. Swift, mother-in-law of Mr. G. Goodson, who died on Sept. 10th.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Tremain 1, E. Barnett 2, Jenny Brunger (first "inside") 3, Ann Durent 4, E. Brunger 5, W. J. Lemon 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, W. E. Bond 8.

CROUGHTON, NORTHANTS. — On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: E. Walker 1, A. Wyatt 2, J. Barber (cond.) 3, A. Gooding 4, S. McGinley 5. To congratulate the Branch president (Mrs. Perry) and Mr. Perry on the birth of a son.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. G. Draper 1, Rosemary J. Kemp 2, Blanche M. Hunt 3, F. E. Fagg 4, Jennifer M. Tyack 5, S. A. Scott 6, J. A. G. Ball 7, R. K. Hawkins 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, H. H. Nobes 10.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. N. Haslum (cond.) 1, A. Howard 2, A. N. Blount (first "inside") 3, Miss R. M. Morse 4, D. C. Haslum 5, F. M. Sheldon 6. Rung in memory of the Rev. C. R. Haslum.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM. — On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Hall (first quarter) 1, Miss R. C. Russell 2, Mrs. A. Broadhurst 3, S. W. Barton 4, J. A. Ainsworth 5, E. Spence 6, C. A. Barron (cond.) 7, J. N. Lindon 8. With the best wishes of the band to Ruth Russell on her engagement.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 31st, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Whittell 1, K. Whittell 2, A. Beckwith 3, C. Sedgley 4, G. Symonds 5, E. Blomfield (cond.) 6, C. Woodard 7, J. Munnings 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. Kinsey.

QUARTER PEALS

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Dunstan (first of Minor) 1, A. J. Davidson 2, Frances M. Hartman 3, A. Locke 4, A. Carveth 5, G. F. Dunstan (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Olive Collins 1, G. W. Cecil 2, R. V. Johnson 3, E. H. Knapp 4, S. Upton 5, A. E. Laker 6, F. Collins (cond.) 7, T. J. Laker 8. For Evensong and to celebrate the christening of Simon Stedman, son of Rev. W. Stedman (curate of the parish) and Mrs. Stedman; also in memoriam Mr. H. Boyes, a keen church worker.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 11th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: M. Sprackling 1, C. A. Hughes 2, Miss M. Lewis 3, A. M. Stacey 4, R. Shipp 5, C. H. Rogers 6, A. Fulwell 7, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 8. For Matins.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—At Grandison, 30, Avon Road, Melksham, Wilts, on Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Heather A. Mann 1-2, A. R. Mann (cond.) 3-4, R. J. Purnell (first "in hand") 5-6.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Andrews 1, Mrs. F. A. Gilbert 2, M. W. Gilbert 3, B. Trill 4, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5, L. Crouch 6. Rung prior to the induction of Canon G. T. S. Prentice, M.A., as Rector of Mereworth.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judy Brooks 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Maisie Vantom (cond.) 3, Mrs. Wratton 4, R. Birch 5, G. Neilson 6, L. Sweatman 7, B. Butcher 8. For Church Gift Day.

PEMBROKE.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob): D. Cooper 1, S. Rogers 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, Miss N. M. Rosen 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, I. Russant 6. Rung after the wedding of Eldon Lingard and Prunella James, both ringers at this church.

POOLE, DORSET.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. E. Woods (first quarter) 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, C. M. Heawood 3, R. H. True 4, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 5, H. P. Davis 6. For Matins.

PROBUS, CORNWALL. — On Aug. 28th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (eight methods): M. E. Edwards 1, C. J. Royall 2, R. Huddleston 3, D. Huddleston 4, P. J. Hall 5, J. W. Belshaw 6, R. J. Snack 7, C. B. Dove (comp. and cond.) 8. First quarter of Spliced by all except conductor.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. Goodman 1, J. N. E. Rees 2, J. Mitchell (first "inside") 3, G. Rees (first as cond.) 4, C. Alban 5. Rung for Family Communion.

SELLING, KENT. — On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Beryl M. Hills 1, Christine A. McGarrick 2, Anne M. Baldwin (first "inside") 3, D. W. Standing 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, W. Epps 6. For morning service.

SHELDON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 12th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: D. Main (cond.) 1, J. R. Kelly (first quarter) 2, S. S. Barratt (second quarter) 3, J. U. Starkey (first quarter) 4. A farewell to the Rector, the Rev. D. J. Strickland, M.A.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. R. Humphrey 1, F. Wilkins 2, Miss E. J. Foster 3, R. Inglis 4, S. Humphrey (cond.) 5, G. A. Dawson 6, T. J. Setter 7, J. R. Pratchett 8. After Evensong.

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STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Ridout 1, R. Ridout 2, F. Hillier 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, Rev. R. N. Longridge 5, J. N. Longridge 6. Half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. C. Wills, captain of the local band, whose funeral took place earlier that day.

SULLY, GLAMORGAN.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Miss M. M. Williams (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Havard 2, R. Havard 3, D. Barrington 4, D. B. Williams (cond.) 5, Dr. T. J. Morris 6.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN. — At St. Paul's, Sketty, on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): M. O. Alcock 1, Christine A. Randall 2, Patricia A. Jenkins 3, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 4, J. Hodgetts 5, L. C. Hanney (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Robert A. Evans on his tragic death at the age of 18.

TODMORDEN, W. YORKS.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Kershaw 1, Miss J. Swan 2, C. R. Milthorp 3, M. J. Alletson 4, J. C. Ashworth 5, J. M. D. Bateman 6, G. Cheetham (first as cond.) 7, D. V. Hodgson 8. First quarter 2 and 4. For Evensong.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral on Sept. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Frances M. Hartman 1, A. J. Davidson 2, Valerie C. Allen (first on ten) 3, D. Burnett 4, D. A. Trethewey (first on ten "inside") 5, V. Mary Matthews 6, A. Carveth (cond.) 7, D. N. Penrose 8, G. F. Dunstan 9, D. Stephens (first on ten) 10. Rung as a compliment to Barry and Frances Hartman (formerly Frances M. Rickard) on their recent marriage.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS. — On Sept. 9th, 1,380 Plain Bob Doubles: E. C. Oliver (first attempt) 1, Joan Gray 2, S. K. Thompson 3, G. E. Drew (cond.) 4, J. M. Brook 5.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Sept. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Claire E. N. Brown (first of Major) 1, Frances J. N. Brown (first of Major "inside") 2, Ruth A. Elmes 3, Mary E. Elmes (50th quarter) 4, P. R. Keough 5, M. J. Young 6, J. W. Blackwood 7, G. W. Elmes (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,440 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor: A. Griffiths (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, E. Ovens 3, D. M. Smith 4, W. Lampard 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. First of Minor in the method for all the band.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,320 Marple Delight Minor: Miss A. C. Rooke 1, Miss I. Cooke 2, G. Challans 3, D. Whetton 4, F. Cooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Brownlow, of Edwinstowe, who were married at Warsop on Sept. 2nd, 1916. Also on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Minor (College and Single Oxford Bob): M. Bennett 1, Miss A. C. Rooke 2, J. T. Rooke 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 4, R. Spencer 5, F. Flint 6. For Evensong.

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.—On Sept. 5th, at the National Cathedral, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor (on the light six): G. Dirksen 1, Betsy Proctor 2, Ann Gardner 3, Quilla Roth 4, Sarah Irwin 5, R. S. Dirksen (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob for all the band and the Society. Rung for observance of Labour Day.

WELCOMBE, DEVON.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Crowell 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, C. Mutton 3, D. S. Beaufoy 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5, T. J. Setter 6. Rung before Morning Communion.

WHAPLODE, LINCS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Crawford (first quarter) 1, D. A. Frith (cond.) 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, V. P. Evans 4, J. R. Holmes 5, H. R. Woods 6.

WHITCHURCH, HANTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. Wimlet 1, Mrs. J. Sturgess 2, J. C. Wimlet 3, T. Tarrant 4, G. Dodd (cond.) 5, F. Sutton 6, W. Mulford 7, J. Clarke 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Bill Hawkins, local ringer for many years.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On Aug. 21st, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Pearce 1, K. R. Goddard 2, Miss M. Longhurst 3, Miss S. Cameron 4, W. Parker 5, H. E. Mitchell 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, K. C. Begrie 8. First in the method for all excepting 6 and 7. A farewell to Miss Longhurst who is leaving the parish.

WOODFORD, LONDON. — On Sept. 5th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: A. J. Slade 1, Jacqueline S. Young 2, M. B. Jefferyes 3, M. C. Austin 4, D. Hawkins 5, I. L. Dear 6, A. M. Faulkner 7, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of Lucy Anne Cobb.

YATTON, SOMERSET. — On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Porter 1, A. E. Price 2, W. Rice 3, S. G. Smith 4, R. Rice 5, D. Yeo 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung for three local weddings.

OUTINGS

FAREHAM'S ANNUAL OUTING

On September 3rd a small augmented Fareham (Hants) band had a day's outing to northern Hampshire and southern Berkshire. Six car loads, eight towers and a tight schedule was the order of the day, and in retrospect the trip was both enjoyable and memorable, surpassing all expectations.

At Overton (8), Stedman and Oxford T.B. went well; at Kingsclere (8, noisy but fascinating) Erin and Double Norwich were notable, but not our striking. Thatcham provided the best eight of the day, and Cambridge and Kent T.B. were rung after Ronald Christopher had demonstrated double-handling while we waited for others negotiating a deep ford somewhere.

A picnic lunch together, and then to the superb Newbury ten, where Stedman Caters, Kent Royal and a fine touch of Grandsire Caters were achieved. R. K. H. left his ringers' diary with all its secrets behind! At delightful Bucklebury (8) Superlative came round easily, to everyone's pleasure, and Little Bob went well. A touch of Stedman brought out our best on the light eight at Aldermaston.

After tea in Theale we reached Stratfield Mortimer (8) where, despite ominous warnings, dreadful rumours and awful premonitions, the bells were pleasantly ringable and we achieved fair striking. At Bramley (8) we were tired and Superlative would not go, but Plain and Little Bob did, with effort. Finally to the Six Bells, a mile away, for a pinta, and then home.

Thanks to Alan Sturgess for conducting, Jenny for map reading, and we'll ring Yorkshire next year, Rosemary! Our special thanks to all incumbents and everyone who made our visits so enjoyable. R. K. H.

TO SOUTH WALES WITH GREEN'S WANDERERS

A most enjoyable camping week-end was spent in South Wales and Gloucestershire by a party of ringers from the Highclere area, ringing at eleven towers in Wales and three in Gloucestershire.

Leaving at 7.15 on September 17th, the first tower was at Dingestow, Monmouth (5) followed by Penrhos, both under the incumbency of the Rev. Ivor Richards, who joined us in our ringing and also kindly arranged a ring for us on the five at Tregare.

Next, a very rare four, at Penalt, on a lovely hill overlooking Monmouth, was rung, followed by a dash to Talgarth for Bob Minor, with Mr. Chick. The four at Llanfihangel-Talyllyn had a slow-striking treble, making them difficult to ring. Tea, kindly given by the Rector, was followed by a ring at his other tower, Llangasty-Taly-y-Llyn, where the only peal of Minimus in Wales was rung: here Mr. Reece, the local captain, joined us.

The bells at St. David's, Brecon, proved to be a joy to ring, and after a fish and chips supper we pitched our tents on the roadside just out of Brecon.

The ring at St. Mary's, Brecon, on Sunday morning was enjoyed by all, but there was no luck at the Cathedral as permission to view the bells was refused by the verger. (The last reputed ringing here was on Trafalgar Day to celebrate the victory of Lord Nelson!)

At Grosmont a Pat Cannon tenor was found (pull both ways) and we were joined here for ringing by all the local band and the Rector, who also allowed us to ring at Skenfrith (6). The programme ended with three Gloucestershire towers—Huntley, Ampney Crucis and Bibury. Albert Green is thanked for all arrangements. Scotland next year!

G. D.

LADIES' GUILD PRESIDENT IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Jacqueline King, president of the Ladies' Guild, entered St. Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, on September 18th, for treatment to her neck. Her many friends hope a permanent cure will be speedily forthcoming and that she will soon be back again ringing at Chepstow.

QUARTER PEALS

FOUR QUARTER PEALS IN A DAY

On Saturday, September 17th

WONSTON, HANTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. R. Gilks 1, T. Matcham 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, D. R. Fallick (first "inside") 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, L. D. Smith 6.

LONGPARISH, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: M. Suzanne Carrick 1, Elizabeth A. Banks (first in two methods) 2, Hilary L. Widgery (first quarter "inside") 3, L. D. Smith 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, T. Matcham 6.

AMPORT, HANTS.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): T. Matcham 1, Elizabeth A. Banks (first in four methods) 2, W. R. Gilks (first in four methods) 3, L. D. Smith 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, D. R. Fallick 6.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HANTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, M. Suzanne Carrick (first quarter "inside") 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, Hilary L. Widgery 4, T. Matcham 5, L. D. Smith 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Jeffrey 1, Gaynor Wallace 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Evensong.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. J. Elaine Mordaunt 1, E. Drewitt 2, R. Mitty (first "inside") 3, H. C. White 4, J. Drewitt 5, R. Mordaunt 6, D. Leslie 7, B. R. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, H. White 10. For the induction as Rector of the Rev. Paul Tuckwell.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. A. Sheppard 1, G. Rigby 2, D. R. Carlisle 3, P. Church 4, C. Starbuck 5, A. Sheppard 6, D. Stainsby 7, P. G. Bellamy-Knights (cond.) 8. For morning service.

BRISTOL.—At St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, on Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Treby 1, M. Powell 2, P. Treby 3, D. Rennolds 4, R. W. Sweet (cond.) 5, G. N. Verver 6.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss M. Coldman 1, D. G. Blows 2, Miss P. Hill 3, Miss J. Collins 4, Miss A. Pickering 5, P. J. Privett 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, G. Coldman 8. First in the method by all except 2 and 7.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At Shrub End, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Lamb (first quarter) 1, K. Good (cond.) 2, D. Whent 3, P. Schafle 4, D. Cobb 5, C. Coulson 6.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Woodgyer 1, C. Stevenson 2, Heather Walters 3, J. Britchford 4, D. Fowles 5, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to welcome Paul James Sansom, born Sept. 9th, 1966.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Stevens (first attempt) 1, A. Fleet 2, Christine Baldock 3, P. Fox 4, A. Baldock 5, J. Hayes 6, H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, I. White 8. A wedding compliment to Ann Pankhurst and Derrick Ashton.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wells 1, H. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, L. Cox 5, C. Garlick 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, W. Corderoy 8.

HERTFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): Miss M. Smith (first quarter) 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, P. M. F. Searles (cond.) 3, Miss S. J. Farnes 4, D. Digby 5, V. R. Tubby 6. First in five methods for all. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the three London policemen killed in the course of their duty, whose funerals took place this day.

LITTLEHAM, DEVON.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. D. Shepherd 1, F. Williams 2, D. A. Wills 3, F. D. Mack 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. West 6, J. H. Glanvill (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. O. Gatter. Mr. Gatter was foreman ringer at Littleham for 54 years.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Denise Liddicott 1, Hazel Giddins 2, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 3, K. Glue 4, S. Cobbe 5, D. Giddins 6. In memory of Derek Brinn, priest (Kirkby-in-Ashfield, 1965).

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARKS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine L. Mills (first quarter) 1, F. C. Lyne 2, John H. Upton 3, J. F. West 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5, R. A. Ridding 6. For Patronal Festival. Also on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Christine L. Mills (first in two methods) 1, A. J. Collings 2, F. C. Lyne 3, J. F. West 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, Philip Roberts (first quarter) 6. A farewell to tenor ringer.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The stock of the third edition of Dove's "Guide" is now very low and is expected to be exhausted by Christmas.

Mrs. B. Laughton, of Chesterfield, writes in appreciation of the Chesterfield District outing to Chester, arranged by Mr. H. P. Phipps.

In the notice published on September 23rd relating to the Fourth Bristol Festival, will intending visitors please note that there are eight bells at Long Ashton.

We keep names of university and college students in a special file because of continual movement. When college days are over please let us know. It makes our records easier.

An attempt to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques in memory of Derek Ogden was lost at Ashton-under-Lyne on September 18th, when the clapper of the 11th bell broke.

Hereford Diocesan Guild have blossomed out in multi-methods Doubles peals. One in 87 methods/variations was rung at Fownhope on September 11th, conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

On Saturday, November 12th, an attempt will be made at Birmingham Cathedral to surpass the existing record peal of 12,663 Stedman Cinques. Further details, including the composition, will be published shortly.

Tom Lock's tour this year, centred on Chester, was very successful, with 14 peals from 18 attempts. There were seven conducting—Gerald Penney, Michael Maughan, Dennis Knox, William Rogers, Tom J. Lock, Richard E. Price and Ian M. Holland.

The Culworth Branch of the Peterborough Guild had a quarter peal of rejoicing at Croughton on September 8th. The president (Mrs. D. Perry, of Weedon) had given birth to a son. Few Branch presidents can look back on such a distinction during their period in office.

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A ROYAL WEEK

Starting last Saturday (September 24th), a peal week is being held in which the objective is a peal of Royal in 15 different towers. The programme reads: Saturday, St. John the Divine, Leicester, and St. Botolph's, Boston; Sunday, Lincoln Cathedral (service ringing), St. James', Grimsby; Monday, Ripon Cathedral and St. Giles', Pontefract; Tuesday, Selby Abbey and Whitby Abbey; Wednesday, Bradford Cathedral and All Saints', Rotherham; Thursday, St. Wulfram's, Grantham, and St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray; Friday, All Saints' Chilvers Coton, and The Holy Cross, Daventry; Saturday, St. Alkmund's, Duffield, and Derby Cathedral.

Members of the band are: Clifford Skidmore, David J. Purnell, Geoffrey R. Parker, Jack L. Millhouse., Stephen J. Ivin, D. John Hunt, Eric N. Harrison, George E. Fearn, Frank E. Darby Clifford A. Barron, John A. Anderson and J. Alan Ainsworth.

NEXT YEAR'S LADIES' GUILD FUNCTION

The Ladies' Guild is holding its annual meeting and dinner at Lincoln next year on July 1st. Accommodation for Friday or Saturday night has been booked at Lincoln Diocesan House for 12 double and 12 single rooms. It is a case of first come first served —bed and breakfast is 15s., and a deposit of 5s. with booking request should be sent to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

A "SWEET" CRUNCH

Mr. Richard W Sweet, who was on the recent Wratten tour, asks us to make it clear that the title "Cap'n Crunch" bestowed on him by Chris Kippin was no indication of the standard of his ringing. The reason was that he represents the company who make a breakfast cereal of that name.

DORSET DAY OUT

An outing with a difference was Christopher Dalton's trip to Dorset on August 14th. Service ringing at 9.30 started the day at Witchampton (6), followed by the seldom-visited six at Long Crichel.

The first ringing for ten years was done at Hinton Martell (5), where we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Ross Robertson. A report on the condition of the bells was given to the Vicar. At Canford Magna the Vicar kindly gave permission to ring after Matins and the captain's daughter joined us in Bob Minor. After lunch we rang for afternoon service on the six at Hampreston.

The best bells of the day were at Bryanstone (6), where we were joined by Monty Meyer. A delay occurred at Morden (a seldom-rung five) while ropes were fitted, but we were in time to ring at Winterbourne Whitchurch (a good five) for evening service. Another service we rang for was at Winterbourne Kingston (the only four of the day and again seldom rung), where a rope broke.

Finally, Hilton (6), travelling past Milton Abbey, where the eight bells are now unringable. A quick return visit was paid to Morden to collect our ropes and then we said our farewells to Chris, who had given us such an enjoyable day on bells that are so seldom rung. B. K. D.

BECCLES TOWER CLOCK

The proposal to place an electric clock in the detached tower of Beccles Parish Church is being opposed by Mr. Arthur L. Haggar vice-president of the Ipswich and District Branch of the British Horological Institute Under a 19th century Act, Beccles Borough Council is responsible for the maintenance of the parish church clock, which serves as the town's timekeeper.

An electric clock is being advocated by a council official as the present clock is no longer striking and is considered too old to be repaired. It was also much cheaper than the normal old-fashioned kind with heavy machinery

Mr. Haggar's letter stated: "I would very earnestly plead against the all too prevalent tendency to install a synchronous motor type of clock, usually on the grounds of cheapness. This type of clock gives a good service while the time-controlled A.C. supply is maintained in absolute unbroken continuity. but they are not timekeepers in their own right. the real timekeeper being the A.C. generator at the power station."

Urging that if the present clock had to be replaced it should not be by an electric clock, Mr. Haggar stated that the modern hand-wound tower clocks were very reliable and much more easily wound than their cumbersome relations of some two centuries and more ago. If there was a difficulty in finding a clockwinder there was the modern auto-wound type of clock with direct motor-driven (and chiming) units. Night-silencing for any predetermined periods could be included.

If the clock was not to be repaired he pleaded that the old clock movement should be cleaned and preserved as a museum piece after placing it on a suitable timber stand. perhaps at the rear of the church.

CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY FLORAL FESTIVAL

Members of the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild co-operated with the local band to ensure that the Christchurch Priory bells were rung on each day of the recent Festival of Flowers and Harvest Thanksgiving.

On Friday, September 9th. the Sunday service ringers from Ringwood Parish Church realised an ambition to ring a quarter peal on the back eight of the Priory 12, 1.260 Double Oxford Bob Triples being successfully brought round in 54 minutes, conducted by the youngest member of the band, William T. Perrins.

On the Saturday afternoon District members rang the 12 bells to Stedman Cinques and Kent Maximus, whilst in the evening the local band were successful with 1,295 Grandsire Caters. Ringing on eight, ten and twelve bells also took place on the Sunday for service and again on the Monday. The Festival attracted thousands of visitors from a wide area, long queues forming daily to gain admission to the ancient church to view the exquisite floral displays arranged by the Highcliffe and District Floral Society, of which the Vicar's wife, Mrs. L. H. Yorke, is chairman.

FATHERS AND SONS PEAL

Following a suggestion that a peal of Cambridge Maximus should be attempted by six fathers and six sons, contacts were made, a date fixed and a good peal was rung at Evesham Bell Tower on Saturday, September 17th, writes Geoffrey J. Hemming.

LESTER LISTENED TO HIS 84th BIRTHDAY PEAL

Owing to local circumstances it was, unfortunately, not possible for the annual peal in honour of Mr. Lester L. Gray's birthday to be rung at Liverpool Parish Church where, until recently, he has been a regular Sunday service ringer for over 35 years. However, a warm welcome was received at Manchester Town Hall and his 84th birthday was marked by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung, at Lester's request, by a band of College Youths and conducted by Edward Jenkins.

Although Lester did not take part himself he listened to the whole of the peal, accompanied by numerous friends, and joined in the celebrations afterwards when he was presented with a small gift by the ringers as a token of their good wishes.

It was, of course, impossible for all of even his close friends to take part in the peal, but we feel sure that his friends all over the country will join with the band in extending to Lester their congratulations and best wishes and the hope that a "birthday peal" will be rung each September for many years to come.

A PEMBROKE WEDDING

Sunday School teachers and ringers at St. Mary's, Pembroke, Mr. Eldon Lingard and Miss Prunella James were married on September 3rd at the church they are serving so faithfully. The Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Davies) officiated.

The bride wore a short empire-line dress of white silk crepe and a bouffant veil. Her jewellery was a gold cross and chain. the gift of the bridegroom. After leaving the church the bride was presented with good luck tokens by Timothy O'Brien. A quarter peal in honour of the occasion was rung after the ceremony.

A reception was held at the Royal Edinburgh Hotel and the honeymoon was spent, at Southport. Their temporary home is at 11, Morgan Terrace.

TO NEW ZEALAND

The many friends of Peter Whitehead and Kathleen Pilsbury, who were married at Norbury on September 3rd and for whom a wedding peal appears in this week's issue, wish them both a happy life in their new home in New Zealand.

5,040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Arranged by R. W. PIPE.

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7908			—			
8790		S	—		6	
8079			—			
8907			—			
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53246	S			S	3	
45236	—				2	(SS)
23456	—				4	(S - - S)

First rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on September 6th, 1966.

CHESTER AND NORTH WALES PEAL TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb in B flat.

William Rogers	Treble	Ronald J. Sharp	5
Gordon A. Halls	2	Dennis Knox	6
Alick Cutler	3	Gerald Penney	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	Ian M Holland	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Gerald Penney

HANDBRIDGE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Sat. Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb in E flat.

Arthur F. Warren	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
*Dorothea M. Robotham	2	Rev M. C. C Melville ..	6
Ruth M. Foreman	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
Ronald H. Bullen	4	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Michael Maughan
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

TARPORLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Helen
On Mon. Aug. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Ronald J. Sharp	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	5
David E Rothera	2	Gordon A. Halls	6
*Dorothea M. Robotham	3	Michael Maughan	7
Rev. M. C. C Melville ..	4	Dennis Knox	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Dennis Knox
* First peal in the method.

CREWE Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Mon., Aug 29. 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in E.

E. Winifred Keys	Treble	Thomas J. Lock	6
Ruth M Foreman	2	Gerald Penney	7
William Rogers	3	Ian M Holland	8
*David E. Rothera	4	Michael Maughan	9
Dennis Knox	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Arranged by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Michael Maughan
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. First of Royal as conductor. First in the method on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev David F. Johnson. M.A

BEBINGTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Andrew.
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1966 in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
C.C.C No. 10. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A flat

Arthur F. Warren	Treble	E. Winifred Keys	5
Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	2	Dennis Knox	6
Ruth M. Foreman	3	Michael Maughan	7
David E. Rothera	4	Ian M Holland	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Ian M Holland

PORT SUNLIGHT, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Tues., Aug. 30 1966 in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F

Ronald H. Bullen	Treble	Gordon A Halls	5
*Dorothea M. Robotham	2	Alick Cutler	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Dennis Knox	7
William Rogers	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Richard E. Price
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, Durham York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G

E. Winifred Keys	Treble	Gerald Penney	4
David E. Rothera	2	Thomas J. Lock	5
Ian M. Holland	3	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION
BUCKLEY, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

Arthur F. Warren	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	2	Alick Cutler	6
Gordon A Halls	3	William Rogers	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	Ronald H. Bullen	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by William Rogers.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION
GRESFORD, Denbighshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 2,880 London, 800 each of Bristol and Superlative and 620 Cambridge with 120 changes of method.
Tenor 24 cwt 3 lb in D

Richard E. Price	Treble	Dennis Knox	5
Ronald J Sharp	2	Michael Maughan	6
Ruth M Foreman	3	Gerald Penney	7
Thomas J Lock	4	Ian M Holland	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
Rung in respectful memory of the composer Albert J Pitman.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Sept. 1 1966 in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 CHESHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 8 lb in E.

Ronald H. Bullen	Treble	Dennis Knox	5
Alick Cutler	2	Michael Maughan	6
Ruth M Foreman	3	Gerald Penney	7
Thomas J Lock	4	Richard E Price	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
The first peal in the method by all the band.

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Lawrence
On Fri., Sept 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt in F sharp

E Winifred Keys	Treble	*†David E Rothera	5
*Gerald Penney	2	*Michael Maughan	6
Gordon A Halls	3	Ian M Holland	7
Richard E Price	4	Dennis Knox	Tenor

Composed by C. W Roberts Conducted by Dennis Knox.
* First peal in the method † 50th peal.

DARESBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints
On Fri., Sept 2 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt 1 qr 5 lb in E.

Arthur F Warren	Treble	William Rogers	5
Ruth M. Foreman	2	Rev M C. C Melville ..	6
Alick Cutler	3	Ronald H. Bullen	7
Ronald J Sharp	4	Thomas J Lock	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton Conducted by Thomas J Lock.

RUNCORN, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Sept. 2 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 3 qr

Ronald J Sharp ..	Treble	William Rogers	5
Dorothea M Robotham ..	2	Thomas J Lock	6
David E Rothera	3	Ian M Holland	7
Ronald H. Bullen	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J Ivin Conducted by Richard E Price.

LISCARD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
C.C.C. No 1. Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr. 2 lb in F.

E Winifred Keys	Treble	Thomas J Lock	5
Ruth M Foreman	2	Michael Maughan	6
Ronald J. Sharp	3	Ian M Holland	7
Dennis Knox	4	Richard E Price	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Ian M Holland.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 42 cwt 2 qr 25 lb in B

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Jeffrey J Fox	7
Thomas W Hesketh ..	2	Peter S Bennett	8
Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	3	Frederick Shallcross ..	9
Richard S. Starkie	4	Derek Butterworth	10
Tudor P Edwards	5	John H Fielden	11
Philip J. Rothera	6	Rev Roger O Fry	Tenor

Conducted by Edward Jenkins
Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr Lester L Gray by some of his many friends.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
FROME, Somerset.—At the Church of St John.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt in D

Richard W Sweet	Treble	John Slater	5
Gillian M Hussey	2	Trevor A Cross	6
Brian J. Luff	3	D. John Hunt	7
George W Massey	4	Robert C Kippin ..	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Robert C Kippin.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Saviour, Oxton. On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E

*Derek Hobbs .. .. .. Treble	William A. Boote 5
†Catherine Land 2	Alexander J. Martin .. 6
‡Stephen W. J. Pasterfield 3	Anthony P. Foster 7
Elizabeth J. Land 4	§Ernest T. Carvell .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Anthony P. Foster.

* First peal other than as a cover. † First peal, first attempt. ‡ First "inside." § Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

Rung by the resident band for the induction of the Rev. R. G. Harland as Vicar of the adjacent parish of Christ Church, Claughton, and also as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas. On Tues., Sept. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

John Worth .. .. .. Treble	Derek F. Yates 5
David Salter 2	David Atkinson 6
Cynthia Warrilow 3	Basil Jones 7
Carol Fernley 4	Robert B. Smith .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Basil Jones.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Peter and Kathleen Whitehead, who were married at Norbury on September 3rd, 1966.

CHURCH EATON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Editha. On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods/variations, being 240 Grandsire and 480 each of Rev. St. Bartholomew, Fortune, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps and St. Columb.

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*Stephen P. Newton .. Treble	Keith W. Eaton 4
Frank R. Morton 2	John R. Scott 5
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 3	David Allman .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal.

STOKE-ON-TERN, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

David A. Godfrey .. .. Treble	Brian Schofield 4
Harold Worrall 2	Christopher J. Jones .. 5
Michael Thomson 3	Harry W. Howard .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

The band wish to express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan for their hospitality.

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad. On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Olwen Evans .. .. .. Treble	Michael Thomson 4
David A. Godfrey 2	Christopher J. Jones .. 5
Brian Schofield 3	Harry W. Howard .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* First peal in two methods.

Rung to celebrate the engagement of the daughter of the conductor and Roy Griffiths, of Eccles.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Mon., Sept. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

David Allman .. .. .. Treble	Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 4
Keith W. Eaton 2	John R. Scott 5
Leon A. Perry 3	Frank R. Morton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEDWORTH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

Alan Evans .. .. .. Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 5
Alfred Ballard 2	John M. Jelley 6
Beryl E. Cawser 3	J. Martin Thorley 7
J. Edward Cawser 4	Brian S. Chapman .. .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

400th peal as conductor.

BURTON DASSETT, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Mon., Sept. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F

*Hugh J. Baker .. .. Treble	Robert W. Sherriff 4
†Delphine Holman 2	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 5
Robert J. Edden 3	James J. Spraggett .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.

* First peal. † First peal on an "inside" bell.

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and the ten extents each repeated three times.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Peter S. Bennett .. .. Treble	James F. West 4
Alan J. Collings 2	Ian C. Maycock 5
Fred C. Lyne 3	*Robin A. Ridding .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* First peal attempt.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Brooke.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

PLYMOUTH, Devonshire.—At the Church of St. Budeaux. On Wed., July 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

*Patricia M. Simms .. .. Treble	Alan J. Collings 4
Frank D. Mack 2	George E. Mudge 5
John Mitchelmore 3	D. Roy Bould .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

* First peal attempt.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Simon Fernley) to the Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Parkinson.

YARCOMBE, Devonshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist. On Fri., Sept. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 240's and ten 120's. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Thomas Travers .. .. Treble	*Francis Stamp 4
Donald Salter 2	William Webb 5
Albert Crabb 3	Cyril Joyce .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William Webb.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DARLEY DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Helen. On Wed., Sept. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' 5-part. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

George H. Paulson .. .. Treble	*Timothy Wylie 5
Rev. R. D. St. John Smith 2	Robert A. Partridge .. 6
Burley P. Morris 3	Ronald H. Bullen 7
Herbert E. Taylor 4	Ernest Paulson .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. John Smith.

* First peal in the method.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael. On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10¾ cwt.

Donald F. Murfet .. .. Treble	Brian B. Hullah 5
Jean L. Kimber 2	Stuart Kimber 6
Frank E. Haynes 3	John G. Gipson 7
C. Martin Press 4	Christopher M. P. Johnson Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Frank E. Haynes.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Alan Bott and Caroline Gay Williams, who were married in this church on this day.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WALKERN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Norwich Surprise and Combridge Surprise.

Tenor 6 cwt.

David Gullick .. .. .. Treble	*Stephen Gullick 4
Alfred Harris 2	Michael Trigg 5
Eric Edmondson 3	Michael Orme .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by David Gullick.

* First peal in seven methods.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FOWNHOPE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Sept. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 87 methods/variations, viz.: (1) Eynsham, Elford, St. Jude, (2) St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Lawrence, (3) St. Ninian, St. Felix, St. Austell, (4) Lapley, Shareshill, St. Mary, (5) St. John, Ryton, St. Crispin, (6) Horsley, St. Cleer, St. Cecelia, (7) St. Giles, (8) St. Miles, (9) Church Gresley, (10) St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, (11) St. Alban, (12) St. Paul, (13) St. Ambrose, (14) St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, (15) April Day, Seighford, Litchurch, (16) Dedworth, Primrose, Snodsbury, (17) Buttercup, Violet, Bedlow, (18) Worthington, St. Thomas Martyr, Cherwell, (19) Windrush, Wollaston, Hilmarton, (20) Grandsire, Newborough, St. Helen, (21) Daffodil, Bluebell, St. Anne, (22) St. Quintin, St. Lucy, Allestree, (23) Rev. St. Bartholomew, Rushall, St. Matthias, (24) Northrepps, All Saints, St. Philip, (25) Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. David, (26) Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Dumbleton, (27) Wallflower, Cowslip, Chiddington, (28) Marlow, Chinnor, Evenlode, (24) Salwarpe, Oldswinford, Alveley, (30) St. Columb, (31) Cassington, (32) St. Peter, (33) St. Patrick, (34) St. Thomas, (35) St. Luke, (36) St. Chrysostom, (37) Old Bob, (38) Kennington, (39) Southrepps, (40) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (41) Plain Bob, (42) Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

Austin T. Wingate	Treble	Peter D. Sell	4
John Hope	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	5
Robert Hatcher	3	*Timothy Sell	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.

* First peal. Most methods/variations by all the band and for the Guild.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Sept. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Rodney Andrews	Treble	Nicholas J. Chesson	5
Christopher T. Osenton	2	Brian Trill	6
Peter D. J. Beal	3	Leonard Crouch	7
George Philpot	4	Cyril S. Jarrett	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Composed by Cyril S. Jarrett.

Rung as a farewell to Canon George Prentice, M.A., on his last Sunday as Vicar of Frindsbury.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

David S. Osenton	Treble	Tony Lewis	5
Christopher T. Osenton	2	Thomas Cullingworth	6
*Peter S. Muchlinski	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Herbert E. Audsley	4	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	5
Alexander Waddington	2	Thomas Cullingworth	6
David S. Osenton	3	Frank J. Matthews	7
*Peter S. Muchlinski	4	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal in the method.

TURNER'S HILL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Hilary A. Swallow	Treble	†Paul J. Dye	5
Michael H. O'Callaghan	2	†Richard Hayes	6
*Ann Jenner	3	Ralph Bird	7
Edward J. Jenner	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* 200th peal. † First peal in the method.

LITTLE CHART, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in B.

*Andrew J. Robbins	Treble	†D. Geoffrey Kerley	4
†Rhian N. Bagshaw	2	†Peter M. Bradford	5
Mrs. Betty Robbins	3	Rev. Peter T. Robbins	Tenor

Conducted by Mrs. Betty Robbins.

* First peal (aged 13 years). † First peal of Minor in three methods.

Rung to mark the departure of Rhian N. Bagshaw, ringer of the 2nd, to the Nottingham College of Education.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard the Less.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

C. Watson	Treble	P. Gardner	4
Miss P. Gardner	2	D. H. McCormick	5
Miss J. Reynolds	3	R. Barnes	Tenor

Conducted by C. Watson.

First peal as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. Taberner.

(Preston Branch)

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard the Less.
On Sun., Sept. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

*J. Clayton	Treble	*A. Gardner	4
Miss P. Gardner	2	D. H. McCormick	5
*Miss G. Clayton	3	R. Barnes	Tenor

Conducted by D. H. McCormick.

* First peal.

All except the conductor are Sunday service ringers at this church.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*Michael L. Caldecote	Treble	§Robin A. Gilliver	4
†Annette Taylor	2	§Stephen C. Wells	5
‡Brian L. Burrows	3	‡K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. ‡ 25th peal together. § First "inside."

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Joe Merry, a ringer at this tower, who died suddenly on August 24th, 1966, aged 53, on the day following the funeral.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker Twelve-part (7th Obs.). Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*David Phillipson	Treble	Jack L. Millhouse	5
†Christopher J. Sharp	2	Peter A. Sharp	6
Joyce M. Sharp	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	7
Harold Gibson	4	Geoffrey Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal and first attempt. † First of Grandsire.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lucy Metham, faithful member of the local band.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr 17 lb.

*Roger Hippisley	Treble	*John Hall	5
Jack Bray	2	Frank G. Bloomfield	6
*Ronald Chafer	3	*Harold Judd	7
C. Aubrey Harrison	4	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal in the method.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Jack Bray	Treble	John W. Parker	5
Frank G. Bloomfield	2	C. Aubrey Harrison	6
Ronald Chafer	3	Harold Judd	7
*Arthur Pashley	4	Michael W. Crowder	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Frank G. Bloomfield.
* First peal in the method.
A wedding compliment for Mr. D. Plowright and Miss K. Flude, who were married at this church earlier this day.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Roland W. Morant	Treble	Edgar A. Cole	4
Denis A. Frith	2	H. Reginald Woods	5
Frederick W. Pinchbeck	3	Thomas A. Relf	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith
The tenor ringer now becomes the first to "circle" this tower.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

TOTTENHAM, N.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 3. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Martin L. J. Jordan	5
*Catherine S. Maylott	2	Robert E. Hardy	6
Julia A. Fellows	3	Gerald Penney	7
C. Martin Press	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wylde. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."
Rung as a compliment to Miss Catherine Jones and Robert Moore, who were married at Edgbaston Parish Church on September 10th, 1966.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

COLE-ORTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Rev. M. C. C. Melville	Treble	Ian Friend	5
John K. Smith	2	Norman W. Attaway	6
William F. Woodward	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
*Margaret Woolley	4	Richard J. Warrilow	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Rev. M. C. C. Melville.
* First peal in the method. 250th peal by the conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BICESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Edburg.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

Walter F. Judge	Treble	George W. Holland	5
Norman H. Leslie	2	Ernest G. Jones	6
Brian R. White	3	Francis A. White	7
Denis A. Leslie	4	J. Roger Mitty	Tenor

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Richard John Smith and Pauline Ann Clark, who were married at this church during the ringing of the peal.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*Alan R. Pink	Treble	†Peter Pearce	5
†D. Kay Adkins	2	Brian W. Hall	6
†Frederick W. Soden	3	Frank Reed	7
†Terence J. Hester	4	†Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* 850th peal † First peal in the metho
Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a compliment to Mr. K. W. Cook, organist in this parish for 21 years.

BEACONSFIELD, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*Terence J. Hester	Treble	Alan R. Pink	5
Reginald W. Rex	2	*Frank Reed	6
*Brian W. Hall	3	*D. Kay Adkins	7
*Peter Pearce	4	*Walter Lee	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal in the method.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*Judith M. Loten	Treble	Arthur Newton	5
Roland Biggs	2	Percy Newton	6
Sydney M. Bailey	3	Dennis Knox	7
Michael J. Best	4	Robert H. Newton	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Dennis Knox.
* First attempt for a peal with a treble bob bell.
Robert H. Newton has now "circled the tower."

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Sept. 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 version Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Arthur Gibbs	Treble	*Charles E. Truman	6
*†Roger W. Smith	2	Graham C. Paul	7
*Malcolm J. V. Chown	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Anne B. Speed	4	Stephen Ivin	9
*Barry E. Saunders	5	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal.

COLD HIGHAM, Northants.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double Court, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Graham C. Paul	Treble	James Linnell	4
*Pauline M. Kingston	2	Charles E. Truman	5
*Daphne Webb	3	Barry E. Saunders	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.
* First peal in more than one method.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Tues., Sept. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Pamela M. Turner	Treble	James W. Belshaw	6
George E. Fearn	2	David R. Ingram	7
Alan S. Burbidge	3	James Insley	8
Maurice G. Ingram	4	Peter J. Stretton	9
*Stephen W. Barton	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Alan J. Ainsworth.
* First peal on ten bells.

KNOWLE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. John the Baptist, Lawrence and Anne.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.

Merrin Hutchings	Treble	*James W. Belshaw	5
Muriel Reay	2	James Insley	6
B. Gillian Schofield	3	Roderick W. Pipe	7
George E. Fearn	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Kippin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
* First peal of Surprise Major on an "inside" bell.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Muriel Reay	Treble	James Insley	5
J. Alan Ainsworth	2	Clifford A. Barron	6
*Ann E. Fellows	3	Roderick W. Pipe	7
John R. Insley	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Glasgow.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in four methods: (1) Cambridge S., (2 and 3) Oxford T.B., (4 and 5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

F. William Midwinter	Treble	Frederick G. Hooper	4
George A. Dawson	2	Simon Humphrey	5
Elizabeth J. Foster	3	Peter R. Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
Rung as a compliment to Raymond Spafford and Christine Thompson, married earlier this day at Christ Church, Newark. Also a compliment to Philip Hawcock and Margaret Bennett, married earlier this day at the Church of St. Mary, Wollaton Park.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Charles J. Copp	Treble	Margaret E. Chilton ..	4
Katherine Burchnall ..	2	F. William Midwinter ..	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, in 14 methods/ variations, three extents of each, viz.: All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Newborough and Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 lb.. in G sharp.

Robert D. Marsh	Treble	Margaret E. Chilton ..	3
Ruth Blackshaw	2	Maurice W. Harrison ..	4

F. William Midwinter .. Tenor
Conducted by Margaret E. Chilton.

Congratulations of the band to E. Raymond Spafford and Christine A. Thompson, who were married at Christ Church, Newark, on September 10th, 1966.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

NORTON CANES, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*Susan Lloyd	Treble	*R. David Baker	4
†Susan J. Devey	2	Kenneth W. Price	5
‡Gerald W. Reynolds ..	3	Peter J. Barker	Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Barker.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First for the Society. First of Minor as conductor.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

BARKSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANTHAM SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb. in G.

Graham J. N. Colborne ..	Treble	David R. Baxter	4
George A. Dawson	2	Denis A. Frith	5
Simon Humphrey	3	Richard Inglis	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

Believed to be the first peal in the method.

GRANTHAM SURPRISE MINOR
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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

KESSINGLAND, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Fri., Sept. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Surfleet Surprise, (2) Beverley Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Double Court, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Trevor N. J. Bailey ..	Treble	Edwin T. Chapman ..	4
*Richard C. L. Brown ..	2	*Richard A. Hunt	5
*†Thomas J. Brock	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal in eight methods. † 50th peal.

Rung for the wedding of Peter Shipley, a local ringer.

REDGRAVE, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Botolph.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Childwall and St. Clement's, (2) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (3) Plain Bob and St. Clements, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Court, (7) Double Oxford and St. Clement's.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Alfred W. Foreman ..	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold ..	4
Wilfred G. Saunders ..	2	Henry Tooke	5
H. William Barrett	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

Rung on the day of the Church Flower Festival as a compliment to Mr. J. Fordham on completing 50 years' service in the local choir.

BARSHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Sept 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B flat.

Being two extents Stedman, eight different extents and a Morris's 240 Grandsire and 30 extents Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 63 lb. in B flat.

Richard A. Hunt	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	3
Ralph W. Bickers	2	J. Barry Pickup	4

Trevor N. J. Bailey .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Trevor N. J. Bailey.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 ORKNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 66. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Gerda Barasel	Treble	Christopher F. Mew ..	7
Robert J. Cooles	2	Alan E. Bagworth	6
Alison M. Mann	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Alan R. Millidge	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

First peal in the method.

Rung as a compliment to David C. Brookes, of this tower, on his 21st birthday.

RIPE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin and Grandsire.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. in G.

Sandra C. Thexton	Treble	Christopher G. Barnes ..	3
Rosemary J. Cotton	2	Nigel Thomson	4

Jeremy R. Pratt .. .. Tenor
Conducted by Jeremy R. Pratt.

First peal of Doubles and most methods to a peal for all the band. First peal as conductor, and first on the bells since rehanging in 1961.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society)

WHITBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt.

David Nichols	Treble	Neil Donovan	6
Susan Jackson	2	Norman Chaddock	7
John E. Bryant	3	*Michael J. Crowder ..	8
Richard J. Tibbetts ..	4	John N. D. Chaddock ..	9
J. Henry Fielden	5	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

(Sheffield and District Society)
HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*Richard Farnsworth ..	Treble	*Cyril Rusby	5
*Eileen J. Osborne	2t	Ian M. Holland	6
*Geoffrey N. Goodall ..	3	John J. L. Gilbert	7
*John S. Seager	4	John E. Turley	Tenor

Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Cardwell, of the local company, and on the fifth wedding anniversary of Marion and Ian Holland.

(Sheffield and District Society)
CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Sept. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

David Williams	Treble	Arthur F. Lewry	5
Harry Parkes	2	Cyril Rusby	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	Frederick J. Jackson ..	7
Richard J. Tibbetts	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	Kenneth B. Sissons	4
John Potts	2	Allan Sheppard	5
Ronald R. Warford	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

*Richard Huddleston ..	Treble	Allan Sheppard	4
C. Barrie Dove	2	David Huddleston	5
P. John Hall	3	Kenneth B. Sissons	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal. The conductor has now "circled the tower" twice as conductor.

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BIRTH

PRIME.—To Pat and Dick on September 17th, 1966, a son, Duncan Edward, a brother for Leslie. 030

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BRIDGES. — The address of Alan R. Bridges (secretary, St. Mary-le-Tower Society) is now 486, Norwich Road, Ipswich, Suffolk. Telephone No. Ipswich 41948. 9998

PERSONAL

"And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all."—St. Mark x, 44.

BOOKS WANTED

WANTED TO PURCHASE.—Books suitable for ringing company's library. Anyone with books to offer please communicate details, price, etc., to Mr. P. A. Barnes, Tee Lane, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, Lincs.

UNIVERSITY WELCOME

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—All freshers welcome Ringing: Sunday, October 9th, St. Mary Magdalene's, 10–10.30; St. Ebbe's, 10.30–11. Tuesday, October 11th, business meeting, 8.15 p.m., in North Lecture Room, St John's.—A. P. Foster, St. John's.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Welcome to all students. First practice of term, St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, Friday, September 30th. Annual general meeting, Friday, October 7th. For further information, contact Richard J. Tibbetts, 47, Crookes Road, Sheffield 10, or over the "blower" at Union. 9995

UNIVERSITY OF KEELE SOCIETY. — All ringers coming to the University this term are invited to write to P. W. Gay, Economics Department, The University, Keele, Staffs. 025

UNIVERSITY of LONDON SOCIETY
welcomes all freshers.
General Meeting on October 15th
More details–"Ringing World," p. 599
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MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
The 329th Anniversary Dinner
will be held at
The Albert Restaurant,
20, Albert Embankment, London, S.E.1
on Saturday, November 5th, 1966,
at 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

Tickets (30/-) may now be obtained from the Secretary Remittances to be made payable to the Society, please

Albert Embankment is on the south bank of the Thames and the Albert Restaurant is about midway between Lambeth and Vauxhall Bridges.

J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road London S.W.12. 9838

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Saturday, October 15th, in the Bowdon Institute, Bowdon, near Altrincham. Meet 6 for 6.30 p.m. Cost of tickets 23s. each.

All applications for tickets to Mr. C. K. Lewis, 52, Wellington Road, Altrincham, **before October 8th** — Henry O. Baker, Gen Sec 9954

CHILDREY, BERKS.—With the formation of a new band it is hoped that regular practices will be held on Wednesdays from now on. Visitors welcome. 006

EAST MALLING, KENT.—Rededication of the ring of six bells in a new frame by the Archdeacon of Tonbridge at 3 30 p.m. on Saturday, October 1st. All ringers welcome. Refreshments available after service. Apologies for short notice. 9963

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner in the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on Saturday, October 29th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m.
Tickets (21/-) from P. J. Eves, 8 Lordship Road, Writtle, not later than Wednesday, October 26th. S.A.E., please. 020

THE LADIES' GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS
ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER
July 1st, 1967

Accommodation: Lincoln Diocesan House has been booked for Saturday night, July 1st, 1967. Bed and breakfast 15s. per head; 12 double and 12 single rooms available; deposit, 5s. per head, to be sent with booking request to Mrs A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs, as soon as possible. First come, first served. Where desired, Friday night can also be booked.

Provisional arrangements: Committee meeting 11 a.m. Service in Lincoln Cathedral 12 noon. Light buffet lnnch 12.45 p.m. General meeting 2 p.m. Informal dinner 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m. Arrangements for ringing and cost of meals to be announced later.

All ladies please book this date.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Annual Dinner will be held at the Victoria and Station Hotel, Preston, on Saturday, October 29th. Tickets (25/- each) from Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston. 018

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOC. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
TRIENNIAL DINNER
at Church House, Westminster, Oct. 15th

Ringing Arrangements:
St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 2 to 2.45 p.m
St. Lawrence Jewry, 2.45 to 3.45 p.m.
St. Clement Danes', 3.45 to 4.45 p.m.
St. Margaret's, Westminster, 4.45 to 5.45 p.m.
Dinner 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (25s. each) from Miss R. M. Foreman, 19, Finchley Court, N.3. FIN 3994; Mr. E. H. Kilby, 190, Windermere Avenue, South Kenton, ARN 5352; Mr. W. S. Deason, 12, Cardinal's Walk, Hampton, Molesey, Molesey 2608, or any officer of the Association. 9991

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
ANNUAL DINNER
will be held on
Saturday, October 22nd, 1966
in the
Assembly Room, The Town Hall, Northampton.
Assemble 6.45 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Tickets (18s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) to be obtained before Saturday, October 15th, from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton.
E. Billings, Gen. Sec.

PRINTING.—Tower and Association secretaries requiring stationery, meeting notices, tickets, membership cards and other small printed items should contact F. W. Lewis, 38 Boston Avenue, Reading. Reasonable prices. Estimates by return. 9750

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.—Flower and Dedication Festival, October 1st–3rd. Tower open: Saturday, 2–8.30 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30–11 a.m., 5.30–6.30 p.m. Light refreshments available. 010

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS CHANGE RINGING ASSOCIATION
The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 22nd, at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, at 6.15 for 6.30 p.m. Entertainment by members and professionals afterwards.
Tickets at 15s. each are obtainable from Branch Secretaries and the General Secretary until October 19th.
Bells: Cathedral (12) 3.30 to 5 p.m.; All Saints' (10) 4.30 to 6 p.m.
D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 021

MEETINGS

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—September meeting, Rawmarsh (8 bells). Names for tea **must** be sent to G. R. Hiner, 44, Spolton Road, Rawmarsh, Rotherham.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Brailes, October 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements. More ringing afterwards.—P. S. Barnett, Dis. Sec. 9993

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Half-yearly meeting of the above at Arlecdon on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30. Names for tea to Mrs. G. Gibson, Arlecdon Vicarage, Cumberland. No names, no tea. 003

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Newcastle on Saturday, October 1st. Ringing: Fenham 1.30–2.30, Gosforth 2.30–3.45, Cathedral 5–5.30 and 7–9, Gateshead 8–9. Business meeting 4 p.m. in Cathedral library, and service 5.30 p.m. in Cathedral. Tea at Bainbridge's 6.15 p.m (price 7s.). Notification for tea essential to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 9967

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Quarterly meeting at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bath, 1, Lyndnurst, Woodlands Road, Camberley, Surrey.—Mrs B R Simpson, Dis Sec. 9908

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch. Evening practice, Much Wenlock, October 1st. Bells (8) 6–8 p.m.—Joan Bennett. 019

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, October 1st, Great Wymondley (6) 6 p.m., also Norton (8). Thursday, October 6th, 7.30 p.m.—C M. Orme 9966

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The A.D.M. will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, October 1st Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m Tea at 4.45. Please send names for tea to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 9916

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Meeting, Exeter, October 1st. St. David's (8) 3–4 p.m. only Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. in vestry. St. Petrock's (6) 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Boobier, 47, Oxford Road, St. James', Exeter. 9968

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting at Tutbury on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. and service 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. 9961

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — The Autumn general meeting will be held at Wantage Berks. on Saturday, October 1st. Meeting 2.30 p.m. in the Victoria Cross Gallery 4 30 p.m Tea 5.30 p.m. Service in the Parish Church. Applications for tea tickets (together with remittance, 3/3 each) to Miss D J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. List of towers will be distributed with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. to same address.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting, Spratton, Saturday, October 1st. Names for tea to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 9992

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Trowbridge (12), October 1st, 3 p.m. North Bradley (8) from 6 p.m. Names to Mr. Lucas, 29, Harford Street, Trowbridge, Wilts. 9575

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY —Monthly meeting at Ecclesfield (8), near Sheffield, October 1st. Please note—evening meeting only. Bells from 6 p.m. and no business meeting. All welcome.—Andrew King, Hon Sec. 9984

SUFFOLK GUILD—South East District.—Evening practice for beginners at St. Mary's (6), Bramford, Saturday, October 1st, 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—W. L. 013

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Striking Competition, Clent, October 1st at 3 p.m. Further names for tea to B. C. Ashford, 17, Ham Lane, Stourbridge. 022

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, October 1st, at Kildwick. Bells (8) 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Special methods: Plain Bob and Stedman All welcome, especially learners. — Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master 9986

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, October 3rd, at 7 p.m. 015

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting at Standlake, Friday, October 7th, 7 p.m.—Ted Patching. 9997

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Marston Bigott on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements Names for tea to Mr. G. Wareham, Sunnyside Farm, Trudoxhill, Frome.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 008

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Stotfold (6) on Saturday, October 8th. Ringing from 3 p.m. onwards. Names for tea to Linda Ellison, 19, Alexander Road, or Tel. 401. 004

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY — Monthly meeting, Pocklington (8), Saturday, October 8th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington, York, by previous Thursday. 001

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Waltham Abbey, October 8th. Bells (12) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. and from 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m., followed by further ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to D. Cobb, 1, Elm Close, Waltham Abbey. (Waltham Cross 20920.) 9857

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — — Western District. — Meeting, Saturday, October 8th, at Great Gaddesden (6). 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. Goldsney, 4, Water End, Hemel Hempstead. 039

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, October 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the College Rooms. Washington film to be shown Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. H 9962

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District — A.D.G. meeting at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, on Saturday, October 8th. Service at 4.15 p.m. Bells available from 2.30 Other ringing details to District towers. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Hall. Would those requiring tea, at the cost of 2s. per person, please contact Mr T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury, by October 5th—T. C. P. 9978

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Flookburgh on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Names for tea to me by October 5th.—T. F. Metcalfe, 49, Station Road, Flookburgh. 9996

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. — Meeting at All Saints', Hamer (Rochdale), on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements.—G. Cheetham. 009

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday, October 8th. Light refreshments provided. Please send names to Mr. J. Jackson, Dalton House, Town Lane, Whittle-le-Woods, Chorley by Wednesday, 5th. 002

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION — Monmouth Branch. — Meeting Chepstow, Saturday, October 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. 9975

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Happisburgh on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. E. Larter, 2, School Common Road, Lower Happisburgh, Norwich, NOR 252, by previous Wednesday.—N. P. J. C. 9854

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Monthly practice for Western Deaneries at Mulbarton, Saturday, October 8th, 3 p.m Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m Names for tea to Mr. P. M. Adcock by Wednesday, October 5th 9836

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Belton (6), October 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 Names for tea to Mrs. P. Thorley, 25, Main Street, Lyddington, Uppingham, by Tuesday, 4th. 9989

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District. — Meeting, Shelford, October 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Striking competition and quarterly meeting at Wimbledon on October 8th. Draw 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, other than contestants should be sent to Mr. M. J. Bangham, 15, Poplar Grove, New Malden, Surrey. Any Sunday service band in the county is invited to compete. Entries to N. Steere, 1, Prior Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Practice meeting at Worthing on Saturday, October 8th. Heene bells (8) at 3 p.m., followed by service in Heene Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at Old Palace, West Tarring, 5.15. Ringing at West Tarring (6) at 6.30 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mr. R. M. Cox, 271, Ringmer Road, Worthing, Sussex.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 016

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Penzance Branch.—Autumn meeting at Helston, October 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Boskinning, Heamore, Penzance.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — Practice meeting, Blackmoor, October 8th Bells available 6.30–8.—C. E. Bassett, Dis Sec. 9979

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Upham, October 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Bring own tea. Business meeting in Mission Hall. Evening ringing till 9. Bishop's Waltham bells (8) available 2.30–4. 9999

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Pershore on Saturday, October 8th Please note: Bells available 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m only. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Little and Great Comberton bells after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. Berry, 25, Priest's Lane, Pershore, by Tuesday. 9988

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—Meeting at Great Bromley on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Village Hall. Little Bromley bells (4) also available 2.30–4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. Ransom, The Rectory, Great Bromley, Colchester. 011

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting and contest, New Mill, October 15th. Entries to the secretary by 8th. Teas: H. Tinker, New House, New Mill, Holmfirth, before the 12th. No names, no tea.—T. Tarbatt. 023

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, October 15th, Twyford, 2.30 to 3.45; Gaddesby 3–4.15 and after meeting. Service Gaddesby 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Clarke, 5, Barrow Crescent, Gaddesby, Leics, **not later than October 12th.** Ashby Folville bells 6.30–8.30 p.m. Committee meeting October 10th, Church House, Leicester, 7.45 p.m.—A. J. P., Hon. Gen. Sec. 012

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Tharston on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at Forncett in evening. Names for tea to C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X, by Tuesday, October 11th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—The autumn meeting of the Branch will be held at Leafield on Saturday, October 15th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford, not later than October 12th, please. 028

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Vale of White Horse Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ashbury, October 15th Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by 12th, please. —C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berks 027

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Bugbrooke, Saturday, October 15th. Names for tea to Mr. K. Rogers, Downs Farm, Weedon, by Tuesday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 029

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lytchett Minster, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Corfe Mullen 6.45–8.15. Names for tea to Miss Dance, Friars Green, Lytchett Minster, Poole, by October 13th. 007

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MEETINGS

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 8th, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), 3–4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Clement Danes' (10) 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 034

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MORE THOUGHTS ON THE LADIES

"Like a breath of summer laden,
Like a cheery ray of hope,
Is the sight of gentle maiden
Deftly handling of a rope."

SO sang the redoubtable William Willson many years ago. "W.W." was a staunch supporter of the lady ringer, and well he might be, for his daughter Lilian was a most accomplished performer and was chosen by Miss Parker for the first peal to be rung by ladies.

From 1892, when Mrs. George Williams of Brighton became the first lady to ring in a peal, and four years later, when Miss White of Basingstoke took part in a tower bell peal, ringers became increasingly aware that a new influence was at work in the Exercise. Very gradually it came to light that there were, in certain parts of the country, lady ringers who were joining freely in the work of the belfry, and taking part, by no means incompetently, in an activity that had hitherto been regarded as confined to men. Thus we find, as early as 1892, a certain Miss Macray at Ducklington, daughter of the Rector of the parish, who was not only an accomplished change ringer on tower bells and handbells, but a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and, we are told, leader and instructor of the local band. At another parish we hear of two daughters of the Vicar performing in the tower and "in hand." So wrote "Plain Speaker" in "The Bell News": "How I envy the local band at such a place! Croquet, lawn tennis, etc., etc., you are doomed to an apathetic forgetfulness. The ladies will practice (sic) ringing and get profit thereby, both mental and corporeal. Gentlemen — 'The Ladies'."

The Exercise did not, as a whole, endorse the enthusiasm of "Plain Speaker." Some there were who chose to ignore the ladies, holding the view that this was another superficially attractive activity that had aroused the curiosity of the female mind, and that when the novelty had worn off then no more would be heard of lady ringers. Many welcomed the movement, others regarded it cautiously; some treated it facetiously. But there was a large body of ringers who were sure that the whole thing was a mistake and that it held dangers for the future. The objectors fell into three main classes. There were those who objected just because they objected to ladies in any situation or activity; there were some who could not reconcile themselves to the intrusion of girls and women into the seclusion of the belfry; and there were others who quite sincerely believed that this was no sort of physical activity for the female sex, and classed it vaguely with football and boxing as one of those things no refined young woman should attempt.

But the movement was growing and nothing could stop it. Before many years had passed it was clear that not only could a lady ring a bell without physical harm, but could also, in the intellectual field of change ringing, hold her own as method ringer and striker. And, moreover, it was found that in many instances the lady ringer, once she was interested, was keen, reliable in her work and attendance, and intelligently ambitious. So, in 1906, the Rev. H. Drake was able to write: "My experience is, that while of course here are some ladies who will never take to ringing, these are less numerous than among the other sex, and when they do take to it, they usually do so, not only with greater keenness and zest, but with a quicker intuition of its intricacies, than the more blundering but more logical man."

But the road of advancement of the ladies to the position of high regard they now hold was not entirely smooth. There was the extraordinary episode at St. Paul's Church, Dagenham, in 1911, when an acting incumbent forbade a young lady to enter the belfry, giving as his reason: "The belfry is not a fit and proper place for any female, as it might lead to questionable actions taking place." Ringers from all parts of the country reacted in wrath, and the subsequent correspondence, which ran into several weeks, was so strongly against the clerical gentleman, and so firmly on the side of the integrity of ringers both male and female, that we may well say that out of a very distasteful start there emerged a train of thought and action that benefited the cause of the ladies to an immeasurable degree.

The cause was not yet won. As late as 1913 the "Hants and Berks Gazette" published a letter signed "Grandsire" in which the writer strongly opposed the presence of ladies in the belfry, viewing their intrusion with concern. "I am quite unable to understand," he wrote, "why ladies should prefer to leave their many womanly pursuits and pastimes, and to range themselves with a number of men in a belfry to manipulate a huge bell of so many hundredweight."

As we all know, there were vast influences at work that made inevitable the entry of women into virtually all man's activities, and in due course Miss Parker brought the ladies to complete recognition. Since then their own skill and achievements have proved their case and provided their absolute right to the accolade.

E. C. S.

RAVING RINGERS' ANNIVERSARY TOUR

THE tenth anniversary of the Society was celebrated with a tour in Cornwall during July. The weather was indifferent but could not mar a week full of good bells and good company, which added up to one of the finest tours yet, enjoyed by a record number of 21 members.

Ted Venn arrived early at the St. George's Hotel, Truro, headquarters for the week, taking over the unenviable task from the proprietor of shepherding in the stragglers from a Friday evening journey down, the last of whom arrived at 3 a.m.! Most people slept in next day, as our first tower, at Cardynham, was not until late afternoon. The minibus navigator, Barry Saunders, hotly denied he made a mistake on the way to St. Neot, but if a taste of narrow Cornish lanes was needed then we were in the deep end to start with. Ron Russ and Chris Clarke shared the bus driving, and if Ron, who was driving at the time, thought he had learned it all in Australia, he was wrong! A brass band playing at the local fete lent an air of triumph to our arrival at St. Neot. Bristol was the highlight at Bodmin (an extremely fine octave), but all tastes could not have been catered for because the joint ringing masters for the week, Michael Coleman and Ron Russ, were both seen beating a hasty retreat down the fire escape! We were consoled by a local ringer's remark that it was the best bit of Scientific he had heard for years. Thinking of fire escapes, I wonder how many towers have them?

On Sunday, July 24th, we divided between Kenwyn and Probus for morning service ringing, Surprise being rung at both towers. Those of us at Kenwyn were pleased to see Alan Carveth.

STRING OF INCIDENTS

In the afternoon ringing preceded a baptism at St. Erme and followed one at Newlyn East, where we spliced a rope to get the treble in action again, despite the stay being broken. This incident proved to be the first of an unusually long string. The handy eight at Mawgan-in-Pydar sounded to London and four-spliced in the evening.

Monday began at Camborne, where we rang some rather doubtful stuff called Hunslett Little Bob Major before going on to Carbis Bay, where the Rev. A. S. Roberts met us. Ringing on the light ten here never really got going, because some of the cars which took the overflow from the minibus were late in arriving. The church is not easily seen when travelling west on the main road, and one well-known spliced record man (who had been to Carbis Bay before) navigated his car-load right into St. Ives! The ringing we did never settled to an agreeable pace, but a whip round produced £2 for the church building fund, so we left in happier frame of mind for Zennor, where six-spliced Minor was accomplished. The Vicar at Sennen (Land's End parish) gave us an interesting tour of his church, which has strong naval connections. He seemed overjoyed that Jim Linnell knew the bird on the Cornish crest, the chough, now almost extinct in the county. His conducted tour then extended to Land's End proper, where we were afforded V.I.P. parking and a look at all the best views around the point. Paul has the highest church in Cornwall (with a good six), even if the belfry floor did groan a little under our weight. Vic Wood met us at Gulval, where we learned that his uncle, Mr. W. Wood, now 91, still rings twice every Sunday. We had a complainant here—a howling dog, but the competition of our Hunslett Imperial Court Bob Major proved too much for him!

Tuesday was spent in the Launceston area. We suffered another broken rope at Altarnum (a difficult eight in a tall tower). The bells at St. Mary's, Launceston, were later enjoyed before Mr. Sheppard from Holsworthy joined us for London in St. Thomas' small belfry. At Lezant the Vicar shook everyone by the hand, a much appreciated gesture. The day ended at Linkinhorne, which boasts the longest draught in Cornwall, about 100 feet. The bells are good for their weight but, of course, tricky to handle. We had trouble with the 3rd; the Hastings stay appeared to be a fraction short, causing the bell to jam and throw over.



Members at Truro headquarters (left to right). Back row: Jim Linnell, Tony Smith, Bob Reeves. Fourth row: Barry Davis, Maurice New, Barry Egglesfield, Graham Paul. Third row: Chris Clarke, Ray Vickers, Keith Walpole, Michael Coleman, Tedd Venn, Peter Heritage. Second row: Ron Russ, David Floyd, Barry Saunders. Front row: Sue Smith, Gill Brearley, Marion Petts, Diana Reeves and Merrilyn Chambers.

ALMOST "IN ORBIT"

The unlucky streak was still there next morning at Liskeard, where a faulty tenor slider nearly put "Badger" Coleman in orbit! We lost the rope and, with a locked central chamber, were powerless to put things right. Over in Devon, ringing at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, was lifted out of the doldrums with a good half-course of Cambridge Royal. At Emmanuel, our time was cut short by the late arrival of the minibus. As if this was not enough, we had barely started a course of London when the treble rope broke. Back over the border in Cornwall, the six at St. Stephen-by-Saltash must surely rank as one of the finest in the county. Even the local pub has a set of handbells.

On Thursday, Stratton was the main attraction, and the renowned bells were enjoyed for an hour before lunch. The afternoon was free, and by special invitation we raised a band for a quarter to mark the opening of the local fete. It was billed as Grandsire Triples, but we rang Lincolnshire with five firsts, and a large number of critics. Later, Keith Walpole, Gill Brearley and Merrilyn Chambers went surfing in a typical Atlantic gale. How Merrilyn braved it we shall never know, being used to the gentler climes of Perth, W.A. Most of the others conducted the "Ravers' World Cup Final" in a field near Bude. With the score at 2—0 (or was it 3—0?), the Cobblers had an Oxford Guild team well beaten when heavy rain came. Not before time, as the exercise was rapidly winding some of the old contemptibles, like our Master, "Gordon" Clarke, in the Oxford goal. It just went to prove ringing fitness does not count for much! In the evening, ringing at Tintagel was cancelled at the last minute, and we were fortunate in securing Marhamchurch as a replacement. The A.G.M. of the Society followed in a crowded minibus as the rain poured down outside. The reunion is to be held at Kettering, and next year's tour in Sussex.

Friday was All Saints' Day—nine towers, all with Saints' names. Bill Cross, from Great Tew, on holiday at Gorran Haven, joined us for the first group, the highlights being St. Ewe, with a churchyard full of exotic trees and a fine little six rung from a belfry less than six feet wide, and St. Austell. Once we'd conquered the long draught here, methods up to Bristol were enjoyed. We then moved through the heart of the clay mining area up to the Wadebridge district, where at St. Wenn we found the church was lit with bottled gas. St. Breoke was well hidden in a valley, a test for good navigators, not all of whom passed with flying colours. Even Barry Egglesfield, riding on the minibus roof at one time, failed to see it. The day concluded with one of the week's highlights, a course of Glasgow at St. Mabyn.

Perran-ar-Worthal (a fine six) was first on Saturday, July 30th, but the treble had no stay. The Vicar, who combines the living with Stithians, said some of the stays at the latter tower were weak. They held, but the tenor rope broke below the sally after only a couple of pulls! Constantine was incident-free, and the excellent light six were enjoyed with some keen local support. Some then found home-made beer in Helston, while others lunched on the sands at picturesque Poldhu Cove. Throughout our visit to the Lizard, and a pull on England's most southerly ring at Landewednack, most ears were glued to transistor radios, for it was World Cup Final Day. We resurfaced at St. Keverne to find no rope on the fifth, due to a local misunderstanding. This was the last incident of an unprecedented number during the week. Methods up to four-spliced were later rung on this tuneful though rather odd-struck eight. The P.O. radio-telescope at Goonhilly Down was much admired and photographed before most of us rang at Kea, open for the Truro Guild Festival. Ringing finished at Truro Cathedral with Cambridge Royal.

The Society provided service bands at Probus and Kenwyn next morning, the opposite of the previous Sunday, before we gathered at Probus for farewells.

R. K. R.

UNUSUAL HANDBELLS WILL BE HEARD

At the annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Change Ringing Association to be held at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, on October 22nd, ringers will have the opportunity of hearing tunes played on an unusual set of handbells. The bells, cast by J. Jarrett, of St. John's, Worcester, are set in a case and played by striking with hammers. They are of excellent tone, of great age, and belong to a family which has a long and interesting history in ringing. It is recorded that in 1833 a John Hinton participated in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 8,448 changes, at St. Helen's Church, Worcester, and a tablet in the ringing chamber of All Saints', Worcester, records his death in 1845. Beside this tablet is another in memory of his son, James, who died in 1886. The "Bell News" of February 9th, 1884, says: "Among our record of peals in this number will be found an account of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Bromsgrove, a neat town in Worcestershire, lying midway between Worcester and Birmingham, by eight members of the Worcestershire Diocesan Association.

"The local papers, in giving notice of this performance, call it 'Change Ringing Extraordinary,' and to a certain extent this is so. The ringer of the 2nd bell, Mr. James Hinton, is totally deaf, so much so that no matter how loud and shrill a noise may be made close to his ear, he is unable to catch one particle of the sound. Our readers may ask, 'How, then, can such a one afflicted in this manner, know when the bobs are called?' In this instance, a person, Mr. T Albutt, was employed to gently tap the deaf ringer when the calls were uttered, and probably this is the first peal in which a deaf ringer has been engaged or the services of a tapper have been called into requisition. Mr. Hinton has for about 25 years laboured under this disability. We recollect him in the full enjoyment of all his faculties, prosecuting the study of the art with vigour and success, and promising to be as clever a ringer, both upon the handbells and at the rope's end, as his father was before him. Suffering from some affection of the eyes he underwent a surgical operation which, though partially restoring his powers of vision, was, it is said, the means of depriving him of that of hearing"

PIONEER IN WEST COUNTRY

James had two sons who practised the art. James (junior) left Worcester for the West Country, where he pioneered the growth of change ringing in the area. When he died, in 1910, ringers from all over Britain subscribed to his headstone. His brother, George, remained in Worcester, participating in many peals, including the first on the ring of 12 in Worcester Cathedral.

He and his friend, the late William H. Johnson, belonged to a Victorian concert party, the Bijou Minstrels, giving as their turn an unusual display of tune playing on handbells. First they would play with four bells in each hand (the first ever to do so). Then, as an encore, additional bells were strapped to each foot. The climax of the performance was reached when other bells were added to the knees, elbows and head, the latter coming into play as each performer bowed at the end of the dance routine which was executed while playing.

George Hinton died in 1945, his son, George (junior), also a keen ringer, surviving him by only a year. Father and son were signwriters by trade, and inscribed most of the handsome peal boards in Worcester Cathedral. Albert, another son, played clarinet and violin. A very fine musician, he is a veteran broadcaster, now living in Swansea. John Hinton, the son of George junior, rings at Worcester Cathedral and it is he who is reciting on the old boxed bells which until a few years ago had lain idle since the death of James (senior) in 1886.

The tradition seems likely to continue. Philip, his ten-year-old son, is learning to ring, can handle a bell and rings rounds. He is also a promising young pianist, who received a standing ovation at a recent event, and hopes to repeat his success at the forthcoming dinner. Thus Philip will become the sixth generation of the family.

Tickets for the dinner are obtainable from the general secretary.

MARLBOROUGH BRANCH'S NEW FOREST TRIP

The annual outing of the Marlborough Branch of the Salisbury Guild took place on September 24th and was an unqualified success. Aided by some beautiful weather and some first-class organisation on the part of the chairman (Mr. G. Newman) the programme was strictly adhered to. Accommodated in two coaches, the party numbered over 50, including friends and relatives. In addition to the chairman, the Rev. Roger Keeley (Ringing Master), Mr. T. A. Palmer (hon. secretary), Mr. F. Read (vice-chairman) and Mr. and Mrs. P. Minchin, of Swindon, were present.

South-West Hampshire and the New Forest area comprised the venue, and the early-morning drive amid the ever-changing autumnal colourings was enjoyed. After a short halt at Salisbury, Lyndhurst was reached at 10.20 a.m., where the nice ring of eight was put to good use until a move was made to Brockenhurst, which has one of the oldest churches in the Forest. Possessing a very light six, some good ringing was maintained. The party were joined by Mr. and Mrs. N. Tilley and family, of Great Bedwyn, who were on holiday nearby. Lunch was taken at Lymington, and later the eight bells at St. Thomas's were rung in rounds and Triples. Milford-on-Sea was the next tower, and after 45 minutes' ringing on another nice eight, tea was enjoyed at a local restaurant.

Leaving Milford the next tower was at Sopley, where the party found six bells after being led to expect only five. The augmented ring, however, proved a very pleasant one. The eight bells at SS. Peter and Paul's, Ringwood, were the last on the list, and a further 45 minutes' ringing completed an interestingly varied programme.

On the way home a halt was made at Salisbury for refreshment. This was one of the best-attended and most enjoyable trips for several years. One cannot conclude without paying tribute to Mr. Cobb (hon. secretary of the Christchurch Branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) who supplied details of the route and sketch maps of how best to reach the towers and parking places. Thank you, Mr. Cobb. W. A. E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch was held at Nailsea (6) on September 17th, when visitors were welcomed from Chippenham, Carlisle and Bradford Cathedral. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. G. Hammond), who afterwards joined the company for tea at the Church Hall.

At the business meeting new members were elected from Backwell, Long Ashton, Yatton, Chew Stoke and Clevedon (one each), while seven members were re-elected and five new members elected from Easton-in-Gordano.

Subject to permission, meetings were arranged as follows: A.G.M., Wraxall, December; practice meetings, Weston-in-Gordano, October, and Stanton Drew, November.

Further comment was voiced about the annual report and resolutions were passed for consideration by the general committee suggesting that a report editor be appointed, and that the Association's financial year should end on October 31st instead of December 31st, as at present.

Votes of thanks included a special mention for the Nailsea ringers, who provided tea, and best wishes to the Rector, always a good friend to the ringers, who will be leaving Nailsea for Keinton Mandeville in the near future. Ringing continued at the Parish Church until shortly after 8 o'clock.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The meeting of the Mansfield District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and the Society of Sherwood Youths, the first at Eastwood since the rededication of the bells was a great success. Having been rehung on new bearings, the musical ring of eight (tenor just short of a ton) was found to go well but needed working at to produce good striking, due mainly to a lengthy draught of rope. Ringing ranged from call changes to Yorkshire Surprise. The Rector of Eastwood, himself a ringer, was on hand to welcome everyone, but unfortunately he had to leave soon afterwards on another engagement

At the business meeting, following a much appreciated tea, Miss B. Hooks of Greasley and Mrs. T. Parsons of Eastwood were elected Southwell Guild members. The Mansfield District chairman welcomed the Society of Sherwood Youths and all visiting ringers, two of whom were from Great Yarmouth.

The meeting closed with thanks to the Rector and to the ladies for the tea, after which ringing continued until 8.30 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

Next meeting (Mansfield District): Warsop, November 26th. D. J. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

Many of the St. Albans District members and a number of visitors were welcomed at a successful meeting on September 17th. Two towers were available, the 23 cwt. eight at Barnet being rung in the afternoon. The special method for Barnet, Stanstead Triples, was achieved, although an unexpected "bob" had some worried! Methods from rounds to Cambridge and London were also rung. There were no tea arrangements, but everyone managed to find somewhere to eat and eventually arrived at Monken Hadley, the tower for the evening.

Due to lack of time and the keenness of all to ring, an informal business meeting was held in the belfry. The secretary, Mr. Roy Brown, gave a reminder of the coming District activities, namely the car outing on October 1st, the District practice at Tewin on Wednesday, October 5th, and the next District meeting at St. Paul's, Walden, and King's Walden on October 15th.

Some very enjoyable ringing followed of Ealing Surprise Major, the special method being successful, and methods up to various Surprise Major methods and Spliced were rung. J. A. F.

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Letters to the Editor

MORDEN, DORSET, BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the Charminster (and other) ringers' glowing account of their activities at Morden, Dorset.

For the record, these ringers are not the first to devote attention to these bells in recent months; nor is local enthusiasm anything new. Because of it, in fact, the Rector approached the local Guild belfry inspector—Mr. Reg Young, of Wareham—to see what could be done about getting the bells (which had been silent for some years) going. Not only Mr. Young, but many people in the village have spent—and are spending—a good deal of time and energy into putting Morden bells into working order again.

A new set of ropes is on its way and the two loose bolts securing the tenor to its stock are pending replacement. As they are completely rusted up the "tightening of a few nuts" reported by the Charminster ringers would have been quite impossible.

The instigator of the quarter peal, incidentally, was able to try out the bells beforehand when he turned up uninvited (but not unwelcomed) on a Sunday tour of some seldom-rung Dorset bells organised by Geoff Dodd and myself. We kept the tenor rigid enough for a very brief ring—but no more—with wooden wedges between the crown and stock. As a crack had already started in the bell and spread from the crown down into the waist, I dread to think what 45-odd minutes of ringing it loose on the stock must have done to it.

I would urge our Charminster friends when in quest of future material for their admittedly creditable form of "grabbing" to make a few local inquiries and/or to ensure that dubious bells such as these have been checked over by someone who knows something about bell-hanging.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Leigh, Surrey.

A MEMORY LAPSE

Dear Sir.—On reading Mr. P. Chapman's letter recently I am prompted to write further as we at Staverton were also incolved.

After waiting an hour or more and finding that the party did not arrive, our Vicar wrote to Mr. Knights to see what had happened. The Rev. Mr. Larwill received a reply, which he promptly handed to me.

Mr. Knights was very apologetic and I am sure he will not mind me quoting an extract from his letter to explain the circumstances, as follows:

"In early August, when I had received all the replies to my requests for permission to ring at various churches, only two, Staverton and Daventry, were able to give permission, although the Vicar of St. Mary's, Warwick, did offer us an alternative, but unsuitable time. In view of this I wrote to Staverton, Daventry, St. Mary's, Warwick, and the bus company informing them that we would have no alternative but to cancel the proposed outing. As I posted all four letters myself I am certain that they left here and it would therefore appear that something went wrong in the delivery."

I would add here that apologies are accepted but that the party missed the chance of a ring on a very good ring of six bells at Staverton, and an even better ring of ten at Daventry.—Yours faithfully,

STANLEY F. WEBB.

Staverton, near Daventry.

NEWS FROM U.S.A.

Dear Sir,—As a note of interest to those marking the progress of our bands here in Washington, I am quite pleased to report on the condition of one of our bands, the Whitechapel Guild of the National Cathedral Girls' School. Last year the Guild numbered about 18 girls—both advanced and beginner—and a very good year's progress was achieved, culminating in quarter peals of Stedman Triples and Bob Minor. Apparently last year's enthusiasm was contagious, for at the activities assembly recently 48 new girls signed up to take bellringing this year, bringing the total potential membership for this year to 56, approximately one-fifth of the entire upper school (9th–12th grades).

On other matters, we have had the great fortune to be visited twice by Mr. Roger Bailey, of Cambridge University, who is currently touring North America. A few weeks ago Roger called a peal of Bob Major for us, and next Saturday will join us in an attempted peal of Minor in four methods (Cambridge, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob).

Our best to all in England, and we shall keep you posted of our progress from time to time.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD S. DIRKSEN,
Bellmaster.

Washington Cathedral, D.C.

AN EXPLANATION

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. P. L. Chapman's letter regarding non-receipt of information that the plans for the outing of the Ely District on August Bank Holiday had been changed, the following explanation seems necessary.

Of the six towers originally written to requesting permission to ring, three were unable for a variety of reasons, to grant permission. St. Mary's, Warwick, offered an alternative but unsuitable time, and two towers, including Daventry, were willing for us to ring.

On July 31st, as soon as I had received the last reply to my requests, I wrote postcards to the towers that had given permission to ring, to the Vicar of St. Mary's, Warwick, and to the coach proprietors through whom a coach had been booked, informing them of the cancellation of the arrangements. As the coach did not turn up for the journey it would appear that one, at least, of the postcards was delivered.

If Mr. Chapman would draw the attention of the ringer and verger who waited in vain on August Bank Holiday to this letter and also add my regrets to them for the time they wasted, I would be most grateful. — Yours faithfully, D. F. R. KNIGHTS.

Harrow Weald

INCORRECT

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out that the claim for the first peal of Surprise on the bells at Bolney since rehanging (page 613) is incorrect. I conducted a peal of Adelaide Surprise Major there on January 17th, 1966, and I am not sure that even that was the first. — Yours sincerely,

D E. SIBSON.

Putney, London.

1,280 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By A. S. BURBIDGE

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REPLY TO MR. WILSON

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson's letter ("Ringing World," September 23rd), is he not being rather short-sighted? I contend he is.

Every daily newspaper, weekly journal, parish magazine or what have you will tell him that but for their advertisements they would not be able to pay their way.

It does not necessarily need a person to write an article on, for instance, "How to take down and rebuild a car" for a ringer who has a car to sell to advertise it to fellow ringers in "The Ringing World."

Much the same applies in respect of gardeners who grow bulbs, as many do in Lincolnshire, or poultry fanciers (like myself), who breed rare breeds of poultry, ringers who keep catering establishments to cater for meetings, or seaside boarding houses for holiday accommodation, motor coach proprietors to cater for ringers' outings.

Come off it, Mr. Wilson, have a look in your own church magazine and see if that is 100 per cent. about things to do with the church, as you seem to want "The Ringing World" to be about bells and ringing!

Then there is the question to ask Mr. Wilson, where does he go to do his shopping—to the shop which shows nothing in its windows, or to the one (or the stores) which has a full display? Does the successful business man say "I won't fill my shop or store with a wide variety until the outside public come into my empty (or half-empty) shop"? No—he knows it is up to him, as it must also be to "The Ringing World," if he or that journal expects to draw custom. That is good business ethics, the other is the sure way to bankruptcy. You are no window dresser, Mr. Wilson!

Lastly, there comes your jibe of "seeing one's name in print," in what is reckoned to be a country of free speech, a thing we had six years of war (1939–45) to preserve from the Nazis and other totalitarians. Please bear that in mind, Mr. Wilson! In a democracy it is the individual's right to criticise bureaucracy and anything appertaining to it.

If one does not sign one's name and uses a nom-de-plume it is considered wrong and cowardly by some people; so between the two, where do we stand? Must we all be as Quakers and let the likes of Wilfrid Wilson have all the say? Or is "The Ringing World" to be a sort of "closed shop," publishing only what Mr. Wilson thinks it should? — Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell,
Northants.

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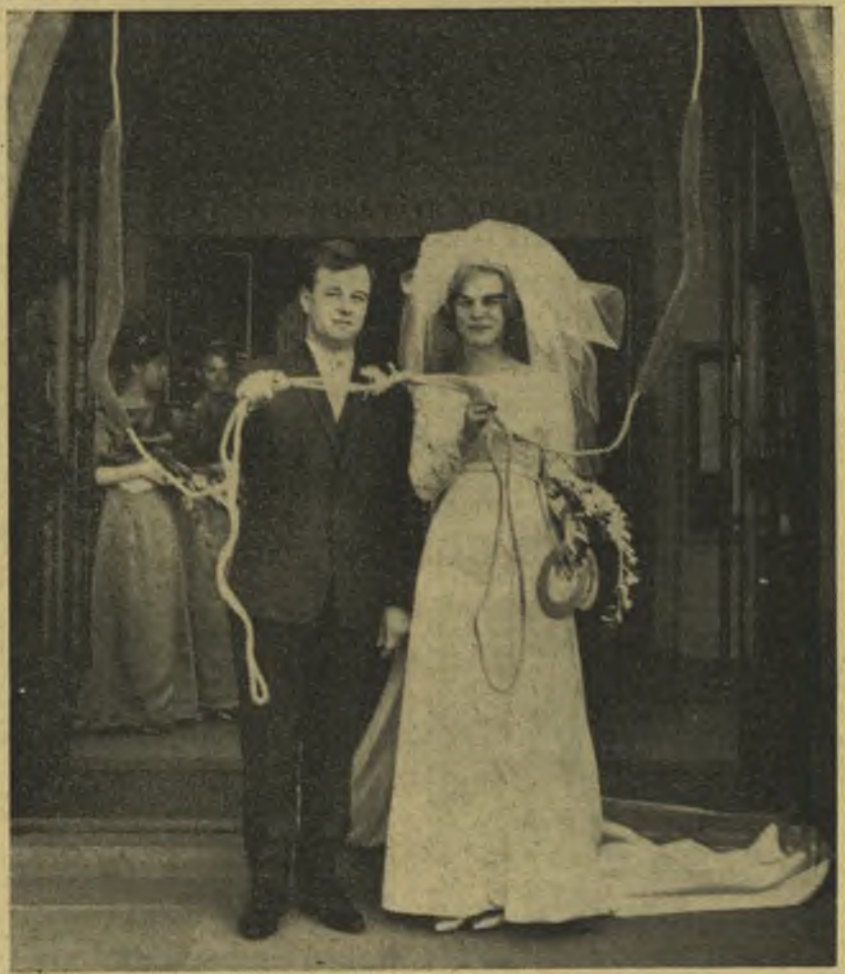
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Rung at Barnes on November 21st, 1965.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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RINGERS' CATHEDRAL WEDDING



TWO members of Guildford Cathedral Society of Change Ringers were married on Saturday, September 24th, at the Cathedral, where the bells were rung for the ceremony.

Miss Carolyn White, only daughter of the Dean's verger, Mr. A. White, and of Mrs. White, of 2, Cathedral Cottage, Ridgemount, Guildford, was married to Mr. David James Tubbs, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Tubbs, of 47, Bushy Hill Drive, Merrow, Guildford. The bridegroom is conductor of the Cathedral ringers and also of the Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, ringers. The bride learned to handle a bell at Romsey Abbey before coming to Guildford.

The Dean of Guildford, the Rt. Rev. G. Clarkson, officiated, and Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Canon A. C. G. Oldham.

The bride was given away by her father, and the bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Windeler (cousin of the bride), Miss Diana Halpas (friend) and Miss Carole White (niece of the bride). Mr. M. J. Smith was best man. A reception for 105 guests was held at Onslow Village Hall before the couple left for a honeymoon in Guernsey.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 18th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: Mrs. O. L. Rogers 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, C. H. Rogers 3, K. J. Rider 4, M. J. Uphill 5, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 6, C. M. Meyer 7, J. W. Smith 8, C. T. Richards 9, H. W. Rogers 10. For Nave Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Shelley (first quarter) 1, Miss M. A. Pickles 2, F. Kirk (cond.) 3, G. H. Foster 4, R. Bedford 5, E. Chambers 6. For the retirement of Rev. K. Frampton and the ordination of Rev. J. Morris.

QUARTER PEALS

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. J. Cooles 1, C. Barnes 2, R. L. Jones (first in method) 3, Miss S. C. Thexton 4, Miss R. J. Cotton 5, E. E. Dodds 6, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 7, D. J. Carter 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. R. Darby, curate of this church.

BICKENHILL, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: M. F. Hall 1, D. F. Baker 2, S. S. Barratt 3, J. V. Starkey 4, T. R. Nicholls 5. First quarter attempt 1, 2, 5.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. King 1, D. Attwater 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, A. J. Ede 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss Carol Wickens, a ringer of this parish, who was married this day to Mr. David Gosling.

CHESTER.—On Sept. 8th, at All Saints', Hoole, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss B. L. Johns 1, J. W. Griffiths 2, T. Holmes 3, A. Putnam 4, M. H. Hodgkinson (cond.) 5, Miss A. E. Ripley 6. To celebrate the engagement of Miss J. F. Burdett and Mr. J. R. Morley.

DURSLEY, GLOS.—On July 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Miss N. C. Coom 1, P. H. D. Jones 2, J. H. Taylor 3, R. C. L. Brown 4, D. J. Baker 5, E. Shuttleworth 6, D. J. Orledge 7, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of John Hallett and Jean Allen.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Day 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, Susan D. Cowan 3, A. W. R. Wilby 4, R. D. R. Brown 5, F. C. Jacklin 6, J. D. Painter (cond.) 7, L. G. Coburn 8. Rung for Evensong, and with best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williamson, who were married at St. Paul's Cathedral on September 7th.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's, on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. Foley 1, Gwynneth James 2, Mrs. L. E. James 3, S. James 4, J. W. Thorp 5, P. M. F. Searles 6, J. Kemp (cond.) 7, V. Tubby 8. For the Bishop of St. Albans' visit. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,320 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): J. Thorn 1, Mrs. L. E. James 2, Gwynneth James 3, S. James 4, P. M. F. Searles 5, J. Kemp 6. For the ordination of Rev. Charles Harris.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, W. G. Marsh 3, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5. Rung to welcome Bishop and Mrs. Weller to Evensong.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 540 Plain Bob): Margaret R. Durrington 1, K. E. Jackson 2, H. B. Whitney 3, R. S. Gaylor 4, E. J. Conquest 5, A. W. Jeffs (cond.) 6. Rung after Evensong, for Battle of Britain Sunday, and for the ordination of the new curate, the Rev. L. Lack.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Butcher 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Topp 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

MERIDEN, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Miss L. Wilcox 2, Miss R. J. Wilcox 2, S. S. Barratt 3, J. V. Starkey 4, D. F. Baker 5. First quarter attempt 1, 2.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1 and 2 leading): A. Millson (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Searle 2, Miss A. Hills (first quarter) 3, Mrs. M. Dallison 4, A. Bull 5, A. Cheasley 6, K. Dallison 7, R. Chivers (first quarter) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Cheasley, on their 46th wedding aniversary.

OCKLEY, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss I. Goucher 1, Miss H. Alford 2, R. Banner 3, N. Carter 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, T. Latham 6.

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY VISIT NORFOLK

THE University of Bristol Society's reunion summer tour was this year organised by David Heighton. The party met at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on Sunday, August 28th, to join the local band for Evensong ringing. For 13 of the party, headquarters was at the Station Hotel, Norwich, but Ivor Trueman and Frank Mack and their families and Pam and Arthur Wright camped in David's garden at Saxlingham Nethergate.

August Bank Holiday morning was bright and sunny and three sixes were visited—Bunwell, East Harling and South Lopham. Lunch was taken at Diss, followed by ringing on "hand-picked eights" (to quote the organiser) at Diss, Palgrave and Eye. Schole Church, which was severely damaged by fire and is now rebuilt with contemporary fittings and furnishings, was the last tower of the day. It has a ring of six with a 4¼ cwt. tenor and a waiting room adjacent to the small ringing chamber. That evening heavy rain poured down, causing minor flooding to the campers, but they were in good spirits when seen the next morning.

Tuesday started with ringing on the eight at Marsham and the pleasant ten at Aylsham. Our first look at the sea was at Cromer, where we found a lovely six in a very tall tower and managed to ring a course of Cromer Alliance. A long lunch break was intended to let the children play on the beach, but it started to drizzle so that the promise of the timetable was not fulfilled. The rain got worse as we moved on to the new six at Holt, followed by the "rough" five at Bale, where the tenor has been rehung by boys from Gresham's School. In the large tower at Saxthorpe we found a six with a 2¾ cwt. tenor. At first Frank Mack was the only person confident round the front end, but the rest improved with practice.

CHILDREN'S DELIGHT

On Wednesday we rang first at Brooke, with its round tower, a characteristic of many flint churches, and anti-clockwise six. The five at Shottesham came next. Access to the ringing chamber is gained by an outside spiral staircase, much to the delight of the children. A short journey brought use to Saxlingham Nethergate (6). Here our "tenor king" distinguished himself by failing to pull the eight cwt. tenor up "right" in peal. After ringing, David and Bridget, helped by various in-laws, entertained us to lunch. Following a splendid meal we were able to inspect the camp site. The eights at Pulham Market, Pulham St. Mary and Redenhall provided the afternoon ringing. At the last-named we rang a course of Norfolk Surprise Major and noticed the first of several peal boards recording that "bold and regular striking," which, it seems, was a feature of Mr. Samuel Thurstans' peals. In the evening we rang at two Norwich churches—St. Michael at Coslany and St. George's, Colegate.

Loddon was the first tower on Thursday, and then Beccles, with its fine detached tower, where ringing was curtailed through a service. The long climb at Kessingland, with its steep steps, provided a challenge for both young and not-so-young. The long lunch break was spent at Lowestoft, but a strong wind spoiled the prospects of the swimmers. Ringing in the afternoon included the eight at Lowestoft, Pakefield and Norton Subcourse (6). In the evening we rang at St. Giles', Norwich, with its ringing chamber full of historic peal boards.

The eights at North Elmham, Gressenhall and East Dereham provided the morning ringing on Friday After lunch we rang on the sixes at Yaxham and Garveston and the eights at Hingham and Hethersett.

The five at South Walsham were the first visited on Saturday and here the Doubles experts demonstrated their prowess with a six-score of Chace We then moved on to the six at Ranworth and admired the view from the top of the tower. Acle was the last tower before moving on to Great Yarmouth for a long lunch break and at last we had some sun.

A tour round the docks, for some of us at least, brought us to Gorleston, and then back to Yarmouth to ring on the fine 12. Here we managed Grandsire and Erin Cinques and Kent Maximus, but a touch of Stedman would not go. That evening we all dined Chinese at Norwich before retiring to the hotel, where a presentation was made to Bridget and David in thanks for their organisation and hospitality.

The company: Roy and Jane Blackler, Mary Bliss, Mike Bew, Catherine Powell, Edward and Christine Mould and baby, John Norris, Ross and Judith Robertson, Michael Sprackling, Pam Sturdy, Frank and Mary Mack and family, Ivor and Heather Trueman and family, Arthur and Pam Wright, John and Beryl Baldwin and Judith, David and Bridget Heighton and Fiona. M. T. S.

BY-MEETING AT MEOPHAM, KENT

On Saturday, September 10th, a by-meeting of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association was held at St. John the Baptist Church, Meopham; some 60 members and friends attended. The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. B. L. Birchmere, Vicar, who had been instituted to the living on the previous Wednesday. A collection of £2 19s. 1d. was given to the Meopham tower fund.

Following tea, a short business meeting was presided over by Mr. F. J. Cheal, owing to the District secretary, Mr. T. Barton, being on holiday. The meeting stood in silent tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Thomas Baker (82), of Bobbing, for many years a ringer in the Sittingbourne area. The Meopham band of ringers were welcomed on joining the Association, as also were three new members from Bredgar and two from Hartlip. The meeting heard with regret news of the sudden illness of Mr. Tom G. Dennis, of Rainham. Mr. L. Mitchell, of Newington, proposed a vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success, also to the ladies who served tea. Further ringing then continued upon the tower bells in various methods. F. C.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Eastern District evening practice was held at Ware (8) on September 24th. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major. The date of the next meeting is Saturday, October 8th, at Hertingfordbury (6).

Gratefully Acknowledged

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MR. W. A. YATES' TOUR

MR. WILLIAM A. YATES again chose to visit the West Country for his annual tour. Accompanied by a few friends, a number of selected towers in an area renowned for the weight and magnificence of its bells were visited during the week-end of July 15th–17th.

Having spent the previous night in Trowbridge, we were able to make an early start on Friday at Westbury, Wilts. The ringing on these heavy bells was not quite up to standard, and this was attributed by certain members of the party to the unnatural thirst which had required quenching the previous evening. This was "stoutly" denied by the members concerned. Indeed, to prove their point, some excellent ringing followed at Batcombe, although the bells were a disappointing six. The next tower, at Evercreech, proved rather an anti-climax, at least inside the belfry. Everyone agreed that the bells were not as good as those at Daventry, but perhaps we are biased.

After lunch we rang at Ditcheat. There are certainly no bells to touch these in Northamptonshire. Chewton Mendip followed. It must be very difficult to ring badly on these magnificent bells We couldn't manage it! We were taken on an impromptu tour of some Somerset lanes on the way to the next tower, at Congresbury, by navigators who suddenly developed an earnest desire to increase our knowledge of the area. A venerable member of the party, having watched one or two people perform on the tenor at this tower, decided they were "nut cases" to do so, and told them so. Indeed, I think anyone who rings at Cheddar, our last tower of the day, although not necessarily needing to be "nut cases," must at least have strong nerves. The tower sway is quite alarming. We spent the night in Glastonbury.

The first tower on Saturday was selected especially to enable the ringers from five-bell towers to prove how good they were. The tower for this Doubles recital was at Ilchester. After yet another guided tour of Somerset, we rang at Ilminster, where there is a noble ring, Chard was visited before lunch. The tenor here was likened by one member of the party to that of a certain five-bell tower in Northamptonshire. A quick ring at Honiton (the eight) preceded a visit to another glorious actave, at Broadclyst. We excelled ourselves by ringing a course of Glasgow in good style On the way back to Glastonbury we rang on the good light ten at Cullompton and the ring of eight at Wellington, Somerset. These latter bells would be grand for peal ringing.

Sunday morning saw us trying to ring for service at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, and Dinder, but we were too late for both services. However, Mr. Hull, of Dinder, kindly allowed us to ring his bells for half an hour. In the afternoon we were pleased to join the local ringers in ringing for the service at Wells Cathedral. The hour's ringing was much enjoyed.

Although we had some experienced photographers in the party we were unable to produce a reasonable group photograph. Consequently readers of this journal will have to forgo the dubious pleasure of seeing the smiling faces of the participants for this year. It is rumoured that a Mr. Armstrong Jones is to be invited on the next tour!

Our thanks go to Bill Yates for his excellent organisation, and to all incumbents and local ringers who met us. G. C. P.

OBITUARY

MR. T. G. DENNIS

A member of St. Margaret's band at Rainham, Kent, for over 40 years. Mr. Thomas G. Dennis died suddenly in hospital on September 11th. The funeral was at Rainham Parish Church.

The Southwell Diocesan Guild Crawford Cup has been won by Wollaton. Warsop, last year's winners, came second. H. Chant was the judge.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Wiltshire (first quarter) 1, Amanda Powell 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, R. Rayfield 4, Carol Cousins (first as cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Harvest Matins. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,296 Hull Surprise Minor' E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Wendy Wallace 2, Amanda Powell 3, Carol Cousins 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong, and a wedding compliment to Tony Bishop and Deborah Hopkins.

ALVELEY, SALOP.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Salter 1, Miss S. Buckley 2, P. Goodhew 3, J. Barker 4, A. Osbaldiston (cond.) 5. S. J. Caldwell 6.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Bob Major: R. C. Ingram 1, M. Kirkham 2, B. Downie 3, Miss C. Jennings 4, R. Liggins 5, M. G. Ingram 6, A. S. Burbidge (cond.) 7, D. T. Finnemore 8.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 12th, 1,280 Watford Surprise Major: H. W. Knight 1, Diana Chapman 2, B. Shackleton (cond.) 3, P. J. England 4, E. T. Lee 5, P. Bridle 6, M. J. Horseman 7, J. Brain 8. First by all.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,299 Stedman Caters· R. J. Talbot 1, Kathleen E. Chilcott 2, Jean L. Kimber 3, Juliet S. Stoy 4, J. Schofield 5, N. Thomson 6, F. D. Jennings 7, R. J. Cook 8, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 9, P. D. Dawson-Taylor 10. For Harvest Festival; also to mark the departure of Juliet S. Stoy to Bristol University, and the birth of a daughter to Margaret and Derek Spittle.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Stocker 1, Janet Pyke 2, Mrs. B. van-Asselt 3, R. C. Kift 4, Mrs. B. Stocker 5, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 6. To welcome the Rev. D. R. Crouch to St. Mark's.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Francis 1, J. Keyte 2, Angela Newing 3, Rev. P. Newing 4, I. Harris 5, J. Benfield 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, C. Tompkins 8. Rung as a thankoffering for return to health after six months' illness of ringer of 2.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Pembleton (first quarter) 1, Christine Mould (cond.) 2, Marjorie Yarnold (first of Doubles) 3, J. Watkins (first of Doubles) 4, M. P. Phipps 5, E. G. Mould 6.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Drury (first quarter) 1, R. J. Ellis (first quarter) 2, Janet I. Rogers 3, R. J. Fordham 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5, H. J. Culpin 6.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 each Oxford and Kent): A. Shirley Beanland (first of T.B.) 1, Susan Mitchell 2, Susan E. Thompson 3, A. C. Banton (cond.) 4, T. W. Brighton 5, Jennifer E. Pearce 6. For Evensong, and to mark the 900th anniversary of the Battle of Stamford Bridge.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Margaret's, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor (with tenor covering): Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 1, E. Howes 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newson 4, R. Shipp 5, N. V. Harding 6, C. Cousins 7. For Harvest Festival.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—On Sept. 25th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Susan Harber 1, Mary Pryor 2, Ruth E. Havard 3, J. Barton-Plumb 4, F. W. Corney 5, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 6, C. Aldridge 7, J. Williams 8. To celebrate the ordination of Geoffrey Stickland, a member of the Cathedral band.

LOCKERLEY, HANTS — On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Allen (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Tarrant 2, H. Wilton 3, D. Webber (first quarter) 4, T. Tarrant (cond.) 5, W. Trevett 6. Recorded on tape by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Spruyt.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Erin Triples: D. E. Cobb 1, K. Warner 2, M. B. Jefferyes 3, C. G. Wright 4, J. W. Stephenson 5, I. L. Dear 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, R. Durrant 8. For Evensong. First of Erin Triples for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Young 1, H. Clayton 2, W. Clamp 3, Mrs. D Day 4, R. Looker 5, R. Preston 6, O. Homewood 7, R. Manton (cond.) 8. As a farewell to the Rev. David Moore, also for the Harvest Festival.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sept. 16th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: E. Hutchby (first of Major) 1, F. Salter 2, J. Hallet 3, M. Foskett 4, C. Starbuck 5, J. G. Hallet 6, P. Bellamy-Knights 7, S. Humphrey (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Wylie 1, Susan Davis 2, P. Robinson (first quarter at first attempt) 3, Marjorie Yarnold 4, J. D. Arkwell 5, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 6. As a farewell compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, on his departure to Norwich City College.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: R. Tipper 1, D. Hatherly 2, A. Reeves 3, K. Tipper 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6. To welcome the Rev. L. R. Burt, curate, and his family to Petersfield.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. D. Duguid 1, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 2, Miss S. E. Smith 3, G. Gammon 4, A. F. W. Burbidge 5, J. F. A. Rolph (first quarter Stedman "inside") 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, C. Harris (first quarter Stedman) 8. For Harvest Festival.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Aug. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss B. Saggers 1, A. J. Bull 2, D. D. Atfield 3, Mrs. M. Dallison 4, K. Dallison 5, K. Game 6, G. A. West 7, A. Streeter (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and for the 51st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bull, and the 12th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. K. Dallison.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lynette Starkey (first quarter) 1, Rita Stratford 2, L. Watkins 3, J. Watkins 4, B. L. Burrows 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Matins.

SHEFFIELD.—On Sept. 22nd, at St. Marie's, 1,360 Bob Major: H. O. Chaddock 1, J. Guest 2, R. Birch 3, R. J. Tibbetts 4, B. Holland (cond.) 5, A. Friskney 6, L. E. Smith 7, G. K. Chaddock 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan E. Alder (first quarter) 1, S. R. Hare (first of Minor) 2, J. F. Bowler 3, D. C. Brown (first of Minor) 4, R. J. Foster 5, W. Birmingham (cond.) 6. For the combined dedication and Harvest Festival Evensong.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Linsell (first quarter) 1, D. Hutley (first "inside") 2, K. Westwood (first Grandsire Doubles) 3, P. Warboys (cond.) 4, H. Watts 5, C. Taylor (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Sept. 14th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Fry 1, W. E. Gearing 2, Rev. R. G. Bryant 3, Miss A. O'Brian (first Major) 4, P. Tombs 5, F. Jones (first Major) 6, M. A. New 7, A. R. Peake (cond.) 8.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Cousins 1, E. Howes 2, Miss S. R. Collins 3, R. Newson 4, W. Houghton 5, C. Cousins 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, R. Shipp 8. For Harvest Festival.

TADCASTER, YORKS.—On Sept. 24th, 3,512 Plain Bob Major: S. P. D. Burnett 1, Susan Mitchell 2, Jennifer E. Pearce 3, Mary I. Hildred 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, T. W. Brighton 6, A. E. Hartley 7, A. C. Banton (cond.) 8. Longest of Major 1, 2, 3 and 4. A peal attempt brought round.

USK, MON.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Woodward 1, L. Jones (cond.) 2, Julia Clench 3, G. Knight 4, P. S. Kay 5, S. Kear 6, D. Hughes 7, R. S. Clench 8. On the retirement of the Rev. J. Granger, and the emigration to Canada of P. S. Kay, ringer of the 5th.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Thomas 1, I. L. Dear (cond.) 2, Laura Grindrod 3, E. T. Newnham 4, A. J. Slade 5, H. Duncan 6, D. E. Cobb 7, R. Durrant 8. For Matins.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Beverley and Cambridge Surprise Minor: Maureen White 1, Mary White 2, Betty Daysh 3, R. A. Stone 4, P. Page 5, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, on their marriage.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Sherrick 1, Susan D. Cowan 2, K. J. Walpole (cond.) 3, A. W. R. Wilby 4, A. T. Hawkins 5, F. W. Ellis 6. A farewell to Mick Sherrick on leaving for Germany with the Army; also a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, who leave for New Zealand shortly.

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Craghill (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. Boumphrey 2, G. N. Brown 3, D. Hunns 4, H. Byrom 5, L. Boumphrey (cond.) 6.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,312 Pudsey Surprise Major: H. W. Knight 1, Diana Chapman 2, D. G. Yeo 3, P. Bridle 4, P. J. England (first in method) 5, E. T. Lee 6, J. Brain 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. A 78th birthday compliment to H. W. Knight.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The first quarter peal by a local band at Great Barton, Suffolk, for many years was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Arthur W. Rolfe.

Will Mr. Ivor Trueman, of Braishfield, Romsey, Hants, send his new address to "The Ringing World," as his copy has been returned to this office.

The first quarter peal since the erection of the new ringing gallery at St. Peter's, Benington, Herts, was rung as a golden wedding compliment to a one-time bellringer and churchwarden, Mr. G. Bird, and his wife.

Geoffrey K. Dodd was conducting two youngsters through their first peal on eight bells at Aldermaston. Selected was Plain Bob Major. Twelve-year-old Philip Taylor was on the fourth and Peter Furness (14) was on the fifth.

Foreman ringer at Littleham, Devon, for 54 years, Mr. Oliver Gatter and his wife celebrated their golden wedding last month. A complimentary quarter peal was rung on the bells of Littleham Church to mark the occasion.

Mr. C. R. Miles, of 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berkshire, has taken on the secretaryship of the Vale of White Horse Branch of the Oxford Guild. He says: "We are trying to revive the activities of the Branch, and are restarting meetings."

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"UNTOUCHED FOR ALMOST 80 YEARS"

Twerton-on-Avon's annual outing was held on September 24th, when members from various towers were welcomed. Ringing started on the ground-floor octave at Clanfield (Oxon) (quite a good ring, augmented by J. Taylor in 1905). At Bampton the party had pleasure in ringing on the heavy octave, which are a little tough to ring. It is understood that the back two bells are to be rehung on ball bearings within a week or two.

Just along the road lies Aston, where the visitors found a lovely six, untouched for almost 80 years and yet on being inspected by a bellhanger a short while ago, nothing could be found to be put right—a great credit to the local steeplekeeper. Houses have been built very close to the church and one occupant had the wireless at full blast to blot out the sound of the bells!

The party met Mr. Harry White at Appleton, where it took a little while to get used to the famous ten. The little six at Abingdon (St. Nicholas'), restored in 1933 by Gillett's, were enjoyed and also another lovely little six at Hinton Waldrist, where the visitors had the pleasure of meeting the Leslie twins, Dennis and Norman. Some of the ringing was recorded.

Proceedings ended on the octave at Shrivenham, where there are quite delightful bells, but some of the ringing was on the "tired" side. Our thanks to all who met us and to our usual coach driver, who is very understanding about the peculiarities of ringers. A. F. L.

FOUR QUARTERS IN A DAY

As many of the Exercise are aware, the Southampton area has always contained several enthusiastic ringers. During 1966 much progress has been made in the ringing of standard methods amongst the Fairley, Eling and Romsey bands, resulting in regular attempts at quarter peals. The culmination of the year's progress occurred on September 17th, when a group of eight ringers from these towers attempted four quarter peals at six-bell towers in the Andover area of Hampshire, and completed the day with a visit to the eight-bell practice at St. Thomas', Salisbury.

That the attempts were all successful can be attributed to the ringers' enthusiasm and to the excellent state of the four rings of bells. The band hope that the messages of thanks sent will be passed on by the respective Vicars, and would like to congratulate the local bands on the condition of their bells.

D. C. J.

REDEDICATION AT LECHLADE, GLOS.

The rehung ring of six at St. Lawrence's Church, Lechlade, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Gloucester at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 22nd. Visiting ringers will be most welcome and the bells will be available until 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served free in the school after the service and those wishing to partake should notify the tower secretary, Mr. H. R. Hayden, Burford Street, Lechlade, by Wednesday, October 19th.

On the previous evening a dance is being held in the Memorial Hall, the proceeds from which will go towards the Bell Fund. Tickets are 15s. each (including refreshments) and may be obtained from Mrs. C. Baxter, Downington, Lechlade, or from the shop of Davis (chemist), Market Place, Lechlade.

FRIENDS HONOUR MR. A. J. PITMAN'S MEMORY

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Aberavon, Glamorgan, on September 17th was the first occasion on which friends of the late Albert J. Pitman were able to meet. It was also the nearest Saturday to his birthday. It was therefore a fitting occasion for some who had known him and rung with him for much of their lifetime to remember him on the bells of his home tower. The bells were rung open, as he would have wished that they should be, and it was a good peal. It was in this tower that Jack Pitman rang Parker's six-part and called it for his first peal, in 1914. His second peal was also rung here in 1919. Not only did he conduct this peal of Grandsire Triples but he composed it for the purpose.

JUDGING RINGING IN THE SUN

The striking competition of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey District) was held on the fine six bells at Thames Ditton on Saturday, September 17th. The judges, Major Bragg and Mr. Viggers, of Aldershot, listened from a seat in the sun in a very pleasant garden—surely the perfect place to judge ringing. Five towers were represented, the winners being Egham, with only 14 faults. One team of younger ringers were amazed that the judges knew they were nervous! Major Bragg and Mr. Viggers were able to give really valuable advice, most of which went home. The evening concluded with general ringing up to London Minor. R. C.

SELBY ABBEY RINGERS' OUTING

Once again the Selby Abbey ringers and friends were on their way for their annual outing on September 10th, this time to North Lincolnshire in a mini-coach. An early morning start did not seem to favour the ringing at Scunthorpe and only Grandsire Triples was struck well. We were not to be disillusioned, however, and the excellent eight at Burton Stather were struck much better. Kent and Oxford Spliced and Plain and Little Bob Spliced were brought round at Winterton before a packed lunch was eaten.

Appleby, Brigg and Kirton Lindsey did not produce any ringing of outstanding merit, although it was pleasing to notice the younger members were certainly improving their "Original." Messingham, our last tower, provided us with the best ringing of the day, and Cambridge, Selby Delight and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were all struck well.

Thanks are due to incumbents and Ringing Masters for a most enjoyable day. A. G.

JUVENILES TO THE FORE

Young ringers are in evidence in our peal columns. At Blyth, Notts, Paul N. Mounsey, now 12, was making his first attempt at a tower bell peal, though he has rung two peals "in hand." Those who have rung on Blyth bells will understand what a considerable achievement is represented by that peal, though mere Bob Minor.

The first peal of Single Oxford Bob Caters was rung with common Grandsire bobs and singles.

"COLLECTION OF COMPOSITIONS IN THE POPULAR MAJOR METHODS"

A new edition of this book, to replace the one published in 1950, has recently been issued by the Central Council. It is in some ways complementary to "A Collection of Surprise Compositions," which Mr. Cyril Wratten published some time ago; thanks to good liaison between Mr. Wratten and the Peals Collection Committee, not many peals appear in both books. The Council's Collection is, however, mainly intended for those conductors who like to have between two covers a handy selection of compositions, mainly in what are nowadays regarded as "standard" Major methods and covering the field from Plain Bob to Spliced Surprise.

The committee could not have had an easy task in making a representative selection of compositions for this purpose, while at the same time keeping the size and price of the result within reasonable bounds. Also, tastes change over the years. It is sometimes difficult to understand nowadays how some of the peals in the collections which the Council published some 60 years ago ever came to be included. The compilers explain in the preface that the intention was to keep abreast of modern tastes. They themselves are, or sadly in one case were, all distinguished composers, though one is not represented at all. Of the others it could reasonably be said, as did J. A. Trollope when taken to task for the number of his own compositions included in an earlier collection, "When I consider all the beautiful peals which were left out, I marvel at my own moderation."

One or two points of detail could perhaps be criticised. For instance, it is rather a shock to find the name of a present-day composer with a number of distinguished Spliced Surprise compositions to his credit against a three-part peal of Double Norwich with only one bob at 4 in each part. And the word "erasion," used in the preface, isn't in my dictionary. But the committee deserve our thanks for producing so useful a collection of 213 compositions, well worth the 5s. at which it is being sold. E. A. B.

RINGER (79) WEDS

Seventy-nine-year-old Mr. Arthur Rolfe, of High View, Rectory Road, Whepstead, Suffolk, a ringer for over 60 years and one of the best known campanologists in West Suffolk, was married on September 24th at Whepstead Church to Mrs. Hettie Dew (76), who lived until recently at Linnet Road, Bury St. Edmunds. The couple met on an old folk's holiday early in the summer.

A sprightly 79, Mr. Rolfe retired as an insurance agent 20 years ago due to ill-health! He has four daughters, and the former Mrs. Dew has two sons and two daughters. Mr. Rolfe's eldest daughter's husband, Mr. C. Burling, of Cambridge, was best man, and the bride was given away by her eldest son, Stanley.

The peal in seven Minor methods rung for the Sussex County Association, and reported on page 596 of September 9th issue, was rung at Thakeham and **not** Fittlewotrh.

Mr. Ronald H. Dove had to journey from Leeds to Ibstock, Leicestershire, for the 40th anniversary of his first peal, which was rung there on September 16th, 1926. His son, C. Barrie Dove, successfully conducted a peal of Minor in seven methods.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
GODMANCHESTER, Hunts.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin
On Sat, Sept. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr 19 lb. in E flat

Frank E. Haynes	Treble	Bryan F. Sims	5
John G. Gipson	2	Kenneth G. Hesketh	6
R. Frank Baker	3	Christopher M. P. Johnson	7
John H. Bluff	4	Dennis E Pepper	Tenor

Conducted by Frank E. Haynes.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
FROME, Somerset.—At the Church of St John the Baptist.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	John C. Slater	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	Trevor A. Cross	6
Brian J. Luff	3	D. John Hunt	7
George W. Massey	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Robert C Kippin

WEST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin of Tours
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HIGHER WALTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	Treble	Dennis A. Chapman	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	Philip M. J. Gray	6
Richard W. Sweet	3	D. John Hunt	7
Derek S. Beaufoy	4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by D John Hunt.
First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells and by all the band.

MERRIOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 12½ cwt

*Raymond P Selway	Treble	Trevor A. Cross	4
Trevor E Marks	2	Alan W. Robinson	5
Alan W Best	3	*William E. Turner	Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.
* 100th peal together.

BATHFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Swithun.
On Sat., Sept 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of two extents of Stedman and four extents each of St Martin, St. Simon, Grandsire, Reverse St Bartholomew, Northrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington and April Day. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb

*Christopher R. Parker	Treble	David C. Hawkins	4
Glenda M. Beckett	2	Alan C. Perry	5
Peter S. Devrell	3	Graham B. Davis	Tenor

Conducted by Alan C. Perry.
* First peal attempt. Forst of 11 Doubles methods/variations by all. First peal attempt as conductor.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Sept. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six methods/variations: Four extents each of Plain Bob, Old Norfolk, Kennington and April Day and 20 extents and one 240 (Morris's) Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C

*Victor J. Bowering	Treble	*Stanley C Davis	4
Robin L. Coles	2	Ian P. Cox	5
Alan F. Lee	3	Albert F. Butt	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.
* Most methods to a peal.
Rung as birthday compliments to Mrs. Lucy Butt (88) and Stanley Davis (58), both on this day.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BITTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb in E.

Richard W. Sweet	Treble	George T. Cousins	5
*David Rennolds	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Gillian M. Hussey	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Cyril A. Wratten	4	†Maurice A. New	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First in the method.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Kingsdown.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

*David Rennolds	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	George T. Cousins	6
Richard W. Sweet	3	†Maurice A. New	7
Cyril A Wratten	4	Edward Jenkins	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
MALPAS, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Oswald.
On Sat., Sept 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 10-part (C.C.C. 27) Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr 6 lb.

*Susan F. Hughes	Treble	Harry W Howard	5
John W. Griffiths	2	Dennis H B Millward	6
†David N. Collins	3	Geoffrey Parting	7
†Michael H Hodgkinson	4	R Gordon Corby	Tenor

Conducted by John W. Griffiths
* First peal. † First in the method.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jill F. Burdett, of St. Mary's without-the-Walls Chester, and to mark her engagement to Mr John R. Morley.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St Giles.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Delphine E. L. Holman	Treble	*John F. Thorne	5
†Anthony J. Cox	2	Christopher J Royal	6
*Robert W. Sherriff	3	*Terence G Hill	7
Peter C Randall	4	Geoffrey W Randall	Tenor

Composed by A Knights Conducted by Geoffrey W Randall
* First peal of Major. † First on eight bells.
Rung to welcome Neil Anthony Maycock God's gift of a son to Ian and Ann Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
CHISWICK, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Sat., Sept 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minuutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 21 lb. in F

Jean F. Woolford	Treble	Stanley G Ponting	5
Joan Beresford	2	Derek E Sibson	6
Peter Beresford	3	James A. D. Woolford	7
Peter M Fleckney	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Ian M Holland Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
Arranged and rung as a compliment to Andrew J Strathdee and Wendy Smith, who were married at Harlington earlier the same day

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 TRENT SURPRISE MAJOR

Alec Humphrey	Treble	Edmund Shuttleworth	5
David W Friend	2	Richard Inglis	6
Denis R Carlisle	3	Gordon A Halls	7
David W. Parkin	4	David J Marshall	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Gordon A Halls.
First peal in the method. Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr.

TRENT SURPRISE MAJOR (H & M 2,113)
x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 14 x 3458 x 16 x 58. l.h. 12

ILKESTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Thurs Sept. 22 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 EREWASH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 9 lb in E

David W Friend	Treble	Frederick E Gobey	5
Denis R. Carlisle	2	Edmund Shuttleworth	6
Clive Thrower	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
Felicity Webber	4	Richard Inglis	Tenor

Composed by G Freebrey Conducted by Gordon A Halls.
Rung on the occasion of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev F. D. Bedford in Derby Cathedral.

EREWASH SURPRISE MAJOR
H.M 2106. x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 12 x 1258 x 34 x 1B. l.e. 16482735.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
ICKLETON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE URPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 2 qr 21 lb in F

David E. Rothera	Treble	Geoffrey Pearson	5
Susan Rothera	2	Kenneth J Hesketh	6
Geoffrey M. Brewin	3	John G. Gipson	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	Philip J Rothera	Tenor

Composed by W Barton. Conducted by Kenneth J Hesketh.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS Mary and Michael.
On Tues., Sept. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr 22 lb. in G.

John S Rank	Treble	David E Rothera	5
Geoffrey Pearson	2	John G Gipson	6
*Michael Hawes	3	Geoffrey M. Brewin	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton Conducted by Kenneth J Hesketh.
* First peal of Major.
Rung with the best wishes of "The Tuesday Night Band" to Miss C Gay Williams, who recently moved away from Cambridge following her marriage.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHATTERIS, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*G Atkin .. .. Treble	*Richard Edgley 4
V. Hurt 2	*Roger Edgley 5
†W. Young 3	‡W. Seekings .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by W. Seekings.
* First peal. † 50th peal. ‡ 60th peal.
Rung to commemorate the diamond wedding of Mr. A. Mattock, a ringer at this church for 40 years, and Mrs. Mattock.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
DOWNHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's of Kent T.B. and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Hubert H. Furminger .. Treble	David Sloman 4
Alfred J. House 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Peter Sloman 3	David E. Belcham .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Michael J. Hallett and Janet Griffith, married at this church this day, and the 28th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the second.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's as follows: (1) London Bob and Double Court, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Oxford and Double Bob, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt

Miss Leslie Ward .. .. Treble	Stephen D. Humphrey .. 4
Alfred E. Honeywood .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Neil V. Avis 3	Peter G. Pitt .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
LYDIARD TREGOZ, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Eric Sutton .. .. .. Treble	†William G. Merritt 4
*Raymond J. C. Hulme .. 2	‡Michael J. Stanley 5
†Shirley H. Little 3	§Lawrence P. Picknell .. Tenor

Conducted by Eric Sutton.
* First peal of Doubles and first "inside" † First of Doubles ‡ First of Doubles in the method as conductor. § First peal. First of Doubles in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells.
Rung at the request of the Rector on the occasion of the annual fete and gymkhana.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
SHALFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

David D. Smith .. .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Derek E. Sibson 2	George Francis 6
*David J. Tubbs 3	C. Martin Press 7
Tom Page 4	W. Leslie Weller .. .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Spliced. Rung in memoriam Albert J. Pitman.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
KING'S LANGLEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

Gwen Smith .. .. .. Treble	Peter F. T. Smith 5
Augustin V. Good 2	Peter K. Else 6
Walter Ayre 3	H. Lyndon Hatfield .. 7
Katherine S. Maylott .. 4	Robert E. Hardy .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Colin A. Lewis and Gillian E. Graney who were married at this church earlier in the day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BROMLEY COMMON Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Christine M. Webb .. Treble	†Michael H. O'Callaghan 5
D. Paul Smith 2	†Richard G. Crosland .. 6
Stanley Jenner 3	Tony Lewis 7
Ann Jenner 4	‡Ian H. Oram .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Tony Lewis
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First in the method. ‡ 500th peal. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.
Rung on the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

SHOREHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Tony Lewis .. .. .. Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski 5
Judith M. Corby 2	D. Paul Smith 6
Ian H. Oram 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Ann Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GREYBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Michael H. O'Callaghan Treble	Ralph Bird 5
Tony Lewis 2	Edward J. Jenner 6
*Ann Jenner 3	*Stanley Jenner 7
Margaret E. Fort 4	Ian H. Oram .. .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* 200th peal together. First peal in the method.

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SEVENOAKS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Judith M. Corby .. .. Treble	Doris E. Colgate 5
Andrew J. Corby 2	*Paul J. Dye 6
Lucile M. Corby 3	Philip A. Corby 7
Ann Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method.

SALTWOOD, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 13 extents Grandsire, nine April Day and 20 Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F. sharp.

*Brian Butcher .. .. Treble	Rachel J. Sinden 4
*Richard Birch 2	R. P. Brotherston 5
Elizabeth A. Todd .. 3	*A. F. Phelips .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Elizabeth A. Todd.
* First peal. First as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SAMLESBURY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Leonard the Less.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Roger Barnes .. .. .. Treble	Stanley Anderton 5
Mrs. M. Crossthwaite .. 2	Cyril Crossthwaite 6
*Miss P. Gardner 3	Dennis H. McCormick .. 7
Christopher Watson .. 4	Frank Stead .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.
* First peal of Major.

LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven different extents in three methods, viz.: Three extents of Plain Bob and two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

John Nelson .. .. .. Treble	Graham F. Mee 4
Lawrence Walmsley 2	James E. Sumner 5
David L. Marsden 3	John D. Nixon .. .. Tenor

Conducted by John Nelson.
Rung by the members of the Sunday service band to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hunter on their silver wedding.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ILLSTON-ON-THE-HILL, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising one extent each of York, Durham, Bourne, London, Beverley, Surflee and Cambridge.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Martin Green .. .. .. Treble	*David F. Moore 4
Roland H. Cook 2	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 5
Frederick Shallcross .. 3	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* First peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Max Lindsey.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 14 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Oxford and Kent T.B., (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Hereward and Single Oxford, (4) Thelwall and Childwall, (5) Surfleet and Beverley Surprise, (6) Double Oxford and St Clement's, (7) Double and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	Edwin T. Chapman	4
R. Arthur Goldsmith	2	Derek J. Jones	5
Janette Hubbard	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
DEEPING ST NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 13 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) College, (2) Norwich, (3) Hereward and Single Oxford, (4) Surfleet ad Beverley, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Cambridge, (7) Double and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.

Alan G. Payne	Treble	R. Arthur Goldsmith	4
*Joan Gilbert	2	Derek J. Jones	5
*Janet E. Hubbard	3	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
* 25th peal together.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ABERAVON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part.
Tenor 16 cwt.

William T. Petty (24)	Treble	Paul M. Evans	5
*D. R. Lynn Jones	2	†M. Jack Pryor	6
Thomas Yeomans (14)	3	Gwyn I. Lewis (47)	7
Trevor M. Roderick (35)	4	D. Walford Davies (6)	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal on eight bells. † 50th peal.
Rung in memoriam Albert J. Pitman, born September 22nd, 1888, remembered by some who rang with him. (The figures in parentheses denote the number of peals rung with him.)

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY.—Glam.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) College and Wavertree, (2) St. Clement's and Childwall, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) Single Oxford, Double Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Grandsire, (6) Kent and Oxford T.B., (7) Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb. in A flat.

Susan Jones	Treble	Ellis N. Thomas	4
Mary Pryor	2	Nicholas W. H. Simon	5
Gwen Bidgood	3	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
IBSTOCK, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 27¼ lb. in F sharp.

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	Roland Beniston	4
Ronald H. Dove	2	Gordon H. Lane	5
William T. Goadby	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
Rung to mark the 40th anniversary of Ronald H. Dove's first peal, rung in this tower on September 16th, 1926.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WESTMINSTER.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB CATERS
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

Norman S. Bagworth	Treble	William Birmingham	6
Elsie K. Hart	2	Frank T. Blagrove	7
*Patricia Rogers	3	William H. Coles	8
H. George Hart	4	Alan E. M. Bagworth	9
Christopher H. Rogers	5	Douglas M. Boniface	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* 50th peal. First peal of Oxford Bob Caters. Rung with common Grandsire bobs and singles. Rung in memoriam Albert J. Pitman.

STANWELL, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different one-parts.
Tenor 13 cwt.

*Janet Perryman	Treble	Malcolm G. Lane	4
Monica Blagrove	2	John E. Pickett	5
David G. Pickett	3	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
* First peal.
Rung by the Stanwell Society.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Joseph William Cotton	6
*Gordon H. Lane	2	Daniel F. Moore	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	Samuel J. Haines	8
†Martin Green	4	Roland H. Cook	9
Arthur E. Rowley	5	‡R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* 100th peal for the Guild. † First peal of Surprise Royal "inside" and 25th peal. ‡ 75th peal on these bells. First of Surprise Royal as conductor

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Sept. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	David F. Moore	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Gordon H. Lane	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	Samuel J. Haines	7
Joseph William Cotton	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Middleton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. Walter J. Tanser, of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp

Philip G. K. Davies	Treble	J. Dennis Holden	5
Martin Green	2	Gordon H. Lane	6
Eric E. Speake	3	Samuel J. Haines	7
Richard J. Warrilow	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs Gordon H. Lane on the occasion of their 12th wedding anniversary.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DISS, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 82 lb. in D

Jack Mowle	Treble	Frank Sutton	5
Robin R. Churchill	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	6
*Owen P. Claxton	3	Harry B. Fuller	7
Albert G. Harrison	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
* First peal of Major at first attempt

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Albert Diserens	Treble	Andrew N. Stubbs	7
David P. Hilling	2	Brian J. Luff	8
Frederick R. Scott	3	Frank W. Lewis	9
Brian Bladon	4	John N. Diserens	10
J. Keith Ward	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Ronald F. Diserens	6	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

Dexter's No. 2.		Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.	
Patricia Hibbert	Treble	John Hibbert	5
Cyril Hibbert	2	Brian White	6
William Hibbert	3	Edward Houldsworth	7
Clare Dolphin	4	Ernest Gower	Tenor

Conducted by Edward Houldsworth

DEDDINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

*Ernest G. Jones	Treble	*Sydney M. Bailey	5
*Valerie Willard	2	D. Kay Adkins	6
*†Ronald K. Russ	3	Geoffrey K Dodd	7
†Christopher C. Clarke	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together. First in the method and the 25th on the bells.
Rung for the Feasts of St. Matthew and St. Michael and All Angels.

BRIGHTWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Agatha.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Angela M. Ayres	Treble	†Andrew A. Cope	4
*Susan M. Heyworth	2	P. Gerald McIlhone	5
Robert A. Partridge	3	Roger M. Heyworth	Tenor

Conducted by Roger M. Heyworth.
* First peal "inside." † First peal.

HARMONDSWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: Stepney Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

Frederick H. Scott	Treble	Frank V. Lufkin	4
Monica Blagrove	2	Frank T. Blagrove	5
William Birmingham, jun.	3	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Stepney Bob and St. Clement's College spliced together for the first time.

FRITWELL, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Olave.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS
Being 210 extents. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

*Deborah G. Maude	Treble	†Michael W. Coleman	3
†Paul R. Davis	2	†Alec W. Ivings	Tenor

Supervised by Michael W. Coleman.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Minimus.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Frank W. Perrens	Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown	6
Richard F. B. Speed	2	Charles E. Truman	7
James Linnell	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Roger W. Smith	4	Graham C. Paul	9
Barry E. Saunders	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal in the method by all except the tenor ringer.

SHERBORNE, Dorset.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 4 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden	Treble	James Linnell	5
Graham C. Paul	2	Charles E. Truman	6
*Barry E. Saunders	3	Malcolm J. V. Chown	7
Alan A. Paul	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* 100th peal.

FINEDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

*Joyce M. Clipstone	Treble	John G. Mitchell	5
Richard J. Cowley	2	Murray A. Coleman	6
Charles E. Richardson	3	*Frank E. Coales	7
*Kevan J. Chapman	4	Edward C. Buckby	Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Cowley.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung with the compliments of the band to Mr. and Mrs. Denis Pearson upon their wedding (September 10th, 1966); and to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bollard upon their golden wedding (September 18th, 1966).

PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (2) Cambridge, (3) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Ronald Russell	Treble	J. Charles Hudson	4
James Thorley	2	Alan G. Payne	5
J. Martin Thorley	3	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLYTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Martin.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Comprising seven differently called 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

S. Geoffrey Pick	Treble	Mary C. Poyner	4
*Paul N. Mounsey	2	Harold Denman	5
Linda M. Wilkinson	3	Harry Poyner	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal on tower bells.
Rung by members of the North Notts District in memoriam Herbert Marquis Turner, of South Anston, former member of the North Notts Association and honorary life member of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, who died recently at the advanced age of 90 years.

LOWDHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Sept. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	Richard Inglis	3
Robert D. Marsh	2	Maurice W. Harrison	4
		George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
First peal of Grandsire Doubles for No. 3, and completes the Grandsire family from Doubles to Cinques.
Rung as a compliment to Keith Webster and Diana Taylor, who were married at Gedling Church on September 24th, 1966.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Brian J. Howard	Treble	Frank B. Lufkin	6
*Cecil W. Pipe	2	Christopher K. Cooper	7
Howard W. Egglestone	3	Dennis A. S. Symonds	8
†Josephine A. Quilter	4	James L. Towler	9
Ian R. Panton	5	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Composed by G. E. Symonds. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 600th peal. ‡ First peal of Cambridge and Royal.
Rung as a farewell to Alice Lester, who left for Singapore the same day.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

Frederick R. Scott	Treble	Brian J. Luff	6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	2	Frank W. Lewis	7
Edgar R. Rapley	3	John N. Diserens	8
Roger Baldwin	4	Ronald F. Diserens	9
J. Keith Ward	5	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

David S. Osenton	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
Olive D. Tester	2	W. Arthur Riddington	7
Trevor A. Cross	3	Christopher T. Osenton	8
John A. Howard	4	Colin A. Tester	9
Herbert W. Woolven	5	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Sept. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Roger B. Pike	Treble	*Peter Furness	5
Bradley Murduck	2	Denby Murduck	6
David L. Wilcox	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
*Philip Taylor	4	Philip Murduck	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal on eight bells (aged 12 and 14 respectively).

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of April Day and Seighford, three of Northrepps and Old and 12 of Plain Bob and Grandsire in ten callings.
Tenor 7 cwt.

Robert Crocker	Treble	Frank R. Tonge	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	Reginald F. Crook	5
Terry Tarrant	3	Jack C. Wimlet	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K Dodd.
Rung as a farewell to John W. Cheney, a local ringer for seven years, who is moving to Binfield, Berkshire

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WAKEFIELD. Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr. in C.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Trevor Tarbatt	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	Richard S. Starkie	8
Susan Jackson	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	9
Anthony H. Smith	4	John H. Fielden	10
Geoffrey H. Pullin	5	Rev. Roger O. Fry	11
Philip J. Crossthwaite	6	Jeffrey J. Fox	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung for the 21st birthday of Jeffrey J. Fox.

KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Michael J. Denton	Treble	Charles Maxfield	4
Ronald H. Dove	2	David Huddleston	5
C. Barrie Dove	3	P. John Hall	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
The conductor has now called a peal from every bell in the tower
Rung in memory of Canon Clement Victor Stillingfleet. Rector of Kirk Deighton from 1914 to 1949.

HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
(Beverley and District Society)
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

Susan Mitchell	Treble	A. Colin Banton	4
Mary I. Hildred	2	Jennifer E. Pearce	5
Terrence W. Brighton	3	*Simon P. D. Burnett	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal "inside" at first attempt.

(Beverley and District Society)
HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, and one extent of Single Oxford Bob, with seven different callings. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*Mary I. Hildred	Treble	Christopher J. Groome	4
*Susan Mitchell	2	A. Colin Banton	5
*Susan E. Thompson	3	*Terrence W. Brighton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* Most methods rung to a peal.
Rung by the local band for Evensong.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25¼ Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 29 methods viz.: (1, 2) Stedman, (3, 4) Elford, (5, 6) St. Albans, (7, 8) Eynsham, (9, 10) St. Simon, (11, 12) Shareshill, (13, 14) St. Nicholas, (15, 16) St. Andrew, (17, 18) St Giles, (19, 20, 21) Austrey, (22) St. Paul, (23, 24) St. Leonard, (25, 26) St. Martin, (27) Ryton, (28) Winchendon, (29) St. John, (30) St. Miles, (31) Little Aston, (32) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (33) Clifford's Pleasure, (34) Southrepps, (35) Wychbold, (36) Seighford, (37) Kennington, (38) April Day, (39) Plain Bob, (40) Dedworth, (41) Grandsire, (42) Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	*C. Barrie Dove	3
John Potts	2	†Robin Brown	4
Ronald R. Warford	Tenor		

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 150th peal. † 50th peal for the Association. Most methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods, being three extents each of Stedman, Winchendon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury, Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure, Wychbold, Plain Bob, Southrepps, April Day, Dedworth and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in C.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	3
P. John Hall	2	David Huddleston	4
Robin Brown	Tenor		

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
The treble ringer is the first person to "circle the tower."

HANDBELL PEALS

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WOODDITTON, Cambridgeshire.—At Sunny View.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

J. Reginald Heath	1-2	John A. Acres	5-6
Albert E. Austin	3-4	Thomas F. Varney	7-8

Adapted from E. M. Atkins'. Conducted by John A. Acres.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Tues., Sept. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1-2	Robert B. Smith	7-8
*Derek Butterworth	3-4	Gerald Moorhouse	9-10
*Neil Bennett	5-6	†Brian Bladon	11-12

Composed and Conducted by Robert. B. Smith.
* 100th peal together. † First peal on 12 handbells.
Rung as a compliment to Kathleen Pilsbury and Peter Whitehead, who were married at Norbury on September 3rd.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.
On Sat., Sept 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1-2	Neil Bennett	5-6
Robert B. Smith	3-4	Gerald Moorhouse	7-8

Arranged from J. W. Moorhouse's. Conducted by Neil Bennett.
First peal of Double Norwich on handbells as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Tues., Sept. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL
In six methods, comprising 2,800 of London (No. 3), 600 of Cambridge and 400 each of Clifton, Fulham, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, with 105 changes of method. Tenor size 18 in G.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1-2	Roger Baldwin	5-6
John R. Mayne	3-4	Christopher W. Woolley	7-8
Gerald Penney	9-10		

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
This is the first peal of Surprise Royal in six methods to be rung on handbells. The conductor's 100th peal of Surprise on handbells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HALLING, Kent.—AT 12, Formby Terrace.
On Tues., Sept. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Stuart Sandford	1-2	Christopher T. Osenton	5-6
John W. Gander	3-4	*Edward J. Beer	7-8

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* 50th peal together.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At 42, Harting Street.
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Cyril S. Jarrett	1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves	5-6
Christopher T. Osenton	3-4	Martin L. Howe	7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* 500th peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1966, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods: (1) Grandsire, (2) Single Court Bob, (3) Spliced Double Bob and Plain Bob, (4) Windsor Single Bob, (5) Oxford Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor size 14 in D.

*Joseph Whalley	1-2	*Mary Whalley	3-4
Kevin M. Price (cond.)	5-6		

* 25th peal together. First peal in six methods by all.

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BIRTH

MAYCOCK.—On September 14th, 1966, to Ann (née Hobbins) and Ian, a son (Neil Anthony). 078

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BROWN. — Michael, Kathleen and family have now moved to their new farmstead, the address being: Harecroft Farm, Stanton Lane, Sapcote, Leics. Telephone not installed yet. 045

PERSONAL

"Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God."—St. Mark x, 14.

HANDBELL WANTED

WANTED. — One handbell, sounding F sharp above middle C.—Robinson, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 051

MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
The 329th Anniversary Dinner
will be held at
The Albert Restaurant,
20, Albert Embankment, London, S.E.1
on Saturday, November 5th, 1966,
at 6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

Tickets (30/-) may now be obtained from the Secretary. Remittances to be made payable to the Society, please.

Albert Embankment is on the south bank of the Thames and the Albert Restaurant is about midway between Lambeth and Vauxhall Bridges.

J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London S.W.12. 9838

COWBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY.—Ringing at Llanblethian temporarily suspended for urgent repairs to tower fabric. Weekly practices till further notice at St. Athan (6), Tuesdays 7.45–9 p.m. —Iolo Davies. 067

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
extends a warm welcome to members and visitors on the occasion of its
Annual Dinner and Dance
to be held at the Newlands Corner Hotel, near Guildford, on
October 22nd at 6.30 p.m.
Tickets (25s.) from P. G. Sherwood, East Wyke Farm, Ash, Aldershot. (S.A.E., please.) 038

LODSWORTH PARISH CHURCH. (between Midhurst and Petworth, Sussex). — A new ring of six has been made by the addition of two new trebles by Taylor's (tenor 6–2–12). The bells will be open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, October 15th. All ringers welcome. 071

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOC. and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
TRIENNIAL DINNER
at Church House, Westminster, Oct. 15th

Ringing Arrangements:
St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, 2 to 2.45 p.m
St. Lawrence Jewry, 2.45 to 3.45 p.m.
St. Clement Danes', 3.45 to 4.45 p.m.
St. Margaret's, Westminster, 4.45 to 5.45 p.m.
Dinner 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets (25s. each) from Miss R. M. Foreman, 19, Finchley Court, N.3. FIN 3994; Mr. E. H. Kilby, 190, Windermere Avenue, South Kenton ARN 5352; Mr. W. S Deason, 12, Cardinal's Walk, Hampton, Molesey, Molesey 2608, or any officer of the Association. 9991

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
ANNUAL DINNER
will be held on
Saturday, October 22nd, 1966
in the
Assembly Room, The Town Hall, Northampton.
Assemble 6.45 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Tickets (18s. 6d. each and c.w.o.) to be obtained before Saturday, October 15th, from E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton.
E. Billings, Gen. Sec.

RINGING CALENDAR of 50 towers south of Manchester in Cheshire, Derbyshire, Lancashire and Yorkshire, giving details of ringing times, practices, addresses, etc. Ideal for peal and tour organisers and "tower grabbers." Available for 4d. stamp from Alan F. Scholfield, Albert House, Hyde, Cheshire, or N7, Memorial Court, Clare College, Cambridge. 080

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS CHANGE RINGING ASSOCIATION
The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 22nd, at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, at 6.15 for 6.30 p.m. Entertainment by members and professionals afterwards.
Tickets at 15s. each are obtainable from Branch Secretaries and the General Secretary until October 19th.
Bells: Cathedral (12) 3.30 to 5 p.m.; All Saints' (10) 4.30 to 6 p.m.
D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 021

CANCELLED

LADIES' GUILD. — Sussex District. — Meeting cancelled for October 29th. Next meeting, the A.G.M., in January.—K. Earl, Dis. Sec. 058

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—The practice meeting due to be held on October 15th at Twineham is cancelled as the bells are not available. 079

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Marston Bigott on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. G. Wareham, Sunnyside Farm, Trudoxhill, Frome.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 008

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Joint meeting with Cambridge District and University Guild at Longstanton, October 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by ringing until 8.30. 042

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at Waltham Abbey, October 8th. Bells (12) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. and from 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m., followed by further ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea to D. Cobb, 1, Elm Close, Waltham Abbey. (Waltham Cross 20920.) 9857

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Luppitt, Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr A. J. Crabb, Lambert's Farm, Luppitt.—F. J. Sage. 063

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Hertingfordbury, Saturday, October 8th, 6 p.m. — P. M. F Searles. 073

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— — Western District. — Meeting, Saturday, October 8th, at Great Gaddesden (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to R. Goldsney, 4, Water End, Hemel Hempstead. 039

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, October 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the College Rooms. Washington film to be shown. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. H. 9962

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Bartholomew's, Rainhill, on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. in the school. Evening ringing at St. Mary's, Prescot. 048

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lewknor, Saturday, October 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to W. Fulkner, Devon Cottage, Lewknor, Oxford. 043

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Newbury, Saturday, October 8th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Hunt, 5, Cheriton Close, Newbury. 036

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Brigstock on October 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—F. Coales, The Gables, Twywell, Kettering. 056

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Church Stretton on Saturday, October 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Service will be at 4.30 p.m. Own teas.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 062

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 8th, St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), 3–4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Clement Danes' (10) 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 034

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District. — Annual Goose Fair meeting, Saturday, October 8th. St. Mary's bells 2.30 p.m.; St. Peter's 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—S. Adams. 053

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District. — Meeting, Shelford, October 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Practice meeting at Worthing on Saturday, October 8th. Heene bells (8) at 3 p.m., followed by service in Heene Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at Old Palace, West Tarring, 5.15. Ringing at West Tarring (6) at 6.30 p.m. Please notify for tea to Mr. R. M. Cox, 271, Ringmer Road, Worthing, Sussex.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 016

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Upham, October 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Bring own tea. Business meeting in Mission Hall. Evening ringing till 9. Bishop's Waltham bells (8) available 2.30–4. 9999

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting (including nomination of officers) at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on October 11th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: October 11th, St. Paul's Cathedral; October 18th, St. Lawrence Jewry; October 25th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; November 1st, St. Giles', Cripplegate; all at 6.30 p.m. — J. G. A. Prior. 052

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening meeting, Thurmaston, Friday, October 14th. Ringing 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 046

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wookey (6), Saturday, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec. 069

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Milverton (8), Saturday, October 15th. Bells 7.15 p.m.–8.45 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 074

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District. — Meeting at Gamlingay, Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 070

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—Meeting at Great Bromley on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Village Hall. Little Bromley bells (4) also available 2.30–4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. Ransom, The Rectory, Great Bromley, Colchester. 011

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. — Stroud Branch.—Saturday, October 15th.—**Change of arrangements.** Striking competition cancelled. Haresfield open from 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Quarterly meeting during evening. No service.—E. Cribley, France Lynch, Glos. 064

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Quarterly meeting at Ashtead on October 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who send their names to Mr. J. T. Symonds, 44, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead. Further ringing after meeting.—M. M. 047

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Paul's, Walden, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec., 81, Overstone Road, Harpenden. Evening, King's Walden. 057

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Annual District meeting at Northfleet on Saturday, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. J. Butcher, 51, Dover Road, Northfleet, Gravesend, by previous Wednesday, please.—T. Barton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 035

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, October 15th, Twyford, 2.30 to 3.45; Gaddesby 3–4.15 and after meeting. Service Gaddesby 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Clarke, 5, Barrow Crescent, Gaddesby, Leics, **not later than October 12th.** Ashby Folville bells 6.30–8.30 p.m. Committee meeting October 10th, Church House, Leicester, 7.45 p.m.—A. J. P., Hon. Gen. Sec. 012

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Tharston on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing at Forncett in evening. Names for tea to C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich, NOR 01X, by Tuesday, October 11th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—The autumn meeting of the Branch will be held at Leafield on Saturday, October 15th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. R. Coveney, Saddlers, Kingham, Oxford, not later than October 12th, please. 028

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Vale of White Horse Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ashbury, October 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by 12th, please.—C. R. Miles, 24, Goodlake Avenue, Faringdon, Berks. 027

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Meeting at Wootton (6), October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to E. R. Venn, Kimberley, Wootton, Woodstock, Oxford. 082

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting, Corby, October 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea essential to M. Coleman, 20, Copelands Road, Desborough, by October 8th. All welcome—M. A. C. 050

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Yardley (8), October 15th. Striking competition 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Open ringing afterwards.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Birmingham 28. SPR 1025. 066

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lytchett Minster, October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Corfe Mullen 6.45–8.15. Names for tea to Miss Dance, Friars Green, Lytchett Minster, Poole, by October 13th. 007

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddletrenthide, Saturday, October 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Vardy, 2, Boldacre, Alton Pancras, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 9990

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Calne Branch.—Meeting at Bremhill (6), October 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Frayling, 9, Lodowicks, Bremhill, Calne, by previous Tuesday. 061

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. — Six-bell striking competition will be held at Ingestre, near Stafford, on Saturday, October 15th. Draw at 2.45 p.m. Test piece: 240 changes of any Doubles or Minor. Entries in writing before Thursday, October 13th, to me at 29, Dimbles Hill Lichfield Staffs, please. Own arrangements for tea. Evening practice meeting to follow at Seighford (N.W. of Stafford). Bells (5) available 6.30 p.m. onwards.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 040

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Overton, Saturday, October 15th Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Deane bells available after tea. Names for tea to J. J. Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, October 11th. 049

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Ruislip, Wednesday, October 19th. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. Please support this meeting.—W. S. Deason 054

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, October 22nd, from 2.45 to 4.30. Service and tea follow. Ringing at Chilvers Coton after business meeting. Numbers for tea to me at 5, Burges, Coventry.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. **Please note change of venue.** 065

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cruwys-Morchard (6) Saturday, October 22nd. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to G. W. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 031

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Autumn meeting, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at Central Cafe, Ross. Names, please, by October 17th. Gentlemen welcome.—J. King, The Cedar Tiles High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon. 9976

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, LADIES' GUILD and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (local branches) and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, Saturday, October 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow, and social (8 p.m.) in St. John's Hall. Names for tea appreciated by F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. and after tea. Harefield (6), 2.30–4 p.m. Buses to Uxbridge connect.—W. S. Deason, J. Hooton, D. Hague and V. E. Dupré. 072

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Holt, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. R. West, Southfield, Norwich Road, Holt. Method for practice: Norwich Surprise. — C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 068

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS. — Eastern Division. — Practice meeting, Laughton, October 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to me at 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, by Wednesday, 19th. Please note new address.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 060

POLICE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Annual general meeting, Leicester, on Saturday, October 29th (amended date). Luncheon at Leicester Police Headquarters (by kind permission of Chief Constable), followed by short meeting. Ringing at several towers. Application and further details from A. Pearce, secretary, 197, Wythenshawe Road, Manchester 23. 051

OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Algar (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Perry 2, F. Lane 3, A. Millward 4, D. Griffin (cond.) 5.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sangwin 1, J. Tomsett 2, C. Mutton 3, C. Sangwin 4, H. Heard 5, H. Trewin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, B. Vince 8. A birthday compliment to Henry Trewin.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,440 Bob Minor: Miss J. Shurrock 1, J. S. Eastwood 2, S. Matthews (first "inside") 3, A. Botterill 4, D. J. Wilkes 5, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 6. For St. Matthew's Day.

OUTING

ST. DUNSTAN'S, CANTERBURY

There were no empty seats on the 41-seater coach which took members and friends from Canterbury on the annual outing, which this year was based on the Rochester and Gravesend area. Sunny weather and good towers were the order of the day and the amount of liquid refreshment taken—in various forms—must have been measured in gallons.

The first tower contained the excellent 18 cwt. six at St. Werburgh's, Hoo, which were the first of many bells rung that day to have passed through the hands of Mr. Bowell, of Ipswich. Mr. Bowell also restored the bells at the next tower at Shorne, where there are frames for eight. The six that hang (6¼ cwt.), by T. Mears, were put to good use in spite of the long draught of rope.

The party then broke off for Greenwich waterfront, which they took over for the purpose of a packed lunch. After a brief rest they were on the road again, to Cobham, which took some finding, but the church with its magnificent collection of brasses and superb architecture was worth the trouble to look for.

The bells (6. 14 cwt.) were not the best of the day. A quick journey through the cement country of Kent brought us to Halling, where the fine Bowell six (11 cwt.) had some of the best ringing of the day.

After copious draughts of tea and an unintentional trip to the wrong end of the next village, Snodland, the pleasant six (8 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G), augmented from a chime of five in 1920, were soon ringing out over the Medway, bringing the day's ringing to a close. When two members had satisfied their curiosity as to the nature of the adjacent New Jerusalem Church, complete with its frame for six bells (only one hung), it was homeward bound with a brief stop at Lenham to lay the dust in our throats. A word of thanks was expressed to the organiser, Mr. Derek Chatfield, captain of St. Dunstan's ringers, for his efforts. D. L. C.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

On September 24th Cowley bells were obtained for a meeting of the Cheltenham Branch. They are a tuneful light six by various Rudhalls but are exceedingly difficult to ring. An inspection of the frame suggests that repairs are necessary, but as the tower is very close to Cowley Manor, now dedicated to education, the prospects are uncertain. Heavy ropes and a long draught contribute to the difficulties, and most ringers present were content with one short touch.

Most local towers were represented, and visitors from Aldbourne, Ross, Cirencester, Gloucester, Bromyard and Lechlade were recognised. The secretary had departed for Cornwall but, anticipating the course of events, had arranged for us to adjourn to Leckhampton, where more orthodox ringing was enjoyed. W. A. F.

LATE NOTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Weston-in-Gordano (6), Saturday, October 15th. Bells available at 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 085

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Annual District meeting at Fornham All Saints (5) on Saturday, October 15th. Service at 4.15 at Fornham All Saints. Tea and meeting at West Stow Club Room at 5 p.m. Ringing at West Stow (6) in the evening. Bells from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, to A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, October 12th. 084

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Tewkesbury Abbey on Saturday, October 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15. Please notify before October 18th for tea to R. Perks, Eckington, Pershore. 087

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BROWSING THROUGH CUTTINGS

MR. ALAN A. J. BUSWELL, of Cosham, Portsmouth, has made a selection from the 5,000 newspaper cuttings in eight volumes that form a part of the archives of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and made a comprehensive volume of 378 pages written in longhand. Many of the cuttings are of general interest and do not relate to G. & J.

One of the first cuttings relates to the death 50 years ago this month of Mr. Arthur Anderson Johnston, head of the firm, which occurred while playing golf on Mitcham Common. During the years of World War I this Croydon firm changed over from making clocks and bells to munitions and had 1,500 women employees. Five days after the signing of the Armistice the 1,500 women marched to Croydon Town Hall, headed by a "tin-can band." Here Mr. Cyril Johnston presented to the Mayor a loyal address conveying congratulations to the King and Queen on the victorious issue which had been achieved " by our gallant troops in conjunction with our allies."

Prominence is given to the peal of 5,201 Grandsire Caters on March 15th, 1919, at St. Peter's Croydon, by 10 Army officers. Alas, it was afterwards proved to be false. The band was composed of members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and stood as follows: Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn, 4th Yorks and Lancs, treble; Lieut. E. M. Atkins, R.E. (cond.) 2; Lieut. A. E. Reeves, R.O.C., 3; Second-Lieut. E. P. Duffield, R.A.F., 4; Lieut. A. York-Bramble, R.A.F., 5; Major J. H. B. Hesse, R.A.S.C. (M.T.) 6; Second-Lieut. M. C. Duffield, 3rd Norfolks, 7; Major the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, M.C., 8; Lieut. Cyril F. Johnston, 3rd Grenadier Guards, 9; Capt. the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, C.F., tenor. The report indicates that there was a previous Army officers' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Putney on March 15th, 1919.

Another early peal of interest was one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Edenbridge in November, 1919, by eight people employed at the Bell Foundry, Croydon. They were Walter Wise 1, Miss E. K. Parker (described as the premier lady bellringer in the world) 2, Arthur Mason 3, Charles Dean 4, Sidney Roper 5, David Wright 6, Cyril F. Johnston 7, William S. Smith (conductor) 8. These bells, which were cast in 1911, were the first ring of bells to be tuned by the Croydon foundry on Canon Simpson's principle.

The College Youths' 282nd anniversary dinner in 1919 was at the Talbot Hotel, London Wall, with the Master, Mr. Albert A. Hughes, in the chair. The company was limited to 130 by accommodation available, but proceedings were very different from today as there was a strong musical programme. " Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn gave a splendid rendering of some fine old songs, including 'Come into the garden, Maud,' 'Songs of Araby' and 'Take a pair of sparkling eyes' and was rapturously encored. Lieut. P. C. Judd was loudly applauded for his contributions, including 'Stonecracker John' and 'Twanky-dillo,' and Lieut Cyril F. Johnston's humorous contributions greatly pleased the company. A double encore was necessary for the contribution of Mr. W. H. Judd, of Southend, of 'Ringers' Reminiscences' with its topical allusions. Everyone felt that the revival of the College Youths' anniversary dinner had been a great success and worthily re-established the traditions of the festival."

A cutting that will cause amusement to lady readers is a report of the Ladies' Guild meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, in May, 1920. The report states: "Before commencing, some of the ladies removed their hats. They apparently took the view that as they were in the belfry there was no impropriety in disregarding the common rule that women should not be in church with uncovered heads. There is a division of opinion on this subject. Some Vicars hold very strongly that lady ringers should keep their hats on."

"The Liverpool Daily Post" of June 19th, 1922, records that " Mr. Harry Withers, the well-known English carillonneur, has lately been much in request in this country and abroad for the inauguration of new carillons. Mr. Withers is a blacksmith's mate at Bournville Works, and and has been a change ringer since boyhood. He claims to have rung peals in over 300 English churches, and for 26 years has not missed his weekly ring. In Great Britain there are four carillons with claviers—Loughborough, Cattistock, Aberdeen and Bournville."

The augmentation of Westminster Abbey bells from six to eight and the rehanging and retuning of the other six enabled the octave to be rung together for the first time to celebrate Princess Mary's wedding. "The Pall Mall Gazette" of February 28th, 1922, describes them as a real joy to the musical. " The tenor bell is the doyen of them all, for it was given to the Abbey in 1430 by John and Elizabeth Whitwell and William Rus. In the time of Queen Elizabeth I two other bells were added by the celebrated Dean of Westminster, Gabriel Goodman, who had a good many encounters with the fiery-tempered Queen, and always came off best in the conflict."

From the " Daily Mail," January 6th, 1923: " A special composition based on Leicestershire folklore is being composed by Mr. W. W. Starmer, one of the leading English authorities on bells, for the dedication of Loughborough war memorial—a 100ft. tower with carillon.

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION TOUR

As it appeared to a Rabbit

AN epitome of the luxurious living at Westminster College, Oxford, might run thus: Tea, coffee, sugar, milk always waiting in the pantry of every house; well-equipped rooms, comfortable beds, two pillows, two towels (large), soap "The food was excellent, my dear. We had . . ." Accommodation on future tours will need to be very good indeed to escape uncomplimentary comparison.

The College enjoys an enviable site, overlooking from the west "that sweet city with her dreaming spires." The spires endure, but the cacophony of Oxford's traffic surely shatters the dreams. A pleasing feature of the College is an extensive alpine garden of some distinction.

Immediately apparent was the perfection of Marie Cross' planning, a model for organisers. The president, Paul Taylor, in spite of being "proper poorly" (he was—and blaming that holiday in Rumania), chaired a more than usually hilarious business meeting, and Malcolm Melville, new in the role of secretary, was quite the head prefect, "drest in a little brief authority," conscripting even the present writer.

Some "old familiar faces" (no offence) were missing, but there was general delight in the presence of "Uncle" Harry Miles, beret and all, fit and hale, still cracking his jokes and enjoying his Stedman, not least the touch of Caters he conducted at Banbury. Besides the officers, the U.A. is fortunate in its corps, or core, of faithful regulars: Shelagh Collins, calmly sailing her course as a sturdy vessel before a fair breeze; Ranald Clouston, often viewed from below climbing a ladder, unchallengeable authority in his own field; "Jumbo" Seager, a bevy of lunch bags in either hand, the right for sandwich wrappings and other cast-offs, the left for "spare food"—no one ever knows what becomes of the spare food; Joyce and Geoffrey Dodds, the former coming to the boil occasionally, of course, but both invariably patient with the Rabbit underworld; Beatrice Boyle, breezily from Cornwall; the Macks from Devon, a Minor band for the future, and looking well for the U.A.; Phyllis Holborn, craftily feigning ignorance of methods before competently ringing them.

Of the guests, the specially popular Ted Hudson, of Ripon, was chosen to say "Thank you very much indeed" to Marie, on behalf of everyone. The occasion being semi-formal, his shirt and trousers evidently agreed to a truce, remaining in seemly association throughout his speech. The performing young entry-to-be showed great promise, and an ample supply of the very young indeed surely guarantees the future of the U.A. Genuine Rabbits (their Guild insists on the capital) were few, but distinguished exponents of their craft and mystery.

A moment's seriousness. At the well-attended Corporate Communion at Radley the Rev. Malcolm Melville assisted the celebrant, and E. Hudson was the server.

The country was lovely, the weather good, and there were splendid rings of bells to satisfy the most critical, among them Fairford, Cirencester, Banbury, Swindon and Adderbury With the abilities of the party ranging from a band capable of eight-spliced to Rabbits capable of anything, the quality of the ringing was inevitably mixed. Outstanding were Grandsire Cinques at St. Laurence's, Reading, half-muffled because of the sudden death of the tower master the previous day, eight-spliced at St. Mark's, Swindon, Rutland at Adderbury, Bristol at St. Mary's, Reading.

As numbers were smaller than usual and the weather for the first few days uncomfortably hot, it was decided to attempt no peals. The tour was quite a strenuous one, for the special privilege of the bells at Merton, Magdalen, New College and the University Church on Sunday afternoon accounted for the few hours of leisure usually enjoyed, and most people were out ringing most nights, besides enjoying conviviality in the ad hoc bar at the College and elsewhere.

Verbal snapshots of a few of the lighter moments may appropriately be attempted. Memorable was the tea in the garden of the School House, Radley, on that blazing afternoon when we assembled—the long table was evocative, but the forms were missing, and we had cups and saucers, not mugs. We enjoyed the occasion when Denis Bayles, on the seventh for Triples having neatly dodged with the tenor superbly put everyone right from the sixth, "They're all out of step except me"; after the Cambridge Maximus at Christ Church, "Uncle" Harry (82) on the treble, Helen Dodds (10½—remember the half, please) with comparable confidence ringing the second in rounds; the—well—orthodox entry through the tower door at Marlborough by the Rev. Roger Keeley, beefily assisted by Frank Mack, to enable ringing on the "unringable" (sic—"Dove") eight; Geoffrey Dodds' nimble swoop to save Ted Hudson's dignity and his trousers when he set his bell at backstroke at Swindon; Aldbourne, with no café, but a Coffee Morning in the Methodist schoolroom, apparently presided over by the Vicar, and eagerly invaded by the parched U.A. The Sunday afternoon tour unfortunately prevented a first-hand description of Phyllis Holborn propelling a punt, skilfully but wrong end foremost, Oxford fashion, with Paul Taylor on the cushions.

On Saturday, after the official end of the week, all who could joined a tour of eight fives and sixes organised by the cheerful and ubiquitous John Sawtell, of Trowbridge. This proved a light-hearted epilogue, and included treble-dominated ringing at Lydiard Millicent and even more curious sounds at Ogbourne St. Andrew, where the treble is cracked, and apt to drop, and the tenor welded.

It was a very enjoyable week indeed and, if plans mature, the U.A. will meet at Salisbury next year, that failing, in South Wales.

B. M. W. D.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

The annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held this year in Somerset on September 17th and was most successful. Thanks are due to the organiser, the Rev. R. N. Longridge. Some 20 ringers took part and a number of non-ringers, and all enjoyed the outing. Towers visited were Barton St. David, Radstock, Newton St. Loe, Bath Abbey, Twerton-on-Avon and Midsomer Norton. Mr. W. C. Shute, in charge of operations, catered for ringers at all stages.

West Dorset Branch

West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held its quarterly meeting at Thorncombe on September 17th, when members were present from seven towers and visitors were welcomed. The fine ring of eight produced some good ringing. A service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Sim-Williams, and the lesson was read by Mr. Jordan (churchwarden and ringer). While tea was enjoyed in the Village Hall, served by the local ringers' wives, members listened to the recording of the Washington peal. The business meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mr. C. W. Powell. The annual meeting was fixed for Lyme Regis on November 26th, and practice meetings at Symondsbury (November 9th), Whitchurch (November 21st) and Bradpole (December 14th).

Methods rung during the day ranged from rounds to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge, Lyme, Superlative and Double Norwich.

J. D.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. L. Parker (first quarter of Triples) 1, J. Adcock 2, Mrs. F. Adcock 3, L. W. Jacques 4, W. F. Adcock 5, F. Adcock 6, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 7, S. E. Denby 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong and as a farewell to Rev. G. C. Handford, who is leaving for the mission fields.

HANDBELL GREETING



ON a bright, sunny day, Mr. John R. Mayne was married to Miss Marguerite Dalraine at the King's Road Evangelical Church, Berkhamsted, on September 24th.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a long full-skirted dress of white lace with a long veil held by a floral coronet, and carried a white and gold shower bouquet of roses, stephanotis, lilies of the valley and freesias.

Mr. David Redfearn was best man. The ceremony was conducted by Mr. P. D. Warren, who also proposed the toast to the happy couple at the wedding breakfast.

There being no tower bells at the church, the couple were rung out after the wedding with a course of Spliced Surprise Major on handbells, performed by the other four members of John's Surprise Royal band. Towards the end of the reception the handbells were again brought out; Stedman and a touch of Spliced Surprise Royal were rung.

To celebrate the wedding, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung at St. Albans Abbey in the evening. An attempt for Bristol at Berkhamsted Parish Church was, unfortunately, lost halfway.

C. W.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

South Oxon Branch

On September 24th a bus left Wallingford to pick up ringers for a branch outing to the towers around Loughborough. During an interesting tour of John Taylor and Co's bell foundry at Loughborough the party were shown the new ring of eight bells for Leigh-on-Sea. After the tour we went up into the campanile, all 35 of us, to try our hand on the first bells of the day. The ringing here was quite good considering that we were not used to light bells or ten-bell ringing, but in the end we were ringing some Stedman.

After lunch we were at the parish church, and the bells were soon going to rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Caters. These bells were thought to be the best of the day. On to Hathern (a new eight, 9½ cwt.), where we settled down to more relaxed ringing. We could not only bring Double Norwich round but managed to get a course of Cambridge Surprise. Then to Shepshed (another eight, 15 cwt.), where Grandsire Triples was the best method rung. At Whitwick, the last tower of the outing, we had the best striking of the day, a course of Cambridge Surprise Major. By this time the ringers were getting a bit tired and the ringing was the same. We broke the homeward journey at Banbury for refreshment.

A. J. H.

RINGING CONDITIONS IN CANADA

A WEEK ago I returned from a seven-month vacation in Canada. This was not intended to be a visit devoted primarily to ringing, and therefore I did not plan my trip to include a visit to every single tower; nevertheless, I did visit all the towers except those in Vancouver and Mission City, B.C. These are, incidentally, the only two Canadian rings in Roman Catholic churches— the others are all in Anglican churches. I was made extremely welcome at those towers at which I rang; the feeling of fraternity among bell-ringers is just as strong in Canada as it is in England.

The first tower that I visited was that of Christ Church, Calgary, Alberta. There is a light eight there, and the bells handle very well. It was gratifying to note that there was a large number of Canadian-born ringers, including novices, at this tower—quite a rarity, since in the other towers that I visited there were very few Canadian ringers, the ringing being carried out almost entirely by English emigrants. The tower captain at Calgary himself a ringer from Grantham, Lincs., has, however, done a great deal to promote interest in the Exercise in those parts.

REPLICA OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY

I next visited the ring at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C. I considered these the finest bells I had the privilege of ringing. They are a replica of those in Westminster Abbey (tenor 29 cwt.), and the ringing chamber is remarkable for its great size. There are a lot of English people in this part of British Columbia, and so, as might be expected, the band is chiefly English. Ringing is arranged by a family which has been in charge of the tower for several years.

Finally I visited the two rings in Quebec City, Quebec. The two towers there are perhaps the least frequently visited by English tourist ringers, but are certainly worth the trip. The Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (the first to be built outside the United Kingdom) has eight bells, and so has the Church of St. Matthew. The bells in both towers were silent for many years until an Englishman, with no previous knowledge of ringing, took it upon himself to learn to handle a bell and to learn the principles of change ringing. A small band has gradually been formed, but even so only the Cathedral bells are rung at all regularly.

Those in St. Matthew's were last used about five years ago. Last year some workmen were repairing the church roof and broke the slider of one of the bells in order to make the entrance to the belfry big enough to permit the passage of the timber for the roof. The slider had not even been replaced, as a friend and I discovered when we tried to ring the bell up! Another bell had been sabotaged by nailing a piece of wood into the frame so as to impede the swing of the seventh. Further evidence of the ignorance of the local contractors about ringing matters was shown by their replacing broken wooden stays with welded iron "stays," which had to be cut off and proper ones substituted before the bells could be rung! All in all, little support of any kind can be expected from the city's citizens, who are almost all French Canadians totally unused to change ringing.

PROBLEMS OF SUB-ZERO TEMPERATURES

Ringers in Canada share a common difficulty due to the very cold winters, especially in Alberta and Quebec. The lubricating grease has been known to solidify at the very low temperatures common in Canada, making bell-ringing very arduous and occasionally impossible. Bell maintenance is also very difficult in these conditions, because of the sub-zero temperature of the belfry, and even a simple job like lashing the clappers for practice becomes a major operation! Vacations also deplete the band quite considerably and the towers are all usually very short-handed in the summer months, since even at the best of times there is usually a shortage of ringers. The ring at Mission City is rather exceptional in this respect, because the bells are rung by monks who practise the art all the year round.

Canadians are, on the whole, inclined to be very tolerant of the church bells, but seem to take very little active interest unless a ringer is prepared to take them to a practice and explain the mysteries of the art. (The same state of affairs, of course, largely obtains in England, too.) Youngsters especially, with their Canadian willingness to try anything new, can be persuaded to take bell-handling instruction, but the initiative always seems to be made by the ringers; and in those towers where the ringers do make the effort to cull recruits there are many more learners. The forthcoming tour by a band of English peal ringers should do much to promote interest, as in the case of the peal at Washington U.S.A.

In this connection I would like to say that I would like to see more of a liaison between Canadian and English ringers: I know of only one tower which regularly receives "The Ringing World." Interest in bellringing activities on the other side of the Atlantic could well be strengthened. Also, communication between the Canadian towers themselves could do well to be increased: distance makes frequent visits out of the question, but the written word still remains one of man's best modes of expression.

PETER H. MACKIE

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Christ Church, Southgate, made a typically rural setting for the meeting of the N. and E. District on September 17th. The attendance before tea was well below average owing to the large number of members engaged in ringing for weddings. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Murray McLeod), whilst Mr. Willis accompanied at the organ. More people arrived by tea time and at the business meeting the provisional election of Miss Catherine S. Maylott, of St. Albans, as a non-resident life member prior to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Tottenham was ratified.

Miss Ruth Foreman gave details of the tri-ennial dinner to be held at Church House, Westminster, on October 15th. Mr. John Euston pointed out that the bells of Westminster (St. Margaret's) would be available before the dinner and brought welcome news of Mr. Bill Hewett, who has a long association with that tower. It also revived pleasant memories to see the names of Ernest W. and William Pye on the attendance sheet, and these visitors from Saffron Walden were welcomed by the chairman.

Before returning to the belfry for ringing, thanks were proposed to the Vicar and organist, to Mrs. Page and her helpers for the tea, to Mr. S. G. Peck for having everything in readiness and also for acting as Ringing Master in the afternoon in the absence of the Master and Deputy Master on wedding duties.

E. H. K.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

A chain of coincidences marked the quarterly meeting of Farnham District held at St. Michael's, Yorktown, on October 1st. The church was beautifully decorated for harvest festival the following day whilst the patronal festival was but two days previously. The 40 visitors thus had the opportunity of ringing for both festivals. The Guild form of service was taken by the Rev. John Cook, with Mr. L. Smith as organist. The Vicar (the Rev. Paul Barber) gave the address in which, with the aid of a leaflet of the original service, he gave an outline of the dedication of the tower and bells exactly 71 years before. An excellent tea was organised by Mrs. Collings, wife of the verger.

A short business meeting followed, the main item being the manning of the Cathedral bells. Afterwards all returned to the tower for further ringing until 9 p.m. With three anniversaries this proved to be one of the most successful meetings held at Camberley (Yorktown) and much appreciated by the small local band.

R. B.

LADIES' GUILD

Devon Branch

The Devon Branch of the Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers held its quarterly meeting at Exeter on October 1st. Ringing took place at St. David's (8) during the afternoon under the supervision of Mrs. G. E. Retter (Ringing Master). The Guild service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. Mr. Lloyd) and Mr. Selby was the organist. Tea was provided by Mrs. H. Boobier (vise-president), followed by a business meeting. Three new members from Exeter were elected. It was proposed to visit Babbacombe (8) for the next meeting, on February 4th, subject to permission. A competition to raise funds was won by Miss P. Kelland and Mrs. H. Boobier, prizes being given by Miss V. Goss. Further ringing took place at St. Petrock's in the evening. Methods rung were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, also call changes and rounds.

A. E. R.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

About 40 attended the half-yearly meeting at Mold on Sept. 3rd. The Vicar (the Rev. J. J. E. Davies) presided and welcomed the ringers and friends. Acting secretary was Mr. D. H. B. Millard, who referred to the passing of Mr. J. B. Budd of Grimsby, on July 26th, at the age of 88. Mr. Budd had resided in Mold for four years and was a member of the Sunday service band and of the Association. An appreciation published in "The Ringing World" bore testimony to his Christian character and ability as a ringer. A minute's silence was observed, and there were prayers by the Vicar.

Mr. A. Bailey proposed thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting a success; the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his address; and to the choir and organist (Mr. Geoffrey Knowles). The ladies and Mold ringers were also thanked for providing tea.

OXFORD.—On Sept. 28th, at St. Thomas', 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. R. Bolton 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, R. Miles 3, G. A. Porter 4, L. R. Porter 5, J. Strawford 6. As a farewell to G. A. Porter, on leaving for Loughborough, as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Porter, and for the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

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Letters to the Editor

REMARKABLE "DOUBLE"

Dear Sir,—There are many old ringers with wonderful records of service. One is Mr. J. T. Gascoigne, late of North Muskham, who commenced ringing in 1900 and was a regular ringer until 1965, when he retired. Almost every event of national importance in that period, including the relief of Mafeking, saw him taking part in the ringing.

In addition, he was largely instrumental in getting the bells at North Muskham restored and augmented in the 1930's

A regular chorister for a similar period. Mr. Gascoigne is anxious to know whether his record of bellringer and chorister is unique. There may be several who can beat either one or the other, but is there anybody who has exceeded this remarkable double?. If so, it will be interesting to hear from them.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. RAITHBY.

Balderton, Notts.

IN AGREEMENT

Dear Sir,—I am entirely in agreement with the views of Mr Wilfrid G. Wilson on the subject of "The Ringing World," expressed in his letter on page 620 of last week's issue I would not like to see it become a "glossy magazine," and feel that it does its job admirably in its present form.

With regard to the front page illustration, the traditionalist in me wants to retain it although I am not enamoured of it, so if the committee decide that one of Mr. Pipe's designs is more suited to this "computer age" then I for one would raise no objection. —Yours faithfully,

BETTY M. ROGERS (Mrs.).

Pembroke.

STANDARDS FOR COMPOSERS

Dear Sir,—I wonder if Mr. Knox, as an established composer, would care to justify the publication of his composition of Yorkshire, on page 648?

Comparing this with similar peals I find that those with 12 C.C.'s and no 82's or 83's, or those with 14 C.C.'s and 82's or 83's, are relatively common, whereas Mr Knox's peal has only 12 C.C.'s and three courses each of 82's and 83's as well as 24 singles, which number is far in excess of the usual.

I think that the more experienced composers should set standards for the less experienced to emulate

There are peals with 14 C.C.s and no 82's or 83's, so what is the point of producing anything less musical but not much simpler?

I do not possess a great knowledge of composition, but am merely making an empirical judgment.—Yours sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER M. MORLEY.

Harrogate.

WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—My thanks to Mr. Smith for drawing attention to the Surprise peal (Adelaide) as the first to be rung on the rehung ring at Bolney, Sussex.

May I therefore through your columns withdraw the footnote to the peal of Yorkshire rung at Bolney on September 3rd, 1966, claiming this to be the first Surprise peal rung since the rehanging of St. Mary Magdalene's bells.—Yours sincerely,

W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON.

Steyning, Sussex.

MR. T. J. LOCK'S TOUR

Dear Sir,—Following the report of Mr. T J. Lock's tour in Cheshire and North Wales, it should perhaps be stated that the church recorded as St Mary's, Handbridge, should read St. Mary-without-the-Walls.

Incidentally, this was the last church to be built by the Duke of Westminster, a new parish being created at that time.

St. Mary-within-the-Walls, on the opposite side of the river, was for many years associated with that brilliant ringer Robert Sperring, who "rang all the bells all the time." —Yours sincerely,

J. W. CLARKE.

Mollington, Chester.

KING'S LANGLEY CONGRATULATED

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate the King's Langley band and their captain, Brian Barker (last year's president of the Herts County Association) upon winning the Kimpton Cup competition on September 24th. The support and goodwill of this band since the competition was inaugurated in 1959 is much appreciated and our Kimpton band were quite as delighted, and far less surprised, when King's Langley won the cup for the first time this year as when Kimpton won it for the first time in 1965.

Several bands were unable to enter the competition this year because they were one short and thus missed not only an afternoon (and evening!) of good fellowship, but an opportunity to make their own Sunday service band more striking-conscious. It is well worth the effort of planning ahead to make sure an entry is possible The difficulty may be over which ringers to choose from a large band. This is overcome by entering two, duplicates being allowed.

This year Kimpton decided to do this at the last minute, the second team being all ladies—has a ladies' band participated in competition ringing before?—who were so pleased to bring round a 360 of Bob Doubles with reasonable striking that being placed sixth (last) did not matter. Some moral may be drawn however from the fact that the winning band was entirely male. It ties up with judge Pat Cannon's graphic description of the sweat which falls even in mid-winter from the brows of the West Country call change ringers after only ten minutes of really good striking—good striking on six means hard work. Ladies, we must work harder!

Apologies to any ladies who have the last sentence waved under their noses underlined in red!—Yours sincerely,

HELEN Y. PRICE.

Kimpton, Herts.

GIANTS RING HERE?

Dear Sir,—The church at Landwade, Cambridgeshire, but in the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, has two bells hung with levers in a three-bell frame set on the first floor of the tower, which is 27ft. 4in. above the ground.

The sallies on both bell ropes extend from 4ft. below the first floor to 2ft. 6in. above the ground, a total length of 21ft.

It is a bit hard to appreciate what the reason could have been for having them this length other than decorative effect.—Yours sincerely,

RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON.

Radlett.

KIMPTON CUP WINNERS

King's Langley has the distinction of being the only tower to enter a band every year in the Kimpton Cup competition. They have been placed second three times and third once, but this year they carried home the trophy with, as one of the judges put it, "beautiful ringing" in their touch of Single Oxford.

This year's event took place on September 24th, again at Kimpton, and followed the usual programme, with the test piece 360 Doubles or Minor. Eight entries were received but unfortunately two teams had to drop out shortly before the day. The judges were Mr. A. P. Cannon and Mr. C. H. Kippin, both of whom have judged on previous occasions The draw for order of ringing was carried out this year prior to the competition, and times had been arranged where necessary to fit in with ringing for weddings at the competitors' home towers. This proved a welcome innovation. The anti-clockwise six of the neighbouring tower at St. Paul's, Walden, were open for general ringing during the afternoon.

A buffet tea was served by the local lady ringers and friends in the new Church House. Among those present were the Vicar of Kimpton (the Rev. K. G. Martin), the churchwardens and Mr. John Wells, Kimpton tower captain, who is in his 86th year. Apologies were received from Mr. K. R. Dunstan, president of the Hertford County Association, and Mr A. R. Kench, a member of the cup committee.

The Vicar welcomed the ringers to Kimpton and said how pleased he was to see towers from many parts of the country represented. Mr. Cannon, in his comments upon the ringing, said a weakness in several of the teams was poor leads; a wide lead would often result in a bunching up of the other bells. Another general comment was that it is necessary to put some work into ringing, and that it is no good just letting the bell ring and the rope slide through the hands. Overall, however, the standard seemed to be improving every year. Mr. Kippin, speaking in support, said ringing competitions had become much more popular over the last few years, and had resulted in a higher standard of striking.

The Rev. K. G. Martin presented the cup and certificate to Mr. B. M. Barker, captain of the King's Langley band, and certificates to the runners-up.

Results.—1 King's Langley, Single Oxford, 103 faults; 2 Baldock, Cambridge, 152; 3 Cheshunt, Grandsire Doubles, 186; 4 Hertford, Grandsire Doubles, 240; Kimpton, Kent, 244; 6 Kimpton Ladies' band, Bob Doubles, 273.

Mr. J. G. Cull expressed thanks to the judges for their services, and Margaret Lander presented them with a small gift as a token of appreciation. The date for the next event was agreed as September 30th, and the following were nominated as cup committee for 1967: Messrs. B. M. Barker, J. G. Cull, D. C. Price, E. Newnham, T. J. Southam and A. R. Kench.

The formal programme was rounded off with a talk on "Great Adventure II" by Mr. T J. Lock, illustrated by slides. There was pleasure, too, in hearing recordings of some of the ringing on the tour.

Ringers then adjourned to the local, where the winning band filled the cup, which was passed round in traditional manner. So ended another cup day which the writer feels again fulfilled the object of the competition ". . . to promote a greater interest in the art of change ringing and to provide an incentive through friendly competition to attain good striking."

J. G. C.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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CAMPINGOLOGISTS' AUGUST TOUR



CAMPINGOLOGISTS' "AT HOME"

Left to right: Clarke, Davenport, Bennett, Warrilow, Wilde, Robinson, Friend, Hughes, Frank Mack (visiting) and Davies.

FRIDAY night in the orchard of Rydon Farm beneath the high Devon sky; a new moon hides, shy geese laugh and in two tents you lie. Apples fall, thump, a barn owl hoots as dew wets the dry. A cask of ale sings, sizzling, fermenting, lamenting the ansence of Webb.

Saturday's breakfast in a morning made brighter than bright by cider last night. Davies moans, Davenport still sleeps as Bennett hunts for his trousers. In the afternoon Yorkshire is rung in the beautiful (so typical of Devon) church at Ottery St. Mary.

There is ringing for morning service on Sunday at Woodbury From there to Ladrum Bay for sun and Sunday papers. After lunch the lightest ring in the world, at Bapton Lane. Later it's a ringers' evensong at Withycombe Raleigh, when three campers and Frank Mack ring Grandsire "in hand" during the service Still later to the Holly Bush.

On Monday the sleepy shallowing sound of a swarm of wasps hunting in earnest for sweetness, humming at the flap of your tent, is your reveille. No one eats much breakfast this morning—the day is won by the hunters Davies plans revenge. Davenport sleeps on as Wilde washes the dishes.

Clyst Honiton is awakened by the sound of Cambridge competing with low-flying aircraft. Rutland in the heat of the afternoon is your 50th peal.

Tuesday, black Tuesday. The wasps rout the camp, transferring their nest to Warrilow's bed whilst he sleeps, scorning the D.D.T. cards of Davies. Camp is abandoned for Exminster, where spliced is lost, as is Lincolnshire at Bovey Tracey.

Wednesday is a brighter day. The marauders are fooled by resiting the breakfast table, pint pots filled with beer being left in its place. Four campers delight a retired couple in the village with handbell ringing, earning goodwill and a bottle of sherry for the rest.

At East Budleigh a competent peal of spliced by an all-tent band; then on to Buckfast Abbey for a ring on the twelve, where we were joined by the Bowdens, the Friends and Frank Mack. Now back to Dawlish Warren, where there's Bennett on safari in full Indian Army tropical kit. In the evening it's your annual dinner enjoyed by all except a food-poisoned Warrilow

After breakfast on Thursday it's your A.G.M. with sherry and cake Then on to meet Bird at Uffcombe for chewing gum and Stedman Triples.

On Friday, in Brixham's high brown tower Yorkshire won't go. Saturday's attempt, too is a tale of woe but there's the practice at Exeter Cathedral, bing, bang, bong, boom—worth a hundred lost peals. On Sunday you must say goodbye. Goodbye to the hospitality of John Glanville and thank you. Thank you to Frank Mack and the Bowdens for their help. Helped by no one, your organiser was Wilde, who maintained the high standard planning which campingologists have come to expect. Expect we'll see you in Kent next year.

ODD VENTURES

Comments on some touches that are different.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

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S 437562	1
764325	3
537264	1
S 325476	5

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S 762453	2
S 357246	2
623457	1
576342	2
S 325476	1

167
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752634	1
S 437265	2
S 564723	2
S 325476	2

Each one round at hand five leads after 325476.

More than 50 years ago the late James E. Groves composed and conducted a 5,093 Grandsire Caters in which the last call, a single, produced 32547698, and rounds came after seven more plain leads. It was not popular, for the long plain course at the end of the peal proved intolerably boring, and the ringer of the 3rd did not relish his long spell in the hunt.

However, some small entertainment may be got from this device, and here are three touches of Grandsire Triples each having the peculiar property that gives five plain leads with the 3rd in the hunt. No. 2 provides perhaps the best music, but No. 3 is easy to memorise and is very handy for an odd few minutes.

Dabblers in composition may like to attempt to compose a quarter peal that ends in this manner.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION STRIKING FINALS

The final of the striking competition was held on October 1st at Aughton, and despite a change in the weather a good crowd turned out and some very good striking resulted.

A wedding at St. Michael's held up the six-bell section, but a ground-floor ring and some good marshalling by the locals helped to put things right and ten teams finished by 5.30. The judges, Ivor Nicholls, Neil Lomas and Dennis Mottershead) placed them in the following order: St John's, Mossley, St. James', Leyland, Westhoughton and Blackburn Cathedral (joint third). Christ Church, Todmorden, St. Peter's, Burnley, Flixton, Adlington St Michael's, Aughton, and Rainford.

The eight-bell section was at Christ Church, and here the judges were Cyril Crossthwaite and Neil Bennett, and the result was a win for Hyde, followed by St. Michael's, Ashton, and Accrington.

The usual high percentage had not sent in names for tea, but the ladies at Christ Church rose to the occasion magnificently and over 100 sat down to a splendid tea. It was generally thought to be a very successful meeting.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Joyce E. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, W. G. Marsh 3, Ruth Blackshaw (cond.) 4, M. W. Harrison 5.

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SEVERN BRIDGE BRINGS SOUTH WALES NEARER

When it was announced that the Severn Bridge was to be opened on September 9th, a member of the St Peter's (Exeter Cathedral) Society of Change Ringers immediately suggested that we should take advantage of this new route to extend our ringing activities into South Wales Schedules were prepared for September 24th giving possible towers times and routes. The first included Chepstow, Newport, Ebbw Vale and Abergavenny while the second kept further south and embraced Cardiff and Llandaff

It was decided to try the first route and we were fortunate in obtaining permission to ring at all the towers planned except Chepstow where an abundance of weddings made it impossible to adjust the schedule to include this particular tower.

The reports of long queues at the bridge were making us worried about our timetable especially as we had squeezed in at the last moment the light eight at Caerleon, so when we started off and ran into thick mist it seemed our plans would be completely upset However, time passed quickly as our Ringing Master (Fred Wretford) had a fund of stories to tell, and our fears were groundless We arrived at Caerleon by 11 o'clock but without seeing much of the new bridge. We could not even see the River Severn!

Caerleon has a delightful eight, dainty and musical. We had received prior warning of the susceptibility of the stays to breaking and so special care was taken, and this undoubtedly improved the striking. We were joined here by other Cathedral members, who had elected to spend the week-end in Monmouth. Stedman Triples, Little Bob Major Plain Bob Major and Triples were brought round in fine style. Our next tower was All Saints', Newport Here again we enjoyed our ringing. The trip from All Saints' to St Woolos' is not a long one, but to avoid the heavily congested centre of Newport it was decided to cut across by Little Switzerland By deviating slightly we arrived in plenty of time to enjoy lunch at the Six Bells.

St. Woolos' was one of the towers which made the trip worthwhile and the Erin Cinques and Grandsire Cinques went beautifully, as did the Plain Bob Maximus We were enjoying the ringing so much that we were a little late in getting from Newport to go up the valleys to Ebbw Vale. The bells of the Parish Church of Ebbw Vale are comparable in weight to Heavitree and Broadclyst, and opinion was divided as to the music made by each set of bells. It would be indiscreet to say which found most favour. In addition to the usual standard methods, Bristol was brought round successfully.

No doubt you may be thinking that this tour was made up of ringers who are easily satisfied, and few superlatives have been left for our last tower, at Abergavenny. It is said this ring of ten is the finest in the country, and we are all agreed that they are better than any we had rung before. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Caters came round without any trips, and also Plain Bob Royal. An attempt was made for Cambridge Royal but it came to grief.

By now the sun had set and we were 130 miles from home. The fog had thickened and visibility was down to ten yards in places but our spirits were high The pleasure of ringing these fine bells was still with us as we set off for home, having had a meal We were plagued with the fog until we reached Cullompton, and the hands of the clock had passed midnight before we rolled into Exeter. The day had been a very memorable one and, without doubt, our finest outing.

We would like to thank Clive Bryant for making the arrangements and all those people who looked after us so well, and also the incumbents We sincerely hope that one day we shall have the pleasure of visiting this part of the country again. C. P. Y.

LILLINGTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. W. Marshall 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, E. H. Amey 3, Miss M. Lush 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The annual District meeting was held at Cheriton on October 1st and was attended by over 60 people. The service was conducted by the Rev. Cyril Munt, assisted by Mr D L Cawley. Mr. W. Chandler was the organist, having journeyed from Cambridge specially for the occasion. Tea was served in the Church Hall, prepared by the ringers of Cheriton and Newington-next-Hythe

Mr. J. Willis was elected to the chair for the lengthy business meeting. The acting secretary's report and interim balance sheet were approved Mr A P S. Berry was elected hon. secretary. Mr N. J Davies re-elected Ringing Master, and the Rev P. T. Robbins and Mr. B. Johnson elected to serve on the committee.

Mr G. J. Neilson expressed the thanks of the meeting to Mr. A Eastmead and his many helpers for arranging such a successful meeting. The bells of Cheriton and Newington were put to fine use during the evening.

R. J. S

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QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Sept. 4th, at St. Nicholas'. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (singles only): Corinne Dickson 1, Barbara F. Banks 2, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 3, J. R. Rowson 4, M. C. E. Hodge 5, J. W. Berry 6. Also on Sept. 16th, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. P. Halling 1, J. R. Rowson 2, J R. Poole 3 A. K. P. Poole 4, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 5, M. C. E. Hodge 6. Rung by the Abingdon School Campanological Society.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan C. McLean 1, D. H. Thorpe (first quarter Minor) 2, E. Sybil M. Tonkin (first Minor "inside") 3, Marion E. Addy 4, Albert Turner (first Minor "inside") 5, D. R. McLean (cond.) 6. An engagement compliment to Stella Soper, a local ringer, and Keith Marks.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Sept 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marie Wilson 1, Cherrill Everard (first "inside") 2, Andrea North (first quarter) 3, M. D. Barsby 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, P. G. Chambers 6 For Harvest Festival.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G Astbury 1, Miss R. A. Spicer 2, Miss R. E. White (first on eight) 3, Miss C E. Johnson 4 A. J. Yorke 5, R. J. Palfreyman (first on eight) 6, R. C. L. Brown 7, G. Parsons (first on eight as cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Swan 1, C. B. Fynes 2, H. Wood 3, I Robinson 4, S. G. Scott 5, R. Banner 6, W. L Weller (cond.) 7, T Banner (first quarter) 8.

BISHOP'S HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor D. Smith (first quarter) 1, S Huckle 2, A. F Cull 3, M. Slaney 4, G. H. Austin (cond.) 5, E Edmondson 6 P Morley (covering) 8. For Evensong.

BOLSOVER, DERBYS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: G Rutland 1, D. Cooper 2, L Shaw 3, B. Holmes 4 L. Coe 5, R. Chambers 6, H. Wagstaffe 7, A. Keller (cond.) 8 As a farewell to the ringer of the sixth who is to study at Birmingham University.

BORDEN, KENT.— On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Wood 1, Miss W. Austin 2, G. Kenward 3, E. C. Barton 4, N. F. Bearne 5, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 6, J. Clark 7, E. Kennett 8. A wedding compliment to Patricia Dorothy Robinson and Michael John Nicholls, ringers at this church

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Bew 1 Angela M. Wright 2, Stella G. Rice 3, W Abraham 4, Catherine M. Powell 5, A. W. Bond 6, D P. Snoswell (cond.) 7, Margaret Head 8. For the baptism of Nigel Robert Trussler, godson of the ringer of the 3rd, and as a farewell compliment to Angela Williams, leaving for Roehampton Froebel Institute.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Sept. 18th 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Janet Sherlock 1, L. Penfold 2, Yvonne Turnell 3, G. Sweet 4, D. Harding (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6 For Matins, and in memory of Mrs. Mary Baker, the wife of the Rector of Burstow, who died on September 12th.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Norris 1, C. W. Simpson 2, Miss M. Carruthers 3, P. Saddleton (first "inside") 4, C. Cook 5, Miss P. Norris 6, T. H Norris (cond.) 7, I. Norris 8. For Confirmation service.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Lloyd 1, Miss S Devey 2, Miss L. J. Roberts 3, G. W. Reynolds 4, Miss S. Guthrie 5, P. J. Barker 6, R. D Baker (first quarter as cond.) 7, K. Price 8. For Harvest Festival.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Chidwick 1, E. J. Beer 2, Miss P. Chidwick 3, Miss J. Hayward 4, G. Philpot 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 7, L. Crouch 8. A 77th birthday compliment to Mr. C. E. J. Norris, captain of the tower.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Hartley 1, E. Eldridge 2, T. Tocock 3, I Muller 4, R. Wallis 5, M. Barton (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. C. L. Brown 1, Miss A. D. Edwards 2, Miss R. A. Spicer 3, Miss C. E. Johnson 4, Miss R. E. White 5, N. P. J. Cossey 6, F. R. Morton 7, G. A. Packer 8, G. Parsons 9, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 10. First on 10 for 3, 4 and 5. Rung to welcome a grandson to the ringer of 8.

CROUGHTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): E. Walker 1, A. Wyatt 2, J. Barber (cond.) 3, A. Gooding 4, S. McGinlay 5.

QUARTER PEALS

CULHAM, OXON.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Tempertón (first in method) 1, D. R. Baxter 2, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 3, R. D. Hutchfield 4, E. C. Turner (first in method) 5, J. Nicholas (first in method) 6. By the Culham Campanologists' Society for first Evensong of term.

DEENE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Oxford): R. A. Webster 1, R. W. Smith 2, Mrs. P. A. Smith 3, G. Davis 4, R. W. Spencer 5, F. Sismey (cond.) 6.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Sept. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. Barbara M. Gates 1, Miss Vera C. Bell 2, G. Tembey 3, J. H. Rothery 4, H. Wilson (cond.) 5, C. F. Gates 6. Rung in memory of William Douglass.

EXTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Gunter 1, F. Casbey 2, H. Purchase (cond.) 3, H. V. Young 4, C. W. Wyatt 5, A. Gale 6.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Wulfram's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. P. Evans 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, G. Vinters (first of Triples "inside") 3, J. R. Holmes 4, K. Ketteringham 5, G. J. N. Colborne (cond.) 6, H. L. Squires 7, A. C. Crawford (first of Triples) 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

GREAT BARR, STAFFS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. K Downing (first quarter) 1, N. A Bateman (first of Minor "inside") 2, Miss Denise J. Hargreaves 3 P. W. Horrobin 4, D. J. Large 5, D. K. Lane (cond.) 6. For the 170th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and as a farewell to Keith Lane, leaving for Somerset.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Marshall 1, Janet Hohl 2, E. Howes 3, K. Hohl 4, P. Palmer (first quarter) 5, D. Adams (first quarter) 6, R Bunning 7, G. Adams (cond.) 8.

HERTFORD.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Andrew's, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Foley 1, J. Thorn 2, Mrs. L. E. James 3, P. M. F. Searles 4, S. James 5, Gwynneth James 6, J. Thorp 7, J. Kemp (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire S. Major: F. M. Byrne 1, Julia A. Fellows 2, Susan E. Williams 3, A. V. Good (first of Spliced S. Major) 4, R. E. Sheppard 5, P. W. Harper 6, K. D. Waples (first of Spliced S. Major) 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8. As a farewell to Elizabeth Gibbs, of Hemel Hempstead band, who is going up to the University of East Anglia.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Redwood (first quarter) 1, J. R. Hough 2, Miss J. K. A. Cook 3, J. G. Spicer 4, T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

KENWYN, TRURO.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Oliver (first quarter) 1, V. Mary Mathews 2, A. F. Burley 3, A. Carveth (cond.) 4, D. N. Penrose 5, R. Smith (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving, and as a farewell to Roger Smith, on his departure for college.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Hart 1, June Legg 2, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 3, C. Bowden 4, G. Perry 5, G. Kingdon 6.

KINGSBURY, MIDDX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Pike 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Pam Garnsey 3, Ruth Foreman 4, A. Warren 5, M. Pavitt 6, W. Knight 7, G. Ellis (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major 1, 3 6 and 8.

KINGTON MAGNA, DORSET.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. W. Marshall 1, Miss M. Lush 2, T. F. Collins 3, C. J. Crew 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Sept. 18th, at All Saints'. 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Bryony Moorby (first quarter) 1, M. Greer (first quarter "inside") 2, Elizabeth Zass 3, A. Bishop (cond.) 4, D. Wilkins 5, Elizabeth Wilkins 6.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Crowder 1, E. Jones 2, Miss J. Brown 3, G. Clarke 4, Miss F. Cannon 5, J. Machell 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, D. Gebbett 8. To mark the birth of a son, Robert John, to Susan and John Machell.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Marjorie Legg 1, J. Lambard 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, A. Skinner 6. As a compliment to Mr. R. Venn (ringer at this tower) and Miss A. Elver, on their marriage.

LONDON.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, 1,287 Stedman Caters: J. Phillips (cond.) 1, Miss H. Maltman 2, R. Powell 3, W. T. Cook 4, W. Rawlings 5, R. Overington 6, A. Patterson 7, J. Phillips 8, R. Dennis 9, B. Baker 10. For Harvest Festival.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C., on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Oakeshott 1, D. Manger 2, Pauline Fennell 3, G. Ellis 4, P. Down 5, J. Southey 6, R. A. Gage (cond.) 7, C. Pike 8. As a farewell to Pauline Fennell, tower captain of the Thursday lunchtime band, who is leaving the district.

LLANGYNWYD, GLAM.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Mayle 1, D. W. Davies 2, T. E. Hiddins 3, D. R. L. Jones 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, C. Phillips 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of David Davies (90), parish warden.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Juanita J. Fuller 1, R. V. Huxley 2, D. E. Lee 3, J. A. W. Fuller 4, A. W. Johnson 5, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 6. To welcome the Rector, the Rev. Jeremy Walsh

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Giles', on Sept. 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Leleux 1, Miss D. J. Mann 2, Miss H. E. Leleux 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, D. Fox 5, R. A. Eldridge 6, W. R. Hammons 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3 and 5. A welcome to the new curate, on his ordination, also a farewell compliment to Heloise Leleux and David Fox on proceeding to university.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sept. 25th, at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Thomas (Taunton, first quarter) 1, E. J. Morris (Neath) 2, J. A. Hoare (Swansea) 3, C. A. Bassett (Wadhurst) 4, G. T. Jennings (Crawley) 5, W. B. Kynaston (Swindon, cond.) 6, S. Foskett (Nottingham) 7, E. J. Franklin (Birmingham) 8. By members of the Railwaymen's Guild as a tribute to the late Mr. A. J. Pitman.

OXFORD.—On Sept. 18th, at St. Aldate's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Benstead 1, Margaret Norgett (first quarter) 2, Judith Southwood 3, R. Benstead 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, R. Allsworth 6. In memoriam Mrs. L. Allsworth, mother of the ringer of 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: F. Markham 1, Mrs. M. Poolman 2, Miss A. Rowland 3, D. Heath 4, V. Williams 5, W. Poolman (cond.) 6, H. Perry (cover) 7. First quarter T.B. 1, 2, 3 and 4. First quarter T.B. by a tower band at Romford for over 40 years.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: T. Bryant 1, F. J. White (cond.) 2, A. Callow 3, R. Parker 4, J. Hayter 5, A. Bown 6. A wedding compliment to Pauline Crocker and Keith Brown.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Rumley 3, G. Johnson 4, D. Taplin 5, W. Lawrence 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, W. Munson 8. For Harvest Festival.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 18th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, Frances M. Hartman 2, Hilary N. Kippin 3, E. H. Langley 4, A. Locke 5, G. F. Dunstan 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, A. Carveth 8. As a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Langley, also Mr. and Mrs. P. L. N. Carveth, on their 40th wedding anniversary.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Sept. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jane Osbon 1, Mrs. J. E. Warner 2, F. I. Hairs 3, R. Everest 4, P. Everest 5, J. E. Warner 6, C. Osbon 7, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2 and 5.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Sargeant 1, Joan A. Rance 2, C. W. Bailey 3, F. C. Price (cond.) 4, Sandra Goodship 5, S. G. Scott 6, A. J. N. Rance 7, W. R. Churchill 8. A compliment from the East-hampstead band rung following the wedding of Graham Murrell, ringer of Warfield, and Linda Parkhouse.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Doubles (14 methods): G. Bickerton (first quarter) 1, J. S. Baker 2, F. S. Sutton 3, F. R. Morton (cond.) 4, T. E. Trickett 5, R. J. Burrell 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving, and as a birthday compliment to J. S. Baker and F. R Morton.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. J. Pope 1, Mrs. V. J. Stone 2, C. T. Clarke 3, E. T. Dibble (first in method) 4, M. J. Stone (first as cond.) 5, A. G. Kent 6. To mark the laying of the new floor in belfry the bells having been silent for over 12 months.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringers are welcome at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C.2, each Thursday, to ring for the lunchtime service between 1 and 1.25 p.m.

The new ring of eight bells at Amblecote, Stourbridge, by John Taylor and Co., were dedicated by the Bishop of Worcester (Rt. Rev. L. M. Charles Edwards) on October 2nd.

The peal at Balderton on October 1st was arranged as a ladies' peal, but unfortunately Colin Reed had to be called unon at the last moment to deputise for his wife. The seven ladies are grateful to him.

The peal at Erdington, Birmingham, on October 1st for St. Martin's Guild was rung in honour of the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. J. C. Bacon, former curate at St. Barnabas'.

The quarter peal rung at Kenilworth, Warwickshire, on September 11th, was intended to be one of Minor, but due to the inability of Mr. C J. Royal (in whose honour it was rung) to rouse himself for Sunday service ringing the rest of the band had to be content with ringing Doubles on the back five.

The three bells at St. Michael's Church, Caerwys, Flintshire, installed in 1787, which recently have been tolled by the Rector (the Rev. Trefor Jones), are to be operated electrically. According to "The Chester Chronicle" they were cast by "Fecit" of London!!

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ARCHDEACON ELLISON HONOURED BY YORKSHIRE

The Yorkshire Association held its last general meeting of the year on September 17th at Bridlington. There was ringing at Nunburnholme, Flamborough and on the magnificent eight at Bridlington Priory. It is the writer's view that the Priory bells are not easy to handle. He would even go so far as to say that they need more ringing than Haley Hill's. Despite this there was some good ringing, and particularly the service touch.

After the service there was an excellent tea in the Church Hall. At the subsequent business meeting the most important item was the presentation of a cheque by the president, Mr. Vernon Bottomley, to the retiring president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison. The cheque was from the Association and the president said the response had been wide and generous. In giving a cheque they were sure to avoid giving "an expensive white elephant." He understood that the Archdeacon and Mrs. Ellison had ordered a tea service, half a dinner service and some rose trees. He was pleased to say that the Association was not bidding Mr. Ellison goodbye, as he was still on the committee.

Expressing thanks, Mr. Ellison said he had indeed ordered rose trees and the china tea and dinner services. Even then he had some money left over, and he now proposed to buy a new umbrella and two large breakfast cups. With such an array he would be reminded of his happy years as president of the Yorkshire Association at breakfast, dinner and tea, whilst the rose trees and umbrella would also ensure this in both fair weather and foul.

The date and place of the next general meeting were given as January 21st at Sheffield. J. H. F.

WILBURTON BELLS REHANGING

The six bells of St. Peter's Church, Wilburton, Cambs, are soon to be cleaned, retuned, etc., and rehung in a metal frame with all modern fittings by Taylor's of Loughborough at a cost of over £1,700. At present the bells are in an oak frame supplied by F. Day and Son of Eye, Suffolk, probably in the 1880's. This frame has become rather rickety, causing the bells to be somewhat difficult to handle. Quite a nice sum is in hand but more money is needed for the Restoration Fund. If this should meet the eye of any who in the past have had pleasure in ringing here (and hope to ring here again when the bells are reconditioned), any sum they can spare will be thankfully received and acknowledged by George Markwell, Twentypence Road, Wilburton, Ely, Cambs. G. M.

"ROYAL" WEEK

St. Martin's Guild (Birmingham) Ringers' "Royal" Week proved arduous with the greater time taken to ring peals of Royal and the considerable mileage which had to be covered between towers. Out of the 15 attempts, only one was unsuccessful—that at Bradford Cathedral on the Wednesday morning, when Pudsey Royal would not go, and the bells were stood after 1 hour and 10 minutes.

FLOWER FESTIVAL AND EXHIBITION

A flower festival and exhibition of church needlework was held at St. Mary the Virgin's, Shenfield, Essex, on September 23rd, 24th and 25th. The needlework, designed and made by the Needlework Guild, included a new altar frontal depicting the Benedicite, a 5ft. wedding kneeler, stoles, pulpit falls, cushions and partly completed work commissioned for Westminster Abbey. Some 30 flower arrangements had as their themes the Sacraments and the seasons of the Church's year.

The opening was preceded by a 720 of Bob Minor on the bells. On the Saturday afternoon a full programme was provided by the organists and ringers, during which a quarter peal of Spliced Surprise Minor (1,320) in eight methods was rung on the tower bells, followed by two courses of Grandsire Caters of handbells rung in the chancel. A choral concert by the Allegro Singers in the evening was well supported. Sunday services and ringing were as usual, and the festival concluded with choral Evensong.

About £300 was raised at the festival, and after expenses are paid the remainder will be given to Trueloves Home for Crippled Boys at Ingatestone, about three miles from Shenfield. The ringers taking part were: Miss P. Harpole, G. Goldwin, R. Harpole, D. Houghton, D. Isgrove, H. Oliver, C. Tiffin, L. Turner and H. Turner. H. T.

A PROMISING YOUNG RINGER

Peter Dodd, of St. Mary's, Bocking, rang his first quarter peal of Bob Minor at Gosfield on October 3rd. Peter, who is 13 and very small in stature, rang his bell remarkably well and earned the hearty congratulations of the rest of the band. It is hoped to see more of his ringing activities in the near future.

The peal of Doubles for the Norwich Diocesan Association on August 29th was rung at Tharston, and not Thurston.

CRAWFORD CUP CHANGES HANDS

The 1966 final of the Southwell Diocesan Guild Cup contest was held at Gamston on September 24th. Eight teams took part, two from each District except the Mansfield and North Notts Districts. A buffet tea got under way after the ringing had started. Over 70 people were present, and a raffle in aid of the Diocesan Bell Repair Fund realised £1 15s.

The judge, Mr. Harold Chant, said how pleasant it was to be at a contest where not only was there some excellent ringing but all of it was of a reasonable standard.

The trophy was won for the first time by Wollaton "A" team, with a total of 38 faults for the test piece of 360 changes. Second were last year's winners, Warsop, with 44 faults. Other placings were Shelford (54 faults), Newark (76), Wollaton "B" (79), Balderton (84), Gedling (110) and East Retford (115). Simon Humphrey accepted the cup on behalf of Wollaton "A" from the Guild chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by the North Notts chairman, Mr. H. Denman. Further ringing took place after tea and the bells were lowered, one stay short, just after 8.30 p.m. H. P.

WEEK-END IN LONDON

London ringers were hosts to a small group of ringers from Lincolnshire during an enjoyable week-end. Mr. Brian Bull, of Putney, recently engaged to Miss Janet Hudson, from Stow, Lincolnshire, arranged a comprehensive ringing tour.

The bells of St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Vedast's, Foster Lane; St. Olave's, Hart Street; St. George's, Southwark; St. Mary's, Barnes; and St. Mary's, Merton, were rung by a mixed London and Lincolnshire band, and service ringing was undertaken at Mr. Bull's "home tower," St. Mary's, Putney, where, unfortunately, a quarter peal of Cambridge Major, special for the occasion, was lost in the early stages.

On behalf of the Lincolnshire group I would like to pay grateful tribute to London for the hospitality, particularly to Brian and Janet, and to Mrs. Bull, from whom we received veritable V.I.P. treatment.

We hope that future visits in both directions will be organised. H. J.

TEWKESBURY RINGERS' GOOD DAY

On September 24th a party of local ringers left Tewkesbury to visit Malmesbury's lovely Abbey, where they had a good hour's ringing before going on to the old church at Lydiard Tregoze and St. Mark's, Swindon. After lunch the party visited Bishopstone and Stratton St. Margaret. Tea was served at Swindon, and then the visitors made their way to the heavy six at Purton, finishing ringing for the day at 7.30. Refreshment was taken at Cirencester on the way back to Tewkesbury.

COMMEMORATIVE PEAL

A peal of Bedfordshire Surprise Major was rung at Willesden on September 29th to commemorate the ordination to the priesthood of Mr. C. G. Day, curate at Willesden Church, at St. Paul's Cathedral. The peal was also a compliment to E. H. Kilby, of Willesden, a District secretary of the Middlesex Association, whose daughter, Barbara Joan, was married at Willesden Church on the previous Saturday to John Close; and as a compliment to John R. Mayne on his marriage to Marguerite E. Dalmaine on the previous Saturday at Great Berkhamsted. It was the 100th Surprise Major method for a peal by John Hill. A. C.

5,016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

(For Handbells)

By ROBERT B. SMITH

23456	W	M	H	1
42356			—	
62354		S		
25364	2	4		
65324	S			
26354	—	4		
32465	—	—	4	
52463		S		
23456	S	—	2	

Rung at Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Marple, on September 6th, 1966.

CAMPINGOLOGISTS' AUGUST TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

OTTERY ST. MARY.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Edward the Confessor and All Saints.
On Sat., Aug 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb in F

Christopher J. Hughes	Treble	*Cecil T. Clarke	5
Richard J. Warrilow	2	Brian J. Wilde	6
Ian Friend	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
F. Hector Bennett	4	Frank D. Mack	Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies
* First peal of Yorkshire "inside."

CLYST HONITON.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
On Mon., Aug. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Ian Friend	Treble	Cecil T Clarke	5
Christopher J. Hughes	2	Brian J. Wilde	6
F. Hector Bennett	3	John Robinson	7
Kenneth Davenport	4	Richard J. Warrilow	Tenor

Composed by C Middleton Conducted by Richard J Warrilow

SILVERTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 15 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb.

Cecil T. Clarke	Treble	John Robinson	5
F. Hector Bennett	2	Frank D. Mack	6
Kenneth Davenport	3	Brian J. Wilde	7
Ian Friend	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies
The Campingologists' 50th peal

EAST BUDLEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being: 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 Lincolnshire, 1,280 Cambridge and 1,120 Rutland All the work of each method for every bell, with 69 changes of method Tenor 9 cwt. in A

Cecil T. Clarke	Treble	Brian J. Wilde	5
Christopher J. Hughes	2	Richard J. Warrilow	6
Kenneth Davenport	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
Ian Friend	4	John Robinson	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

UFFCULME, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1966. in 3 Hours
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Philip G. K. Davies	Treble	*Kenneth Davenport	5
Frank D. Mack	2	Patrick J. Bird	6
F. Hector Bennett	3	Brian J Wilde	7
*John Glanville	4	Cecil T. Clarke	Tenor

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRENT KNOLL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents of Reverse Canterbury, 16 of Grandsire and 16 of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt

Kenneth Gatehouse	Treble	Harold Hooper	4
*Raymond Jones	2	George Prescott	5
Marjorie Legg	3	John Baker	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Miss P. Wood and Mr. B. Rich (captain at above tower) after their marriage.

CHURCHILL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
32 six-scores (10 callings) and five 240's. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

Marjorie Legg	Treble	*Michael G. Bartlett	4
George Prescott	2	Sidney G. Smith	5
John Walton	3	John K. Baker	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles.
Rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Sept. 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Gerald Penney	Treble	C. Michael Orme	5
Martyn J. Marriott	2	Jack S Dear	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	Dennis Knox	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by R F. B. Speed. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
Arranged and rung at the invitation of the Vicar to mark the 98th anniversary of the dedication of the church

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966. in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt

Michael J. Platt	Treble	David Walker	5
Sidney Hough	2	Neil D Lomas	6
Kenneth R Davenport	3	Denis Mottershead	7
Philip G. K. Davies	4	F. John Nelson	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

BUNBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Boniface.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr 11 lb.

*Keith W. Eaton	Treble	§Frederick S. Sutton	5
†Leon A. Perry	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	6
‡Herbert Sutton	3	John R Scott	7
John E Brough	4	‡§Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of Major † First of Major "inside." ‡ 25th peal together § 25th peal together. The conductor's 100th peal for the Guild.
A birthday compliment to the conductor and James S Baker of Wistaston

also

Independent Order of Oddfellows Manchester Unity Friendly Society.
ACTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat. Sept 17, 1966 in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 1,200 April Day, 1,440 Plain Bob, 2,400 Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.
Bro. Stanley Sutton, P.G., Hope of the Village Lodge (Acton) Treble
Bro. Herbert Sutton, Hope of the Village Lodge (Acton) 2
Bro. Eric Roughley, P.P.G.M., Loyal Benevolent Lodge (Rainford) 3
Bro. Christopher J. Jones, Loyal Lord-de-Tabley Lodge (Knutsford) 4
Bro. Ernest Pimlott, P.P.G.M., Loyal Dixon Lodge (Chelford) 5
Bro Thomas P. Barlow P.P.G.M., Hope of the Village Lodge Tenor
Conducted by Bro Ernest Pimlott.
Rung in memoriam Bro. George Oakes. P.G., oldest member of the Acton Lodge. aged 92 years interred at this church on Tuesday, September 13th.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
SALFORD PRIORS, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Maurice C Hughes	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	5
Peter C. Randall	2	David E Rothera	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	Ian C. Maycock	7
Susan Rothera	4	*Philip J. Rothera	Tenor

Composed by Richard J Parker. Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.
* 25th peal together. Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

THE DEVONSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CALL CHANGE RINGERS
WEST DOWN, Devonshire.—At the Church of St. Calixtus
On Wed., Sept 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

*Brian R White	Treble	*Derek Jewell	4
*William Hibbert	2	†Francis R White	5
*John W. T Hibbert	3	‡Mervyn Phillips	Tenor

Conducted by Brian R. White.
* First peal of Doubles. † First of Stedman Doubles. ‡ First peal and first attempt. Ringers of 1, 2 3 and 5 have completed the Stedman family The conductor has completed the Stedman family as conductor. First scientific peal on the bells and the first scientific peal for the Association.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
WHICKHAM, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Cunecastre, (2) Alnwick, Newcastle, (3) Chester, Munden, (4) Bourne (5) London, Wells, (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, (7) York. Durham, Beverley, Surfleet.
Tenor 6½ cwt. in B

C. Duncan Davis	Treble	Rodney A. Yeates	4
William Davidson	2	Eric N. Harrison	5
James Crowther	3	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan
Most methods to a peal by all the band except the ringer of the 5th.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Katherine.
On Sun., Oct. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Ipswich Surprise, Kent T.B. Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat

Robert D. Bellamy	Treble	Anthony K. Fortin	4
Michael Hawes	2	George E. Thoday	5
Ronald J. Snack	3	George E. Bonham	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
Rung for Harvest Festival

HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966 in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Kent T.B. and two each of Cambridge, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr 24 lb. in B flat.

George E. Bonham	Treble	Michael Hawes	4
Robert D. Bellamy	2	Brian B. Hullah	5
George E. Thoday	3	Donald F. Murfet	Tenor

Conducted by Donald F. Murfet.
First peal as conductor. The ringer of the third has now "circled the tower."
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs. C. W. Cook, of Harston.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

John Clark	Treble	George E. Thoday	5
*Gerald D. J. Sandwell	2	Joe E G. Roast	6
*Josephine A. Quilter	3	Dennis A. S Symonds	7
Alfred J. House	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (No. 10). Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast
* First peal in the method.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Ipswich, London, Beverley, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6¼ cwt. in A

Jennifer Millbank	Treble	Peter G. Brown	4
Josephine A. Quilter	2	James L. Towler	5
Yvonne A. Murray	3	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Conducted by George E Thoday.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire. — At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 85 methods, comprising 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnsbury, Benington, Campsall, Claybrooke,, Cray, Deben, Derwent Dublin, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum Maulden, Minsmere, Northolt, Ramsey, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Stockport, Superlative, Thorne, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Wembley and Wordsworth, 64 changes each of Bristol, Cherwell, Chester, Eastcote, London, New Gloucester, Painswick, Radlett, Richmond Shoreditch, Tring, Warwickshire, Watford and Yorkshire, 32 changes each of Bedfont, Bicester, Biddenden, Brislington, Cambridge, Conisbrough, Cuckfield, Dartford, Dorchester, Dursley, Elford, Falmouth, Fordham, Framley, Grendon, Hanbury, Haselbech, Hendon, Highgate, Hitchin, Jedburgh, Kettering, Lincoln, Malmesbury, Northwood, Olney, Otley, Prestbury, Pudsey, Pyrford, Quinton, Reverse Dublin, Shenley, Southwell, Stoke, Twyford, Umberslade, Wraxall, Xavier and Yatton, and 24 changes of Herefordshire Little, with 158 changes of method.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Elisabeth A G. Bowden	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
Edward R Venn	2	*Anthony R Peake	6
Michael J Hobbs	3	*Victor Griffin	7
Brian Bladon	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake
* 100th peal together. The greatest number of Surprise and Major methods yet rung to a peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to John R Mayne and Marguerite E. Dalraine.

Kettering. — x 38 x 14 x 12 x 38 x 12 x 58.16 x 16.7. b.
Brislington. — x 56 x 14 x 56 x 38.14 x 14.58.14 x 14.5. f.
Grendon. — x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 16 x 14 x 58.16 x 16.7. b.
Dursley. — 38 x 38.16 x 58 x 16.34 x 14.58.16 x 12.7. f.
Prestbury. — 38 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.38 x 36 x 1. f.
Wraxall. — 38 x 58.14 x 12 x 38 x 34.12.38 x 36.14.5. f.
Yatton. — x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 36 x 14 x 38.14 x 12.5. f.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEOMINSTER, Herefordshire.—At the Priory Church of SS. Peter and Paul
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 22¾ cwt.

*Elizabeth Taylor	Treble	Austin T. Wingate	6
Jill Riley	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	7
Peter D. Sell	3	*Thomas Wood	8
Ralph C. Godsall	4	Frank Reed	9
John F. I. Turney	5	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal of Royal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Cathedral and Abbey Church.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Claire Hudson	Treble	*Ian R. Panton	7
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	2	Dennis A S. Symonds	8
*Julia A. Fellows	3	Antony R. Kench	9
Martin L. J. Jordan	4	Roger Baldwin	10
Andrew S. Hudson	5	Gerald Penney	11
Joe E. G. Roast	6	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus
Rung in honour of the wedding of John R Mayne and Marguerite E. Dalraine at Berkhamsted earlier this day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Janet S. Evenden	Treble	Stewart F. Kimber	6
Jean L. Kimber	2	D. Paul Smith	7
Olive D. Tester	3	John W Smith	8
Christopher T. Osenton	4	Colin A. Tester	9
George E. Evenden	5	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe Conducted by Christopher T Osenton.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,664 Superlative, 1,632 Cambridge, 992 London, 768 Bristol, with 105 changes of method, and with all the work of each method for each bell.
C.C.C. No 12.
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Christopher T. Osenton	Treble	Cyril S. Jarrett	5
Ian H. Oram	2	Herbert E. Audsley	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Frederick J Cullum	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by H G Cashmore Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

WROTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St George.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
Frederick J. Cullum	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
J. Keith Ward	3	Christopher T. Osenton	7
Timothy G. Pett	4	*George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 250th tower for a peal. First in method as conductor.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist,
On Thurs., Sept. 22 1966 in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Newcastle, Wells, Chester, Norwich, Carlisle, London and Durham. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Christine M. Webb	Treble	Tony Lewis	4
Richard G. Crosland	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
D. Paul Smith	3	Ian H. Oram	Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram

BIGGIN HILL, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents, each called differently.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B

*Rupert C. Kift	Treble	‡Arthur S. Richards	4
†H. Michael Williamson	2	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
†Barbara A. Van-Asselt	3	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal on treble and first of Minor. † First of Minor in the method. ‡ 100th tower in this country for a peal. 25th peal as conductor
Rung to welcome the Rev. D. R. Crouch as Vicar of this parish.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ANSTEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Malcolm E. Wade	Treble	Rupert A. Clarke	5
Martin Green	2	William A. Lacey	6
*G. Barry Brown	3	Samuel J. Haines	7
A. Maxwell Lindsey ..	4	R Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by R Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Pudsey.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

RATBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Sat. Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

Ronald Hughes	Treble	Peter J. Staniforth	5
*Christine Andrew	2	Robert B. Smith	6
Alfred Ballard	3	Alan McFall	7
David F Moore	4	Neil Bennett	Tenor

Composed by William Barton Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Major in the method.
Rung as a compliment to John R. Mayne and Marguerite E. Dalraine who were married this day at Berkhamtsed

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Sept 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb

Brian L Burrows	Treble	†Christopher M. Sturgess	4
K. Paul Gilliver	2	*Stephen Wells	5
*Robin A Gilliver	3	John Watkins	Tenor

Conducted by Brian L Burrows.
* First peal of Surprise * 25th peal and 25th for the Guild. The ringer of the treble has now "circled the tower." First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EPWORTH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Sept 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 16 lb.

Ronald Chafer	Treble	Frank G Bloomfield ..	5
*Melvyn A. Rose	2	C. Aubrey Harrison	6
Jack Bray	3	John Hall	7
Harold Judd	4	Michael W. Crowder ..	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

GOXHILL, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., July 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb

John H. Parker	Treble	Michael W. Crowder ..	4
Jack Bray	2	John Hall	5
Ronald Chafer	3	Septimus Neave	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
The ringer of the tenor has now "circled the tower."
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. Michael Freeman, leaving to take up the living of Bottesford.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5760 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
24 callings of Pitman's 240. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Alwyn R. Lewis	Treble	D. R Lynn Jones	4
Thomas E. Hiddins ..	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
William T. Petty	3	Harold Preece	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal of Doubles.
Rung to the memory of the composer, Albert J. Pitman.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr 3 lb. in A

Alick Cutler	Treble	Frederick W Goodfellow	5
Elsie K Hart	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Ruth M. Foreman	3	William S Deason	7
H. George Hart	4	John Hill	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by William S. Deason.
Rung as a wedding compliment to John Wayne and Marguerite Dalraine, married on September 24th 1966, the above ringers all being officers of the Middlesex County Association.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Sept. 27, 1966 in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B

Samuel J Haines	Treble	Joseph William Cotton ..	6
*†Martin Green	2	David F Moore	7
Richard J. Clifton ..	3	G Ronald Edwards ..	8
Gordon H. Lane	4	Rupert A. Clarke	9
Arthur E Rowley ..	5	†R. Kingsley Mason ..	Tenor

Composed by Giles B Thompson Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason
* First peal of Royal in the method "inside" † 25th peal together.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARKET Norfolk.—At the Church of St Mary Magdalen
On Sat., Oct 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, being 2,560 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, with 69 changes of method and all the work of both methods for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F

William A Theobald ..	Treble	Thomas E. Spight	5
Robin R Churchill ..	2	Trevor N. J. Bailey	6
Geoffrey H. Pullin ..	3	H. William Barrett ..	7
Martin Cubitt	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K Davies. Conducted by Leslie F Bailey

REYMERSTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat. Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Stedman, four of St. Simon, five of Grandsire, six each of Reverse Canterbury, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas and St. Martin and seven of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in F

Leslie Bailey	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold ..	3
Geoffrey Pullen	2	Peter Adcock	4
H. William Barrett	Tenor		

Conducted by H. William Barrett

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL, Staffordshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966 in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 24 lb. in G

T. Felicity Webber ..	Treble	*George W. Biddulph ..	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Gerald Parsons	6
F. Hector Bennett	3	Raymond J Ballard ..	7
*David J. Midgley	4	Harold Dowler	Tenor

Composed by C K. Lewis. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal of Lincolnshire.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

RICKMANSWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Robin J. Lee	Treble	*Anthony K. Fortin ..	6
Julia A. Fellows	2	†David A. Cornwell ..	7
*†Joyce I. Barton	3	Walter Lee	8
Peter T. Dale	4	‡C. Martin Press	9
Sydney M. Bailey ..	5	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. Martin Press.
* First peal of Royal. † 50th peal together. ‡ First of Royal in the method

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SARRATT, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., April 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 37 methods, being 120 each of April Day, Buttercup, Dedworth, Kennington, Litchurch, Norfolk, Old, Primrose, Seighford, Snodsbury, Tichborne, Violet, Windrush, Rev. Canterbury, Alveley, Broadwas, Clifford, Cowslip, Dumbleton, Honeysuckle, Little Aston, Marston, St. Columb, St. David, Southrepps, Wallflower, Wychbold, Allestree, Daffodil, Newborough, St. Frideswide, Pink's, St. Anne, St. Helen, 240 of Rev. Canterbury, 360 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in B.

John A. H. Betts .. .. Treble	Roy H. Jones 3
Leonard R. Porter 2	Elizabeth M. Barber .. 4
Ian A. Ross .. .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

MARSTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., June 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 38 methods, being 120 each of St. Anne, St. Helen, Pink's, St. Frideswide, St. Lucy, St. Quintin, Zennor, All Saints, Marchington, Rushall, Seighford, Little Aston, Keysoe, Allestree, Ladbroke, Longparish, Middleton Stoney, Beckley, Freeland, Oxford Gresford, Isis, St. Margaret, Northrepps, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Kirby, St. Valentine, St Thomas the Martyr, Marston, Tichborne, April Day, Royston, May Day, Clifford, 240 each of Antelope, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Rev. Canterbury.

Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

Martin R. Bolton .. .. Treble	Roy H. Jones 3
Elizabeth M. Barber .. 2	Alec Gammon 4
Leonard R. Porter .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower."

Rung as wedding anniversary compliments to Rev. Paul Rimmer and Mrs. Rimmer, and to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coles, and as a birthday compliment to Miss Avril Walton.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

RAUNDS, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*David Redfearn .. .. Treble	Peter M. Fleckney 5
Tony Lewis 2	Arthur Gibbs 6
Mary S. Faircloth 3	Ralph Bird 7
John Faircloth 4	Ian H. Oram .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal of Major. Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. DAVID'S, Pembrokeshire.—At the Cathedral.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

W. Gwyn Thomas .. .. Treble	Rev. Michael Hart 5
Richard C. Warburton .. 2	Philip C. Rogers 6
Frederick C. Lyne 3	Adrian C. Boorman 7
Arthur F. Walters 4	Peter S. Bennett .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

Rung to mark the 21st anniversary of the foundation of the Guild.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SEEND, Wiltshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Tues., Sept. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*James W. Abbott .. .. Treble	Sam Cottle 4
David L. Nibbs 2	Colin C. Hillier 5
*Charles P. Quartley .. 3	Robert J. Purnell .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Purnell.

* First peal of Bob Minor. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in F.

A farewell to D. Nibbs and C. Quartley, leaving for University.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Grace Burchnall .. .. Treble	Eleanor M. Rose 5
Katharine Burchnall .. 2	Margaret E. Chilton .. 6
*Doreen Metcalfe 3	†Mary C. Poyner 7
*Linda M. Wilkinson .. 4	Colin W. Reed .. .. Tenor

Composed by John Pritchard. Conducted by Colin W. Reed.

* First peal on eight bells. † 50th for the Guild. 25th peal on the bells. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Sept 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Cecil W. Pipe .. .. .. Treble	H. William Barrett 6
Janet I. Rogers 2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe 7
George W. Pipe 3	Leslie G. Brett 8
Robin H. Rogers 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. 9
J. Barry Pickup 5	Andrew T. Beckwith .. Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by George W. Pipe.

Specially arranged in honour of the marriage of Mr. John R. Mayne and Miss Marguerite Dalraine.

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being in four methods: Stedman, St. Martin, St. Simon and Plain Bob Doubles. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A flat.

John Marjoram .. .. Treble	Vernon Bedford 4
Jack Pilgrim 2	Peter Bedford 5
Adrian Knight 3	Harry Archer .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter Bedford.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Walker, Rector of this parish. His institution and induction by the Lord Bishop of Dunwich was on Saturday, September 24th, 1966.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BLETCHINGLEY, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

C.C.C. No. 99. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

A. Patrick Cannon .. .. Treble	Nigel Thomson 5
Christine Snelling 2	C. Martin Foster 6
Juliet Stoy 3	Alan Streeter 7
Christopher G. Barnes .. 4	Richard C. Stevens .. .. Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Juliet Stoy, who was to begin her studies at the University of Bristol the following week.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

CRAWLEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*David L. Nicholson .. Treble	*Stanley Arnold 5
John Howard 2	George T. Jennings .. 6
Derek Slater 3	Michael Reed 7
Hedley Burton 4	†Ian Wickens .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Ian Wickens.

* First peal. † First on eight bells

Rung to celebrate the birthday of George T. Jennings, the ringer of the 6th.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUMMER, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Kennington Bob and Northrepps, six extents of Old Bob, April Day, Seighford and Grandsire, and twelve extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Philip Taylor .. .. Treble	Bradley Murduck 3
Geoffrey K. Dodd 2	Denby P. Murduck 4
Philip Murduck .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal on the bells. Rung for Harvest Festival.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

TEWKESBURY, Glos.—At the Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 27¼ cwt.

Ian Lloyd .. .. .. Treble	Arthur C. Berry 7
Martyn Hawkes 2	*Robert W. Cole 8
James Attwood, jun. .. 3	E. Trevor Newbury .. 9
Mrs. J. Thomas 4	Patrick Harris 10
*Martin C. Powell 5	Michael J. Uphill 11
*Raymond J. Adams .. 6	Thomas W. Lewis .. Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

* First peal on 12 bells. Ringers of 9 and 11 have now completed the method from Minor to Maximus.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp

Geoffrey Westwood .. Treble	A. Bryan Ellsmore 5
*Jeremy A. Tandy 2	Brian J. Luff 6
Michael J. Fellows .. 3	Martin D. Fellows 7
M. Irene Ellsmore .. 4	Peter L. Bill .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal of Surprise.

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*Robert Edwards .. .. Treble	*Peter L. Bill 5
*Yvonne Edwards 2	Michael J. Fellows .. 6
*M. Irene Ellsmore 3	Brian J. Luff 7
John C. Eisel 4	Martin D. Fellows .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal of London Surprise Major. First peal of London as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur D. Fellows, of Stourbridge.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society)
PENISTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

Neil Donovan	Treble	David Nichols	5
Richard J. Tibbetts	2	Cyril Rusby	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Geoffrey Pilkington	4	Frederick J. Jackson ..	Tenor

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Stuart Armeson

NORTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

Margaret E. Wilkinson ..	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	5
Ian G. Campbell	2	Neil Donovan	6
Iris M. E. Lemare	3	Ron Docker	7
Cyril Rusby	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Roger J. Lumley and Elizabeth A. Thomson.

PATRINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Patrick.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Eve Rimer	Treble	*Christopher L. D. Munday	5
F. Charles Hobson ..	2	*Robert C. Hawtree ..	6
*J Ian Booth	3	Christopher C. Brown ..	7
Arthur B. Cooper	4	Howard C. Palmer	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Howard C. Palmer.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. First peal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a grandson to the ringer of the fourth

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing all the work of the eight methods: London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey, Watford, Dorchester and Lincoln.
Tenor 18 cwt

David Nichols	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	J. Henry Fielden	6
M. Susan Jackson	3	Stuart Armeson	7
John Robinson	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by J. H. Fielden.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar of Heptonstall, and rung in honour of the wedding of David S. Johnson and Elizabeth Peace.

(Beverley and District Society)
HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In ten methods, being (1) Double Court, (2) Surfleet S. and Beverley S., (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (4) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Cambridge S.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Ronald Ducker	Treble	Christopher L. D. Munday	4
*Linda Sherwood	2	Howard C. Palmer	5
Robert C. Hawtree ..	3	F. Charles Hobson ..	Tenor

Conducted by F. Charles Hobson.
* First peal.

(Beverley and District Society)
HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Aug. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*Lynne I. Clowe	Treble	Terrence W. Brighton ..	4
Susan Mitchell	2	Susan E. Thompson ..	5
Christopher J. Groome	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung by members of the local band for Evensong, and also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diana Reeves 1, Anne Bennett 2, Charlotte Bennett 3, Pamela Powell 4, R. A. Reeves 5, P. R. Davis 6, M. W. Coleman (cond.) 7, F. Churn 8. As a farewell to the ringers of 3 and 4, and Margaret Ambler, who are leaving for College.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. Stedman 1, Valerie Perrot 2, Felicity Hamilton 3, J. T. Symonds 4, B. C. Piper 5, J. L. Hayns (cond.) 6.

BURITON, HANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Elisabeth Whittome 1, Prisca Hornby 2, Lesley Read 3, K. Sansom 4, K. Tipper 5, B. Walton (cond.) 6.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Miss C. Bloxsome 1, Mrs. M. A. Wratten 2, J. Tyler 3, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 4, A. E. Ruck 5, F. Stephens 6, G. W. Simmons 7, J. Culley 8. A compliment to the Rev. R. Paine, curate at Charlton Kings, on his ordination at Gloucester Cathedral.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. King 1, D. Attwater 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, A. J. Fde 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Blatcher 1, Jennifer Manger 2, R. W. Hinde 3, D. L. Parker 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, C. C. Rowe 6. For Evensong on Ringers' Sunday.

EALING, MIDDX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Walters 1, W. G. Wilson 2, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 3, Miss Susan Davis 4, M. Sprackling 5, F. Bishop 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, N. Felton 8. For morning service.

MATHON, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): L. Parry 1, J. Ranford 2, H. Hill 3, J. Ward (cond.) 4, J. Cale 5, L. F. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Thorburn, who was Vicar of this church when the bells were rehung.

OLD LEAKE, LINCS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer A. Grant (first quarter) 1, D. D. Smith 2, D. Slater 3, J. Leppard 4, J. A. Howard (cond.) 5, Charlotte M. Harris 6. A wedding compliment to Brian J. Leppard and Heather E. Clark, married later this day at Swineshead.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Kennard 1, P. Bill (cond.) 2, M. Clewes 3, J. Lawley 4, J. Roden 5, B. Sutton 6. By the local band for evening service.

PEMBROKE.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Lingard (11) 1, S. Rogers (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 3, Miss N. M. Rosen 4, P. C. Rogers 5, P. R. Humbach 6. On the conductor's 13th birthday.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 17th, at St. Mary's, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Goakes 1, R. Brighton (first of Minor) 2, L. Brighton 3, B. Branston 4, R. W. Spencer 5, R. Daw (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Dawn Bennett and Brian Tack.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. J. Fynes 1, C. B. Fynes 2, I. Robinson 3, M. Wake 4, R. Batmer 5, H. W. Franklin 6, R. Wake 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. C. Shepherd 1, D. J. Stote (first of Surprise) 2, E. E. Norris 3, N. G. Knee 4, L. E. Hitchins 5, F. S. Slatford (cond.) 6.

RAMPISHAM, DORSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. H. Mears 1, J. W. Marshall (first "inside") 2, Miss M. Lush 3, T. F. Collins 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5.

READING, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. Mary's, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Diserens 1, Miss J. Butler 2, Mrs. F. W. Lewis 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, Mrs. N. J. Diserens 5, Mrs. P. Lewington 6, J. N. Diserens 7, F. W. Lewis (cond.) 8. With the best wishes of the band to Janet Butler on going up to Cambridge.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—At the Abbey, on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Lambert 1, J. C. Mitchelmore 2, T. E. Marks 3, D. Beaufoy 4, D. R. Bould 5, J. Pope 6, T. J. Setter (cond.) 7, D. Clothier 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Pope, parents of the ringer of the 6th. Mr. H. Pope is an Abbey ringer of many years standing.

STOWTING, KENT. — 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Judith Brooks 1, Myrtle J. Butcher 2, R. Birch 3, B. T. Watts 4, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 5, B. Butcher 6. For Harvest Festival.

SWINDON, WILTS. —On Sept. 9th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Marriott 1, Miss J. Davidge (cond.) 2, R. Hulme 3, M. Scowen 4, W. Merritt 5, E. Sutton 6, J. Joyner 7, L. Picknell 8. Prior to the commissioning service of a 10 day mission.

THEBERTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cassidy 1, J. Pilgrim 2, S. Bedford 3, Ruth Woodman 4, V. Bedford 5, P. Bedford (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynne Wyatt (first quarter) 1, W. F. J. Cope 2, Susan Smith (cond.) 3, F. Mitchell 4, D. S. M. Jones 5, N. George (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: I. P. Cox 1, Shirley A. Cox 2, D. A. Barnett 3, C. Jones 4, A. F. Lee 5, R. B. Purnell 6, T. A. Milsom 7, D. J. Oriedge (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 2.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Shepherd 1, Mrs. C. White 2, A. T. Knight 3, E. E. Norris 4, C. White 5, N. G. Knee 6, F. S. Slatford (cond.) 7, P. Roynon 8. A farewell compliment to the ringers of 2nd and 4th, who are leaving the district. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Clive Bartlett (first of Triples) 1, A. Bull 2, R. Garratt 3, L. E. Hawkins 4, V. Bull 5, E. C. Shepherd 6, N. G. Knee (cond.) 7, P. Roynon 8. For Battle of Britain Sunday.

WARWICK.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor on handbells: P. C. Randall 1—2, W. H. Male (cond.) 3—4, G. W. Randall 5—6. First quarter of Minor "in hand" by the ringers of 1—2 and 5—6.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Pope (first quarter) 1, J. P. Hill (first quarter) 2, Mrs. V. J. Stone 3, M. J. Stone (cond.) 4, F. W. Sweet 5, H. Emery 6.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Illingworth (first quarter) 1, C. J. Livsey (first quarter "inside") 2, R. Jolley (first quarter) 3, J. E. Andrews 4, R. K. Lister 5, G. Fothergill (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Gillian A. Leale 1, Kathleen M. Higgins 2, J. N. S. Porter 3, P. A. Lawrence 4, C. F. Low 5, C. H. Rogers 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, A. Taylor 8. First quarter for ringer of 8, the captain of the St. Gabriel's band.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,440 Bob Minor: R. Turnhill 1, N. Robinson 2, D. Murfet 3, G. Markwell 4, B. Hullah 5, A. Yarrow 6. Conducting shared by 3 and 5. A birthday compliment to 4, a ringer at St. Peter's for over 60 years.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Wills 1, Joan Hayward 2, P. Williams 3, G. Talbot 4, G. West 5, F. D. Mack (cond.) 6, A. E. Knight 7. For Evensong.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. S. Rice 1, G. Prescott (cond.) 2, Miss M. Legg 3, J. Brain 4, P. J. England 5, R. Rice 6, S. G. Smith 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung after a peal was lost. In memoriam H. A. Price.

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BIRTHS

BRUTEN.—On October 1st, 1966, at Ebbw Vale, to Denzil and Audrey Bruten, a son, Paul Andrew, a brother for Anthony, Judith and Richard. 126

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

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MARRIAGE

JOHNSON—PEACE. — On Saturday, Oct. 1st, 1966, at Emmanuel Church, Shelley, Huddersfield, David Stanley, younger son of Mrs. E. Johnson and the late Mr. W. S. Johnson, of Kirk Ella, Hull, to Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs. J. R. Peace, of Shelley, Huddersfield. 093

PERSONAL

"And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope."—Job xi, 18.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BISHOP.—Deborah and Tony Bishop have now moved to 314, Worple Road, London, S.W.20. 089

BOTT.—Caroline Gay (née Williams): Red Leaves, Summerhouse Road, Godalming, Surrey. Telephone Godalming 546. 110

SIMON—The address of Nicholas W. H. Simon in University term time will be: 24, Cromwell Road, Bristol. Tel. No. Bristol 44871. 105

TOMLINSON.—The address of P. A. Tomlinson is now: 3, Baird Memorial Cottages, Balaams Lane, High Street, Southgate, N.14. 131

VINCENT.—The address of Mr. and Mrs David Vincent (and veteran "pup") is now 8, Deanway (off Bridgefield Avenue, off Manchester Road), Wilmslow, Cheshire. Phone Wilmslow 24980. 094

HANDBELLS WANTED

HANDBELLS.—Secondhand set of eight handbells wanted: quote price. — Laws Vicarage, Whitechurch, Blandford. 118

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A Dinner will be held at Wells Town Hall on November 12th, 6.30 for 7 p.m Names essential with remittance of £1 to Mr D. G. Yeo, Estune, Brockway, Nailsea, Backwell, by November 1st.—G. Salmon, Gen. Sec

DARK NIGHTS ARE COMING

Book the Washington Film from N Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Rotherham. 16mm., sound, colour, 20 mins Cathedral, bells, etc. 081

PRINTING.—Tower and Association secretaries requiring stationery, meeting notices, tickets, membership cards and other small printed items should contact F. W. Lewis, 38 Boston Avenue, Reading. Reasonable prices Estimates by return. 9750

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner in the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on Saturday, October 29th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m.

Tickets (21/-) from P. J. Eves, 8 Lordship Road, Writtle, not later than Wednesday, October 26th S.A.E., please. 020

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
extends a warm welcome to members and visitors on the occasion of its
Annual Dinner and Dance
to be held at the Newlands Corner Hotel, near Guildford, on
October 22nd at 6.30 p.m.
Tickets (25s.) from P. G. Sherwood, East Wyke Farm, Ash, Aldershot (S.A.E., please.) 038

BETHERSDEN, Kent. — The Bethersden Players will be performing a three-act play on October 20th, 21st and 22nd. As is customary, therefore, bellringing practice on October 21st has been cancelled.—J. E. S. 095

KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE — There will be no practice October 7th and 14th Practice night Friday, 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m Visitors are always welcome. 088

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — The Annual Dinner will be held at the Victoria and Station Hotel, Preston, on Saturday, October 29th. Tickets (25/- each) from Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston. Ringing at Walton-le-Dale and Samlesbury from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. and at Penwortham and at St. John's, Preston, from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m. 018

MEMORIAL TABLET TO THE LATE F. W. ROGERS

A memorial tablet to the late F. W. Rogers will be dedicated during Evensong in St. Mary's, Portsea, belfry on Sunday, October 23rd, 1966. All ringers very welcome. 101

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
Preliminary Notice. — Festival and A.G.M at Melksham, Saturday, May 13th, 1967 Annual committee meeting, Church House, Salisbury, Saturday, February 4th, 1967. 075

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—The practices on Saturday, October 15th, and Wednesday, October 19th, have been cancelled. The next monthly 12-bell practice will be on November 19th.—D. E. Cobb. 115

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
Frederick W. Rogers Memorial
A fund has been established to provide a memorial to the late Mr F. W. Rogers. This will take the form of a Master's badge of office. Would anyone wishing to contribute please send their donation to the general treasurer, Mrs M E. Chapman, 20, Edward Avenue, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh, Hants. 098

WRIGHT'S "Church Bells of Monmouthshire" and several other books of this type are required by D. J. Gay Please send details to 23, St. David's Close, Worlebury Weston-super-Mare. 104

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS CHANGE RINGING ASSOCIATION
The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 22nd, at the Co-operative Hall Worcester, at 6.15 for 6.30 p.m Entertainment by members and professionals afterwards.
Tickets at 15s. each are obtainable from Branch Secretaries and the General Secretary until October 19th.
Bells: Cathedral (12) 3.30 to 5 p.m.; All Saints' (10) 4.30 to 6 p.m.
D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow Worcester. 021

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District. — Meeting at Gamlingay, Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 070

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North Eastern District.—Meeting at Great Bromley on Saturday, October 15th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea in Village Hall. Little Bromley bells (4) also available 2.30–4.15. Names for tea to Mrs. Ransom, The Rectory, Great Bromley, Colchester. 011

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL — Stroud Branch.—Saturday October 15th.—**Change of arrangements** Striking competition cancelled. Haresfield open from 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea Quarterly meeting during evening. No service.—E. Cribley France Lynch, Glos. 064

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — Leatherhead District—Quarterly meeting at Ashtead on October 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 for those who send their names to Mr J I Symonds, 44, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead Further ringing after meeting.—M M 047

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Paul's, Walden, October 15th Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to R D R. Brown, Dis Sec., 81, Overstone Road Harpenden. Evening, King's Walden 057

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — Annual District meeting at Northfleet on Saturday, October 15th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea to Mr. G J Butcher, 51, Dover Road Northfleet, Gravesend please.—T. Barton, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Autumn meeting. Shenington (5), Saturday, October 15th Ringing 2.30 Names for tea to F. G Cooke, 2, Council Houses, Shenington, by October 12th Ringing Wroxton (5) 7.15. 091

SUFFOLK GUILD—North West District.—Annual District meeting at Fornham All Saints (5) on Saturday, October 15th Service at 4.15 at Fornham All Saints Tea and meeting at West Stow Club Room at 5 p.m. Ringing at West Stow (6) in the evening Bells from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m Names for tea, **please**, to A. F Ballam Hall Cottage, West Stow Bury St. Edmunds 084

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY — General meeting, Saturday, October 15th, Towers: 10.30 Kilburn; 11.45, Clerkenwell; 1.30, St. Vedast's, Foster Lane; 2.45, Bishopsgate; 3.45, St. Olave's, Hart Street, followed by service at 4.30 Meeting preceded by tea in Church Hall at 5.15. All members welcome.—D. L. C. 122

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Overton, Saturday, October 15th Bells available 2.30 p.m Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5.15 p.m. Deane bells available after tea Names for tea to J J Hill, 67, Oakridge Road, Basingstoke. 049

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Hawley (8) on Tuesday, October 18th, 7.30–9 p.m. 112

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W District.—Evening practice meeting at Ruislip, Wednesday, October 19th Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. Please support this meeting.—W. S. Deason. 054

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, October 22nd. Bells from 3 to 5 p.m. No service. Tea in Parish Rooms, followed by business meeting. Chilvers Coton bells available in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone 3296 by 20th latest, please. **Note change.**—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 065

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Shildon on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5, Names for tea to Mr. G. E White, The Bungalow. Hackworth Street, Shildon, Co. Durham, by October 21st 103

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stow-on-the-Wold, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m.–7.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell, Branch Sec., 5, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold, by October 21st. Tel. Stow/Wold 350. 096

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cruwys-Morchard (6) Saturday, October 22nd Names for tea by previous Wednesday to G. W Hollis, 26 The Avenue, Tiverton. 031

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District — Quarterly meeting, Whitbourne, October 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Reservations, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by 20th. 127

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, Greenwich, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea to Miss F Cannon, 111, Brangbourne Road, Bromley, by Wednesday, the 19th. 100

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western and Midland Districts.—Joint meeting on Saturday October 22nd. Bells available: Brown Edge (6) 3 to 4 p.m.; Norton-le-Moors (8) 4 p.m. and after tea: Newcastle-under-Lyme (10) 7 to 8.30 p.m. Service at Norton 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B Johnson Engine Locks, Norton-le-Moors, Stoke-on-Trent, by October 17th.—H. L. Horn and S. Chesterton Dis Secs. 9965

LADIES GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Ross-on-Wye, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m Tea 4.45 p.m. at Central Café, Ross-on-Wye Names, please, as soon as possible.—J. S King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon 129

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—M. E. Fort. 113

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Leire (6), Saturday, October 22nd Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Dove, Main Street, Leire, Rugby, by Wednesday previous. 077

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, LADIES' GUILD and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (local branches) and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, Saturday, October 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow, and social (8 p.m.) in St. John's Hall Names for tea appreciated by F. W Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road Iver Heath Bucks Bells (10) from 3 p.m and after tea. Harefield (6), 2.30–4 p.m. Buses to Uxbridge connect.—W S Deason, J. Hooton D Hague and V. E. Dupré. 072

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Holt, Saturday October 22nd. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m Names for tea to Mr W. R. West, Southfield, Norwich Road, Holt Method for practice: Norwich Surprise — C. Bird, Hon Sec 068

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Visiting ringers will be welcome at all times. The tower will be open to any ringers and to the general public during Sunday afternoon.—R. H. Duke, Captain and Towerkeeper 099

SALISBURY GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — Meeting, St. Andrew's and St George's, Ogbourne, October 22nd. Afternoon and evening. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 130

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD (Salisbury Branch) and WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD (Christchurch District). — Joint Ringing Festival, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells: Ringwood (8) 10.30–11.30 a.m.; Wimborne St. Giles (8) 12–1 p.m. Lunch (own arrangements. Damerham (6) 2–3 p.m.: Downton (8) 2.30–4 p.m., Service, Breamore 4.30 Tea, Breamore Hall, 5.15, followed by Salisbury Branch quarterly meeting. Evening ringing at Fordingbridge. Names for tea to J. Mussell, The Shallows, Breamore, Fordingbridge, by Thursday, 20th. **No names, no tea.** —G. A Trimby and L. F. Cobb, Hon. Secs. 107

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—**Oswy Street Cup** will now be at **West Retford** (not Cuckney, owing to high cost of hall). Date unaltered, October 22nd. Entries and names for tea to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, by Tuesday, 17th. **Closing date** for entries, Saturday, 15th. Rules revised to cope with the large entry will be sent to teams who have entered Teams who have inquired about the contest but who have not paid the entrance fee are requested to confirm or deny their intention of coming. Ringing in the evening at Babworth.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — A.G.M. at Debenham (8), October 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 at the Vicarage, followed by A.G.M Names for tea to H. W. H. Leather, Three Ways, Monk Soham, Woodbridge, Suffolk, by Wednesday, 19th, at the latest — H. W. H. L., Dis Sec. 097

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS — Eastern Division — Practice meeting, Laughton, October 22nd Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to me at 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, by Wednesday, 19th Please note new address.—G FitzHugh, Div. Sec 060

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Catherington October 22nd. Bells 2.30 till 8. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. in Farmer's Inn Hut. Names for tea to John E. Brown, The Laurels, White Dirt Lane, Catherington, **by previous Wednesday, please.** Evening ringing also at SS Peter and Paul's, Hambledon, 6.30 till 8.30 102

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Hanbell assemblage at Staverton Vicarage, near Cheltenham (off A.40 to Gloucester), on Wednesday, October 26th, from 7 o'clock. Demonstration of change ringing by Cheltenham band, and tune ringing by Bishop's Cleeve School band, 7.30 p.m. Tuition by Cyril Wratten and Francis Fairbank Refreshments Is Individuals and bands all welcome Names to Vicarage by 24th.—J. Homfray 111

LADIES' GUILD — Central District. — Meeting at Willesden Saturday, October 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD — North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Louth Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting Names for tea to Mr T Avery, 33, Broadbank, Louth, by Wednesday previous. 123

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Northampton Branch.—Practice meeting at Brafield on Saturday, October 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford 9969

POLICE GUILD OF RINGERS —Annual general meeting, Leicester on Saturday, October 29th (amended date) Luncheon at Leicester Police Headquarters (by kind permission of Chief Constable), followed by short meeting Ringing at several towers. Application and further details from A. Pearce, secretary 197 Wythenshawe Road Manchester 23. 051

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting, Godstone (8), Saturday, October 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. K. Wood, 45, Warren Lane, Oxted, by Wednesday, October 26th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 120

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Whitnash, November 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by more ringing. Names for tea to Mr. P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Whitnash. (Tel. Leamington 26089.)—P. S. Bennett. 116

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LATE NOTICE

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, October 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by October 19th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire 132

LATE NEWS

The many friends of Cecil Magford will be sorry to learn that he is at present in the Bristol Royal Infirmary suffering from two broken legs and slight concussion as a result of a motor cycle accident in the fog Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The bells of St. Clement Danes' will not be available for the meeting and dinner of the Middlesex County Association tomorrow (Saturday).

OBITUARY

MR. R. W. LAWRENCE

The death occurred on September 28th, after a short illness, of Mr. R. William Lawrence, a loyal member of St. Edmund's, Warkton, Kettering, band for many years and later at SS. Peter and Paul's, Kettering. He was also a regular member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and had rung several peals for it, mostly Doubles and Minor methods.

A half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at SS. Peter and Paul's, Kettering, on October 4th as a mark of respect by the following: Mrs M Coleman 1, G. E. Watson 2, B Austin 3, R Cowley 4, R. F Turner 5, D. Bowen 6, John Mitchell 7, A. Gibbs 8, M. A. Coleman (conductor) 9, James Mitchell 10.

QUARTER PEALS

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Jennifer Millbank 1, Josephine A. Quilter 2, P. G. Brown 3, Mrs. Jennifer M. Syder 4, A. Syder 5 C. Barker 6, R. J. Lindsell 7, A. Wiffen (cond.) 8 First quarter in the method 2, 4 and 6. Rung as a farewell tribute to Rev A. Brown.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. W. King 1, I. Wickens (cond.) 2, Diane Wickens (first quarter) 3. Mrs C. Gosling 4. E. Brazier 5, A. J. Ede 6.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. C. Price (cond.) 1, Joan A. Rance 2, K. R Davenport 3, Sandra Goodship 4, C. W Bailey 5, A. J. N. Rance 6. W R. Churchill 7, S. G. Scott 8. For Harvest Festival.

GOSFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Dodd (age 13, first quarter) 1, A. R. Lawrence 2, Mrs. H. Moore 3, G. Trendell 4, H. W. Moore 5, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6.

OSPRINGE, KENT.—On Sept. 1st, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: E. Clifton (first of Major) 1, Brenda Foster 2, Vie Relf 3, P. Richardson 4, H. Deacon 5, L. Sweatman 6, N J. Davies 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8.

MOORLYNCH, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Doreen White (first quarter) 1, I. J Burrough 2, J. Creber 3. P. W. Ham 4 F. B. Comer (cond.) 5, R. Lee 6.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Slater 1, Gillian Griffiths 2 P. R. Johnson 3, Margaret Swain 4, R. J. Lees 5, P. G. K. Davies (first of Triples as cond.) 6 E G Bowyer 7, R B. Dorrington 8.

STAMFORD, LINCS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Bevin 1, E. Cox 2, Maureen Simons 3, J. Milton 4, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 5, A. Bradshaw 6. For morning service, attended by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh and Lord and Lady Exeter.

WOODCHURCH, KENT.—On Sept 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Knight 1, E. Clifton 2, M. French 3, L Sweatman 4, H. Deacon 5 B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

WREXHAM, N. WALES.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Clutton 1, Mrs. G. H. Randles 2, Miss B. Carter 3. E. R. Evans (cond.) 4, A. Hodges 5, J. M. Capper 6, W. Cathrall 7, E. Edwards 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank Mitchell, for over 40 years a ringer at the Parish Church.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): P. Bond 1, R. Bath 2, A. Feist 3, J. Collier 4, M. Church (cond.) 5. P. Farr 6. For Patronal Festival and Harvest Evensong.

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

THE democratically-elected committee entrusted by the Central Council to produce a brighter and better "Ringing World" met at Derby on October 8th, having had more than three months to assimilate the opinions of the Exercise and to submit new ideas for improvements. Two days before the committee met the members received a 12-page typed document setting out "the scope and content" of the journal and the financial obligations involved. This had been prepared by Messrs. D. Beresford and G. W. Pipe. There were also cover designs and mock make-ups for the committee's consideration which had been sent to the convener, and Mr. Pipe told the members that these had involved 92 hours' work.

Many of the points raised in the report had been considered by the committee previously, and to enable the new members to appreciate the present position the convener outlined past activities and the general policy of the committee. Indeed, Mr. R. S. Anderson extended the fullest co-operation, sympathetically considering the points raised by Mr. Beresford and answering if possible the questions submitted. There were two sessions, proceedings concluding at 4.45 p.m.

The first point considered was the title block on the front page with its silhouette of towers, domes and steeples. There was a general opinion that the time had come for a change. To enable the committee to have as wide as possible a choice, Mr. Anderson produced the various designs submitted on the occasion of the previous competition. The choice was a clear, clean-cut design of Mr. Pipe's, free from a background of towers, bells and wheels. This the Editor considered could be appropriately adapted.

Finance was involved in the next step. The two alternatives considered by the committee were a 24-page issue at regular intervals and a tinted cover with a picture of a church or bells on the front page and 16 pages inside. Both issues would cost approximately the same, about £50 more than the present price of a 16-page paper. The Editor expressed the view that the 24-page issue was of better value and it would still be possible to have an appropriate picture on the front page.

The question of the quality of paper used came under very close scrutiny. The Editor assured the committee that the unsatisfactory paper introduced because of delivery difficulties due to the seamen's strike would not be repeated. An adequate supply of the quality used in that week's issue was now available and this was of the same texture as that on which "The Times" was printed. "Times" reader Mr. Denis Bayles produced his copy, and Mr. Smallwood, after a solemn professional examination with the current issue of the "R.W.", declared that the paper was practically identical. At any rate, these assurances satisfied the committee.

There was still a feeling that a tinted paper issue should not be dismissed without a trial, and the Editor was instructed to produce such an issue in December. The committee empowered the Editor to produce up to twenty 24-page issues during 1967, provided the material available was suitable.

The basis of the success of "The Ringing World" and also the Exercise is the family atmosphere created. The personal angle was very real and the admirable series of "Servants of the Exercise" and "Personalities of the Exercise," written respectively by J. Frank Smallwood and A. Patrick Cannon, helped and stimulated this family feeling. The continuation of such a series was long overdue. To meet the demand it was suggested that Associations should select an appropriate personality for a picture and biography and also submit an appropriate picture for a front page illustration which it was hoped would be a regular feature of 24-page issues. If a church was selected for a picture an article about the tower and/or its ringers should be included in the same copy.

It was felt that the Bellfounders' Page could be made more interesting with better co-operation. This and Gossip could be enlarged if there were live correspondents and a readiness on the part of readers to send information to the Editor. Personal news is very valuable. Such items as people going up to universities, marriages and deaths are of great interest to readers.

With more space available a great range of special articles will be required. A beginners' corner and a technical page might be regular features. We also hope that the call-change ringers of the West Country will have their interest in the journal. It is also suggested that "This Week's Anniversary" should be introduced, dealing with the anniversary of some famous ringer or event. A volunteer with an interest in the historical side of our art is required to cope with this proposed feature.

It was generally agreed at Bath that "The Ringing World" should have a better sale and 10,000 copies was the objective mentioned. We are continually meeting people who have allowed their subscription to lapse. The sale of the paper can only successfully be stimulated locally and much depends on local officials. There is a genuine desire on the part of the committee to keep the selling price of the journal as at present. This will only be achieved by creating other sources of revenue.

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TUITION OF BEGINNERS

By D. C. Jackson, Southampton

MR CHADDOCK has invited us to communicate, via "The Ringing World," concerning the tuition of beginners in our art, in order to assist him in the preparation of an official manual. That few have so far accepted the invitation is an indication of a malaise which has existed in the Exercise since time immemorial, namely, that the average change ringer is a selfish personality, interested only in the furtherance of his own capabilities.

In putting forward a few thoughts upon tuition in bell ringing, I would first like to call upon certain items of information which have recently appeared in our journal:—

1. The annual sale of "Beginners' Handbooks" is 3,051 (page 392).

2. The weekly sale of "Ringing Worlds" is 5,650 (page 540).

3. Beginners regularly become proficient enough in bell handling to be elected members of Guilds (see sundry reports of District meetings).

4. "The Ringing World" could have a circulation of between 6,000 and 10,000 (page 386 and 387).

5. Mr. Percy has the courage to admit (and perhaps other C.C. representatives will now endorse this statement) that many rings of bells are not fully manned on Sundays, and that there is no national move to remedy this situation.

6. The specific reference to the general lack of ringers in the South and West of England. (Leading article, page 569.)

I would submit that the above indicate that there is no shortage of entrants to the Exercise, but that the wastage rate is so enormous that no one dare compute and publish it. Other additional references I would regard as relevant are::—

7. Mr. Lewin's reminder about selfishness in our belfries and lack of tact in teaching (page 476).

8. Mr. Everett's reminder that District secretaries should exert themselves more for the less capable (page 492).

9. Confirmation that the published "Doubles Collection" has initiated interest (pages 387 and 428).

10. Mr. Kenchington's reminder that some towers frequently have to resort to call changes in preference to remaining silent on the Sabbath (page 540).

All this information indicates that we, the proficient 5,650 of the Exercise who read "The Ringing World," are guilty of the age-old crime of neglect of the less able. I would contend that with a little encouragement the annual 3,051 learners could become enthusiastic treble ringers, and that the uncounted hundreds of Grandsire and Bob Doubles ringers, who sometimes have to ring call changes, and who find a collection of other Doubles methods so interesting, would, with a little guidance and willing help from the proficient, become as enthusiastic and progressive as the remainder of us. The circulation of "The Ringing World" would rise slightly as their names appear in the quarter peal columns, as would the sale of C.C. publications as they enter the (as yet) unreachable realms of Bob Minor or even Kent.

The foregoing preamble is thus just an introduction to the point that all towers should regard their learners as the **most important** members of their band—the people who will be the responsible ringers of the future.

The stages of instruction should therefore be very carefully thought out in advance, and I would put forward the following for discussion on the subject:—

1. Appointment of a captain who is not necessarily the best ringer. The ability to conduct is not essential: the ability to organise, understand and sympathise is.

2. Introduce the band to the idea that a set of learners must be acquired once every year or every two years, and help and friendship must be offered them.

3. Set up a standard system of recruitment, e.g.: Announcement in church and posters in hall; illustrated talk to Youth Club, W.I., Rotary, etc.; advertisement and article in local newspaper; invitation to all members of a particular year group in the local school; circulation of Scouts, Guides and Duke of Edinburgh Award schemes to prepare for qualification for badge. Whatever the scheme used, I would emphasise that a **group** of beginners be taught. Allow for a definite wastage, and if possible select your learners from your applicants.

4. For the first session prepare a set talk on the bells and belfry, take them amongst the bells, arrange for another ringer to ring one bell, and allow them each to chime a bell. Before departing, in the case of young recruits, issue them each with a duplicated letter to their parents explaining practice times, Sunday ringing, etc. Request a note of permission for their children to participate in all these activities. Also record all names and addresses in a suitable book, since this induces the feeling of belonging to an organisation. Finally indicate to them that a subscription of 1s. is required at the next session, and with this purchase one copy of the "Beginners' Handbook" each.

5. Arrange a definite day and time for each practice session, preferably prior to practice night, so that recruits become accustomed to devoting that specific evening to ringing. Initiate the highest standards of punctuality and attendance. Do not accept any absenteeism unless you have received prior notice, and hence make sure that everyone is conversant with your address and telephone number. The slack attender rarely lasts long, and it is better to lose him now before you have wasted time and effort. Still upon this point, I strongly recommend that one also initiates the feeling that you are devoting hours of your valuable time for their benefit, and that they should be grateful that you can spare them this time. At all costs the modern idea that the instructed are "doing you a favour" by occasionally attending should be obliterated. All this may require a stricter relationship between learner and tutor than is at present the custom.

6. With the aid of a model, visits to the belfry, blackboard drawings, photographs, etc., link the movements of the rope in the ringing chamber to the movements of the bell in the bell chamber, during the raising of a bell, ringing of a bell, and lowering. Provide reasons for each step in your instruction.

7. Divide bell handling into a series of progressive steps, starting with one of the rope movements. After perfecting this, start on the second, then link them together. (Apply 6.) During these weeks ensure that the bell is silent. This will be partly for the benefit of the neighbours and partly to reserve the achievement of hearing one's bell until the appropriate psychological moment.

I cannot concur with the idea of allowing a learner loose upon a raised bell to discover his own method of handling, or presenting him initially with a lowered bell and helping him to raise and set it. Both of these techniques are favoured, I understand, by some of our leading ringers.

8. After about six weeks the learner will be able to "set" his bell with the instructor's aid. (Again apply 6.) A session should now be devoted to the learner "setting" his own bell and then practising until he can repeat this several times, consecutively. The competitive spirit can be utilised here, and a norm of say 20 consecutive "settings" at handstrike could be aimed at.

9. Learners should not be allowed to sound their own bell on a practice night solely because they can handle correctly and set their bell. A series of practice rounds on silenced bells should be employed to provide practice in bell control at varying speeds. Call changes and place making can be introduced here so that the learner is familiar with these techniques on practice night. It is at this point that all the other ringers can participate and demonstrate some of the comradeship which is the distinct characteristic of the Exercise.

10. The organisation of the practice evening is the primary task of the captain, and if of suitable personality he will realise that the learner's first open rounds will be one of the great events in his life. Thus the occasion should be more than a mundane few minutes of rounds. The general feeling of fellowship and friendliness among ringers is another distinct impression that the learner should carry home with him on that night.

11. On successive practice nights, presuming that there are at least five learners remaining, the ringing should be arranged around them. I would go so far as to suggest that rounds should be rung alternately with methods throughout the evening. This will prevent (a) discouragement of learners at this stage, and (b) the need for too many learners to ring at the same time.

12. The routine described in 11 should be repeated on practice nights for possibly two months, but certainly for at least one month. The aim of this programme is to improve bell handling and striking, and until this is achieved I would discourage any attempt to "push" the learner through plain hunting. A band will soon become accustomed to an arrangement of two months per year being devoted to this routine. Once a tradition is established it will be accepted unquestioningly.

13. I would not try to defend my scheme of work as perfect, and certainly I would expect to have an amount of wastage. By stage 8 some will have found that they and ringing are incompatible and, luckily for all, will have departed. By stage 11 I would aim to retain at least five learners capable of bell handling These are the people whom the Exercise cannot afford to lose, but they will certainly leave if they are treated as something undesirable, and are fobbed off with five minutes of rounds only per week.

By now it will be only the physical challenge, and the will to achieve a difficult technique, that has maintained interest. I would contend that only a planned introduction to change ringing will awaken and stimulate the fascination that grips all of us still remaining in the Exercise

14. For reasons which I enumerated in my letter on page 245, I would recommend the introduction initially of the Plain Bob method rather than Grandsire. However, it is the method of introduction that now concerns us. During stage 12 the time previously devoted to silent practice should now be utilised for method instruction. This should be carried out on handbells, for reasons that should be obvious, following a well-planned system. Above all I would stress that every learner must write out his methods from first principles, and should not yet be introduced to books containing printed blue lines.

As a conclusion, may I stress that I would oppose the forcible introduction of any one person's set of ideas into a voluntary organisation, since it is variety that makes it progressive and alive. However, we do suffer from so many elementary faults that I hope that my ideas may encourage some of us to concentrate on our one great failing, neglect of learners. As a final thought, can I suggest that it was only by complete chance that the majority of the 5,650 of us survived stage 12 and conquered stage 14.

LONDON PEALS

Miss Mary R. Andrews, secretary of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, writes that she has consulted the secretaries of the towers in her District most concerned in peal ringing, and they are all very strongly against the suggestion to alter place name to that of the new borough.

HATS IN THE BELFRY



FOR the past 250 years a battered old hat has hung 45 feet up in the tower of Great Bromley Parish Church, Essex. It is generally accepted that the hat was placed on the wall just beneath the floor of the ringing chamber when the captain of the bellringing team of 1716 died. It is not known why this custom started

Since that day in 1716 five more hats have been hung in the Bromley belfry from time to time. Nobody knows when the second hat was fixed on the wall, but the third one arrived in 1825. The other three appeared on the tower wall in 1913, 1919 and the last one in 1935.

A local historian has made a detailed history of the church since moving to the village in 1943, but has been unable to discover why the custom of hanging hats of dead captains started.

The custom is unique. Nobody has heard of it being observed at other churches anywhere in the country.

The origin of it will always remain a mystery.

[Photo: E. Cheek, Colchester.

RINGERS' OUTINGS

A MANCHESTER OUTING

Thirty ringers and friends from Manchester Cathedral and St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, went by coach to Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire for their annual outing on September 24th.

The first tower, St. Peter's, Nottingham, contained the new twelve, and ringing consisted of rounds, Grandsire Cinques and Stedman Caters At the beautiful Church of St. Mary, Newark-on-Trent, more Stedman Caters was rung and also Plain Bob and Kent Royal.

When we arrived at St. Mary's, Sutton-in-Ashfield two weddings were in progress. Although the time was curtailed, Cambridge Major and Double Norwich as well as Grandsire and rounds were rung.

We then travelled to Chesterfield, where we had a substantial meal before ringing at our last tower, St. Mary's. The party managed to ring Grandsire Caters, Stedman and Double Norwich, before having to lower the beautiful bells for Evensong.

Grateful thanks are extended to the organisers and the tower captain at the churches we visited for the very pleasant day.

I. E. M. M.

DEVIZES RINGERS VISIT DORCHESTER

For their second outing this year Devizes ringers and those of Southbroom spent a pleasant day in Dorset. At St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, Mr. R H. Duke made the party most welcome and an enjoyable time was spent on these bells.

Tea at a café was followed by visits to St. Andrew's, Preston, where Canon W. J. Smith and some of his ringers were waiting for us. After 40 minutes' ringing here we made our way to St Lawrence's Church, Upwey, where the former Vicar, the late Rev. A. S. Bryant, was known to some of the party when he was at Southbroom. Incumbents and captains of towers are thanked for having everything in readiness and for enabling us to have a very enjoyable time.

A. T. W.

BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS AT GUILDFORD

The weather was not very promising on the morning of October 1st, when a party of ringers from St. Peter's, Bournemouth, left by coach for their annual tour with friends from Ringwood, Lymington and Milford-on-Sea. After a stop at Winchester for refreshments Guildford Cathedral was reached at noon.

The bells were put to good use with call changes, Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Major. The opportunity was taken to view the Flower Festival which was taking place, by which time the sun was shining. The next tower was at Dunsfold, where various Doubles and Minor methods were rung on this good ring of six. After tea the light ten at Haslemere were rung to methods up to Stedman Caters. The evening stop was at Liphook for liquid refreshment to round off an enjoyable day. Bournemouth was reached by 11 p.m. Thanks are due to the incumbents for allowing the bells to be rung, and special thanks to Colin Conway, of St. Peter's, for making all the necessary arrangements.

L. F. C.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL

Crantock ringers and friends were in the Plymouth area for their annual outing on October 1st. Before lunch at Plymouth ringing took place at Buckland-Monachorum and Tamerton Foliott. We had never experienced so many weddings on an outing as in Plymouth, and in consequence the route had to be altered. At Emmanuel we rang with the locals for a wedding. Then on to Egg Buckland and Plymstock, but judging by the shields and prizes displayed in the latter belfry we are doubtful if our ringing reached the standard set by local ringers Back to Plymouth for tea, and on the homeward journey ringing at St. Budeaux, with fish and chips at Lanivet.

For this most enjoyable day, our thanks go to incumbents and ringers who met us.

J. R.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

(Continued from front page)

While there has been a marked improvement in the space occupied by Notices, we still do not get our full complement of "Birth, Marriages and Deaths." Many like their engagement announcement to appear in association with the quarter peal column and ignore the appropriate place. The display advertisement among Notices, at a very low figure compared with the general run of advertisements in local papers, is becoming more popular. We hope this source of revenue will increase. There might well be a time when a charge will have to be introduced for quarter peals; if revenue from this source is maintained this might be avoided.

Sales revenue will never be enough to finance journals like "The Ringing World." Readers should know that the printing and dispatch bill of a 16-page paper is £148 a week. The return from the publishers, that is sales through newsagents, is 9s. a quire (26 copies) or a fraction over 4d. a copy. We get a better return from postal copies, but even if all copies were dispatched through that source it would fall a long way short of donations of £676 we received last year. We are now reaping a little from the prudence in the past, which this year should be about £500 in interest on investments. Despite these difficulties "The Ringing World" is putting on a bold front; is planning to spend very much more on larger papers, confident that such is the family spirit of the Exercise that it will not be let down.

CHESTERFIELD TO CHESTER

The Chesterfield District's annual outing on September 10th this year was to Chester, and a happy band of 55 members assembled for what proved to be the best outing to date.

The coach left for Baslow to pick up three more passengers and then wound its way along the narrow High Peak roads until reaching Great Budworth, the first tower. Here a wedding was in progress but after the ceremony we rang on the melodious eight—much to the surprise of the bridal party.

Tracks were then made for Chester Zoo, where we enjoyed lunch. During the afternoon non-ringers stayed at the Zoo whilst the ringers visited two light sixes at Shotwick and Backford. The meal must have proved too good, because at the first tower one of our strong-armed party broke a stay, and at the second we procured a broken rope. Thus we were doomed to ring Doubles instead of Minor all the afternoon.

We returned to the Zoo at 5 p.m. for more sustenance and once more boarded the coach for the last stage of the journey. On the way home we called at St. Peter's, Macclesfield, for a short ring on their light but easy-going eight. We returned home in a happy frame of mind, arriving in Chesterfield at 10.45 p.m.

Congratulations are due to Malcolm Phipps for such a well-organised day. Methods rung: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent, Grandsire, Stedman Plain Bob, Little Bob, Oxford, Kent, Cambridge and Plain Hunt.

M. Y.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Kennard 1, J. Tandy 2, B. Sutton 3, B. Wootton (first of Triples "inside") 4, P. Bill (cond.) 5, M. Clewes 6, J. Lawley 7, A. Roden 8. For Harvest Festival, and to welcome the Assistant Bishop of Worcester, the Rt. Rev. P Wheeldon; also as birthday compliments to John Lawley and Rosemary Perry, of the local band.

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Letters to the Editor

A NOVEL "FIRST"

Dear Sir,—I think you may find interest in the fact that last Saturday (October 1st) we accomplished at Washington Cathedral a "first" for the Exercise itself, though a rather undistinguished one

By 5 p.m. Roger Bailey had successfully guided our yoked bells (audible within about 100 yards of the tower) through 720's of Cambridge and Oxford, two of Kent, and into the second of the concluding three of Bob Minor. Suddenly the carillon on the floor below us began a one-hour recital, completely drowning out the sound of our bells. Ringing Plain Bob, it would have been no problem to continue the peal, but it was apparent that our ringing would be most unwelcome to the carillonneur and to any listeners, especially during rests and pianissimo sections of the recital. Therefore, we felt it best to defer to the scheduled recital, which all of us, in the excitement of ringing a peal, had forgotten, and Roger quickly brought the bells truly round, having completed 4,044 changes.

Peals are lost regularly and for a number of unusual reasons However, this is unquestionably the first time a peal has ever been lost because of competition from a carillon—for this is the only tower in the world containing both sets of bells!—Your sincerely,

RICHARD S. DIRKSEN,
Bellmaster,
Washington Cathedral, D.C., U.S.A.

NOTICE WANTED ON BELFRY DOOR

Dear Sir,—In my travels up and down the country I am often at a loss to understand why so very few towers advertise their ringing times outside the belfry door. Some towers do put a notice either in the church porch, the church magazine or outside the tower door. The vast majority do nothing.

I am not throwing stones at anyone, only just making a polite suggestion to the Exercise in general that a little co-operation in this matter should not be difficult. If towers advertise their practice nights where the notice can be seen, it helps visiting ringers like myself and also saves ringers running round trying to find the incumbent or some other church officer to seek the necessary information as to when ringing takes place.

There are plenty of struggling bands up and down the country who would welcome help with their ringing on Sundays or practice nights. Surely somebody can put up a notice outside the tower saying when ringing takes place; and, if the bells are unringable or there is no band, say so! One cannot always go by "Dove's" or even the local Association report.

Six years ago I rang at Bath Abbey. They were then short of ringers. I rang there quite by accident. They had a notice outside the belfry door stating their practice night, which was not every week, also all the Sundays throughout the year! It was morning ringing one Sunday and evening ringing the next. If only other towers did that, they might find larger numbers in the belfry.

Finally, I have just returned from a most enjoyable holiday in Shrewsbury. I should like to thank all those good people in Shropshire, Staffordshire, Denbighshire and Cheshire for making me so welcome, and also to the touring party from Oxford for letting me ring with them while "on tour." — Yours faithfully.

J. MICHAEL SWIFT.

Bexhill-on-Sea.

ADVERTISEMENTS PROVIDE LUXURIES

Dear Sir,—May I thank Mr. Amos (page 652) for two things. One, for having read my letter (page 620)—even if he did not understand it—and the other for the probably unintentional compliment, "You are no window dresser, Mr. Wilson."

Mr. Amos had no need to remind me of the six years of war—three of my own six years in uniform were spent abroad, but in line with his above-quoted comment, I have never worn the little buttonhole badge I was given.

Mr. Amos is so far off beam that I doubt the value of a reply, except that I would not wish other readers to draw the same conclusions. Of course I want advertisements in "The Ringing World," for the sake of the income they would bring which would pay for the luxuries other journals are able to enjoy. My own publishers would confirm my pressure on them for "Ringing World" advertisements. The point I made was simply that "The Ringing World" cannot get advertisements on this scale. I am sure that you, sir, have never refused an advertisement from a man who wanted to sell his car. But if he wanted a quick and profitable sale he would not rely on "The Ringing World." I do not recall seeing an advertisement from Mr. Amos for his rare breeds of poultry!

I do not have to look in my own church magazine to know what is done there. I duplicate it and staple it inside printed covers full of advertisements. But it circulates among 500 families all living near the advertisers.

Of course it is an individual's right to criticise. My letter was to counter the effect you, sir, feared might come of certain criticism and, if possible, to ensure that future criticism, when made, was valid. As for talk about democracy, my present work enables me to see and learn more of its workings than Mr. Amos has ever dreamed of.

I doubt the value of trying further to answer more of the tortuous thinking of Mr. Amos—it's too devious for me.—Yours, etc.,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

London.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

Dear Sir,—Many peals have been rung and many changes have taken place to the persons who have rung them since I made my first attempt for a peal. This was on the bells of the Holy Trinity, Nottingham, as long ago as July 25th, 1906. The method was Grandsire Triples and conducted by Samuel Wesley (the conductor at this church).

We had almost completed our task and were expecting the words "This is all." when the man on the third, Joe Wooley (conductor at All Saints', Nottingham), set his bell. He was still grasping the sally with his head leaning forward, and we at first thought that he was ill, then he said that the music of the organ (the organist was preparing for the dedication the next day) had completely taken his control. With that we decided to grant him pardon.

A second attempt was arranged to take place immediately after the dedication on July 26th, which was reputed to be the hottest day of 1906. I remember fixing the tower flag to the large chamber window to shade us from the sun's rays. 5,040 well struck changes were accomplished in 2 hours and 45 minutes.—Yours faithfully,

T. R. FLINT.

Worksop, Notts.

P.S.—The organ was presented by John Player, of tobacco fame. —T. R. F.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND "THE RINGING WORLD"

Dear Sir,—About this time last year the Oxford Diocesan Guild came under fire in "The Ringing World" on account of its funds. Members of the Guild have asked that you publish the enclosed extract from the Report for 1964–1965 in the hope that it will clear up the misunderstanding that had arisen:—

"In August the Guild came under fire in 'The Ringing World,' when we were criticised for being 'mean' over a grant to the paper. I think that it would be wise to mention here the following details, as I have found that even members of the Guild are not aware of certain facts. Guild funds stood at £1,971 6s. 9d. at the end of 1964. Of this, £1,792 2s. 1d. was the amount of money in the Restoration Fund. Of this sum £800 is in trust for the Jenkyn Bequests, £505 11s. 7d. is invested on behalf of the Restoration Fund, and practically all the remaining £485 16s. was earmarked for grants made for unfinished restoration work in the Diocese. None of this money can be used for anything except restoration work. This means also that with the £56 in the Reserve Fund the Guild has approximately £1,826 out of £1,971 invested for the good of either bell restoration in the Diocese or for the good of the Exercise. That we work within the limits of our annual income, give £40 to 'The Ringing World,' and also transfer £25 to the Reserve Fund so that we can give help where needed is due to the excellent management of the honorary treasurer. It is most important that all members should be aware of these facts and that we should understand what the balance sheet really means. We do not own the money, we are trustees for it"

The following facts may also be of interest:

	Income	Donation to R.W.
1960	£138	£10
1961	£247	£25
1962	£207	£25
1963	£237	£40
1964	£227	£40
1965	£229	£40

Yours faithfully,

MARIE R. CROSS,
Hon. Gen. Sec.

MORE ATTENTION TO THE CHURCH

Dear Sir,—I believe that anything you can do to bring "The Ringing World" up to date would be all to the good.

I would like to see a little more attention paid to the Church in the magazine, as I have felt for some time that our art is inclined to become just a little secular at times. A few articles on theological mattters might remind a lot of people that ringing is primarily a service for our Church.

Ringers are just as vital to the Church as the choir, and that fact is not always realised, I regret to say. A firm reminder to everybody concerned at times would do no harm. —Yours sincerely,

J. M. L. HOOTON.

Ardingly, Sussex.

"IN ROPESIGHT"

Dear Sir,—In partial answer to Mr. Harry Corbishley, the last chapter of Jasper W. Snowdon's "Ropesight" is devoted to bell rope splicing.

This was not, however, a part of the original work of 1879, but was added by the author's brother, William Snowdon, when the fifth edition appeared in 1900.—Yours faithfully,

J. E. BEAMS.

Ewell, Surrey.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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ST. KATHERINE'S SOCIETY'S THIRD TOUR

WITH Lincolnshire and Yorkshire as the hunting—or, dare it be said, grabbing—ground for the Society's third annual tour, we assembled at the unrealistic hour of 7 a.m. at Croydon on September 3rd. We numbered 15 bleary-eyed ringers and two "gonks"—thus dispelling all rumours that Janette had been brought along as a mascot!

Crammed into three cars, we set off in cavalcade and arrived at Grantham, where, sandwiched between weddings, we rang Stedman, Grandsire and Cambridge on the ten. Following lunch, we wended our way north, and at Doncaster climbed the first of the many long staircases we were to encounter during the week to tackle the heavy eight. The rigours of travelling are probably to blame for our poor striking here, although a good course of Bristol was rung. The ten at St. Giles', Pontefract, were visited next; striking improved here and Bob Royal was added to the day's methods. And so to York, where, after pursuing circuitous routes, we found a place to eat and, eventually, our digs. Here we were joined by Tom Metcalfe, the Pride of Flookburgh, and Ian Wickens who had journeyed up by train that evening from Charlwood.

TWO CATHEDRALS

Sunday morning found us ringing for the service at York Minster, while in the afternoon we rang at Whixley. This, our first six-bell tower, proved a good choice; we were also recommended to visit Aldborough and did so successfully. The day's ringing was concluded at Ripon Cathedral for Evenson5g. After a somewhat hair-raising return journey with more than our fair share of "Z" bends, we ensconced in a suitable hostelry with a surfeit of sandwiches. Handbells were rung, to the delight of the publican.

Ringing began in earnest on Monday, though with a false start. With no one to meet us at Pocklington and unable to find the key, we moved on to St. Mary's, Beverley, while two carloads grabbed a tower en route by way of compensation. The afternoon's ringing began on the good light six at Walkington after which, appetites whetted, we made our way to Cottingham. Here we stood in the rain while one of the locals departed for the key. The wait proved worthwhile, for some enjoyable ringing was had here, after which we made our way to Hull. Holy Trinity proved more difficult to find than our directions had suggested, so, navigators having abdicated responsibility, we enjoyed a splendid, if unexpected, tour of the city. Hull proved to have a fine ring, as also had Howden, the last stop of the day.

Tuesday saw us branching into West Yorkshire. At Acomb we rang in cramped conditions, and quality varied. Stedman grinding to a halt, but Kent and Oxford Spliced proved more successful. At Collingham, on the light eight (requiring careful handling), we were gratified to be informed by a local ringer that we were the best strikers he had heard on the bells! At Wetherby, four-spliced Surprise was achieved, and with this to our credit we headed to Birstall, where we found the only Yorkshire tail-ends of the week. All agreed the bells were superb, and a first attempt at



The St. Katherine's Society pictured outside Ewerby Church. Standing (from left to right): Roger Peckham, Paul Smith, David Cox, David McLean, Harold Evans, Jim Hills, Roy Cox, Alan Baldock, Richard Stevens, Ray Talbot, Tom Metcalfe, Ian Smith, Ian Wickens. Seated: Janette Kipling ((with "Eddie")), Stella Rice, Christine Baldock, Ann Harris (with Gonk No. 2).

Erin Triples was a great success. And so on, through Batley and Dewsbury (where we had occasional altercation with point-duty policemen), to ring at Ossett. The day was rounded off at Wakefield by participating in the Cathedral practice. Having accustomed ourselves to 14 ropes in one chamber, we achieved some good ringing with the added strength of the local band.

INTO LINCOLNSHIRE

On Wednesday we departed from York to Lincoln. Ringing en route was at Selby, where Little Bob Royal was rung, and Gainsborough in the evening. The remainder of the day was occupied with tower-grabs and the Society's annual general meeting. Conducted in traditional style, the assembled company discussed (when persuaded to) the election of officers, next year's tour and the annual reunion.

Thursday, our first full day in Lincolnshire, proved interesting. After cramming ourselves into the tiny chamber at St. Peter-at-Gowts' Lincoln, we visited Wragby, where three bells were rung kneeling. Louth presented us with a heavy eight requiring skilful handling, and after lunch we made our way to St. James', Grimsby. Here, two bells proved difficult to handle; investigation aloft showed that an additional frame for the two bells had been strapped to the existing one, an admirable economy, but unfortunately the considerable movement of this new fixture failed to justify it. Pausing for a short time at the four-bell tower at Stallingborough, we continued to Caistor, where Antelope was rung for no apparent reason. And so to Lincoln Cathedral and the second 12-bell practice which we were fortunate enough to be allowed to invade. As at Wakefield, we enjoyed ringing of a high standard and would like to express our thanks to both bands for their courtesy on these occasions.

A DAY IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Friday took us westward and into Nottinghamshire. Starting the day at Brant Broughton, we graduated from this heavy six to the ten at Newark, giving not only a demonstration of ringing but also a Press report. After lunch, Southwell Minster was visited. The anti-clockwise 12 came as a shock to some, Roger, for one, setting out to raise the four with his back to the third. At Mansfield Woodhouse all will remember the odd-struck bells, on which we nevertheless managed some good striking. Worksop also provided interest as Oxford Bob Triples was rung with the ringers of the back four sitting down. East Retford proved to have a fine ten, and we were surprised to hear that the church's restoration programme included some attention to the bells. Tuxford, the last tower of the day, possed a pleasant ring, where good striking was achieved.

Saturday took us south of Lincoln. Waddington bells proved a useful six and Caythorpe (a good eight), had two stays missing. The fine light ten at Ewerby were substituted for Hough-on-the-Hill, and Sleaford, Ruskington and Harmston were three well-chosen towers. Back in Lincoln, the four at St. Mary-le-Wigford and the six at St. Botolph's were both rung before all assembled at St. Giles'. Here, at the umpteenth attempt, Glasgow was finally added to the week's methods. The tour was brought to a close in traditional fashion later that evening, and some members, in signing the hotel's visitors book, inserted home tower for full address, and number of bells and tenor weight for room number!

Sadly, an isolated incident marred the week—the discovery on Sunday morning of the theft from one of the cars of three cameras. After a successful week this was extremely regrettable, especially as the occupants suffered the further inconvenience of missing ringing at Boston that morning. Homeward bound, further towers were visited—Croyland Abbey was grabbed shortly after lunch, and we were fortunate to be allowed to invade Baldock, thus fufilling an ambition for Alan and Christine, and Hitchin.

The week proved hectic but successful and was enjoyed by one and all. A vote of thanks is due to the organisers, drivers and to all local ringers and incumbents. For future reference, it can be reported that all ropes, stays and, as far as we know, bells, were left intact—an improvement on last year!

D. R. M.

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HAROLD CHANT'S BOOK ON METHOD SPLICING

Reviewed by A. S. Hudson

IT is an unfortunate fact that where specialised theoretical treatises are concerned, the knowledge and understanding of the author usually far exceeds that of the reviewer. This is most certainly the case with the present work, "Method Splicing, Part I, Minor Methods," by H. Chant, published by John Hilton of Tonbridge at 8s. 6d.

It will not have escaped the attention of the bell-ringing public that in the opinion of many authorities there is a long unsatisfied need for definite texts on the many theoretical aspects of change ringing. Method splicing is one such aspect of the general theory of composition, and this book concerns what is probably the most intricate of all splicing problems, that of obtaining a true extent. The fact that Minor methods are being considered is in some ways incidental to the general problem

Mr. Chant begins by considering Plain methods, beginning with the "opposite half" splice across a single, passing via course splicing, three lead splices and cross splices to grid splicing, or as the author remarks "a new use for old methods." The succeeding chapter he devotes to Treble Bob methods, discussing one-lead, three-lead, five-lead (course) and six-lead splicing. At this stage he digs up a few more old methods and finds new uses for them.

The last part of the book concerns Alliance methods, and first of all explains how Little methods are required in conjunction with them in order to produce an extent. Following this procedure, Treble Bob and Plain methods are integrated, then Treble Bob methods are broken down into Little and Alliance methods with the same changes in the lead, and finally all the techniques are brought together in some most ingenious extents.

I had, of course, met several multi-Minor extents before and had studied them at length to see how they were put together. Consequently it was with a cheerful heart that I tackled Chapter 1 on the Plain methods. The techniques in this chapter are very well explained and simple to follow. I was not at all happy about the new use for old methods, and let it pass in the hope of later clarification. With relief we sailed into the familiar waters of the College Exercise group, and then the pace hotted up until I floundered in grid splicing again After some study this became clear and, accepting the author's invitation, I felt capable of arranging some simple extents on the same plan myself.

The section on Alliance methods was fascinating in the extreme and the section entitled "At work with paper and pencil" provided the information necessary to make use of all the previously explained techniques.

This book is a most valuable addition to the ringing library. It is a pleasant surprise to find a subject dealt with in considerable detail, indeed it must be one of the first books to do so. The tendency of modern texts to be written down to the beginner has continued too long; the standard methods were first described a long time ago and the works have not as yet become dated. Mr. Chant's work describes multi-Minor splicing in detail and completely, a rare feature today. A considerable amount of previous knowledge and interest is, of course, required, but without this knowledge and facility one would not trouble to open the book at all.

The layout is perhaps somewhat lacking, and the tables a little cramped. I do not like Roman numerals at all—up to XX perhaps, but beyond this, no. As for XLVIII, it is quite meaningless to me. It is not always easy to find the required diagram since several pages of text may ensue before the diagram appears, and I cannot agree that most of the table on page 88 is self-explanatory. These, however, are relatively unimportant criticisms and I must congratulate Mr. Chant and his publisher on producing a first-rate text book on a most difficult subject. It is to be hoped that other works in the series will attain the same high standard.

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN A. RUSSELL

The Canterbury District has been shocked and grieved to learn of the sudden passing of Mr. John A. Russell, of Birchington, which occurred on September 30th.

Jack, as he was known to us all, had been a ringer at All Saints' for many years, was captain for 21 years, and was one of the local ringers who re-formed the Quex Park Society some years ago, being its secretary at the time of his death. He was appointed people's warden at All Saints' three years ago. He was beloved by all who were attached to the church and to many of the local parishioners.

To ringers in the Canterbury District he was loved as their chairman, an office he had held since its inception in 1946, and a more popular figure could hardly be found. He knew his meeting procedure thoroughly, was never lost on a point, could keep a meeting in the way it should go, and at the same time was patient, humorous, kindly and helpful to any speaker, in fact the ideal chairman.

A tribute to his popularity was seen at the funeral held at All Saints'. A large congregation, which included many of his Post Office colleagues, parishioners and ringers from a wide area, attended the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. V. Fordham), assisted by the Rev. J. M Stephens. The lesson was read by his fellow churchwarden, Mr. T. A. Walker.

Much sympathy has been expressed to Mrs. Russell, who has two young boys, for whom a trust fund has been set up and to which many contributions have been made.

So we leave him with a thought given by the Vicar in his address, "He was a man who had his priorities right. His life was balanced, and loving his God first, the rest slipped easily into place." B. J. L

MR. THOMAS G. DENNIS

With great regret we record the sad and sudden death on September 11th of Mr. Thomas G. Dennis aged 65 years, in Brook Hospital, Ashford Kent, having been taken seriously ill the previous Friday night.

For many years Tom had been a well-known figure at Rainham and was known as a keen churchman and a willing worker for local organisations All his life he had been a regular worshipper at St. Margaret's Parish Church, Rainham, where he was a sidesman, Sunday School teacher, a member of the Parochial Church Council and Toc H, besides being a very useful member of St. Margaret's bellringers. Tom only missed attending church or ringing when his working duties called for him to skipper his barge upon the waters of the Rivers Medway or Thames.

He had been a member of the Kent County Association since 1924. His cheerful manner and wise counsel and willing help will be missed in the belfry, where he acted as tower chaplain always taking prayers before service ringing. The deepest sympathy of many friends is extended to his widow, son and daughter-in-law.

The funeral service at St. Margaret's Church, Rainham, on September 17th, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. James Clifford, assisted by the Rev. R. Etheridge. Among the ringers who attended, representing St. Margaret's Church ringers and the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, were: Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cheal, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Nayler, Miss E. Cumberworth, Messrs. P. Thomas, K. Williamson and D. Baldock. Thus on a fine and sunny September afternoon Tom, our dear friend, was laid to rest near the church he had loved and served so well.

Before and after the service and on the two Sundays since his passing the bells of St. Margaret's have rung the half-muffled message: "We peal in muffled sadness for loved ones laid to rest." F. L. C.

WEST HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Bryant 1, A. Jones 2, E. Reasons 3, M. Farthing 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, G. Luxton 6. Rung half-muffled as token of respect to the late Mrs. E. Fowler.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District

The Tonbridge District held their annual meeting at Tonbridge on October 1st. Ringing could not begin at the usual time owing to a wedding, but a few touches were rung before a service held at 4 p.m. conducted by the Rev. R. Huddlesdon. Forty-five members and friends enjoyed tea at the Parish Room provided and served by the lady members and wives of the Tonbridge band before adjourning to the Vicarage for the business meeting. The Rev. R. Huddlesdon was invited to take the chair, and he tendered apologies for absence from Canon and Mrs. Bewes, who are in Israel.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Dobbie; Ringing Master, Mr. A. Leeves; District representatives, Miss D Colgate and Mr. L. Pope. Mr. S. Jenner automatically remains a District representative due to his appointment of C.C. representative. "Ringing World" correspondent, Miss M. A. Ladd.

Meetings for 1967 are due to be held at Tunbridge Wells (January), Brenchley and Marden (April), Penshurst and Hever (June), Goudhurst (A.D.M., October).

After the main business of the day, a vote of thanks was given for the use of the bells, to Mr. Dent for playing the organ, the Rev. R. Huddlesdon, and the Tonbridge band for providing such a splendid tea.

Further ringing was enjoyed until 8.30 p.m.
M. A. L.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A good variety of ringing was available to all who attended the Biggleswade District's October meeting at Stotfold. A sumptuous tea was available in the nearby Church School, prepared by local ringers and families.

At the business meeting it was decided to go to Maulden on November 12th, and Northill on December 10th.

Further ringing followed until 9 p.m. The total attendance reached 37. K. H. F.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

At Hertingfordbury (11 cwt. in A flat) the Eastern District held a successful meeting on October 8th. Methods rung included Cambridge and a variety of Spliced Doubles.

Next meeting: St. Andrew's, Hertford (8), November 12th, 6.30 p.m.

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QUARTER PEALS

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): Miss H. Iones (first on a working bell) 1, Miss S. Bailey (first "inside") 2, A. Palmer 3, F. Read (cond.) 4, G. Newman 5, J. Cuss 6. For Harvest Festival.

BARLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia Copas 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, A. R. G Twinn 3, R. Russ 4, W. H. Coles 5, J. Hill (cond.) 6. For the induction of Rev. A. S. Lockett as Rector.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. Peter's, 1,360 Plain Bob Maior: Audrey M. Evans 1, Angela J. Williams 2, R. H. Newton 3, Catherine M. Powell 4, A W. Bond 5, M. S. Loveday 6, M. J. Bew (arr. and cond.) 7, D. P. Snoswell 8. For Harvest Festival.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Groves 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, G. Firman 3, A. Stone 4, H. Luck 5, A. Hinkley 6, Rev. J. M. Stephens (cond.) 7, J. Tumber 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. A. Russell, captain of the local band for the last 20 years, whose funeral took place this day.

CARDIGAN, CARDS. — On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): D. J. Morgan 1, Jean Thomas 2, A. F. Walters (joint cond.) 3, J. D. Thomas 4, R. Pateman (joint cond.) 5, B. Griffiths 6. To mark the 21st anniversary of St. David's Guild, and a compliment to the treble ringer who is going to St. David's College, Lampeter.

CARTMEL, LANCS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob): Diana J. Handley 1, N. M. Newby 2, J. E. Buries 3, K. Price 4, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 5, N. M. Newby, jun. 6. A wedding compliment to Susan Blackburn and Robert Levesey.

CRESWELL, DERBYS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Newman (first on eight bells) 1, Marjorie Yarnold 2, M. P. Phipps 3, Christine Mould 4, J. Watkins 5, J. D. Arkwell 6, E. G. Mould (cond.) 7, S. Pembleton (first on eight bells) 8. First of Plain Bob Triples by all except ringers of 4 and 7.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Bonsor (first quarter) 1, Bridget Bates (first of Triples) 2, K. R Holtom 3, G. Thompson 4, A. A. Chown 5, H. M. Johnson 6, M. J. V. Chown (cond.) 7, P. I. Chapman 8. For the ordination as priest of the Rev. Christopher Hopkins on September 25th.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James', on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Watts 1, R. Bridges 2, J. Saxton 3, W. Beavan 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, J. Potter 6. For Harvest Festival.

EASINGWOLD, N. YORKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Maior: D. Town 1, A. Grundy 2, C. Easton 3, W Fay 4, A. Bashforth 5, M. Pickup 6, E. Metcalfe 7, E. Hudson (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 7. A compliment to Elizabeth Peace and David Johnson, members of the Yorkshire Association, on their wedding day, and a farewell to M. Pickup, who is going to Cambridge.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Bishop 1, H. L. Bishop 2, C. J. Garlick 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, L. F. Cox 5, M. Bishop 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, B. Wheeler 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

EDGMOND, SALOP.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Burgess 1, Miss J. Harris 2, Miss M. Mansell (first "inside") 3, G. E. Morrall (cond.) 4 J. A. Morrey 5, E. C. Morrall 6. For the wedding of Miss Angela Attwood and Mr. Raymond Hughes.

HALLING, KENT.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hitchcock 1, Marilyn Chidwick (first "inside") 2, C. Underdown 3, D. Garrott 4, Phyllis Chidwick 5, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: R. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, Miss P. Fearn 2, Miss A. E. Fellows 3, Miss B. G. Schofield 4, Mrs. M. Barron 5, Miss V. M. Miles 6, R Aldington 7, E. Spence 8, C. A. Barron 9, M A. Jones 10.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Butcher 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. Birch 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. A compliment to Rowland Harman, on his 83rd birthday. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, R. Birch 2, B Butcher 3, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, A. Lamb 6. For Family Communion. Also 1,259 Doubles (three methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, B. Butcher 3, R. Birch (cond.) 4, G. Neilson 5, A. Lamb 6. For Evensong.

MAGDALEN, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 29th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): D. Gagen 1, W. Cousins 2, R. Newson 3, P. Gagen 4, J. Fox (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Green 1, Miss C. Tull 2, N. Tull 3, Rev. E. B. Wood (cond.) 4, B. Gatwood (first "inside") 5, R. Coates (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Sept. 24th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Maior: A. M. Hickman 1, B. Madeley 2, H. F. White 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, F. Price 6, E. V. Rodenhurst 7, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 8. A 95th birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Alhambra, California, U.S.A., who was for many years Ringing Master at Market Drayton.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): M. R. Bolton 1, R. H. Jones 2, L. R. Porter (cond.) 3, G. A. Porter 4, A. Gammon 5. For the baptism of Andrew Stewart Watts, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, of St. Neots, on the birth of a son. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Porter 1, R. H. Jones 2, L. R. Porter (cond.) 3, G. A. Porter 4, A. Gammon 5. For Harvest Festival, and as a welcome to the Rural Dean, Rev. Father Arnold.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Suzanne Thomsett (first quarter) 1, G. Kenward 2, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 3, G. Wood 4, B. E. Jemmett 5, J. E. Clark 6. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. Peter John Lloyd, as Vicar.

ROUGHTOWN, LANCS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B and Plain Bob): G. Rigby 1, M. Holt 2, B. D. Holt 3, W. H. Nield 4, M. Rigby (cond.) 5, G. Nield 6. A 76th birthday compliment to J. Clayton, an ex-ringer, and as 21st birthday compliments to the ringers of 3 and 6.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): I. Sams 1, C. W. Sams 2, W. P. Sams 3, G. E. C. Blake 4, T. Taylor (cond.) 5, N. Ward 6. For Harvest Festival.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Whitworth 1, J. Eberall 2, N. Handley 3, S. Adams 4, R. Stretton 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6, G. Fisher 7, L. Butler 8.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Phillips (first of Minor) 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, E. Clifton 4, L. Sweatman 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Monica Phillips 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner (cond.) 3, E. Clifton 4, B. Johnson 5, D. Knight 6.

STAFFORD.—On Sept 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. H. Eley 1, Ruth Fairbrother 2, E. R. Fairbrother 3, F. R. Wiggin 4, F. Beech 5, I. Friend 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, A. E. Garbett 8, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 9, R. Stanley 10. For Battle of Britain service, also to congratulate Marian and Dennis Owen, both ringers at St. Mary's, on the birth of a son (David). Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: F. R. Wiggin 1, Ruth Fairbrother 2, E. R. Fairbrother 3, R. K. Mowforth 4, Jennifer Beech 5, R. Stanley (first in method) 6, D. T. Bennett (first in method) 7, A. E. Garbett 8, R. J. Warrilow 9, F. Beech (cond.) 10.

SELLING, KENT.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, R. A. Swift 2, F. G. Huckstepp 3, P. Richardson 4, L. Sweatman 5, H. Deacon 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, E. Clifton 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At St. Matthew's, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, C. A. Gray 3, Miss V. Porter (first of Triples) 4, D. Neal 5, E. C. Steele 6, J. M. Steele (cond.) 7, D. Grove 8. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): C. F. Neal 1, C. A. Gray 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, E. C. Steele 5, J. M. Steele (cond.) 6, D. Grove 7.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Mounty 1, R. Mitchell 2, J. E. Metcalfe 3, H. Crabbe 4, T. Nicholls (cond.) 5, T. Crabbe 6. As a birthday compliment to Denzil Udell (21), Heather Amey (19) and the ringer of 1 (70), all local ringers.

WELFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss V. Leleux (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. F. Roome 2, Miss J. A. Downing 3, T. Jennings 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, I. Buckby (first quarter) 6, A. Leleux 7, R. Kirby 8. A 64th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Jennings, and a wedding day compliment to their granddaughter.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Three readers have sent in interesting articles on "Rope Splicing." We hope to publish something useful at an early date.

The Dodds family won the St. Albans District car rally. Julia's story will appear next week.

The last quarter peal on Old Headington, Oxford, bells, before being rehung, was rung on October 2nd, and was a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Robin Trebilcock on the birth of a son.

The first member of St. Nicholas' Society, Marston, Oxford, to ring 50 peals of Doubles in one tower is Mr. Alec Gammon. To mark the occasion he conducted a peal of 50 Doubles methods, which was a first for the Guild.

Mr. Ernest Weatherby's 95th birthday at Plumb Hall, Alhambra, California, U.S.A., was remembered by friends at Market Drayton, where he was captain for many years. A quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung on September 24th.

"Not many of the learners who attended the Yorkshire Association District practice at Kildwick had had the advantage of such tuition," writes our correspondent, and slyly adds "and apparently never before heard such lung power as that of Vernon Bottomley, Fred Munday and Maurice Thurmott." More anon!

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DIAMOND WEDDING AT MARESFIELD

Members of the Sussex County Association on October 8th honoured Captain (Church Army) J. R. and Mrs. Martin, on the occasion of their diamond wedding celebrations, with a peal in the morning This was rung at nearby Fairwarp, and there was more ringing in the afternoon with a beautifully struck quarter peal of Stedman Triples. The band were afterwards invited to the Village Hall (opposite St. Bartholomew's Church) to partake in the actual celebrations.

The Rector (the Rev. F. S. Bardell), after a speech of high praise for the service rendered to the Church by Captain Martin, presented him with a cheque for £50. Mrs. Martin was also honoured, being presented with a magnificent bouquet of chrysanthemums.

In expressing thanks for the generous gifts, Captain Martin spoke of his lifelong work for the Church and his extremely happy marriage. He thanked everyone who had made "their great day" such a wonderful success.

The celebrations were concluded by handbell ringing, which was greatly appreciated by many present. W. A. R.

CUMBERLAND YOUTH'S WEDDING

The wedding of Mr. Andrew J. Strathdee and Miss J. Wendy Smith took place at SS Peter and Paul's Church, Harlington, where they are both ringers, on September 10th. The service was taken by the Vicar.

The bride wore a full-length classical-style dress and train of heavy white brocade. She carried a bouquet of pink roses. She was attended by Miss Janet Strathdee, the bridegroom's sister, who wore a long princess-line dress of pale pink heavy brocade, and carried a bouquet of matching carnations. The best man was Mr. Derek E. Sibson.

The reception was held in the nearby Church Hall. As the couple left the church the bells were rung by members of the local band and friends.

The honeymoon was spent near Eastbourne, and the couple will make their home at Cowley Peachey, near Uxbridge.

Later that afternoon a congratulatory peal was rung at Chiswick by members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, of which Andrew is a member, conducted by the best man.

BLESSED ARE THEY

This week we received a letter from one of our elderly readers who had spent 50 weeks in bed. There are many who have sympathy with the work of Mr. John Euston for the veterans, and we commend to them the following anonymous verses that came our way:

Blessed are they who understand
My faltering step and shaking hand.

Blessed who know my ears today
Must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know
My eyes are dim and my mind is slow.

Blessed are they who looked away
When tea spilled on the cloth that day.

Blessed are they with a cheery smile
Who stopped to chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say
"You've told that story twice today."

Blessed are they who make it known
That I'm loved, respected and not alone.

And blessed are they who ease the days
Of my journey home, in loving ways.

PLIGHT OF RIPON CATHEDRAL

Pleading for more young people to become ringers at Ripon Cathedral, the Dean (the Very Rev. F. Ll. Hughes) writes in the Cathedral magazine: "Bells carry a message, and I am perpetually grieved by the silence of the Cathedral bells on Sundays. My cheeks burn with shame as I hear the Sharow bells pealing across the River Ure, and our melancholy ding-dong, the only Ripon answer.

"We must make a major effort to get a band of ringers again. Our deserted belfry must be manned once more. Our two or three remaining ringers have made valiant efforts to train young ringers, but these vanish away like smoke.

"The trouble in Ripon is that the very young go away to college or to work elsewhere, and the college students are birds of passage," says the Dean, and he thinks the only hope is in the 18–25 age group among those who have settled to work in the city.

"JACK" CAME BEFORE "BOB"

Two well-known Hawkhurst ringers, Mr. J Davis and his son, have been to the West Country, not for ringing, but bowls. They were members of a bowls party playing in tournaments each afternoon and evening. Unfortunately by the time they returned to their hotel for dinner it was too late to get in any tower snatching

INDUCTION WAS REUNION

The induction of the new Rector of Barley, Herts, the Rev. A. S Lockett, was preceded by a quarter peal of Bob Minor rung by members of St. John's Church, Hillingdon, Middlesex. Mr. Lockett was previously a curate at St. John's, and many other Hillingdon friends made the long journey to take part in the service After the service a touch of Cambridge Minor was rung, in which the Rev. David Hoare, of Ampthill, Beds, who was present at the induction, took part. Several of the Hillingdon band were delighted to thus meet and ring with an old friend.

"SUDDENLY RETURN"

A band of ringers in a North Yorkshire village were ringing a ground-floor six for the wedding of a village girl. Having rung the bride into church, they adjourned ot the home of the local captain for a welcome cup of coffee. A somewhat speedy return to the church was made, the ringers entering the church during the singing of a hymn whilst the register was being signed. The hymn was "Love divine," and as the ringers re-entered the church the lines sung were "Suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave."

"AGONISING EXPERIENCE"

Miss Ann Gardner, of Washington Cathedral band, writing to Mr Fred Price of Southbourne about her first peal, states: "It was really an agonising experience, what with my blisters and the heat. But it made me realise how short quarter peals are! We rang one on Monday for Labor Day, and the time simply whizzed by. Of course, that was partly because of the method, Kent Treble Bob Minor, with which I was rather unfamiliar, so that I had to think all the time instead of looking at the clock."

Ann has now left Washington for college, so will be absent from ringing for many months. She has taken with her "The Washington Peal" (record) to listen to when she gets homesick.

CHESTER, 1966

We broke new ground on the tour this year
By staying where there wasn't any beer,
But some scouting work was done by a few—
The Talbot was found to supply drinks for the crew

Talking of drink, poor Win had a blow,
A pint for a lady—never—oh no.
A half in each hand, there's a thing now,
Alternately sipping—avoiding a row.

Arriving at Handbridge. I thought "Somebody new,"
When peering beneath the long hair that grew,
I realised I had really seen him last year—
Dear Michael, you really must cut it, I fear.

When Bill found out we were going to 'Retreat
He searched out a text, simple and neat,
The back of the car is the place for to show,
But not on his own car, there's a limit, you know.

We have with us now a new Tenor King
So let us stand up and his praises do sing.
He can't have the two or the treble no more
A back-ender, Ron, or at least on the four.

The Reverend came—spent nearly a week.
The Sisters all thought him ever so meek,
But Dotty and I could tell a tall tale
If we cared to, but on second thoughts—no sale.

Talking of Dotty—she's called Dorothea—
The name is a mouthful, but she'll do for us here,
If only she'd grow, it is such a bind
Lengthening the tail-ends, time out of mind.

She also has brought her own tower captain
And Arthur has brought his brolly, for rain.
It's stayed in my car till I'm sick of the sight,
You'd better remove it, or we'll have a fight.

Gerald seems only one moan to have found—
The birds are a little bit thin on the ground.
He looked at the locals, decided no go,
The lack of a car restricted his show

Dennis the Menace is here for to ring,
He's always so quiet, there's never a thing
On which I can comment—if only he would
Kick o'er the traces, 'stead of being so good.

Ian likes fish and chips, so if you hunger for food
Follow him, and then the repast will be good.
But it doesn't give him any extra pull,
Liverpool tenor made him look a bit of a fool.

If you want a good route o'er the dale and the hill
The Dave is the one—he never is still.
He always rings round near the front of the peal,
He changes his shirt, then enjoys a good meal.

If you're a left-handed ringer, then better look out
My next guest, Ron Sharp, is liable to shout.
Never mind, Ron, we all do our best,
We even forgive you for ringing in your vest.

Dick Price is back, with a wife this year,
That's caused the other girls many a tear.
He should look at the road instead of Andrea.
Then he wouldn't have got any dents in the rear.

I've left out Tom, that will never do,
This year again we've pulled him through!
But seriously we thank you very sincerely,
We hope you will continue to organise yearly.

MARG.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
WESTBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,280 each of London and Rutland 1,120 of Bristol and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and York shire, with 129 changes of method Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb. in C sharp

David P. Hilling .. .. Treble	Michael P. Moreton .. 5
John Hill 2	Noel J. Diserens 6
Dennis Knox 3	D. John Hunt 7
Andrew N Stubbs 4	Ralph G. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin Conducted by David P Hilling

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 4 lb

Trevor E. Marks .. .. Treble	Sidney W. White 4
Gilbert W. Rendell 2	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 5
Gordon W. Rendell .. 3	Trevor A. Cross .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A Cross

Rung to celebrate 50 years' service as a ringer at Hardington Mandeville by Gilbert W. Rendell. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs G. W. Rendell, a ringer for 32 years at the same church.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas
On Tues., Oct. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F

Robert J. Warrilow .. Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis 5
Margaret E. Fort 2	Gerald Moorhouse 6
Basil Jones 3	Robert B. Smith 7
Carol Fernley 4	Frank Osbaldiston .. .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Basil Jones

Rung as a wedding compliment to Eileen and Richard Castledene who were married at Norbury on October 1st.

TATTENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Alban.
On Tues., Oct. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being six different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp

David Allman .. .. .. Treble	Leon A Perry 4
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2	John R. Scott 5
Keith W. Eaton 3	Frank R. Morton .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R Morton.

IGHTFIELD, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Single Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob
Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr. 16 lb in G.

David Allman .. .. Treble	Frank R. Morton 4
Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2	*Leon A Perry 5
*Keith W. Eaton 3	John R. Scott .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton
* First peal in two Minor methods "inside."

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Tues., Sept. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 41 methods: (1) Rodbourne, College, Buxton St. Clement's, Childwall, Wavertree, London, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Westlecott, Pinehurst and Lytham Bob. (2) College Exercise Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley T.B.. (3) London Scholars Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel T.B.. (4) College Bob IV Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight. (5) St. Albans Wragby Neasden and Charlwood Delight. (6) Beverley, Hexham, Surneet Durham, York and Berwick Surprise, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Keston, Hull, Primrose, Bourne and Ipswich Surprise.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G

Geoffrey W. Randall .. Treble	Stephen F. Royal 4
Richard J. Danby 2	Robert W. Sherriff 5
Frederick Shallcross .. 3	Peter S. Bennett .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter S Bennett.

Most Minor methods rung to a peal by all the band and for the Guild.

A compliment to Ian and Ann Maycock on the birth of their son, Neil Anthony.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
GREAT WAKERING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966 in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt

Penny Halliwell .. .. Treble	David Sloman 4
*Gerald A. Bacon .. 2	Philip Sadler 5
Bernard C Sadler 3	Alfred J. House .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alfred J. House.
* First peal of Minor.

TENDRING, Essex.—At the Church of St Edmund K. and M.
On Sat. Oct. 8, 1966 in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich Surprise Cambridge Surprise Double Court Single Court Oxford T.B Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Edward E. Davey .. .. Treble	Neville F Whittell 4
Rachel J R Orman 2	Alan R Andrews 5
Jennifer M. Andrews .. 3	George N Orman .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R Andrews.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
GRAYSHOTT, Hampshire.—At the Church of St Luke.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt 37 lb in A flat

*Geraldine Winnett .. .. Treble	G Kenneth Williamson 5
†Rita Moore 2	Trevor A Davies .. 6
‡Angela J Smart 3	Michael W Brown .. 7
Peter G Sherwood .. 4	Peter G Smart Tenor

Composed by A Knights. Conducted by Peter G Smart.
* First peal † First of Major ‡ First in the method First of Major as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St Mary Magdalene.
On Sat Oct 8, 1966 in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr 18 lb in F sharp

Peter S. Muchlinski .. Treble	*Richard Hayes 5
*Doris E. Colgate 2	*D. Paul Smith 6
Ann Jenner 3	Martin L Howe 7
*Judith M Corby 4	Stanley Jenner .. Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K Davies. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal in the method

ST MARY CRAY, Kent.—At the Church of St Mary
On Thurs. Sept 29, 1966 in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in nine methods viz. (1) Kelso (2) Wells. (3) Durham (4) Norwich 5) London (6) Cambridge and Ipswich. (7) Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 11 cwt 3 qr 21 lb in G.

*Tony Lewis .. .. .. Treble	D Paul Smith 4
†Ann Jenner 2	Ian H Oram 5
Michael H. O'Callaghan 3	‡Stanley Jenner .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis
* 100th peal † First of nine Surprise ‡ First of nine Surprise Minor
Rung on the Feast of St Michael and All Angels.

LITTLE CHART, Kent.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Oct 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In ten methods, being two extents each of Stedman Slow Course and St Osmund four each of St Remigius Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob St Martin and St Simon and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt 1 qr 21 lb in B.

Peggy Skinner .. .. Treble	*Betty Robbins .. 4
John L Anderson 2	†Rev Peter T Robbins 5
Peter M Bradford 3	‡Bertram Haley Tenor

Conducted by the Rev Peter T. Robbins.
* 200th tower bell peal † 50th tower bell peal ‡ First peal.
The greatest number of Doubles methods to a peal for all the band. The ringer of the 5th has now "circled the tower"
Rung for the tenth anniversary of the dedication of the present church. Also rung on the 15th wedding anniversary of the Rev and Mrs. P. T. Robbins.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt 81 lb. in D

Margaret Wright .. .. Treble	Richard S Starkie 6
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	Basil Jones 7
*Margaret P. Booth .. 3	F. John Nelson 8
Christine Andrew 4	Jeffrey Brannan 9
Neil Bennett 5	Derek Butterworth .. Tenor

Composed by R F B Speed Conducted by Neil Bennett
* First 10-bell peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St Peter.
On Wed., Sept 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 95 lb in E.

F John Nelson .. .. Treble	Basil Jones 5
Christine Andrew 2	Neil Bennett 6
Derek Butterworth 3	*Richard S Starkie 7
*Peter J Wycherley 4	Jeffrey Brannan .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Moorhouse Conducted by Neil Bennett.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

James E. Dickinson	Treble	Stanley Anderton	5
John Bagnall	2	Nicholas M. Newby	6
James E. Burles	3	Nicholas M. Newby, jun.	7
*Kevin Price	4	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Composed by J. Thorp. Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Susan Blackburn and Robert Livesey, married at Cartmel Priory earlier in the day.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 127 changes of method and all the work of the methods for every bell.
Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

David C. Walker	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
Christine Andrew	2	Denis Mottershead	6
Neil Bennett	3	Neil D. Lomas	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

SILVERDALE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb. in G

*Patricia James	Treble	David H. Garnett	4
Kevin Price	2	†David Bradshaw	5
Nicholas M. Newby	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr 7 lb. in E flat.

E. Jane Sibson	Treble	Ronald J. Sharp	5
Joan Beresford	2	*David F. Moore	6
Edgar R. Rapley	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Peter M. Fleckney	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson
* First peal in the method.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to John R. Mayne and Marguerite E. Dalraine, who were married earlier this day.

WELFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

*J. Edward Cawser	Treble	†Alan Evans	5
Beryl E. Cawser	2	E Alan Jacques	6
Russell S. Morris	3	*J. Martin Thorley	7
John M. Jelley	4	Brian S Chapman	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* 50th peal together. † First in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Oct. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5083 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb. in B

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Richard J. Clifton	5
Roland Beniston	2	Samuel J. Haines	6
*Martin Green	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Gordon H. Lane	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.
* First peal of Superlative "inside" and 25th peal for the Guild

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWINESHEAD, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*Valerie J. Howard	Treble	Alan G. Payne	5
Joan Gilbert	2	David D. Smith	6
Janet E. Hubbard	3	John A. Howard	7
Derek Slater	4	Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* 25th peal.
Rung for the wedding of Brian Leppard, of West Hoathly, Sussex, and Heather E. Clark, of Sleaford, which took place immediately after this peal.

HEYDOUR, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

John Freeman	Treble	Denis A. Frith	5
H. Leslie Squires	2	Jack Bray	6
*J. Andrew Colborne	3	*Graham Colborne	7
Roland W. Morant	4	*Vaughan P. Evans	Tenor

Conducted by John Freeman
* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Stephen Vaughan) to the ringer of the tenor.

BELTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., Oct 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

Melvyn A. Rose	Treble	Maurice Lings	4
James Thorley	2	Harold P. Judd	5
William Bains	3	John Hall	Tenor

Conducted by Melvyn A. Rose.
First peal as conductor.
Rung with the compliments of the band to John Francis Underwood and Kathleen Mary Butler, married at Stow-in-Lindsey on October 8th, 1966.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Contains 24 567089's, 23 658790's and 22 567890's. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	*Edmund J. Morris	6
*Gwen Bidgood	2	Nicholas W. H. Simon	7
*Susan Harber	3	David J. Llewellyn	8
Thomas Yeomans	4	Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	9
*Ruth E. Havard	5	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal.

PENARTH, Glam.—At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	Tudor P. Edwards	5
Mary Pryor	2	Ellis N. Thomas	6
Nicholas W. H. Simon	3	David J. Llewellyn	7
Ruth E. Havard	4	Rev. G. J. B. Stickland	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung with the good wishes of the band following the ordination of Geoffrey Stickland.

PENTRE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Donald G. Clift	Treble	Alan Tubb	5
Nicholas W. H. Simon	2	David J Llewellyn	6
Richard W. Sweet	3	Tudor P. Edwards	7
Richard J. Bowden	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by T. E. Worsley. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Mrs. Kathleen Parr	Treble	Harold R. Blagden	6
Patricia Rogers	2	Dennis A. Hewitt	7
Jonathan S. N. Porter	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	8
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	4	Harold W. Rogers	9
Keith J. Triplow	5	Christopher H. Rogers	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
A 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, who were married in this church. Also a 21st birthday and engagement compliment to Jeanette Felton, a local ringer.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Charles T. Richards	Treble	Harold W. Rogers	5
*Kathleen M. Higgins	2	Wilfrid G. Wilson	6
*Patricia Rogers	3	Jonathan S. N. Porter	7
Keith J. Triplow	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal in the method.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Ruth M. Foreman .. .. Treble	John Hill 5
Joan Beresford 2	Thomas J. Lock 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	G. William Critchley .. 7
Alick Cutler 4	Dennis Knox .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J Ivin. Conducted by Dennis Knox.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

James Linnell .. .. .. Treble	Barry E. Saunders 5
Joseph W. Cotton 2	George W. Holland .. 6
Arthur E. Rowley 3	Charles E. Truman 7
Martin Green 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BROUGHTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F

Paul J. Atkins .. .. Treble	Harold Dowler 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Raymond J. Ballard .. 6
T. Felicity Webber .. 3	Dennis Latham 7
*Gerald Parsons 4	Roy Worrall .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
* First peal of London.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
FORNCETT ST. PETER, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin, St. Simon and Grandsire and ten of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Charles H. Blake .. .. Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold .. 3
Henry Tooke 2	Robin Churchill 4
H. William Barrett .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by H. William Barrett.
To mark the birth of a grandson (Paul) to the ringer of the treble

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's transposition. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

*Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble	Clifford J. Garlick 5
†Mrs. A. D. Smith 2	Claude Corderoy 6
James P. Blond 3	*Robert B. Blond 7
John H. Napper 4	William Corderoy .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Stedman.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 8 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in F sharp.

*W. Robert Hare .. .. Treble	Walter G. Knight 5
Alan R. Pink 2	A. James Glass 6
Gordon W. Limmer .. 3	William Birmingham .. 7
*David C. Brown 4	Anthony K. Fortin .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. Howes. Conducted by William Birmingham.
* First peal at first attempt.

BRIGHTWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Agatha.
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent T.B., one of St. Clement's College Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Susan M. Heyworth .. Treble	Michael C. E. Hodge .. 4
*A. Keith P. Poole 2	Christopher I. Rowson .. 5
Roger M. Heyworth .. 3	John C. Baldwin .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.
* First peal.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 39 methods, being 120 each of Beckley, Friezland, Gresford, Harbury, Isis, Jacobstow, Northleigh, Oxford, Ray, Stanton, St. Cross, St. Margaret, St. Swithin, St. Tydfil, St. Valentine, Pink's, St. Anne, St. Frideswide, St. Helen, St. Lucy, St. Quintin, Zennor, Middleton Stoney, April Day, May Day, Kennington, Seighford, Litchurch, Clifford, Royston, St. David, Little Aston, Southrepps, St. Thomas the Martyr, Dedworth, Rev. Canterbury, Antelope, Plain Bob and 480 Grandsire. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

Garth A. Porter .. .. Treble	Leonard R. Porter 4
John A. Betts 2	Alec Gammon 5
Roy H. Jones 3	Ian A. Ross .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
Rung as a farewell compliment to Miss Hilary Osborne, leaving for Canada.

MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 50 methods: 120 each of April Day, Kennington, Litchurch, Seighford, May Day. Longparish, Clifford, Southrepps, Little Aston, St. David, St. Anne, St Helen, Longparish–Freeland–Oxton, Daffodil–Isis–Pinxton, Bluebell–Beckley–Quantoxhead, St. Anne–Ray–St. Endellion, Middleton Stoney–Stanton–Roxholme, St. Quintin–St. Swithin–Saxondale, Allestree–Antelope–Uttoxeter, 240 each of St. Frideswide.–St. Cross–Vauxhall, Ladbroke–St. Tydfil–Xanxene, Keysoe–Jacobstow–Yaxley, Newborough,–Oxford–Southwell, Pink's–Hanbury–Zeal Monachorum, Allestree, Plain Bob, 360 each of Royston, Rev. Canterbury and Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

Martin R. Bolton .. .. Treble	Roy H. Jones 3
Leonard R. Porter 2	Noel D. Deam 4
*Alec Gammon .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
* 50th peal. First peal in 50 methods for all the band and the Guild.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Paul Rimmer, Mrs. Rimmer and family and as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones.

SHENINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one extent each of 42 methods/variations: (1) St. Remigius, (2) Horsley, (3) St. Chrysostum, (4) Church Gresley, (5) St. Richard, (6) St. Cleer, (7) St. Nicholas, (8) Lapley, (9) St. Thomas, (10) St. Giles, (11) Nuffield, (12) Shareshill, (13) Winchendon Place, (14) St. John, (15) St. Luke, (16) St. Miles, (17) Wadham, (18) Ryton, (19) St. Simon, (20) Eynsham, (21) Cassington, (22) St. Albans, (23) Somerville, (24) Elford, (25) St. Martin, (26) St. Leonard, (27) St. Peter, (28) St. Paul, (29) Magdalen, (30) Austrey, (31) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (32) Clifford's Pleasure, (33) St. Columb, (34) Southrepps Pleasure, (35) Campion, (36) Little Aston, (37) Plain Bob, (38) April Day, (39) Old, (40) Kennington, (41) Hudibras, (42) Seighford. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A flat.

Ernest G. Jones .. .. Treble	Michael W. Coleman .. 3
*Diana Reeves 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. 4
†Robert A. Reeves .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
* First peal of Doubles. † Most Doubles methods/variations to a peal.
Rung for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARKET HARBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Church of St. Dionysius.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

Ronald Russell .. .. .. Treble	James Linnell 5
Richard F. B. Speed .. 2	Charles E. Truman 6
Raymond A. Vickers .. 3	Alan A. Paul 7
Barry E. Saunders 4	Graham C. Paul .. .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
First peal in the method by all.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
ERDINGTON.—At the Church of St. Barnabas,
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Rev. D. Sansum	Treble	William J. V. Conduct	5
Alan S. Burbidge	2	James W. Belshaw	6
Merryn Hutchings	3	Paul McEvilley	7
Maurice Edwards	4	James Insley	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.
Rung for the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. John Claypole Bacon, former curate.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
EDINGTON, Wiltshire.—At the Priory Church of St. Mary, St. Katherine and All Saints.
On Sun., Sept. 11, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent of Cambridge Surprise and six extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Geoffrey K. Dodd	Treble	Anthony R. Peake	4
David P. Hilling	2	George E. Thoday	5
Brian J. Luff	3	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19½ cwt.

Bessie A. Carter	Treble	Edward W. Colley	6
Philip J. Evans	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst	7
Clifford A. Barron	3	Frederick G. Beddow	8
Frederick A. H. Cattell	4	John N. Lindon	9
Arthur Pritchard	5	Ernest F. Willcox	Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
Rung for the wedding the same day of Miss Walters, daughter of the Vicar, the Rev. E. E. F. Walters.

EDGMOND, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G

*Janet Harris	Treble	Frank Beech	4
George E. Morrall	2	†Ernest C. Morrall	5
Edward R. Fairbrother	3	Ernest F. Willcox	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Morrall.
* First peal. † Has now "circled the tower."
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Denis and Marian Owen (nee Cotton).

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
GNOSALL, Staffordshire.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5043 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being four 240's and 34 120's. Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

*Barbara Wiggin	Treble	Graham Hall	4
Lucy Ann Key	2	Barnabas G. Key	5
†Grahame S. Keay	3	John W. Dyke	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal. † First "inside."
Rung for Harvest. Also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wiggin, parents of the treble ringer, on their 29th wedding anniversary.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ROTHERFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Sun., Sept. 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Judith M. Corby	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
D. Paul Smith	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
C. Martin Press	3	Stanley Jenner	7
William Rogers	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
Arranged and rung to mark the ordination of Arthur David Charlton at Chichester Cathedral earlier this day.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*Tony Price	Treble	†Martin F. Lock	7
*Albert Diserens	2	*Norman Chaddock	8
*Cecil W. Pipe	3	John N. D. Chaddock	9
*Geoffrey J. Hemming	4	Gerald C. Hemming	10
*Thomas J. Lock	5	Noel J. Diserens	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	Frank C. Price	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* The fathers. † First peal of Surprise Maximus.
Rung by six fathers and six sons.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
THORNER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Susan E. Thompson	Treble	Michael Stanitorth	5
Iris Lemare	2	Alan Leggett	6
Frederick A. Munday	3	Alan E. Hartley	7
*Terence W. Brighton	4	Bert Sutton	Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.
* First peal of Major.
Rung with the bells fully muffled in memoriam Charles H. Crabtree, by whose generosity these bells were rehung and two trebles added in July, 1962. Tenor 10 cwt. 27 lb.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
MARKET WEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge S., Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

Patricia A. Wilson	Treble	Arthur B. Cooper	4
Eve Rimer	2	Robert C. Hawtree	5
Christopher L. D. Munday	3	Howard C. Palmer	Tenor

Conducted by Howard C. Palmer.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Thurs., Sept. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C

Robert B. Smith	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
*C. Kenneth Lewis	3–4	*John Worth	7–8

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Oxford T.B. Major on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 17, Queen Street.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

*Susan D. Cowan	1–2	Geoffrey Dodds	5–6
†Frederick W. Ellis	3–4	Joyce Dodds	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.
* First peal of Major "in hand." † First handbell peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., Sept. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Edward J. Beer	7–8
Bernard F. L. Groves	3–4	Stuart Sandford	9–10
Christopher T. Osenton	5–6	*John W. Gander	11–12

Composed by R. B. Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Maximus. Tenor size 18 in C.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

*David F. Moore	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
Peter J. Staniforth	3–4	John M. Jelley	7–8

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal of Surprise "in hand." Tenor size 15 in C.

LEICESTER.—At The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

*David F. Moore	1–2	Peter J. Staniforth	5–6
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	3–4	John M. Jelley	7–8
		Alfred Ballard	9–10

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by John M. Jelley.
* First peal of Surprise Royal "in hand."

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, Leicestershire.—At 66, Melton Road.
On Fri., Oct. 7, 1966, in 1 Hour and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents differently called Tenor size 15 in C.

Malcolm D. Barsby	1–2	Rupert A. Clarke	3–4
		*B Stedman Payne (cond.)	5–6

* 150th peal on handbells.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
MELKSHAM, Wiltshire.—At Grandison, Avon Road.
On Sun., Sept. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 16 in B flat.

Mrs. Heather A. Mann	1–2	Anthony R. Mann	3–4
		*Robert J. Purnell	5–6

Conducted by Anthony R. Mann.
* First handbell peal.
First handbell peal rung at Melksham, also the first for 30 years for the Guild.

QUARTER PEALS

ALTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lockyer (first quarter) 1, M. Chennell-White 2, A. Biddlecombe 3, G. Noakes 4, C. Chennell-White 5, E. Hedger 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8. For Harvest Festival.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Atfield 1, P. Archer (first "inside") 2, L. Parry 3, A. Beckwith 4, S. Bloomfield 5, H. Egglestone (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BRASTED, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob Minor: S. Millington (first quarter) 1, R. Waterhouse 2, F. Budgen 3, J. Igglesden 4, R. Sherlock 5, R. Law (cond.) 6.

CASSINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sonia M. Norgrove 1, E. D. Patching 2, P. Pearce 3, D. Floyd 4, A. E. Hicks 5, M. J. Church (cond.) 6. For the birthday of the ringer of the treble.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. I. Davis 1, Beryl M. Hills (first "inside") 2, Lynn B. Hollingsbee (first "inside") 3, L. H. Bennett 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, H. McKissock (first quarter) 6.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Dickenson (first quarter) 1, H. Corney 2, C. A. Ottaway 3, J. P. Ottaway 4, K. H. Hughes 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6. For Chigwell School Speech Day service.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. John the Baptist, 1,287 Stedman Caters: R. C. Stevens (cond.) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, F. E. Mitchell 3, G. Fisher 4, I. M. Parry 5, N. S. Brown 6, A. Brown (first of Stedman Caters "inside") 7, N. G. T. Steere 8, F. E. Collins 9, K. Taber 10.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's, Church, on Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods/variations): Janet Pink 1, R. Fisher 2, Pamela Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. For Harvest Festival, and the christening of Mark John, son of the tenor ringer.

DURWESTON, DORSET.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): M. Corry 1, T. Bleatham 2, C. F. Longridge 3, D. J. Knight 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, C. Corry 6.

ELING, HANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles (called alternately): D. C. Jackson (cond.) 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, Anne Buchanan (first in two methods) 3, T. Matcham 4, B. Mackrell (first in two methods) 5, R. Buchanan 6. For Harvest Festival, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Buchanan.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Judy Harvey (first of Minor) 1, Sally Parrott 2, W. Parrott 3, Adrienne Gibson 4, S. Warren 5, J. Munton (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford and Plain Bob): Audrey J. Riley 1, Elizabeth A. Banks 2, L. D. Smith 3, T. Matcham 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Gregson 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, R. Moore 3, D. H. Garnett 4, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 5, Rev. J. W. Garnett (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): N. Sheppard 1, Mrs. Y. Perrin 2, R. Jean Vidler 3, H. Baker 4, G. Grant (cond.) 5, —. Sheppard 6, P. Town 7, R. Millidine 8. First quarter 1, 2, 6 and 8. To celebrate 60 years of ringing by George Grant, and the 12th birthday of Nigel Sheppard.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (middle six): Miss F. Munt 1, R. Redwood 2, E. J. Thoday 3, Mrs. R. B. Davey 4, G. W. Henson 5, C. J. Higgins 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, W. E. Morris 8. For the wedding of Peter Hall and Gillian Iris Clark.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 2nd, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Patricia Rogers (cond.) 1, Olive Rogers 2, E. N. Thomas 3, C. T. Richards 4, R. H. Youdale (first Stedman) 5, R. M. Damerell 6, P. A. Brand 7, W. G. Wilson 8, H. W. Rogers 9, D. M. Boniface 10. For the Festival of Flowers.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Crowhurst (first quarter) 1, Amette Bradbury 2, Sybil Tonkin 3, D. McLean 4, Rosemary Earl (cond.) 5, E. Breed 6, B. Stepney 7, G. Tiverley 8. For the ordination of the Rev. John Huggett, new curate.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Hall 1, Miss R. Russell 2, Mrs. A. Broadhurst 3, S. W. Barton 4, C. A. Barron (cond.) 5, E. Spence 6, J. N. Lindon 7, T. Russell 8. A compliment to Mr. George Miles upon completing 20 years as organist and choirmaster at St. Peter's Church.

HALEWOOD, LANCS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. W. Hasketh (cond.) 1, N. P. A. Goulding 2, Barbara Davies 3, J. R. Ridley 4, J. Dunbavin 5, J. Robinson 6, T. M. FitzGerald 7, G. K. Austin 8. For the ordination as priest of Rev. Christopher Hopkins, and as deacon of Rev. Ian Elliott, curate. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. M. FitzGerald 1, N. P. A. Goulding 2, J. Dunbavin 3, J. R. Ridley 4, J. Wilton 5, J. Robinson 6, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 7, G. K. Austin 8. A farewell to T. M. FitzGerald, who is leaving to train for the ministry.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): G. Barnard 1, E. W. Brown 2, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 3, B. Horrell 4, A. E. Ling 5. For Harvest Festival.

HERTFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: B. J. W. Foley 1, Jacqueline S. Young 2, D. Digby 3, R. Wilshire 4, I. S. Dear 5, M. B. Jefferyes 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, J. W. Thorp 8, J. Kemp 9, P. M. F. Searles 10. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 10. For the wedding of Michael Ritsema and Wenda Lynette Roberts.

HERTINGFORDBURY, HERTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: V. Tubby (first in method) 1, R. Wilshire 2, D. Digby 3, J. Kemp 4, J. Thorp (cond.) 5, P. M. F. Searles (first in method) 6. To mark the birth of Nicholas Roberts (September 18th), son of David and Carolyn Roberts.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,280 Minor (Cambridge and Spliced Plain and Little Bob): H. W. Dunsden 1, Mrs. A. D. Smith 2, R. W. Rex 3, G. K. Dodd 4, R. F. Crook 5, D. L. Wilsox (cond.) 6.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. B. Davey 1, W. Papworth 2, A. J. Davey 3, C. L. Godfrey 4, L. Cowley 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,320 Kent T.B. Minor: W. Ransom 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, W. Papworth 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HUNTLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles: L. Smith 1, Miss G. Mitchell 2, E. D. Wilson 3, R. Chew 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, T. Bourne 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon J. G. Lister, for many years chairman of the Forest of Dean bellringers.

ILTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Horsey (first attempt) 1, R. Parker (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. D. Crocker 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Welch (first "inside") 5, R. Spiller (first attempt) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. Royal 1, E. Anthea M. Sparshott 2, Shirley E. Jones (cond.) 3, P. S. Reading 4, A. J. Cox 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. C. J. Royal. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: P. S. Reading 1—2, Shirley E. Jones 3—4. Rung silent and non-conducted. First handbell quarter for both. Also on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): C. J. Royal 1, E. Anthea M. Sparshott (first as cond.) 2, P. C. Randall 3, P. S. Reading 4, S. F. Royal 5, Shirley E. Jones 6. A farewell to ringers of 1, 4 and 5, leaving for High Wycombe, Cardiff and Oxford respectively.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Barbara A. Taylor 1, M. J. Wilson 2, K. Kirk 3, A. B. Cooper 4, H. C. Palmer 5, I. G. Campbell (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, and as a wedding compliment to Elizabeth Peace and David S. Johnson.

LEIGH, KENT.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Evans (first quarter) 1, G. Hitchcock 2, D. Pankhurst 3, V. Kench 4, W. Manser (cond.) 5, B. Pankhurst 6. For Harvest Festival.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Peters 1, H. Miles 2, Marion L. Lidgey 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, F. M. Bowers 5. First in method 1, 4 and 5. For Harvest Festival.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. M. Ottaway 1, C. A. Ottaway 2, H. Corney 3, C. W. Ottaway 4, J. P. Ottaway (cond.) 5. For the Civic service. Also on Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. P. Ottaway 1, Miss E. M. Ottaway (first "inside") 2, Miss G. E. Perry 3, H. Corney 4, C. A. Ottaway 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6. For the conductor's 21st birthday (August 7th). Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. I. Neville 1, Miss G. E. Perry 2, H. Corney 3, J. P. Ottaway 4, F. Tomlin 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6, J. H. Smith 7, R. Burberry 8. For Harvest Festival.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mary Garrard 1, K. Lewin 2, N. Jarrard 3, A. J. Smith (cond.) 4, J. G. Newman 5, H. Wood 6, A. E. Rushton 7, B. L. S. Hulatt 8. To mark the ordinations of Trevor Parkin and Geoffrey Halliday as deacons, and Rev. A. M. Girling as priest.

MORECAMBE, LANCS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. M. L. Nicholls 1, E. Boumphrey 2, B. Maudsley 3, W. Bolton 4, D. Bradshaw 5, A. Hinchcliffe 6, R. Palmer 7, W. T. Gerrard (cond.) 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (120 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Julie Hopkins 1, Joan Cheney 2, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 3, W. C. Budd 4, P. M. Edgson 5, Lynda Hopkins 6. For Harvest Festival.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,360 Oxford Treble Bob Royal: C. S. Ryles (cond.) 1, L. Walley 2, P. Mills 3, C. Stewart 4, R. Anderson 5, E. Young 6, P. Jones 7, D. Pitstow 8, A. Thompson 9, A. Moore 10. For Harvest Festival, and the induction of the Rev. D. Portwood as Vicar of St. Andrew's in the Westlands.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Jane Wyatt 1, Cherry Withell 2, T. Smith 3, H. Badger 4, I. Ross (cond.) 5, P. Lucas 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Robin Trebilcock, on the birth of their son, Duncan; also for the Stewardship dedication and Harvest Festival Evensong.

POOLE, DORSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. S. Stubbington (first quarter) 1, Miss S. M. Pitman 2, C. M. Heawood 3, R. W. Young 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, H. P. Davis 6.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Bob): L. Smith 1, Miss G. Mitchell 2, R. Chew 3, F. Reynolds 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, Har. Meek 6. Rung after the wedding of Yvonne Williams and Brian Sainsbury.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, Verona Naylor 2, M. F. Edwards 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. Harris 5, R. J. Cann 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, C. W. Bragg 8, G. E. Fearn 9, E. J. Cole 10.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Dorothy Webb 1, S. W. Berry 2, J. S. Townley 3, Mrs. S. Webb 4, S. F. Webb (cond.) 5, J. J. Spraggett 6. First of Minor 1 and 3. In honour of the marriage of Margaret Leedham, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Clements, and Mr. Roland J. Cocks this day at Bath.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sangwin 1, M. Crowell 2, C. Mutton 3, B. Vince 4, H. Stacey 5, H. Trewin (cond.) 6, J. Sangwin 7, B. Pink 8. For Harvest Festival.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Garrod 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, D. Digby (cond.) 3, H. Shire 4, P. Owen 5, A. Sears 6. For Harvest Festival.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Westwood 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, F. Bird 3, A. Richardson 4, T. Camp 5. For Holy Communion, and for the Rector and Mrs. Robinson, on their silver wedding. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Parnham (first quarter) 1, A. Richardson 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, K. Westwood 6.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Feltham 1, H. Toogood 2, J. Coombs (cond.) 3, A. J. Peters 4, J. Phillips 5, J. Radford 6. For the wedding of John Loxton and Miss Yvonne Modranska.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Laura Grindrod 1, June Whitcher 2, I. L. Dear 3, M. C. Austin 4, D. Hawkins 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6, K. Scrimshaw 7, A. J. Slade 8, R. Durrant 9, E. T. Newnham 10. Rung before Matins to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Sarah Louise) to Bob and Jane Chapman, both members of the local band.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court and 540 Plain Bob): A. E. Fullbrook 1, J. C. Baldwin 2, H. White 3, I. P. Stoter 4, D. J. Stoter 5, J. P. White (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Fullbrook 1, H. V. Booker 2, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 3, K. Leach 4, H. White 5, A. R. Wood 6. For the dedication festival.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Hilary Knight 1, Pamela J. E. Denney 2, M. Jean Aldwincle 3, C. N. Stephenson 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. For Harvest Evensong, and as a compliment to Rev. and Mrs. N. C. Murray, on their ruby wedding anniversary.

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BIRTH

TAYLOR.—On October 4th, 1966, to Jennie (née Davies) and Jim, a daughter, Penelope Jane, sister for Jacqueline and Rosalind. 134

DEATH

WHITE.—At Bournemouth on September 14th, 1966, Annie Elizabeth, dearest mother of Maisie, Marcia and Muriel. At rest. 154

RETURN THANKS

MRS. JACK RUSSELL and family would like to thank all ringing friends in the Kent County Association for their very kind letters of sympathy. Grateful thanks to those who were able to attend the service at Birchington Church. 141

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHAPMAN.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Chapman (formerly 64, Pilgrims Way, Canterbury) is now 8, Homefield, Thornbury, Bristol, Glos. 135

HUNT.—The address of D. John Hunt and Gillian M. (formerly Hussey) Hunt is now 8, Glenarm Road, Brislington, Bristol 4. No phone yet. 144

TELEPHONE NUMBER

DAVID P. HILLING. — The telephone number of David Hilling, of 57, Bryant Avenue, Slough, Bucks, is now Chalvey Park 65828 (S.T.D. code 0753), City office number remains unchanged. 119

PERSONAL

"He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls."—Proverbs xxv, 28.

MISCELLANEOUS

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BLABY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
The Sixth Bell Fund
Saturday, October 29th. Choral Evensong 6 o'clock, followed by a recital of sacred music.
Bells open for ringing from 5 o'clock. 124

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A Dinner will be held at Wells Town Hall on November 12th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Names essential with remittance of £1 to Mr. D. G. Yeo, Estune, Brockway, Nailsea, Backwell, by November 1st.—G. Salmon, Gen. Sec.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. —Annual dinner, Saturday, November 26th, at 7 p.m. at the Union, Edgbaston. Tickets £1. Ringing arrangements with tickets. Only limited accommodation available. Names, with money, to J. R. White, The Union, University Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15, by Wednesday, November 16th, please. 162

BRISTOL FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 29th, 1966
Thirty-one towers open. For full programme see "Ringing World" of September 23rd. Redcliffe (12) will be available from 2.30–4.30, and not as shown. 145

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner in the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on Saturday, October 29th, 6.15 for 6.45 p.m.
Tickets (21/-) from P. J. Eves, 8 Lordship Road, Writtle, not later than Wednesday, October 26th S.A.E., please. 020

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — The Annual Dinner will be held at the Victoria and Station Hotel, Preston, on Saturday, October 29th. Tickets (25/- each) from Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenchwood, Preston. Ringing at Walton-le-Dale and Samlesbury from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. and at Penwortham and at St. John's, Preston, from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m. 018

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—New District secretary: Mr. K. Davis, Apple Acre, Union Road, Bridge, Canterbury, Kent. 150

MANCHESTER TOWN HALL.—Applications for the use of the bells for peals or visits should be addressed to Mr. Neil Bennett, 12, Union Road, Ashton-under-Lyne; or to Mr. Jeffrey Brannan, 10, Quickedge Road, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne (Tel. 061 MY8 2424). S.A.E. must be included. 138

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—There will be no ringing at St. Mary's, Rickmansworth, from October 24th, 1966, until November 8th, 1966, as woodwork in the church is being treated against woodworm. 059

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Our Annual Dinner is being held on Saturday, November 26th, at the Drummond Arms Hotel, Hythe. Tickets (21s. 6d.) from Miss H. A. Walters, Chamberlain Hall, Bassett, Southampton. Ringing arrangements with tickets.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Templecombe (6), Saturday, October 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 117

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Loxton (6) on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 156

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, October 22nd. Bells from 3 to 5 p.m. No service. Tea in Parish Rooms, followed by business meeting. Chilvers Coton bells available in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone 3296. Note change.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 065

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION and DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Derby District).—Joint meeting, Swanwick (6), October 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea to E. J. Sterland, Ogston, The Meadows, Swanwick, Derbys. **Ripley** bells (8) available from 6 to 8.30 p.m. **Please attend.** —E. J. Sterland, Clive Thrower, Hon. Secs. 137

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District. — Quarterly meeting, Whitbourne, October 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Reservations, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard. 127

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western and Midland Districts.—Joint meeting on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells available: Brown Edge (6) 3 to 4 p.m.; Norton-le-Moors (8) 4 p.m. and after tea; Newcastle-under-Lyme (10) 7 to 8.30 p.m. Service at Norton 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Horn and S. Chesterton, Dis. Secs. 9965

LADIES GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Ross-on-Wye, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. at Central Café, Ross-on-Wye. Names, please, as soon as possible.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow, Mon 129

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, LADIES' GUILD and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (local branches) and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, Saturday, October 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow, and social (8 p.m.) in St. John's Hall. Names for tea appreciated by F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. and after tea, Harefield (6), 2.30–4 p.m. Buses to Uxbridge connect.—W. S. Deason, J. Hooton, D. Hague and V. E. Dupré. 072

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glenn, Saturday, October 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at the Royal Oak.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec 133

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS
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Morning Prayer 2.30 p.m.–5 p.m.
Open to all ringers.

Visiting ringers will be welcome at all times. The tower will be open to any ringers and to the general public during Sunday afternoon.—R. H. Duke, Captain and Towerkeeper. 099

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District — A.G.M. at Debenham (8), October 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 at the Vicarage, followed by A.G.M. Names for tea to H. W. H. Leather, Three Ways, Monk Soham, Woodbridge, Suffolk.—H. W. H. L., Dis. Sec. 097

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Catherington, October 22nd. Bells 2.30 till 8. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Farmer's Inn Hut. Evening ringing also at SS. Peter and Paul's, Hambledon, 6.30 till 8.30. 102

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY. — Meeting on Saturday, October 22nd. Bells: Aberdare 12–1 p.m., Llanfaes 2.30–4 p.m., St. Mary's, Brecon 6–8 p.m. Tea and meeting at Llanfaes.—Miss H. N. Essen. 155

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Hanbell assemblage at Staverton Vicarage, near Cheltenham (off A.40 to Gloucester), on Wednesday, October 26th, from 7 o'clock. Demonstration of change ringing by Cheltenham band, and tune ringing by Bishop's Cleeve School band, 7.30 p.m. Tuition by Cyril Wratten and Francis Fairbank. Refreshments 1s. Individuals and bands all welcome. Names to Vicarage by 24th.—J. Homfray. 111

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Tetbury, Wednesday, October 26th. Bells 7.15 p.m. to 9 p.m. Short meeting 8.15 p.m. — H. Heath. 147

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Meeting at Manchester Cathedral on **Wednesday**, October 26th. Bells available from 7 p.m.—J. Brannan. 164

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Weaverham (6) on October 29th, starting 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. Hornby, 33, Forster Avenue. Special method: London Scholars' Pleasure 136

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—St. Mary's, Liscard. October 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Cups of tea only provided.—A. J. Martin. 166

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Skelton, Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 140

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Thrybergh (6), Saturday, October 29th. Bells from 3 o.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. F. Brunt, The Channings, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, near Rotherham. 143

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Consett on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Tyson, 1, Seymour Street, Consett, Durham. 153

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, St. Wendreda's, March, Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J Fox, Dis. Sec 161

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blaisdon, Glos, on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Notify Miss J. Pickering, Sunnyside, Blaisdon, Glos, for tea. 151

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice meeting at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, October 29th, 6–9 p.m.—Mrs. B R. Simpson, Dis Sec. 112

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A combined practice at Pontesbury, Saturday, October 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Hon. Sec. 146

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Royston, Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 139

LADIES' GUILD — Central District. — Meeting at Willesden. Saturday, October 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Calverley on Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. P. Dawson, 34, Carr Road, Calverley, Pudsey, by previous Wednesday. 160

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Louth, Saturday, October 29th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. T. Avery, 33, Broadbank, Louth, by Wednesday previous. 123

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Silk Willoughby, Saturday, October 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. H. P. Collin, Church Lane, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs, by Monday, October 24th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 157

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Practice meeting at Brafield on Saturday, October 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford 9969

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting at Weldon, October 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to R. Webster, 17, Church Street, Weldon, Corby, by 25th. 165

POLICE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Annual general meeting, Leicester, on Saturday, October 29th (amended date). Luncheon at Leicester Police Headquarters (by kind permission of Chief Constable), followed by short meeting. Ringing at several towers. Application and further details from A. Pearce, secretary, 197, Wythenshawe Road, Manchester 23. 051

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — Meeting in Dundee on Saturday, October 29th. Two 8-bell towers—St. Paul's Cathedral 2.30, discussion about A.G.M., 4.30, and Old Steeple at 6 p.m.—Rögnvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 152

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting, Godstone (8), Saturday, October 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. K. Wood, 45, Warren Lane, Oxted, by Wednesday, October 26th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 120

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at Feltham, Wednesday, November 2nd. Ringing 7.30 to 9 p.m. All standard methods.—W. S. Deason. 055

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 5th. Milton Ernest bells (6) 3 to 5 p.m. Tea 5. Bletsoe (6) from 6.15.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec. 163

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Whitnash, November 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by more ringing. Names for tea to Mr. P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Whitnash. (Tel. Leamington 26089.)—P. S. Bennett. 116

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. G. Howard-Davies, The Rectory, Sible Hedingham, by Wednesday, November 2nd, please. 158

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District. — By-meeting, Eastry, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. per person. Names, together with cash, please, to Mr. R. Deveson, The Bakery, Eastry, Sandwich, by Wednesday, November 2nd. 149

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, November 5th. Bells 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Mrs. A. M. Guy Dis. Sec., The Shieling, Afton Road, Freshwater. 159

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Over 80 ringers attended the autumn festival of the Penzance Branch, held at Helston on October 8th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. M. Woollan, who welcomed the Guild.

The ladies of the church provided a substantial tea and we offer our thanks for their generous hospitality. After tea the business meeting was held, when the Vicar presented a number of long-service certificates.

An invitation was received from Landewednack to hold the spring festival there, and the date provisionally booked is April 29th. Ringing also took place at Crowan, Mawgan and Wendron.

Towers represented at Helston were: Carbis Bay, Gulval, Landewednack, Lelant, Madron, Mawgan, Paul, Phillack, Towednack and Wendron. M. C.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The September meeting was held at Idle on the 24th. After debate on the merit of Bradford's trolley-buses, ringers ascended the steps to raise the bells in peal.

Unfortunately a wedding was due to start at 4 o'clock, and although the happy couple had the benefit of free ringing, the ceremony interrupted the meeting for about half an hour.

Once again numbers remained constant at about 13, and although it is disappointing not to see more members attending meetings, it must be stressed that all those who were present enjoyed the ringing.

Sandwiches were eaten in the nearby schoolroom, and at the short meeting thanks were conveyed to the local company for the cups of tea. Some subscriptions for the year were also collected. C. S. N.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT'S RALLY TESTS DRIVERS' KNOWLEDGE

AS in past years, October 1st saw a small gathering of cars on Nomansland Common for the annual outing. After being asked questions on the Highway Code and a few general knowledge questions, the car crews were given a set of written instructions and questions to find answers to, plus that sealed envelope "in case of emergencies," and set loose, when ready, on the county.

Those who managed to start in the right direction found themselves crossing Waterend Ford and heading to Welwyn and then on to Tewin. It was cross country to Ware, and after a short stretch of main road the route was via smaller roads to Roydon and up to the edge of Harlow. It was on this stretch that some of us began to pass familiar cars travelling in the opposite direction!! It is amazing how much confusion and laughter that causes!

At Harlow we knew we must be near the end, but the last clue, a pub situated on a corner as we turned off had many of us fooled. It was a case of cars in all directions as some returned to answer the question, others carried on with much uncertainty and laughter to follow the final directions and arrive at Sawbridgeworth to hand in answer sheets and then wait for all the cars to arrive, and the final results.

Tea was in a café nearby. There was more laughter when it was discovered one of the last to leave Nomansland nearly arrived before most of the others put together! On checking answers it seemed that counting the spokes in the cartwheels at one point in the journey seemed to be too much of an effort for some! Many failed to see "where the knight left his horse"—the "hitching rail" in the forecourt of the Crusader in one small village! Several had been stumped by the question before starting, "Where do the six main roads from London (A.1, A.2, etc.) eventually finish?" And a big surprise was the fact that not one of the drivers could name the six six-bell towers in the county!!

At long last the final missing car appeared. The points were added and the results announced. The first prize went to—need you ask—the "family" Dodds, with their usual high marks. Second to Tony Kench and Julia, and third to Graham Sillis, Babs and the South Mimms girls.

Geoff Dodds spoke for all when he thanked this year's organisers, Gerald Penney, Eric Edmondson, Graham Ridgeway and Marian Perry, for all the hard work put in by each to make what we all agreed was certainly a very enjoyable outing; the route chosen was extremely pretty—and even the weather cleared for us.

Ringing at Sawbridgeworth followed, and then we made our way to end the outing by joining the Bishop's Stortford practice.

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BELLS AND RELIGION

DO bells serve a practical use in the ethics of religion? It is certain they do not improve, neither do they discredit, assembly of congregations. Firstly, it must be accepted that all who are members of the Church will readily agree that church activities have a purpose: to further Christianity and strengthen the Church, while at the same time providing suitable amenities for social discourse, etc. Therefore it is logical—though difficult to envisage—that bells, too, have a useful purpose in activities of the Church and its ultimate aim.

Observing from a mundane angle, one appreciates the value of bellringing, inasmuch it provides a form of fascination to people from all walks of life and is an important means of introducing young people to the Church. It is not so much a sport as an obsession. Nowadays the art is increasingly accused—by ringers and non-ringers alike—of having lost spiritual attributions; some even go so far as to declare that bells never possessed spiritual qualities. If they did, then one might insist that these qualities must be considerably enhanced by the strange, mystical appeal of scientific change ringing.

Prior to the Reformation, bells were an accepted and valued asset among society. The sick and dying heard and were comforted; the worker in the field put down his tools for a while; assembling armies paused; but, more important, bells troubled the conscience of the unfaithful. Bells announced times of the Church's commitments with God, and imparted to man the condition of himself and his neighbour. Although bells inevitably became associated with custom, **never** have they lost their intimate appeal to mankind. This is as true today as yesterday. There are some who loathe bells, but countless others love to hear them. Even people who care not for the Church and its concern for men's spiritual welfare are emotionally disturbed by the sound of bells.

Attendance at divine service, however desirable, is not the be-all and end-all of true religion. **Ringing of bells serves no practical part in church services.** In this respect service ringing must be regarded as a complementary act heavily weighted by tradition. But that act in itself, on Sundays and on **any other day of the week,** can have far-reaching effects.

Bells are able to touch men's hearts in unusual ways. That is the real purpose of the sound with which we are so familiar. It is unwise to attempt to confine God within four walls. Neither is it desirable—nor indeed is it possible—to confine the music of bells within church steeples. Bells, like sympathetic human action, symbolise the **kernel,** not the husk, of religion. Their sound, imbued with tradition and mystery, and armed with the strong voice of faith, reaches out to the people, probing into inaccessible minds. Therein, unseen despite those fascinations involved, is our real purpose as bellringers. T. A. B.

PUNCTUALITY

IT used to be the custom for some towers to keep a register of attendances, a practice which, perhaps, is not so popular now. There were also strict rules governing absentees and latecomers to service ringing and practices, etc. Many of the bands were a "closed shop," rules regulating the number of members to (say) 10 for an eight-bell tower, and other ringers joining the tower being placed on a waiting list for a vacancy among the full members and known as "probationers," whatever their ringing ability. Of course, there was a financial aspect to this arrangement, during the year the treasurer would collect a percentage of the fees paid to the ringers for ringing at weddings, funerals and on other special occasions, and place it in the Ringers' Fund. At Christmas time a collection was made among the parishioners on behalf of the ringers; this usually authorised by the Vicar who, poor man, would be expected to head the list with a substantial subscription.

What on earth has this to do with punctuality, you will say. Well, on Christmas Eve the money was shared out between the members of the band after certain dues had been met such as Guild subscriptions and, if agreed, a Christmas box to the probationers, etc. Then the register of attendances would be produced and the attendance record of each member read out by the secretary. Fines for absence and lateness were imposed and paid there and then, the money so collected being shared out again or, more likely, paid to the treasurer as a starter for the following year's fund. Fines were heavy, e.g., 3d. for an absence (unless sick), 1d. for up to five minutes late, 2d. for up to ten minutes late, and the member considered "absent" if over ten minutes late. The amount a ringer would take home after the share-out would be perhaps £3 at the most but this sum in those days would be very useful indeed, especially at Christmas time.

Returning to the main subject of this little article, however, one wonders how many of us would stand for a register of attendances and a system of fines such as this today. We enjoy much shorter working hours, a five day week, better transport facilities, etc., yet would it not be true to say that unpunctuality and irregular attendance impede the progress of many a band more than anything else? How often is the band very "thin on the ground" at the beginning of a practice when the learners are needing some decent rounds or a well struck course of something for their first attempt to hunt a bell? Absence and unpunctuality are sometimes unavoidable but how many of us can say "Not Guilty" when the skipper draws attention to the slackness which, perhaps, is creeping in?

A. V. D. in Christchurch District Newsletter.

TRIENNIAL DINNER OF MIDDLESEX ASSN.

Youth at the Helm Maintains Tradition

THE accent was very much on youth at the triennial dinner of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held at the Church House Restaurant, Westminster, on October 15th. London ringing is today led by youth, with the Masterships of the Middlesex, the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths headed by young men under the age of 40.

It was a theme constantly referred to during the evening, and the leaders of the Church present in the persons of the Bishop of Willesden, the Archdeacon of London and the president of the Association, the Rev. G. C. Taylor, Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, beamed their approval. With more than ever young people becoming interested in the Exercise, the future of change ringing is being built on a sure foundation. But the proceedings at the dinner had all the dignity that befits an Association entering its 70th year, and the stentorian voice of the professional toastmaster provided the appropriate background to a series of very good speeches.

The president's comment afterwards that it was the most enjoyable of the Association's dinners that he had attended was fully endorsed by the company of over 100 present. The organisation left nothing to be desired—a tribute to Miss Ruth Foreman, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow and Mr. W. S. Deason, the new Master, who undertook most of the work.

THE COMPANY

Supporting the president (the Rev. G. C. Taylor) and Mrs. Taylor on the top table were the Bishop of Willesden and Mrs. Graham Leonard, the Archdeacon of London and Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. J. D. Rock, Master of the College Youths, and Mrs. Rock, Mr. W. S. Deason, Master of the Middlesex Association, and Miss B. Walpole, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. N. Bagworth, Mr. and Mrs. D. Beresford, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Blagrove, Mr. and Mrs. W. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hinkley, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Honor, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. D. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kilby, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lankester, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Leale, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. K. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Peck, Mr and Mrs. Savory, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. C. Smith, Mr and Mrs. G. Smith.

The Rev. C. G. Oakley, Messrs. P. Beresford, P. Bevington, C. Bird, J. Britchford, I. Campbell, A. J. Coles, A. Cutler, Royden Davis, R Dunstan, N. Edwards, D. Fowles, P. Gearing, G. Goodship, D. Grove, T. Hawkins, P. Hooton, W. G. Knight, R. Neal, J Norsworthy, P. Lawrence, T. J. Lock (hon. general secretary), G. Marchant, D. Pickett, D. Rothera, J. B. Smith, E. C. Steele, J. M. Steele, D. Dawson Taylor, C. Venn, A. Warren, L. White.

Mesdames J. Hooton and P. Mayne.

The Misses J. Beresford, F. Clayton, P. Copas, R. M. Foreman, D Gazeley, D. Hague, W. Harris, K. Higgins, T. Newcombe, D. Mullins, R. Myllys, D. Pickett, A. Rowlands and V Ware.

Proposing the toast of "The Church," Mr. W. H. Coles said he had heard it said that there was no need for a toast of "The Church," as they were all part of the Church He felt, however, that they liked to have "The Church" on their toast list, as it gave them an opportunity to pay tribute to the clergy and the Church officials. He thought that apart from ringing for church services, which they claimed as a priority, they had their practices and peals and were privileged to have the use of very expensive instruments for their ringing, which they were apt to take for granted.



MISS RUTH M. FOREMAN,
Assistant Secretary.
She welcomed the guests with a witty speech.

PROUD OF THE CHURCH

"The Middlesex have always been proud of our association with our Church," continued Mr. Coles, "and we can point to the fact that the Bishop of London is our patron and the Bishops of Kensington, Stepney, Willesden and the Archdeacon of London vice-presidents. Our president is the Vicar of an important church which adds lustre to our Guild."

The Bishop of Willesden replied and said he did not know whether they would be prepared to honour this toast "South of the River," but he was delighted to be with a body that did believe in the Church and did drink that toast with a certain amount of confidence.

His qualification for being present was that he actually learned to ring a bell and progressed as far as rounds! There were two reasons why he did not advance further. The first was that his Vicar left the parish when he (the Bishop) was a deacon and the burden on his shoulders was so great that he did not have time to continue. The other was that one of the learners held on too long to his rope and did not let go in time but he landed squarely in the font. They would be glad to know that the damage was confined to a broken little finger. But that incident put him off ringing.

He could remember the occasion when he would nip round the back of the church and lock the belfry door. His wife and he lived within 50 yards of the church and never suffered at all.

A PRE-REFORMATION TENOR

Another reason he was pleased to be with them was that he had his name on a bell when he was Vicar of Ardleigh. They rehung the whole ring and on the sixth bell were the names of the Master of the ringers, the churchwardens and the Vicar. Some of them might have rung at Ardleigh. The foundation of this ring of eight was a very fine pre-Reformation tenor bell cast in 1415 and in its original condition It was one of the oldest bells in Essex. The bells were all tuned to the note of this tenor.

Bishop Gordon Leonard gave an emphatic denial that the Church of England was dead or dying. One of his privileges as a Bishop was that he went about confirming people. "Don't say the churches are empty," he said. The majority in North London were not. People went there because they were members of the family of God and one of the most encouraging things of the Church of England today was the quality of the laymen. There was a discipline which far exceeded anything in the past and it was with a good deal of confidence that he responded to the toast.

The toast of "The Middlesex County Association" was proposed by Mr. J. D. Rock, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He and his wife, he said, had lived in Middlesex for four years and they had a strong affinity with the Middlesex County Association. His wife learned to ring in Middlesex; they had only rung one peal together—at Cranford for the Middlesex County Association. They first met at a very unromantic tower at Brentford.

HAPPY RINGING

When I first arrived in the London area as a country bumpkin I took up residence at Bedfont and I did my early ringing at Feltham. I had many years of happy ringing in that area and heard a lot of criticism about the College Youths. In the main it was that they grumbled too much and drank too much. He could assure them that they did not grumble too much and, as to drinking, there was a young College Youth who went into a well-known hostelry. The landlord said to him "What are you going to have?" He replied "A gin and tonic." Supplying the drink, the landlord said "That will be 5s. 9d." "No," answered the Youth, "you said "What are you going to have?" A stranger joined in and said "I am a solicitor. You invited him to have a drink. You can't charge him." The irate landlord concluded by saying "Take your drink and get out of my house and don't come in again." Two hours later the Youth came back The landlord said "I told you never to come back." The Youth: "I've never been here before." The landlord: "You must have a double." The Youth: "Thanks, brandy."

Mr. Rock congratulated his friend of long standing, Bill Deason, on being elected Master of the Middlesex Association. He would also like to congratulate him and the band who rang a quarter peal at Westminster Abbey, as recently his Society had failed in a peal of London there He listened outside and felt that their knees were knocking in the first course, but it was well rung afterwards.

"I might add we have a young Master of the Middlesex, a young Master of the College Youths and a young Master of the Cumberlands with us. I think it is a healthy sign that we have young officers as we have more young people coming into the Exercise than ever before."

"THE GRANNIES"

A few years ago, as young and irresponsible ringers, we did not get much credit and we decided to form a little Guild called "The Grannies." Anybody who got on in a successful way was elected to the Grannies Guild.

There were a lot of people who did not think much of ringers who did not ring 20 or 30 peals in a year or 12 spliced, but he would say to them, Think of the work of those old people in the past who could do none of those things but created an Association like theirs and his Society. In giving them the toast of "The Middlesex" he asked them to remember those officers who had done so much in the past to make the Association in the present happy state it was today.

The Master said in 1960 he became a "granny." He had that year the pleasure of taking part in a peal tour in Somerset. American tourists were present as they were adjusting their ropes and one of the tourists said in a broad American accent: "Say, do you think the little fellow will last?"

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Middlesex Dinner—Continued.

JOHN MAYNE'S RECORD

That speech was usually devoted to what the Association had done in the past. As they only had their dinners every three years he did not want to look back but to look ahead. The only reason he was in office was because John Mayne gave up. During the seven years he was Master 437 peals were rung and of those peals 222 were conducted by John Mayne. That meant that over one half were conducted by one man and it was a very fine achievement. It was a rather dangerous position for them when that man left and it was going to make a big hole in their peal total. They did thank him for all the work he did for the Association.

Peal ringing played an important part in the development of change ringing and he was sure it would continue to do so. In fact he could say that without peal ringing the Exercise as they knew it would not exist. Certainly it would not be possible to keep "The Ringing World" going without peals, and without "The Ringing World" the Exercise would fizzle out

Peal ringing was most important but they had in their area considerable difficulty in peal ringing as they had a high density of population He did not think they could expect the general public to put up with their tower's ringing of open bells. They must do everything they could to deaden the noise so that they could continue their peal ringing.

GUESTS WANTED

The toast of "The Guests" was proposed wittily by Miss Ruth M. Foreman, who was one of the organisers of the dinner. That dinner, she felt, was one of happiness because they only asked their guests to come because they wanted them.

Welcoming the Bishop of Willesden, she hoped that when he next visited Hendon he would not nip round the back and lock the belfry door. To the Ven. Martin Sullivan she could not recall that the Middlesex had had an Archdeacon at their dinners before. They appreciated John Rock—a worthy Master of a great Society—forgoing a peal at Cripplegate to be with them. The Editor of "The Ringing World" was also thanked.

Apart from the officials, Miss Foreman recounted that they had with them the Beresfords, the well-known members of the Society of College Youths. Norman and Mrs. Bagworth, Roydon Davis and Mr. Goodship. The curate at Willesden had kindly deputised for his Vicar. They also thanked their president for being with them, and Mrs Turner. "He was always here when wanted and missing when not!"

NEW ZEALAND MEMORIES

The Archdeacon of London, who was previously Dean of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, replied. He recalled that it was 43 years ago when he first held a bell rope in his hand. He was then a member of a ringing team 12,000 miles across the sea. Because the tower was considered to be unsafe the bells were only chimed. Hymn tunes were rung and he knew some 26 tunes. He longed for the day when there was nobody in St. Paul's Cathedral and he could climb the stairs and chime eight bells!

Later he was Dean of a Cathedral in New Zealand that had a fine ring of bells that were properly rung. The ringers were very proud to belong to the Ancient Society of College Youths and he missed meeting those ringers every Sunday at 10 a.m.

"In reply to your generous toast let me pay tribute to your skill. As a layman I am enormously impressed that you can ring 5,040 changes and not make mistakes. In 1944–45



MR. W. S. DEASON,
the new Master,
who has proved that "the little fellow can last out."

I came to work at St. Martin-in-the-Fields The ringers there went into the tower to do their service and I assure them that they were not forgotten. The message of the bells both over the countryside and in cities is very real."

He would like to mention how much "The Ringing World" was appreciated not only in this country but throughout the world. It bound the ringers into a great fellowship. He was associated with a ringer who spent much of his savings in coming to England. He was a faithful subscriber to "The Ringing World" and in consequence when he came to this country he was not only passed on from tower to tower but host to host. It was a wonderful fellowship.

At the conclusion of the speeches there was handbell ringing The guests sat around small tables and spent a particularly happy hour together.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

The annual outing of the Guild was held on October 8th, leaving Tunbridge Wells well before 8 a.m. With a coach load of 41 people, 38 being ringers, we had one stop for coffee before arriving at Westbourne, Sussex (8). Then on to St. Mary's (10) and St. Michael's (10), Southampton, where we were met at the latter by Canon Felstead, and here the sun decided to break through the clouds for several hours.

An hour's ringing at Romsey Abbey (8) preceded a high tea in Romsey. A two hours' journey brought us to Billingshurst (8), the last tower of the day, after which liquid refreshment was taken before the last few miles home.

Thanks must go once again to Charlie Bassett for organising an enjoyable day's outing, and to Ted Baker for driving us and "keeping us on the straight and narrow," as one ringer was heard to comment. M. A. L.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held recently in Canterbury. Ringing at churches in the city preceded the service held in St Dunstan's Church, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Lawler. The address was given by the Rev. C. W. Donaldson. Following tea in the Parish Hall the annual business meeting was proceeded with. A welcome was given to visiting ringers, who included the general secretary and Mrs. Corby.

The District secretary, Mr. E. C. Phillimore, presented his annual report, which showed a slight loss in membership, due mainly to unpaid subscriptions. In his report the Ringing Master said that the meetings had been well attended, especially by the younger element, which gave great hope for the future.

The secretary had intimated that he did not wish to stand for re-election, and Mr. Keith Davis was elected in his place. Mr. Phillimore was thanked for his past services. On nomination Mr. B. J. Luck was elected as chairman of the District, the office being vacant due to the recent sad loss of Mr. J. A. Russell, of Birchington. The retiring representatives on the Kent County Association Committee, Messrs. Eades and Chatfield, were re-elected

It was reported that the bells of Preston-next-Wingham were at the bell foundry, and it is hoped that these bells may soon be heard again after a silence of about 50 years. The only person present who had rung on them was 83-year-old Mr. S. Walter. Votes of thanks were expressed to the various clergy, the Cathedral authorities and, not the least, to those who had prepared an excellent tea.

Next meeting: Eastry, November 5th.

B. J. L.

Maidstone District

The annual meeting of the Maidstone District was held on October 8th at All Saints', Maidstone. Over 70 members attended, including visitors from the Lewisham, Tonbridge and Ashford Districts. The service was conducted by the Rev. Peter Bond. Tea was provided in the College Rooms.

The Rev. Peter Bond was chairman for the business meeting. The secretary presented the District report, noting that there had been a rise of over 30 members compared with last year. Officers were then elected. Mr. M. Howe was nominated District secretary. Mr. G. Evenden and Mr. B. Groves Ringing Masters, Mr. A. Waddington and Mr. P. Carter District representatives, and Mr. P. Muchlinski "Ringing World" representative. A general vote of thanks was then given by Mr. A. Waddington At the conclusion of the business meeting the Washington film was shown, followed by further ringing.

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Letters to the Editor

GREATER LONDON PEALS

Dear Sir,—Having noted your considerable efforts over the last few years to cut down the space taken up by peals in "The Ringing World," it causes me some surprise that you should be advocating a system for recording Greater London peals which would very often involve the use of an extra line of print, as in "Waltham Forest, London.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone," in the issue of August 26th. In any case it is doubtful whether many of your readers are interested in knowing in what London boroughs towers are situated.

I do, however, see the need for consistency; and I would suggest that there are three ways in which peals rung in Greater London could be reasonably and consistently recorded. Firstly, each tower could be referred to by the district name, followed by "London" though it would be necessary to make the distinction between Hayes (Bromley) and Hayes (Hillingdon). Secondly, one could follow the old pre-L.C.C. county boundaries, so that the district name is in all cases followed by Middlesex, Surrey, Kent, Essex or Hertfordshire, except for towers in the City, which has always been independent. Or, thirdly, postal counties could be used, counting all towers in the London postal area as "London."

Of these, ringers possibly will be most ready to comply with the third suggestion, though I myself do not feel strongly on the matter provided that consistency is achieved.—Yours faithfully,

C. M. ROGERS.

Isleworth, Middlesex.

FIRST PEAL AT RIPE

Dear Sir,—With reference to the footnote to the recent peal at Ripe (page 645), I should like to point out that I took part in the first peal on these bells on July 6th, 1963. The claim to being the first peal since 1961 is therefore incorrect.

Also, with reference to the peal at Abbotsbury on May 27th (page 420), the fifth was rung by John W. Blackwood and the tenor by myself, and not as published.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. BALDOCK.

Westham, Pevensey.

UNUSUAL HANDBELLS

Dear Sir,—Reading your article regarding handbells played in a case or cabinet, I take this opportunity to recall that when my father was a young man he designed a cabinet into which he screwed 12 bells, a complete set cast by W. Blews and Sons, Birmingham, which opened out like a small table on four legs, one of which I have by me at this very moment.

They were struck, or rather tapped off, with two hammers, which consisted of two small canes about a foot long to which were attached leather discs about the size of a penny and, believe me, one could play anything from changes to "Auld Lang Syne."—Yours sincerely,

R. H. MANSELL.

Handsworth, Birmingham.

PLEA FOR MINOR AND DOUBLES RINGERS

Dear Sir,—Computing the statistics stated in Dove's "Guide," it is seen that 65.72 per cent of our belfries contain five or six bells. Of the 1,624 rings of eight bells, it is reasonable to assume that in half of these the bands are unable to ring more than Doubles and Minor, or perhaps only call changes. For this reason I would regard it as unfortunate that Mr. R B Smith concluded his excellent series of articles with the statement in Part VI: "We will only consider Major methods in detail." This article then completely ignores the Doubles and Minor ringer. Although I will agree that the theory of Major methods does not preclude participation by these ringers, I would advance the theory that most people will only put pencil to paper if they can see that the result will be of practical use to them. We have in Part VI, I fear, another example of our magazine being directed at a privileged minority

If then this article was directed at the 1,624 eight-bell towers, together with the 240 tens and twelves where Major methods can be rung, may I now comment upon the examples chosen. It would appear to be a tradition amongst ringers that one progresses from Grandsire Triples to Bob Major, to Stedman, and to Kent as the ultimate in most towers. Tradition is, of course, the lifeblood of any organisation, but I would submit that the particular examples here chosen emphasise that lack of planning and disregard of educational principles, which is a prominent feature of our instruction. That an article aimed at beginners should discuss Double Norwich, Cambridge, and London Major is a further example of the erroneous application of this tradition

So that my letter may not be construed as completely destructive, may, I offer the following suggestions. The traditional series of methods has no educational justification, and if we are to accept Plain Bob as our basic method we must revise the initial sequence we put before our learners. I would suggest that the next logical step would be the introduction of Little Bob, which has identical place making, and has dodges in positions encountered in Plain Bob. Following this, a plain method with internal places could be employed to produce a variation from plain hunting with occasional dodges. I find that Double Oxford is very suitable, providing an introduction to Yorkshire or Cambridge places, and the back work of these methods. By this stage I would suggest that experience of method ringing would be developed enough to absorb easily the traditional methods. Certainly the ringer of Little Bob will easily ring the treble in any Treble Bob method, and Grandsire with its complicated work at bobs and singles also presents less difficulty.

I would agree with the critics that the traditional methods offer the best "bell music," but surely it is more important with our knowledge of learning processes to apply these to produce a logical development in change ringing. Thus we might retain more of our learners, who find bobs and singles in Grandsire so insurmountable, and who leave because none of us will make any attempt to understand this difficulty. Finally may I make a plea to Mr. R. B. Smith to renumber his article Part VII, and to prepare a new Part VI, devoted to Minor and Doubles ringers, and dealing with a number of plain methods, differing enough to provide an interesting selection, but not complex enough to preclude their application by the average band. — Yours sincerely,

D. C. JACKSON.

Totton, Southampton.

CHORISTER-RINGER RECORD

Dear Sir,—Whether anyone living can equal or beat the record of 65 years both as ringer and chorister, achieved by Mr. T Gascoigne and mentioned in J W. Raithby's letter, I do not know. However, "The Ringing World" of November 4th, 1933, recorded the death of William Taylor of Wrotham, Kent, at the age of 92¼, who had been a ringer until he was 86 and a member of the choir there for 75 years. When he learned to ring is not stated, but it seems most probable that he rang for at least as long as Mr. Gascoigne, whose own record is a remarkable one.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

Autumn Meeting at Nottingham

Saturday, September 24th, proved to be one of the best-attended meetings since the inauguration of the Guild. The programme for the week-end was certainly an excellent one and included a visit to the following towers: Bulwell (8), Basford (8), St. Mary's, Nottingham (10), All Saints' (8), Bridgford (8) and St. Peter's, Nottingham (12).

On the Sunday, for morning service at All Saints' (8), a successful quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a tribute to the late Mr. A. J. Pitman. The ringers were W. J. Thomas, E. J. Morris, J. A. Hoare, C. A. Bassett G. Jennings, W. B. Kynaston (cond.), S. Foskett and E. J. Franklin.

Lunch was arranged at the C.W.S., Nottingham, and tea was served at All Saints' Church Hall, Mrs. Foskett and Mrs Thomas being mainly responsible for the preparations. Much hard work was evident from the excellent tea served, and Mr. H Walker thanked them at the short business meeting.

The Master (Mr. F. Hodgson) was in the chair and apologies were received from 17 members. The minutes of the last autumn meeting were read, and Mr. S. Foskett moved the adoption. Three new ringing members and two associate members were elected. Mr. Kynaston in his vote of thanks included incumbents of the churches visited and those responsible for the excellent arrangements made.

J. A. H

ISLE OF WIGHT RINGERS

The annual outing of the Isle of Wight ringers took place on September 24th, when a tour was made of mainland churches.

Despite a foggy crossing, the party was well on time for the first stop, at Hordle, where we were joined by friends from Hornchurch. A short halt was made for coffee on the run to Swanage, where ringing on the pleasant eight was much enjoyed. By this time the sun had appeared and some of the party had a picnic lunch on the promenade.

Wareham was our next objective and here we sped a bridal party on its way with a well struck touch of Stedman Triples. Further ringing at Ringwood preceded a splendid tea at the Star Inn. A quick run through the New Forest brought us to Lymington and our last ring of the day. Refreshments followed, and the party then boarded the last boat to Yarmouth.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents of parishes and to captains of towers for their kind reception, and to Mr. T. East for his most excellent arrangements.

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BRABOURNE—BELLS AND BALLIOLS

By J. S. T. DAVIES



The church from the south

BRABOURNE is one of those places that one is hardly likely to come across when going from A to B; indeed, one would be much more likely to find it if one got lost on the journey for it lies on one of those parts of Kent where roads are narrow, signposts are few, and the rural scenery is at its best. With the rolling North Downs as a backcloth and the flat plateau towards Folkestone as a stage, few villages could be blessed with such an abundance of nature; the straggling village street winds among the foothills and is overhung by a few old houses, whose steep-pitched peg-tiled roofs seem to be bending and cavorting in sympathy with the old yew in the churchyard. But it is for peace and quiet that most people visit Brabourne; standing in the middle of the village street one can almost hear the silence, and it is hardly credible that the main arterial road to the Channel ports is less than four miles distant

Let us now find the church, which is situated at the east end of the village, nestling under the slopes. We enter the churchyard on the north side past the sentinel yew, and it is plain to see that the Normans designed this fortress-like building with its heavy walls, small windows and massive square tower. But let us have a closer look at that tower; its ugly, bald parapet rises no higher than the church roof, yet the keen eye can see that it was once a stage or two higher. Inside, however, it is the chancel that attracts most of our attention. This really is an architectural gem, with a perfectly preserved Norman priest's door in the north wall, and above it what is regarded as the oldest window in any church, complete with its original glass. This window, hardly more than a deeply-splayed slit, thows a myriad of soft hues into a chancel that must have seen more of the making of our historical heritage than most.

HEART SHRINE

The highlight of the chancel is the simple, delicate heart shrine on the south side, and there is little doubt that it contained the heart of John Balliol, founder of the Balliol College, Oxford, father of John Balliol le Scot, King of Scotland. The story goes that on the death of John Balliol in 1269 his wife had his heart embalmed in a casket of silver and ivory which she wore day and night. It was eventually buried with her in the Abbey of Dulecor, near Dumfries, but 40 years later the Abbey was desecrated. The younger Balliol, on his defeat by Edward I, was exiled, but not before he had resided at Brabourne, then a royal manor. His younger brother, a devout Cluniac, then took charge of the heart, and the chancel at Brabourne was aptly chosen for its last resting place, as it was one of the few churches in England attached to a cluniac monastery—in this case, Monks Horton.

Descended from the Balliols were 18 generations of the renowned Scot family. For centuries their seat was at Scots Hall, a magnificent manor house on the outskirts of the parish, and the charitable disposition with which they held their offices of high esteem was large reflected in their benefactions to this jewel of a church. Here lived that Sir William Scot who was with the King on the Field of the Cloth of Gold: in these peaceful precincts walked Sir Thomas Scot, who was so powerful in Kent that he raised 4,000 men in 24 hours when the Spanish Armada came. Another Sir William, who died in 1524, was Knight of the Bath, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and Constable of Dover Castle, offices also held by his father, Sir John Scot. The list is endless, and it is with great awe one realises that they all came back to sleep in this humble little place that they loved, under a fine gallery of brasses.

TENOR'S FINE TONE

The massive Norman west tower gave way in the 15th century, when the upper stages were removed. To strengthen the tower the arch was rebuilt, and an angle buttress of gigantic proportions was placed at the south west corner. At this time records show that there were four large bells and one herse bell in the tower. Whether these bells remained until 1605 is not known, but in that year the present 11½ cwt. tenor was cast by Joseph Hatch, the celebrated local bellfounder, and ringers alike still agree that its fine tone dictates the ring. Half a century later, in 1656, four smaller bells were cast by Joseph's nephew, William Hatch, and thus the basis of the present ring was formed.

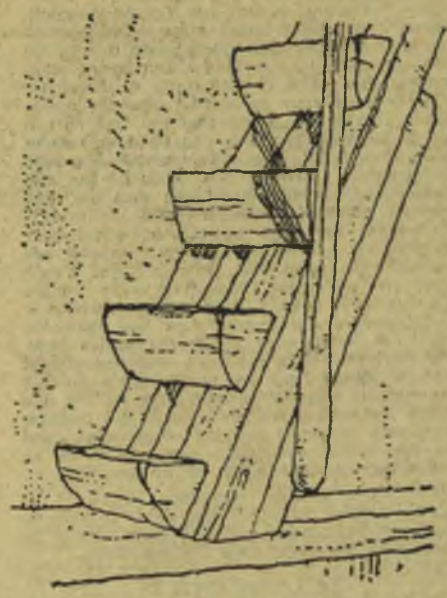
At the close of the 17th century, however, the tower was again giving rise to some concern, and in 1699 it was thought prudent to remove the bells altogether. Work soon commenced on rebuilding and strengthening the upper stage of the tower, and new leads bearing the date and appropriate churchwardens' initials were laid in 1700. A new bellframe was made by Mr. Finn (a local man whose descendants have been ringing in the tower for two and a half centuries), and the bells rehung therein by John and William Walke, bellhangers, the work being completed in 1702.

Two other alterations only have taken place since this date. In 1774, bells numbers 3 and 4 were recast by Messrs. Pack and Chapman of Whitechapel, and in 1917 the Whitechapel Foundry recast William Hatch's old treble, added a new bell to make six, and modified the frame accordingly. This new bell was called the **Canada** bell, being given by subscription to commemorate the sojourn of Canadian troops in the parish who fought in the Great War, and the Canadian hospital at Monks Norton.

We are nearly at the end of the history of Brabourne, but a word or two should not be omitted about the fine old belfry staircase. Fabricated from a massive oak split across its length, with the triangular block steps neatly pegged together, it is believed to be coeval with the Norman tower and thus has survived two rebuildings.

FIRST PEAL CONDUCTED BY EDWARD RUCK

The first peal on the bells (5,040 Bob Minor) was rung on January 26th, 1936, half-muffled in memory of the late King George V, being conducted by that grand old man of Kent ringing, Edward Ruck. Even at that time it was noted that Finn's frame was nearing the end of its useful days, the fifth bell being particularly hard work to ring. Now, after a silence of two years, the bells have revisited their birthplace at Whitechapel for retuning and refitting and have been skilfully rehung by Harry Parkes in a cast iron frame on a concrete ring beam foundation. An excellent result has been achieved, the bells being easy to ring despite the long draught, and their rollicking music echoes with a new mellowness over the fields and pastures. During the simple dedication service there seemed to be a unanimous feeling of final achievement and



The tower staircase

quiet satisfaction: it was as though the spirit of the long-deceased Scots was alive and was saying: "Well done! You have striven to maintain the heritage which we have handed down to you."

So, reader, when you are next heading towards the Channel coast, why not turn off beyond Ashford and head towards the village under the Downs? You may not find all the seaside amenities, but you will find this little enclave of English history and you may catch that same spirit of peaceful contentment that is alive in Brabourne today.

WADENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Single Court and Plain): A. Waller 1, R. W. Smith 2, Mrs. P. A. Smith 3, G. Davis 4, F. Sismey 5, R. W. Smith (cond.) 6. A compliment to Rev. B. Dawson, who this week retired from the parish after 34½ years as Rector. Through his efforts the bells were rehung. Also as a farewell, 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by K. Knibbs 1, H. Richardson 2, L. Whitten 3, E. Briggs 4, W. Whitmore 5, F. Coales (cond.) 6.

THE MAINTENANCE OF BELL ROPES

By NEIL D. LOMAS

ONE of the most important aspects of towerkeeping is the maintenance of bell ropes, and in view of the high cost of replacement it is important that their life should be extended for as long as possible. A system which will help towards this is outlined below. Since all rope maintenance depends on splicing, instructions are given for making two different splices which all towerkeepers should be able to do

It should first be pointed out that a short splice should never be used in any position below the garter hole, although this is in fact frequently done, presumably because it is thought that a short splice is easier to make than a long splice, but this is not actually the case. The only place where a short splice is acceptable is within the wheel, when the rope is too short to tie to the spokes properly. To replace the tail-end the best procedure is to make two eye splices, linked together, close to the sally so that replacement can subsequently be effected any number of times without the rope available for splicing becoming too short

It is not necessary to keep a long splice away from the pulley or rope guides, and indeed it would usually not be possible to do so, although it would obviously be wise to avoid putting a tuck actually in the garter hole

The following system of "planned maintenance" has been found quite satisfactory in practice. Initially the rope should be put on with the sally in the lowest convenient position, so that when chafing starts in the garter hole the rope may be moved upwards a few inches, leaving no doubt that the bad part is out of harm's way. This can be done two or three times before the sally becomes too high for comfort. When this occurs, the old chafed part should be cut out and the rope rejoined with a long splice, when the process of moving the rope upward in stages may be repeated. After this has been done it will probably be found that a considerable length below the pulley will be getting worn, so the top should be cut off below the garter hole at a distance of about four feet less than the length of spare rope above the garter hole. The portion which has been removed should then be spliced back on, upside down, so that the unworn rope which has spent its life tied round the spokes will now be in the position previously occupied by the worn part and the part which was in the garter hole will be well above it, and hence of no concern.

By adopting this procedure, when it is finally decided to scrap the rope, it will be well and truly worn out, and there should be practically no good rope thrown away.

A LONG SPLICE

To make a long splice it is first necessary to unlay each of the ends to be joined for a distance of about 15 inches for a normal bell rope or a little longer for a heavy one. The ends should then be "married," with strands from each rope alternating as in Fig. 1. The two ropes should be pressed closely into mesh with one another, and two adjacent strands tied together with a half-hitch to prevent the whole assembly from falling apart. One strand should then be unlaid away from the junction and the appropriate one from the other rope laid in its place to within about three inches of its full length. When laying the strand in, its twist should be maintained to keep the part which was to the outside still in that position. These two strands should then be temporarily tied together, and the process repeated with the remaining two strands from the point of juncture in the opposite direction. This will result in the situation as in Fig. 2, shown here with the strands unknotted, for the sake of clarity. The ends of the strands should then be cut off as required, to leave each about three inches long, when the process of tucking may begin. This is the most difficult part of the process to describe and illustrate, although it is easy enough to perform.

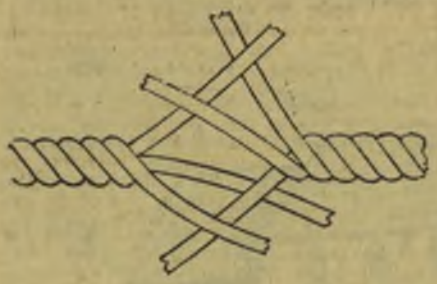


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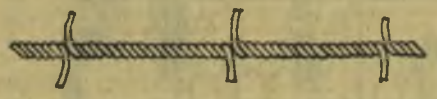


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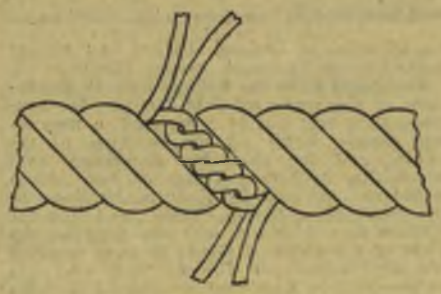
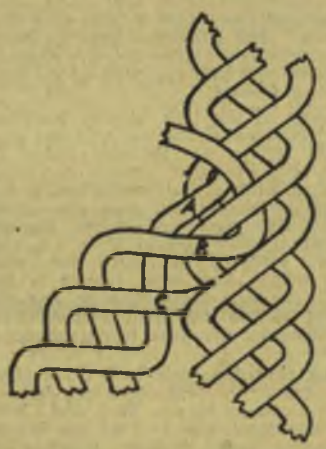


FIG 3



FIG 4



The two adjacent strand ends should be split into two approximately equal parts, still maintaining their twist, each for a distance of about three-quarters of an inch back from the point at which they cross. Two of the resulting half-strands, one from each part, should then be tied round each other twice, in the direction of twist of the strand. This is shown in Fig. 3 somewhat distorted for the sake of clarity. In practice it will be found that the "knot" occupies nearly a full turn of the rope. The knot should then be pulled up tightly great care being taken with an old rope not to break the strands. There will now be four half-strand ends protruding, each of which should be passed over the strand from beneath which it emerges, in the direction of twist and tucked under the next strand. The method of tucking is shown diagrammatically in Fig. 4. The ends should then be pulled tight and cut off, leaving about half an inch projecting. The process should be repeated at each of the other two positions to complete the splice.

With a little practice it will be found that the entire operation will occupy less than a quarter of an hour

FOUR-STRANDED ROPE

In the case of four-stranded rope the process is basically the same, but one rope should be initially unlaid about twice as far as the other so that the removal and replacement of the strands may be carried out once in one direction and twice in the other for different distances, giving four tucks which may be arranged at approximately equal intervals

To splice a three-stranded to a four-stranded rope the four-stranded rope should be dismantled into its individual yarns for about two feet, and these should then be reassembled into a three-stranded rope, each strand being twisted in the appropriate direction. A splice may then be made in the usual way. This process is, however, best avoided if possible as the result is usually not very neat.

There is some difference of opinion over the question of whether or not ropes should be treated, to lubricate them and render them more pliable, and there are nearly as many concoctions in use as there are advocates of treatment. It is in fact more difficult to make a satisfactory splice in a greasy rope, and in these conditions it would probably be wise to unlay the rope for splicing for considerably more than the 15 inches previously suggested. A diligent towerkeeper who inspects his ropes regularly, and is prepared to splice them when necessary, will probably obtain the same life from them whether they are treated or not.

TAIL-END

To replace the tail-end and by the use of two interlinked eye splices, the old tail-end should be cut off about 18 inches below the sally, and an eye splice made with a small loop. The new tail-end should then be

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FIG. 5

Maintenance of Bell Ropes—contd.

threaded through the loop, and the joint completed with another eye splice. Rope from above the sally is not really suitable for replacing tail-ends, as it is usually too hard for comfort, but rope of the correct grade can be obtained from the manufacturers.

To make an eye splice, the end of the rope should be unlaid for about six inches. A beginner may find it useful to put a simple whipping round the rope where the unlaying finishes, to prevent further unlaying while the splice is being made. The rope should then be doubled back to form the eye, when tucking may be commenced. The actual tucking is the same as that used in a short splice, i.e., the strands being tucked are passed over one and under the next of the strands of the standing part of the rope, against the lay, rather like weaving. The difficulty with an eye splice it to make the first tuck neatly, and the actual procedure for doing this can only be learned by practice. It is shown in Fig 5 in two views, one from each side, and it will be seen that one strand, that marked "C," is tucked once more than the other two, to bring all three strands into a suitable position for the first complete tuck to be made. Two full tucks should then be made, after which about one-third of each strand should be unlaid and a further tuck made with the remaining two-thirds. This should then be thinned again in about the same proportion, and a final tuck made. Thus there will be nine ends protruding when the splice is complete, and they should be cut off fairly close. Any fluffiness may be removed by the brief application of a flame.

Before attempting to splice an actual bell rope for the first time it is advisable to practise on a few odd pieces of rope. A tower-keeper who makes a splice which pulls out ten minutes before the end of a peal is liable to find himself becoming very unpopular

CHELSEA RINGERS GO INTO ESSEX

CHELSEA ringers and friends spent an enjoyable day in Essex on September 3rd, the first tower being at Bocking with ringing scheduled to start at 11 a.m. We arrived in good time and after rounds and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples a pre-arranged quarter of Grandsire Triples was successfully accomplished whilst the experts retired to the "local" to judge the performance over a pint.

Soon we were on our way to Sudbury for lunch at the Four Swans. There was a slight delay here because Alan Patterson's wife decided to faint into her coffee, but a few minutes spent sitting in the open air soon put her to rights again and we struck out towards Lavenham. This was the high spot (literally) of the outing, particularly for the non-ringers who climbed to the top of this magnificent tower to sample the view. Rounds, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung here.

Once our feet were firmly on the ground again we made for Thaxted. This ground-floor ring was found to be a little difficult and the ringing was consequently below the usual standard. We attracted a good deal of attention from people who had come to see the church, and for some this was their first experience of ringing with an audience, there being at least 15 spectators at one time. Just before six o'clock we departed to the Bull for an excellent tea. Thus fortified, we headed for the last tower of the day, at Bishop's Stortford, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Major were enjoyed.

The outing was a general success and our thanks are due to the organiser and the incumbents and local ringers. A. R. P

TREVOR BAILEY'S SCOTTISH TOUR

ONCE again this small band of intrepid explorers set out from East Anglia to visit foreign parts. Ireland was visited last year and it was now Scotland's turn. The assembly point on Friday, August 19th, was the Loughborough Bell Foundry and naturally there was ringing on the light ten. The night was spent at the Great Central Hotel.

An early start was made the next morning for Carlisle via the M.6 motorway. Our only ring of the day was at Ambleside and on the beautiful bells we rang Plain Bob and Cambridge Major and a good touch of Stedman Triples

Our journey continued along hair-raising roads and pouring rain—virtually the only rain we had during the whole week—to Carlisle. That Sunday morning we waited outside Carlisle Cathedral hoping there would be some ringing, but the annual holidays were in progress and no one materialised. Nothing daunted, we set off to the North, crossing the border just before midday and, after lunching at what appeared to be a genuine Scots Castle at Beattock, we reached Glasgow in time to ring at St. Mary's Cathedral for evening service. Here we were welcomed by Mr. Winderham and his band, and we joined them in Bob Royal and Grandsire and Stedman Caters on the excellent ten

HUNT THE KEY AT INVERARAY

Monday morning found us dodging the rush-hour traffic en route to Paisley to ring on the pleasant-toned if rather rough-going eight. Yorkshire and Double Norwich were in our repertoire here before moving off for what was to be the highlight of the tour—a ring at Inveraray. After a delightful drive along Loch Lomond and Loch Fyne we arrived at the tower only to find that the key of the ringing room was missing.

A game of hunt-the-key-to-fit-the-lock then followed, involving a gentleman known as the Burgh Workman, and this culminated in the discovery of the correct key. Having gained admittance, ropes which had been loaned by kindly towers at Sleaford and Beccles were quickly fitted, loose pieces of concrete knocked away, weak points discovered and avoided in the ringing room floor and the bells raised. On these glorious bells, with a tenor of 41 cwt., we rang Grandsire Caters and Plain and Kent Treble Bob Royal. We were joined here by a few visitors who had heard the bells being raised, these including Ian Holland, formerly of Sheffield. Another visitor to the belfry was the local policeman, who complained that he couldna' hear himself think because of the bells. However, he left on amicable terms with us. The night was spent at the George in Inveraray.

Those who did manage to rise in time for breakfast the next morning were greeted by a beautiful day for our drive along the Pass of Brander and the west coast of Argyll to Fort William. Here we investigated rumours of a ring of four and found that the bells did indeed exist and were rung regularly until fairly recently, but are now unfortunately out of action due to a damaged beam. Our journey continued round the foot of Ben Nevis, then through the Great Glen by Loch Lochy and Loch Ness to the lovely city of Inverness. After driving around in circles we finally located our hotels and settled down for a quiet night.

THREE-SPLICED AT INVERNESS

Ringing at Inverness Cathedral the following morning was interrupted by the local Press thirsting for knowledge of our activities, but we did attempt some three-spliced among our by now traditional Plain Bob, Grandsire and Double Norwich. It was a pleasure to meet and ring with some of the local ringers here, who have an uphill task in maintaining ringing in this isolated tower, though help is provided by some members of the St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, company.

For the journey to Dundee, some travelled via Aviemore, Pitlochry and the Pass of Killiecrankie, while others braved the hillier route through Tomintoul and Balmoral, but all arrived safely in spite of exhaust systems failing and peculiar noises from front suspensions.

Thursday morning saw us ascending the endless stairs to ring on the pleasant Mears octave at St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee. Despite rumblings from above and sallies which persisted in falling in unexpected places, some good ringing was enjoyed here, including an excellent touch of Double Norwich.

HARDER THAN PREACHING

In the afternoon we rang at Dunblane, where we were met by the new minister, who observed that ringing appeared to be even harder work than preaching. On the tuneful modern eight we rang inter alia a touch of Original Major and a half-course of Superlative. We then retired to Stirling for the evening's entertainment, which included a Chinese restaurant and a very erratic lift at the hotel

The next morning we investigated yet another ring of four—that at the magnificent old Church of the Holy Rood, near Stirling Castle. Unfortunately this ring, which was last rung in 1928, was also out of action, so we contented ourselves with attempting to master the intricacies of bowls on a green near the church, which we learned was the oldest in Scotland. After lunch we made our leisurely way to Alloa, some climbing the Wallace Memorial on the way. Here, after a little difficulty in getting the 13 cwt. tenor up right, we reached the highspot of the tour, ringing-wise, by attempting a course of London Major. This only failed when the conductor went wrong and tried to put everyone right by him! Other ringing here included Stedman and Double Norwich, but conditions were far from ideal due to the excessive heat and the small unventilated belfry.

After staying in Alloa for some excellent liquid refreshment, we made our way across the Forth Bridge to Portobello, where we were due to stay for our last two nights. Most of the party that evening saw the Edinburgh Military Tattoo at the Castle. The next morning saw us at St. Cuthbert's where we indulged in Double Norwich, in which we were pleased to have Philip Gray and his wife from Bristol taking part, and a bob course of Stedman in which a local lady ringer joined us. This concluded the week's ringing activities, but with the rest of the day in Edinburgh before us we were prevailed upon to visit Rose Street, which contains no less than 26 pubs (we only visited one), after which some climbed Arthur's Seat, the hill in Holyrood Park, while others succeeded in getting locked in another park. The week was rounded off at the hotel, presenting Trevor with a small token of our appreciation for having arranged the tour once more. As Sheila, Tom and Gerald were all celebrating birthdays that week-end we ended with a suitable celebration before returning to England the following day.

The party included Tom Brock, Sheila Chinery, Rosemary Spicer, Alan Speedbury, Norman Cossey, Barry Pickup, Christine Johnson, Tom Newell, Richard Hunt, Trevor Bailey, Gerald Parsons and Richard Brown.

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East Riding Ringers Navigate River Thames

CYCLES were left behind this year, and youth hostel wardens given a rest, when ringers and friends from the East Riding of Yorkshire took to the luxury of four Thames cabin cruisers for a week's tour. The journey south to Bray was made in a variety of cars, including John Rank's rather splendid 1938 six-cylinder Bentley.

A few extracts from the navigational notes, issued in advance to all participants, may help to set the scene for what was to be voted the best E.R. tour held so far:

"Keep well away . . .
When it is windy . . .
Look out for Barrel Buoys . . .
Several riverside hotels offer special facilities . . .
Adjust the height of your fend-offs . . ."

After the ladies had purchased the necessary victuals, appointed commodores and captains had received instructions regarding forward and reverse gears, bilge pumps, etc., a quayside course of Grandsire Triples "in hand," we left Bray in beautiful sunshine up river for the first tower, at Great Marlow.

ROCKED CLEAR

Here, after motor launch "Melaine" had gone aground in shallow water and been rocked clear by more knowledgeable members of the public on the bank, we joined the local company for an hour's varied ringing. We were also pleased to meet again ex-Kirk Ella ringer John Perrett.

Sunday morning was extremely wet, umbrellas, shorts and sandals being the order of the day. Spirits were high though and we enjoyed the good-going eight at Wargrave. The weather cleared with almost unbelievable abruptness after lunch and various garments were soon out on deck drying. Sunday evening found us supplying a full band for Evensong ringing at St. Laurence's, Reading.

Goring-on-Thames and Streatley were reached by Monday morning, Linda Sherwood finding herself in deeper water than expected in a vain attempt to retrieve Howard Palmer's mallet head. A warm welcome by the Vicar and some good ringing on the very excellent light eight at Goring, where perhaps John's touch of Plain and Little with tenors parted, Queens and Tittums excelled. A quick ring at the rather odd-struck six at Streatley and on to Wallingford, where a touch of Double Norwich and a course of Yorkshire were voted best. A number of ringers found the Thames far too tempting on such a hot, sunny day.

CHASE SEQUEL

On Monday evening the sprightly Rank sprained an ankle chasing across rough grassland in search of "other than male" company. This was to hinder him only slightly in his pursuits during the remainder of the week!

Sutton Courtenay's six were rung and enjoyed that evening before returning back over the river to the Red Lion at Culham. Here, a fine glass-fronted piano, fully illuminated from within, was put to good use by our resident pianist, Keith Goldthorpe. A rather portly "Geordie" gentleman on crutches, claiming to be the noisiest b—— (justifiably) in Culham, gave us renderings of "Cock Robin" and a jolly evening, followed by the inevitable coffee on "Melaine."

Tuesday, and Oxford our turning point, but not before some pretty shocking striking at All Saints', High Street. Magdalen College's easy-going ten were most enjoyable and we did fairly well here. On to New College, where the very raising of the back eight should have warned us of the poor striking which was to follow. Nothing seemed to be going here so we left with tails between our legs and tongue in cheek for Merton College. Not surprisingly perhaps, ringers were a little scarce here, but those who braved the balcony scene did not fare too badly.

PERSPIRATION LOST

Wednesday's ringing started at the fine Norman church at Iffley, where the students of building and architecture in the party found plenty to enthuse about. St. Helen's, Abingdon, had to be omitted due to a sitting of the Quarter Sessions. The Georgian church with anti-clockwise eight at Benson were scheduled for the evening and again we joined with the local ringers for their practice. Six hard-working individuals attempted a quarter of Cambridge at Lewknor, transport being kindly provided by friends in the area. This came to grief when two crossed on the back, but not before a lot of perspiration had been lost.

On Thursday we paid our halfpennies to get over the toll bridge at Whitchurch and so ring the 9 cwt. six there. Mapledurham's six were rung quite well to a fair variety of methods. Admired here were the altar back-cloth and carpet and embroidered hassocks. With a happy farewell from the Vicar and his small son, John Rank managed to reverse Captain Ben's craft into some old jetty stakes and shoot Ron Ducker neatly off the stern into the water. This made the number for this distinction up to a Doubles band! Treble, and first to go, D. P. B. Miles (twice!), Robin Page-Jones, Ben Cooper (distinguished by "choosing" a lock) and the only lady to accomplish this feat—Susan Harrop.

At Sonning we again joined with the locals for their practice and had some quite fair striking of standard methods, but Yorkshire proved very elusive.

BEST BELLS

Friday's ringing included Shiplake, and surely the best bells, ringing and weather of the week at Henley. The ale was not so good but the chicken and mushroom pie salad made up for that. Cookham's eight were rung with speed and confidence. The getaway being similar, found Graham Smith and John Robinson left behind (for their sins) and arriving back at 1.30 a.m. after a moonlight saunter.

Saturday, 9.30 a.m., found us back at the boatyard tidying up the week's debris and accounting for the breakages. The official ringing programme was completed by ringing the heavy eight at Bray, but a telephone call by the Commodore ensured for us an excellent lunch and ringing at Wavendon for the journey back north. A meeting at Earl Shilton, Leicestershire was joined by some and enjoyed all the more for the flower festival which was taking place.

Altogether a truly enjoyable week. Perhaps only standard methods on eight with Cambridge and Yorkshire, more variety on six, but the standard being generally good. The handbells were used well, courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters being rung for most lock-keepers—some by request on the way back! Nightly parties with rousing sing-songs to Keith's accordion accompaniment—with no warden to shout "Lights out"—must have seemed unending to those whose need of sleep was greater than others.

To all clergy for permission to ring, local ringers for opening up towers—particularly the gentleman at Oxford who popped up at every tower—and to John Rank for organising a grand "affair"—very many sincere thanks.

SPLASH.



From left to right: I. N. Goldthorpe (Kirk Ella), Mr. and Mrs. R. Page-Jones (Cottingham), Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooper (Kirk Ella), Miss S. Harrop (Howden), Mr. and Mrs. G. Pybus (Cottingham), J. Hartley (Sheffield University), F. C. Hobson (Cambridge University), Miss E. Johnston (North Ferriby), J. S. Rank (St. Mary's, Beverley), H. C. Palmer (Leicester Univesrity), Miss L. Sherwood (Sutton-on-Hull), D. Miles (London University), Miss C. S. Anderson (Leeds), J. Robinson (St. Michael's, Headingley), G. K. Smith (Kirk Ella), R. Ducker (Sutton-on-Hull) and G. F. Terry (Hemingbrough).

St. Andrew's, Headington

Work is to start on October 31st on the bells of St. Andrew's, Headington, Oxford, and Messrs. White of Appleton have been instructed to provide a new steel frame, possibly with two extra bays, with the view of eventually having an octave.

For the past ten years the ringers have been devoting their wedding fees to this object. With their other personal donations they have now collected over £450 for this fund.

Whilst the bells are out of action it is hoped to ring at Islip on Sundays at 10.15 a.m. and hold practices there on Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m. Mr. Tom Smith, of 196, London Road, Headington, Oxford, will be pleased to receive the donations promised and also supply any further information desired.

Atmosphere of Change in Durham and Newcastle

THESE are times of change, and continually events are bringing reminders of this fact. On the first week-end in October many people in Newcastle were riding on the city's trolley-buses for the last time before diesel-engined buses took over on the last remaining route. So ended a 30-year chapter in Newcastle's transport system. Not far away railway enthusiasts were running a "special" as the last train in the Wansbeck Valley before the rails were torn up. This was the last remnant of the route into England built by the North British Railway Company of Edinburgh and opened on May 1st, 1865.

At this time on Saturday, October 1st, in Newcastle, there was held the annual meeting of a society older than those trolley-buses but not quite as old as that railway line, for the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, as it now is, was founded in August, 1877. In contrast to the other two, this Society was looking forward to a continuing and useful existence and confidently making plans to celebrate its 90th birthday in 1967. To that end a small sub-committee has been set up to receive suggestions and to formulate proposals.

CHANGE

In a changing world adaptation is needed from time to time and during the coming year proposals are to be discussed to reduce from four to three the number of Districts into which the territory of the Association is divided. It is felt that the outcome should be a better grouping of the towers geographically and each District should be a stronger unit than it is at present.

The theme of change could be detected in the address given by the Rev. R. H. Gurney, Rector of Gateshead, at the special service held in Newcastle Cathedral. He cited the recent attempt to obtain an injunction against church bells as evidence of a change in attitude in some quarters. Against such attitudes it was little use to quote the rubric in the Book of Common Prayer laid down when few people had any means of telling the time of services except for the bells.

He believed that Christians were still justified in ringing bells today as they had done through the ages and he believed that the bells had a two-fold message. On the one hand they should proclaim Christian joy and on the other, in passing bells and half-muffled peals, they gave a stern reminder of the transitory nature of this life on earth. It was necessary for ringers to respond to the call of the bells as well as sending out the call to others. The Provost of Newcastle, the Very Rev. C. C. Wolters, conducted the service, and Mr. J. T. Smeaton kindly played the organ. Handbells were rung during the service and a collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to four guineas.

Ringing took place in the afternoon on the eight at Fenham and on the ten at Gosforth. Coming in from a dismal October day outside, the interior of All Saints', Gosforth, was a splendid feast of light and colour with the floral displays of its flower festival. The whole church seemed to be bustling with activity and alive, and visiting ringers were pleased to be able to add their efforts to support this. Ringing after tea took place at the Cathedral and St Mary's, Gateshead At the Cathedral the ringing included a half-course of Cambridge Maximus, where all taking part were locals or very near locals. This was a new "high" for ringing at an annual meeting in the post-war period in Newcastle—another reminder of changing times.

The business meeting was held in the afternoon in the library of the Cathedral. The president, Mr. W. Tyson, was in the chair and the attendance was about 50. Reports on the year's work were presented and adopted.

HUNG DEAD

The secretary's report noted the completion of the restoration at Winlaton and contrasted the co-operation of the Rector there with the reluctance of the Vicar of St. Andrew's, Newcastle, to give information. It had been learned that the bells were to be recast and hung dead. Canon Corden had moved from Gateshead to Shildon and a meeting had been held at Shildon after many years of exclusion. Good progress by the Shincliffe ringers in raising money was noted and the starting of a fund at Sedgefield was recorded.

The treasurer's statement showed that the balance in hand had declined from just over £75 to just under £68. The general fund showed very little change but payment from the Bell Restoration Fund had reduced that fund by about £10. Subscriptions had been increased for the year under review but this increase in income had been more than offset by heavier costs for printing the annual report. The whole question of this printing would have to be reviewed in the near future, as the present report would be the last to be printed by Dressers of Darlington before they shut down at the end of 1966. Printing is yet another field where changes are taking place.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PEAL RINGERS

The Ringing Master's report gave an account of the fifth one-day ringing course held at Lumley Castle. He felt that a great deal of good had been done by these courses and he was very grateful for the support of all those who had assisted in the running of the classes. It seemed that the time had now come for a pause and no course on these lines was scheduled for 1967. He was looking for alternative ideas. Asked for advice on St. George's tower and bells, he had been able to arrange a visit by Mr. Alan J. Frost of the Towers and Belfries Committee and a comprehensive report had been submitted to the consulting engineers. Standards had been quite good at ringing meetings and he was pleased to record much good progress by younger ringers. He suggested a code of conduct for peal ringers, to reduce complaints by the public, emphasising careful choice of times and proper publicity beforehand.

The peal report recorded a total of 48 peals —35 on tower bells and 13 on handbells. Twenty different towers had been used, Newcastle Cathedral being the most frequent with five peals. Seventy-nine ringers took part in the peals, six ringing their first on tower bells and five their first on handbells. The leading individual totals were M. Maughan 30, E. N. Harrison 24 and A. G. Craddock, J. Crowther and R. A. Yeates 22 each. There were 17 conductors, with the leaders being M. Maughan 15 and A. G Craddock 10. Wilfred Williams' touring band accounted for five of the peals, but local ringers had rung six-spliced Surprise Major for the first time and a new record length on handbells

The election of officers showed no change and the confirmation of the District officers showed only those changes that had been necessary by the death of Mr. F. W. Cooke and the removal from the area of Mr. S. Zvegintzov. The list for 1966–67 is thus: President, W. Tyson; secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, E. N. Harrison; Ringing Master, K. Arthur; editorial secretary, K. W. Cheeseman; auditor, F. Ainsley; trustees, J. Anderson and T. Cooke.

District officers.—Northern: Chairman, G. S Deas; secretary, Miss G. Douglas. Southern: Chairman, T. Cooke; secretary, Miss J. Warwick. Eastern: Chairman, R. Bell; secretary, Miss M. A. Thow. Western: Chairman, C. T. Lamb; secretary, H. P. Thompson.

Meetings were arranged for 1967 as follows: Social, Chester-le-Street, January 14th. Half-yearly, St. George's, Jesmond, June 3rd. Annual, Chester-le-Street, October 21st.

Fifteen new members were elected.

The meeting was adjourned from the library and was resumed after the tea in Bainbridge's restaurant. The president then proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to all who had provided the facilities or given of their services for the annual meeting. To this the Provost replied.

The meeting concluded with ringing at the Cathedral and St. Mary's, Gateshead.

D. A. B.

Competition for the Novices

A RINGING COMPETITION with a difference was held at Meldreth in Cambridgeshire on September 30th. This was intended for the novices who could ring rounds and call changes and who were just beginning change ringing. The invitation was "to take part in a friendly competition to see which team could ring the most accurate and well-struck rounds and changes." The test piece was either five leads of Original (plain hunting) Minor, or six leads of Original Doubles with tenor behind, with not more than a minute's rounds at the beginning and end. Most teams in an orthodox competition will consist of accomplished ringers who are putting a gloss on a polished performance, but these rules were devised to encourage the novices to show what they can do.

A lot of teaching is going on in the area, and many of the competitors have had only a year's experience of ringing. Bands which were short of ringers could combine, and one experienced ringer was available as substitute in case any team met one short. Each team had to declare if any member had rung a quarter or more, and if the substitute rang, so that the judge could take that greater experience into account.

Mr. Philip Mehew acted as judge, Mr. John Gipson timekeeper and conductor if asked. Mr. Frank Harper was "Lord High Substitute," and the organisers were Miss Jean Sanderson and Mr. Barry Couzens. The B.B.C. was interested, but later decided it was not worth sending a recording team for a minute or two's broadcasting. A report was to have been sent, but nothing was heard.

We received an extraordinary amount of help. The local paper mentioned the competition, and Miss M. Bowen generously offered refreshments at Topcliffe's Mill for the social afterwards when the judge would announce the results and award the certificates. There were four of these, so that all teams should have something to remind them of their efforts—if the judge thought fit! Mrs. Gwen Thurley wrote each one out in a style similar to the Devon certificates and would accept only gratitude for her time and skill.

Four teams entered: Cottered, Little Munden (both from Hertfordshire), Saffron Walden and Wendens Ambo (Essex) and Whittlesford (Cambridgeshire). Additional practices were arranged and all the teams decided to ring Doubles. None of the competitors had rung at Meldreth in the last ten months, if at all, so all faced the same novelty. All the teams chose Original (plain hunting) Doubles, with the tenor behind.

Whittlesford were drawn first and after starting well had a regrettable pile-up in the fourth lead, which prevented the test piece being completed. Little Munden were next, and although they started roughly picked up well. A combined team from Saffron Walden and Wendens Ambo settled well with good speed and rhythm. Cottered, with help from two Little Munden ringers, took a long time to settle, although the rhythm was fairly good until the sixth lead, which had almost everyone lost, yet they finished in good rounds, which was most commendable. Whittlesford were given another chance to prove they could do it, and this time they did much better.

At the social afterwards the judge was most helpful. Many of the mistakes were due to the bell dropping at backstroke, and he advised a little more pull at hand to remedy this. Apart from that he was pleasantly surprised by the standard, and awarded the certificates to Saffron Walden and Wendens Ambo, first, with 36 faults: Little Munden, second, with 71 faults; Whittlesford, third, with 72 faults for their second effort: Cottered and Little Munden, fourth, with 105 faults.

J. S.

CATTERICK POPULAR VENUE FOR SNOWDON DINNER

GOING farther north than it had ever done before, the Yorkshire Association held the annual Snowdon Dinner this year at Catterick Bridge, in the North Riding, and the venture proved so popular that 130 ringers sat down to dinner on October 15th, and a good many applications for tickets had to be refused.

The dinner was preceded by ringing at Bedale (8), Richmond (8), Northallerton (8), Catterick (8), Kirby Wiske (6) and Bolton-on-Swale (6). There has been little ringing at Catterick or at Bolton for some time, and at Bolton a certain amount of work was necessary to enable the bells to be rung. The afternoon's pouring rain did nothing to damp the spirits of the hundred or more ringers who shuttled between the towers and eventually gathered at the Catterick Bridge Hotel for dinner.

HILARITY

Here the Association's president, Mr. Vernon Bottomley, presided, and with him at the top table were his predecessor, Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, and Mrs. Marshall, widow of Archdeacon Ellison's predecessor. It was an hilarious evening, the president setting the tone with a reference to the superior appearance of his type of man and those who had their heads covered with nasty, greasy stuff called hair!

Proposing the toast of "Church and State," Mr. Edward Hudson kept the ball rolling with a few specimens from his immense store of stories with cricketing or ecclesiastical backgrounds. That his two great interests cricket and ringing, occasionally get mixed was shown by his story of a dream in which he found himself calling a touch leg, middle and off.

The toast, he pointed out, provided a wide range of subjects, and he illustrated this by ranging from references to eminent North Riding churchmen—St. Wilfrid, Coverdale, Wycliffe and Langton—to parodies of one of the poems of Lewis Carroll (who was the son of a North Riding parson).

He welcomed the gathering to the North Riding for the first time, and cheerfully informed his friends from across the northern border that Yorkshire was going to take over a little more of Durham, and in the course of a year or two they would have another ring of ten in the county when Stockton became a part of Yorkshire under a boundary change. "I have had nothing whatever to do with this," he added.

The response was by the Archdeacon of Cleveland, the Ven. S. F. Linsley, who brought the greetings of the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Whitby.

Archdeacon Linsley said there was an infinitely greater amount of humour in the Church than there was in the State, and went on to prove it himself with recollections of his former parish in the East Riding.

INTRIGUED

There were three points about the gathering, he said, which intrigued him. First, it was said not so long ago in his hearing that the art of ringing was dying out. "You are going to nail that one with this extraordinary gathering," he said.

Second, he could not find any typical ringer. One could tell a clergyman or a policeman but it was impossible to say that of ringers. They were of all kinds and ages.

The third point was that about one-third of the company was under 30, and half of them were women

"I am quite certain that anyone who says the art of ringing is dying out is just talking nonsense, and in this Church and State business an awful lot of nonsense is being talked. It is a very great experience to see this assembly of ringers and I am going to congratulate you and say it is a very wonderful thing

"It is said that the churches are empty. I did 700 miles last week, and I did not find an empty church. I went to 12 harvest festivals in a row, and there would be about 2,500 people attending those festivals.

"When you look at some aspects of the State and then at the general picture of the Church as it really is now, there is a great deal about which we can be encouraged.

"It strikes me we have a lot of solid, good stuff in the Church that doesn't publicise itself, but serves it in a voluntary capacity, who are the core of the nation. There is a great deal, obviously, amiss with the Church, there always will be, but don't let us fail to see the tremendous amount of voluntary service that is given to the Church."

In his parish there were two police colleges, and when he went there and heard some of the stories about crime in the State it frightened him. He had asked one chief constable what the answer was, and he had replied, "When they come to you, they will have less need of us." That was a tremendous tribute.

"You can turn to any department of the State's life, or the country's life, and the Church, quite frankly, has no need to bow her head. Compared with some of the other sections of life, I think we have an awful lot to be thankful for.

"Your job is to ring to call people to worship, and the note of ringing is surely a clear note of thankfulness, a note of joy and thanksgiving," he said.

JASPER SNOWDON

Archdeacon Ellison, who proposed "The memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and other past officers of the Association," brought with him specimen pieces of the tea and dinner services and the umbrella which were gifts from the Association on his retirement from the presidency.

Jasper Snowdon, he said, founded the Association and was its president for ten years. He was succeeded by his brother William, who was president for 25 years, followed by Canon Marshall, president for 35 years, and then by himself for 19 years. All their presidents, he pointed out, had come from the diocese of Ripon, for Ilkley was in that diocese in Snowdon's day. Archdeacon Ellison recalled a number of the Association's former officers, and paid tribute to its present officers, adding the hope that it would be a long time before any of them became past officers.

The toast was drunk in silence, and in place of a response a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by Howard Scott 1–2, Eric W. Critchley 3–4, Fred Hodgson 5–6, Wilfrid E. Moreton 7–8, and Ronald Ducker 9–10.

Proposing the toast of "The Visitors," Miss Doris M. Killingley (Richmond) referred to the presence of members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and said she had for a long time wanted an opportunity to say something in public about that Association. When she first started to ring she was invited to attend practices in Darlington and was most kindly received.

"It is in keeping with the traditions of the Exercise to receive people kindly in strange towers, but to go week after week messing up people's practices is quite another thing. I would like to say a very personal thank you to the ringers in Darlington and farther north."

DIOCESAN BOUNDARY

The secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association, Mr. Denis A. Bayles, replying, fended off Ted Hudson's grasp at Stockton's ten-bell tower. "In the Association's title there is the word 'diocesan.' There is no proposal to muck about with the diocese. Stockton remains ours," he declared.

He spoke of the excellence of the arrangements for the day, and said his only criticism was that he was "planted" on the fourth at Catterick. "But even then I was told I could call the touch and stop when I had had enough."

As a member of "The Ringing World" Committee, he asked for support of the committee's work. They could do very little to improve "The Ringing World" without the help of all sorts of people. They wanted the help of people who would write articles and report such proceedings as this dinner. People who could do neither could at least subscribe to the paper, which would improve its financial position and give the committee scope to do a lot of things they wanted to do.

Before Mr. Bayles replied to this toast, a touch of Plain Bob Major was rung on handbells by a family of ringers at St. Cuthbert's, Ormesby—Kenneth and Margaret Lawson and their daughters, Anne and Enid.

The president expressed the thanks of the Association to those who had organised the dinner and the ringing, referring especially to Arthur Bashford (Kirby Wiske), on whom most of the burden had fallen, and Ted Hudson and Elsdon Metcalfe (Thirsk), who helped with the bells at Bolton-on-Swale. He also thanked the incumbents of the several churches for allowing ringing during the afternoon. E. P.

OBITUARY

MR. R. F. LAYTON

With sorrow we record the passing of Mr. R. F. Layton at his home at Banstead, Surrey, on October 2nd, who collapsed and died while dressing to attend morning service. He celebrated his 80th birthday in August last.

Reginald Frank Layton learned to ring during the second world war when the call went out for recruits in Banstead belfry. He was primarily a Sunday service ringer and, fond as he was of ringing, he regarded it chiefly as another service he could give to the church he loved. He was a server for 60 years and also held the office of secretary to the Parochial Church Council for many years.

Illness long and at times serious, cut short his activities in the belfry but his interest remained, and he served ringing in the only way he could by working for it at home. He was auditor for the Northern District of the Surrey Association for many years, but his greatest work was the Association peal book, which he had written with such skill, care and patience. It is a very fine work, and his memory will live in this book among those who knew him.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the funeral, and a quarter peal of the same method was rung, half-muffled, the previous evening on Banstead bells.

His sons, Peter, Denis and Michael, and his daughter, Elizabeth, are ringers, and to them and their mother we extend our sincere sympathy.

NORTH WEST SUFFOLK HAVE NEW RINGING MASTER

Because of other commitments, Mr. L. Wright tendered his resignation as Ringing Master of the N.W. Suffolk District at the annual meeting held at Fornham All Saints on October 15th. Friends from the Wisbech area and Ipswich were welcomed, and a variety of Doubles and Minor methods was rung.

An appropriate address for the choral service had been prepared by the Rev. W. G. Peck, who spoke of bell founders in the Bury area in the 12th century. Tea was served by West Stow friends in the Village Hall.

Officers re-elected at the meeting were: Mr. C. Hancock chairman, Mr. A. F. Ballam secretary, and Mrs. G. Reeve Press secretary. The new Ringing Master is Mr. John Underwood. The chairman, secretary, Ringing Master and Mr. R. Rose were elected to the Guild Executive, and these and Miss G. Reeves constitute the local committee.

Thanks were accorded to the workers in the past year, and ringing in the evening was at West Stow, when both Minor and Doubles methods were enjoyed.

Meetings fixed for 1967 are: Elveden, January 14th; Barrow, April; Horringer, July; and Ixworth, October. Evening meetings: Felsham, November 12th; and Brandon, December 10th. G. R.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

S.W. Branch

THE autumn meeting of the S.W. Branch was held at Ermington on October 1st by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. William Rowe.

The bells were available from 2.30 p.m. and ringing included Cambridge, Oxford, Kent, Plain Bob Stedman, Grandsire and rounds on the six bells. The service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave an address. The lesson was read by Mr. R. A. Southwood, hon. secretary of the Branch. During the service 60 changes of Grandsire Doubles were rung on handbells by R. A Southwood, T. G. Myers (chairman of the Branch) and D. R. Bould (Ringing Master) The organist was Mr. G R. Field.

Tea was served by the ladies of the church in the Parish Hall. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. T. G. Myers, who welcomed the visitors.

All present observed a one minute's silence to the memory of the late Vicar of Modbury, the Rev H. S. H. Read, at whose parish this meeting should have taken place. This was a sincere token to the memory of one who held all church bells and their ringers very close to his heart.

New members elected were: Mrs. June Smith (St. Andrew's, Plymouth), Messrs. Ian and Christopher Luckcraft, Diccon Pearce and John Steere (Stoke Damerel, Plymouth), Miss Janet Edworthy (Plympton St. Mary) and Mr. Donald Bedford. Mr. Roy H. Jones (Marston, Oxfordshire) was elected an honorary life member.

The Ringing Master commented on the instruction programme at Stoke Damerel, and praised the young ringers there who had worked so hard redecorating the belfry. Mr. Bould stressed that other more experienced members of the Branch must encourage these young ringers by their support at practice meetings.

The chairman accorded thanks to the Vicar, the ladies, under the leadership of Mrs. Blackler, for an excellent tea, the choir, organist and local ringers. Other business discussed was a proposed Gift Day for the Exeter Cathedral Fund, which would include a combined service with the rest of the Guild and the Devon Association. Ringing continued at Ermington until 7.30 p.m. and then at Yealmpton. S. P. S.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

East Devon Branch

A quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Luppitt on October 8th. Ringing in various Doubles and Minor methods preceded a service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. Prowse, a past chairman of the Branch Although he is unable to take an active part in ringing these days, the Rev. F. Prowse retains a keen interest in ringing. After the service about 35 members sat down to an excellent tea provided by the ladies of the parish.

During the meeting the chair was taken by Mr. F. J. Sage, the Branch chairman, supported by the vice-chairman, Mr. John Arbury, whom all were pleased to see ringing again after his serious operation.

The usual business meeting was conducted and three new members and one life member elected. The meeting concluded with a short talk on the history of Luppitt bells by the chairman. Apologies for absence were received from Mr and Mrs. R. C. Woodley, the Branch secretary and his wife, who are on holiday in North Africa, also from Mr. A. Hodge

Next monthly practice meetings: Luppitt, November 8th; Ottery St. Mary, December 12th; and Shute on January 10th.

The Winchester and Portsmouth Guild is holding an extraordinary general meeting at Winchester on November 19th.

PITSFORD RINGERS MARRY



[Photo: E. C. Tippleston.

TWO members of the band at All Saints', Pitsford. Northants, were married there on September 17th They were Miss Judith Frost, daughter of Mr. B. E. Frost, hon. secretary of the Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and Mr. Christopher Holmes. The bride began her ringing career at St. John the Baptist's, Kingsthorpe, and consequently roped in the bridegroom.

On a beautiful autumn morning the church was well filled for the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. P. A. Malton. The bride was given away by her father and attended by two bridesmaids.

Many ringers were present and rang for some time after the service. A quarter peal attempted was unfortunately lost near the end. It is intended to put this right soon.

After the reception in the Village Hall, attended by 100 guests, the happy couple left for the honeymoon in Cornwall. It is pleasing to announce that their future address is still in the village. When two young people involved in the life of their church join together in the greatest union of all it is a great occasion. May God bless them in their life together, and may they continue to ring out the message of Christ from their Parish Church. D. I.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

The quiet old village of Stow-in-Lindsey was the venue for the September meeting of the West Lindsey Branch. The earliest ecclesiastical building here was built by Egfrid in A.D. 768, and is reputed to have been the Saxon cathedral of the diocese of Lindsey. The greater part of the present fine cruciform church belongs to the 11th and 12th centuries. The central tower houses a good ring of six bells (tenor 10 cwt.)

The numerous local ringers, while not being advanced in change ringing, are very enthusiastic about Sunday service ringing and are the current holders of the West Lindsey Branch cup Good friends from surrounding Branches and from neighbouring Guilds again supported the meeting and assembled with us for Evensong in the nave of the church, conducted by the Rector.

The hearty appetites were more than satisfied by the sumptuous spread prepared by the local people. Mr. C. H. Baker presided at the business meeting and proposed the vote of thanks.

Next meeting Corringham, November 19th. T. A. G.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The practice night at St. David's, Exeter, has been changed to Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. John E. Brough has "circled" St. Mary's, Wistaston, tower to peals four times.

Duplication.—The peal at Huntington on page 677 is a duplicate of the peal that appeared on page 613.

Twelve-year-old Susan Stott rang her first quarter peal at Compton Bishop, Somerset, with W. Wiseman, who has passed his 81st birthday.

A useful ringer is going to Sydney, N.S.W., in the person of Miss Patricia Pitfield. She rang in her farewell quarter peal—Grandsire Caters—at St. Mary's, Southampton.

Members of the Editorial Committee of "The Ringing World" at the conclusion of their meeting at Derby on October 8th heard the bells of St. Peter's being rung to a peal of London Surprise Major.

Another junior to receive the conductor's congratulations is Susan Burdon of Gosfield, who had not previously rung Bob Major until she stood in her first quarter peal at Halstead, Essex, on October 12th. The conductor was Miss Hilda Snowden.

B. M. W. D., who wrote the witty report of the Universities Association tour (page 666), asks us to state that the entry of the Rev. Roger Keeley through the tower door at Marlborough was unorthodox and not orthodox, as printed.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

ANOTHER RING OF SIX FOR DERBYSHIRE

Ashford-in-the-Water is a pretty village standing on the River Wye, a tributary of the Derwent and a few miles from Bakewell. For many years the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity possessed three old bells. In 1954 these were recast and a treble added, the four bells being hung in a new frame for six and now, 12 years later, thanks to Mr. D. Whittaker, the ring of six is complete.

The two new bells were dedicated at a special service on October 4th by the Rt. Rev. W. Warren Hunt, Bishop of Repton. The church had held its harvest festival the previous Sunday and the appropriate decorations had been retained, which added to the impressivness of the service. There was a good congregation, amongst whom were Messrs. F. J. Smallwood and B. Morris as well as Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson, of Fairfield, along with the young members of Fairfield band. Mr. John P. Fidler represented the founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co. After the service Mr. Whittaker invited the visitors to a buffet supper at his residence.

J. P. F.

ST. MARY'S, PETERBOROUGH

We have had this week evidence of the progressive spirit prevailing among the ringers at St. Mary's, Peterborough, who have planned a programme of quarter peals. Most of these have been rung in towers other than their own—usually country churches, where no annoyance is caused.

Great credit was reflected by the quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Tichmarsh, as not one is a Major ringer, and for six of them it was their first peal in the method. They knew that if any mistakes occurred it would end the attempt, as the conductor was ringing his first as caller in the method. The spirit of helpfulness that prevailed enabled a good quarter peal to be rung.

DIAMOND JUBILEES

Two ringers have this week rung in diamond jubilee quarter peals to mark completing 60 years as ringers. They are Mr. C. Coniam, who rang the sixth at Bakewell, and Mr. Herbert Goakes, of Peterborough.

Deserving of special mention is Mr. S. Poole, local captain at Thornbury, Glos, who rang a quarter peal for his golden jubilee as a ringer. Another quarter peal at Asfordby, Leics, marked the completion of 40 years in this tower by the popular Leicestershire ringer, Mr. J. H. Cook.

CARDIGAN RINGERS VISIT RADNORSHIRE

After reading in "The Ringing World" of an outing into Radnorshire, Cardigan ringers decided to explore this county for their annual outing. During the day friends from Birmingham, Hereford, St. David's and Fishguard helped with the ringing, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major at Presteigne, which was voted the best tower of the day.

Unusual things were the absence of a stay to the tenor at Llanfihangel Rhydeithon and two ropes missing at Knighton. It was most unusual but not displeasing to ring on an old six. Other towers visited were Nantmel (6), Llanbadarn Fawr (5), Old Radnor (6) and New Radnor (6).

Grateful thanks must be extended to all incumbents and tower officials for the use of the bells, and friends who joined us.

A. F. W.

A DAY TO REMEMBER

Congratulations to Richard Yates, son of the well-known Buckingham ringer, Bill Yates, on his first peal at Maids Moreton on October 11th. At his christening nine years ago we wondered if Richard would one day have the enthusiasm and ability for ringing as his father. We are sure he has all the former and is quickly acquiring much of the latter. Richard has a number of quarter peals to his credit and rings Stedman Triples regularly on Sundays for service. Although only nine he stands head and shoulders above most of his school mates.

It was, therefore, an occasion when we met for his first full peal attempt. Richard soon put out of our minds any doubt about his ability to stand the time. He rang his bell almost faultlessly throughout the peal. What a thrill it was for himself, his father and godfather when the bells came into rounds for the last time. The band were kindly entertained at the Rectory after the peal and, on the way home, Richard stopped to tell his grandparents of his proud achievement.

Well done, Richard! May we have the pleasure of many more peals with you.

R. K.

HALF-MUFFLED FOR WEDDING!

The band at St. David's, Exeter, were requested by the bride's father (a non-ringer) to ring the bells half-muffled for her wedding on October 8th. He told the ringers that the bells sounded more beautiful when muffled; also he considered he was getting 16 bells for the price of eight. Has any other tower had and carried out such a request? inquires Peter M. E. Pavey.

LOUIS A. WILSON STILL RINGING

Once again Ottery St. Mary ringers, accompanied by representatives from Honiton Clyst, Sidbury and East Budleigh tower, paid another visit on October 1st to that grand old ringer of Devon and Wiltshire, Louis A. Wilson, now in his 91st year.

Despite the fact that his sight is not too good these days, Louis still managed to put the fifth through a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples, which was followed by a splendid touch of Stedman Triples in which the Wootton Bassett tower captain, Mr. E. F. Brooks, stood in.

Other towers visited during the day were Mere, North Bradley, Mells and Glastonbury.

GATESHEAD'S RINGING PARSON

The Rev. R. H. Gurney, who became Rector of Gateshead earlier this year, is well qualified to preach at any service for ringers. Not only is he a ringer himself, but he met his wife in the belfry and the two eldest of his four children are learning to ring. The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association were very pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Gurney with them at their annual meeting.

YORKSHIRE MEN PRE-EMINENT

When Ted Hudson in his speech at the Snowdon Dinner at Catterick, referring to prominent Yorkshiremen of the present day, mentioned that the "most important office in the State" was filled by a Yorkshireman, one of the audience was surprised to learn that he was referring to Harold Wilson. The hearer had thought he meant Brian Close!

SEVERN BRIDGE OPENING

On the occasion of the opening of the Severn Bridge on September 8th by H.M. the Queen, the Vicar of Olveston, the Rev. Ronald Goodsell, gave permission for a peal to be rung in his church, which lies on the English side of the Bridge. The peal started immediately after the short service of dedication by the Bishop. The band, which came from the London area, offered the peal to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, but Mrs M. Wratten, their peal secretary, felt that the Association could not accept it as none were members of the Association. As all the band were members of the Middlesex County Association, the peal was therefore rung for that Association.

The band thank the Vicar for his permission to ring the peal on this historic occasion, and also the verger, who entertained them to coffee and enabled them to see the start of the opening ceremony on his TV set.

HAD ANNUAL OUTING TO SNOWDON DINNER

This year Rotherham Parish Church ringers made the Snowdon Dinner at Catterick the final venue of their annual outing. Accompanied by six friends from Handsworth and Wentworth, the first ringing took place at St. Nicholas', Thorne, where Mr. Leaske and several of his young ringers joined in the ringing on the handy eight.

The next tower was Selby Abbey, where the visitors were greatly impressed by the attractive and well appointed ringing room and the melodious bells. After an excellent lunch the party pressed on to St. Peter's, Harrogate, and sampled the new light eight in the town centre.

Ringing during the day varied from rounds to five-spliced Surprise Major, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal

Thanks are due to all those whose hospitality and trouble taken helped to make the day's outing most enjoyable in many ways.

N. C.

TO PERTH, W.A.

St. George's Cathedral, Perth, W.A., will have another acquisition of strength by the departure on November 1st from this country of Anthony R. and Heather A. Mann. They have been living at Corsham, Wilts. Edgar C. Shepherd invited them to spend a day at Warminster on October 11th and the result was a handbell peal. Edgar tells us that he has not rung a peal "in hand" for ten years and he knows of no record of a previous handbell peal at Warminster

A REPEAT

It is regretted that the peal of London at Frome on November 10th was published twice, but it is the usual story of the conductor and the organiser being disorganised. Someone also seems to be under the impression that the tenor ringer at West Coker, Somerset, is "over the hill"—the time of the peal should have read "2 hours and 47 minutes" and not "3 hours and 47 minutes" on this 12 cwt. ring of eight.

"ERASION"

To readers who might share E. A. B.'s puzzle over the word "erasion" in "The Collection of Compositions in the Popular Major Methods," reviewed on page 656, Mr. G. Jackson, of Barnby Dun, Doncaster, writes pointing out that it is in Chambers' Dictionary. It is not, however, in the Concise Oxford Dictionary, but is in the New English Dictionary.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MINEHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Andrew.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1966. in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb.

Edgar T. Skipsey	Treble	John H. Taylor	6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Alan Tubb	7
Richard J. Bowden ..	3	†Michael H. Gregory ..	8
Gwilym Salmon	4	*Brian J. Wylde	9
*Patrick J. Bird	5	Andrew Howard	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.
* 50th peal together. † First peal on ten.

HEMINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Aug. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 16 cwt.

Jennifer M. Durston ..	Treble	Edward A. Penney	4
Sandra Weaver	2	Robert J. Hawkins ..	5
Ronald E. Weaver	3	*Edward A. Green	Tenor

Conducted by Jennifer M. Durston.
* First peal First peal by a Hemington Sunday service band.
Rung on the 25th wedding anniversary of the Rector, the Rev. A. G. Durston, and Mrs. Durston, and conducted by their daughter. Jennifer.

SELWORTHY, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's Oxford T.B., two 720's Kent T.B. and three 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt

*Brenda M. Bindon ..	Treble	*Robert Parker	4
*Marian J. Beale	2	*Keith E. Beale	5
Arthur H. Reed	3	Raymond F. Arscott ..	Tenor

Conducted by Raymond F Arscott
* First peal in three Minor methods. First in three Minor methods as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret Sladen, a ringer at this church, who was married this day.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile
On Fri., Oct. 7. 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards ..	Treble	Paul J. Rigby	6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden ..	2	Diana M. Chapman	7
Samuel J. Haines	3	A. Maxwell Lindsey ..	8
Martin Green	4	Peter Bridle	9
Roland H. Cook	5	R. Kingsley Mason ..	Tenor

Composed by G. Ronald Edwards. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At the City Parish Church of St. Stephen.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt

Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	Treble	*Michael A. Gilbey ..	6
*Michael G. R. Zobel ..	2	John T. Parsons	7
Gillian M. Brearley ..	3	Patrick J. Bird	8
*Pauline Bligh-Cheesman	4	Frank D. Mack	9
Tudor P. Edwards	5	†David Heighton	Tenor

Composed by Albert M Tyler. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards
* First peal on ten and in the method. † Has now "circled the tower."
Rung jointly for the wedding of Derek Sawyer and Susan Foster, the birth of Neil Anthony Maycock and the baptism of David Jonathan Bird.

WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire—At the Church of St. Wilfrid of York.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SUURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Jane B. Blackler	Treble	Arthur R. Wright ..	5
Royston Blackler	2	David J. Marshall ..	6
John C. Baldwin	3	Edward G. Mould	7
Derek M. Sawyer	4	Ian C. Maycock	Tenor

Composed by N Smith Conducted by Ian C. Maycock
Rung with best wishes to Derek and Sue Sawyer after their recent wedding, and also as a welcome to Neil Anthony Maycock.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr 2 lb. in G.

Raymond J. Ballard ..	Treble	David Midgley	5
Harold Dowler	2	Philip Gay	6
Norman Sherratt	3	Gerald Parsons	7
T. Felicity Webber	4	Paul J. Atkins	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley Conducted by Harold Dowler.
First peal as conductor.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966 in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*†John E. Brough	Treble	Brian Schofield	4
*‡Frank R. Morton	2	Christopher J. Jones ..	5
Ernest Pimlott	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W Howard.
* First peal in six methods † Has now "circled the tower" four times. ‡ 25th peal on the bells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DERBY.—At the Church of St Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966 in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 42 lb. in G.

Vivienne M. Rigby	Treble	David W. Friend	5
B. Gillian Schofield	2	Robert C. Kippin	6
Diana M. Chapman	3	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden ..	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

HORSLEY Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Clement.
On Sat., Oct 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Claud Beswick	Treble	John Greasley	4
*Sandra Jacklin	2	Alec Humphrey	5
Bernard Greasley	3	David Marshall	Tenor

Conducted by David Marshall.
* First peal.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BRAMPTON, Huntingdon.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

R. Frank Baker	Treble	*Peter R. Godfrey	4
Peter S. Abbott	2	Edmund J. Whiting ..	5
James Jefferies	3	†John F. W Allen	Tenor

Conducted by R. Frank Baker.
* First peal † First of Minor Rung by the serviice band. being the first peal after augmentation.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of David Hollin and Carol Ann Reynolds.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
COLN ST. ALDWYN, Gloucestershire — At the Church of the Decollation of St. John the Baptist
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966 in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Teno 8¼ cwt

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Peter Pearce	5
*William A. Godwin ..	2	Frank Reed	6
Frederick W Soden ..	3	D. Kay Adkins	7
†William F. Scudamore ..	4	Christopher C Clarke ..	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley Conducted by D Kay Adkins
* First peal of Surprise Major † First of Surprise "inside."

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ASHTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat. Oct 8, 1966 in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb in F.

Gerald Penney	Treble	Eric Edmondson	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Keith J. Walpole	6
E. Winifred Keys	3	Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	7
John L. Hayns	4	C. Martin Press .. .	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of the third and tenor.
A birthday compliment to Martyn L. J. Jordan.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sun., Oct. 16, 1966 in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 100 methods, comprising 96 changes each of Aldenham, Benington, Campsall, Claybrooke, Deben, Dublin, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Maulden, Minsmere, Northolt, Ramsey, Rutland, Scawthorpe Superlative, Vauxhall, Wembley and Wordsworth, 64 changes each of Apsley, Bristol, Cherwell, Cray, Eastcote, Ickleton, London New Gloucester, Painswick, Radlett, Richmond, Shoreditch, Thorne, Tring, Warwickshire, Watford and Yorkshire, 32 changes each of Acton, Banwell, Barnsbury, Bedfont, Bicester, Biddenden, Bitton, Brislington, Cambridge, Chester, Colerne, Conisborough, Cuckfield, Dartford, Dawlish, Derwent, Dorchester, Drayton, Dursley, Elford, Falmouth, Fordham, Framley, Frankley, Grendon, Hanbury, Harlow, Haselbech, Hendon, Highgate, Hitchin, Ilfracombe, Jedburgh, Kettering, Lincoln, Llanfair P.G., Malmesbury, Northwood, Olney, Ospringe, Otley, Prestbury, Pudsey, Pyrford, Quinton, Reverse Dublin, Shenley, Southwell, Stockport, Stoke, Stow, Tetbury, Trowbridge, Twerton, Twyford, Umberslade, Uxbridge, Wraxall, Xavier and Yatton, and 24 changes of Hereford Little, with 158 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt.

Diane M. Chapman	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Edward R. Venn	7
Brian Bladon	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

The greatest number of Surprise and Major methods yet rung to a peal

Rung as a welcome to Penelope Jane daughter of James and Jennifer Taylor, born October 4th, 1966.

Drayton.—56—14—56—36—34—58—12—7	f.
Banwell.—56—14—56—36.14—14.58.14—14.7	f.
Stow.—38—14—58—36.14—14.58.12.36.14.3	f.
Tetbury.—58—14—12—38—12—38—16.34.5	b.
Twerton.—58—14—12—38—12—38.12.36.14.5	b.
Colerne.—56—14—56—36—14—1258—34—1	e.
Dawlish.—56—14—56—36—34—58.14—14.7	f.
Bitton.—56—14—56—36—14—58.14—12.7	f.
Ilfracombe.—38—16—56—36—34—58.14.36—3	f.
Thornbury.—56—14—58—38—34—58.12.36—5	f.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EYNSFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St Martin.
On Sun Oct. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*Judith M. Corby	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	5
Andrew J. Corby	2	Tony Lewis	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Ian H. Oram	7
†Peter S. Muchlinski	4	*D. Paul Smith	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by D. Paul Smith.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

HEADCORN, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 960 each Cambridge and London, 800 each Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, and 736 Bristol, with 133 changes of method. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Tony Lewis	Treble	Ian H. Oram	5
Ann Jenner	2	Ralph Bird	6
Doris E. Colgate	3	Stanley Jenner	7
Peter M. Fleckney	4	Thomas Cullingworth	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Ian H. Oram

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., June 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp

*Percy J. Spice	Treble	*Ian H. Oram	4
†Peter S. Muchlinski	2	†D. Paul Smith	5
†Michael H. O'Callaghan	3	†Tony Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to John Faircloth and Mary Taylor, who were married at St. Peters-in-Thanet on June 11th, 1966.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Oct 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 960 changes each of London and Rutland and 320 changes each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Margaret E. Fort	Treble	Basil Jones	5
Margaret Booth	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Peter J. Wycherley	3	Neil Bennett	7
Derek Butterworth	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARKET BOSWORTH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 HELMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Alfred Ballard	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	5
Christopher M. Sturgess	2	*Russell S. Morris	6
*J. Edward Cawser	3	Brian S. Chapman	7
Alan Evans	4	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 7th.
Rung in honour of the birth this day of a daughter, Alison Margaret, to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jacques.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

MABLETHORPE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Oct. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb.

Philip C. Pitchford	Treble	Ronald Applewhite	4
John F. Pearson	2	Walter Tomlinson	5
Amos Ingall (77)	3	Louis Willders	Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.
Rung with the compliments of the band to Mr. John Westgate, organist at the above church and Miss Eileen Garrick, who were married the previous day. Also to Audrey, daughter of the ringer of the fourth, and Mr. Arthur Saul.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

FELTHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966 in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr in F sharp.

Michael J. Uphill	Treble	Kenneth J. Darvill	6
C. Martin Press	2	William S. Deason	7
Cyril F. Low	3	Christopher H. Rogers	8
Robin G. Leale	4	Anthony R. Kench	9
Jonathan S. N. Porter	5	Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Alan R. Patterson.
First peal of Royal in the method by all the band and for the Association. First on ten as conductor.

OLVESTON, Gloucester.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 3 qr. 8 lb. in E.

Marie D. Simnett	Treble	Michael J. Bew	5
Pamela E. Brown	2	John F. M. Maybrey	6
Catherine M. Powell	3	Paul A. Brand	7
Edgar T. Skipsey	4	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
Rung immediately following the opening by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of the Severn Suspension Bridge.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

Freda Clayton	Treble	H. George Hart	5
Elsie K. Hart	2	Gerald Penney	6
Alick Cutler	3	G. William Critchley	7
Claudia A. Critchley	4	John Hill	Tenor

Composed by P. J. Wycherley. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
First peal in the method by all the band.
Rung in honour of the ordination as deacon of John Pratt, now working in this parish.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Oct. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
*Roland Beniston	2	Samuel J. Haines	7
John K. Smith	3	G. Ronald Edwards	8
†Martin Green	4	R. Kingsley Mason	9
Arthur E. Rowley	5	‡Gordon H. Lane	Tenor

Composed by Walter Ayre. Conducted by Gordon H. Lane.
* First of Royal in the method. † First of Plain Bob. ‡ First peal as conductor on ten and 100th peal for this Guild.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Oct. 16, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,664 each of Bristol and Cambridge, 960 Superlative and 768 London, with 115 changes of method.
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Mrs. A. Diserens	Treble	Frederick R. Scott	5
Albert Diserens	2	John N. Diserens	6
Mrs. P. Lewington	3	David P. Hilling	7
Maurice G. Ingram	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Ensor Chevalier and to the Rev. Sydney Matthews, priests-in-charge of St. Mark's and All Saints' respectively, daughter churches of St. Mary's, Reading.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., Oct. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Oxford, Kent and St. Clement's and two extents each of Plain Bob and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

D. Kay Adkins	Treble	Frederick W. Soden	4
Frank Reed	2	Peter Pearce	5
Terence J. Hester	3	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

MAIDS MORETON, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Tues., Oct. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*Richard W. Yates	Treble	William A. Yates	4
Raymond A. Vickers	2	George W Holland	5
James Linnell	3	Rev. Roger Keeley	Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Roger Keeley.
* First peal, first attempt (age nine years).
A compliment to the local captain, Mr. H. Stopp, and Mrs. Stopp on their golden wedding anniversary.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, Oxon.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Oct. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Fulbeck, Double Oxford, Double Bob and St. Clement's, and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

Nigel I. Bridges	Treble	Alan R Pink	4
Terence J. Hester	2	D. Kay Adkins	5
Peter Pearce	3	Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Conducted by D Kay Adkins.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. V. T. Ducker and as a thank-offering for his five years' ministry in this parish.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEENE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Oct. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being C.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 7, 22, 23, 24 and 25. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	Ronald Russell	4
*Roger N. Scholes	2	†Christopher J. Groome	5
J. Charles Hudson	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung to commemorate the victory of William, Duke of Normandy, at Senlac Hill on October 14th, 1066.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966 in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	Treble	John Insley	6
Peter Border	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
Anne E. Fellows	3	John C. Eisel	8
George E. Fearn	4	Michael J. Fellows	9
James Insley	5	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYME REGIS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in G.

Anne M. Smith	Treble	Philip Stevens	5
G. Stedman Morris	2	Barry J. Davis	6
Henry G. Keeley	3	*Frank C. Knight	7
E. Winifred Keys	4	Rev. Roger Keeley	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Rev. Roger Keeley.
* First peal of the method "inside."

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

*Frank Beech	Treble	*Ian Friend	5
†Edward R. Fairbrother	2	Richard Farnsworth	6
†Jennifer M. Beech	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7
†George E. Morrall	4	Richard J. Warrilow	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow.
* 25th peal together. † First of Surprise.

APPLEBY MAGNA, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Gordon F. Griffiths	Treble	Cyril Griffiths	4
Gillian M. Griffiths	2	Charles F. W. Eyre	5
John A. Roden	3	Barnabas G. Key	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all except the conductor.
A compliment to Anne Biddulph and Maurice White, who were married at St. Bartholomew's, Penn, on October 1st.

HOAR CROSS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr 17 lb.

Angela Bagnall	Treble	*Nicholas White	4
Michael Mulvey	2	David Large	5
Richard B. Dorrington	3	Christopher Bainham	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher Bainham.
* First peal "inside." First peal as conductor.
Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal on these bells. (Average age 19 years.)

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

Peter A. Sharp	Treble	Denis A. Frith	6
William L. Exton	2	George A. Dawson	7
Richard Inglis	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
Jack L. Millhouse	4	John R. Pratchett	9
David W. Friend	5	Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Richard Inglis.
A 21st birthday compliment to Susan Pratchett.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being 2,160 Oxford, 2,160 and 720 Kent.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Grace Burchnall	Treble	F. William Midwinter	4
Katherine Burchnall	2	Frederick G. Hooper	5
*Margaret E. Chilton	3	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* 125th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Newbold on their golden wedding anniversary.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BECCLES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D flat.

H. William Barrett	Treble	Thomas Brock	6
Edwin R. Goate	2	Trevor N. J. Bailey	7
Frederick C. Gunton	3	*Richard Hunt	8
Norman P. J. Cossey	4	Ralph W. Bickers	9
Ian J. Margetts	5	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.
* First peal on ten bells.

BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., Oct. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Double Court, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

*Diane Toone	Treble	Michael J. Howes	4
Thomas J. Brock	2	*Stephen F. High	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	J. Barry Pickup	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal in eight methods.

THE SURREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Richard C. Stevens	Treble	†Alan E. Bagworth	5
Alison M. Mann	2	Ian H. Oram	6
*Margaret E. Fort	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7
Tony Lewis	4	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* 150th peal. † 200th peal.
Rung after meeting short for Royal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Arthur J. Hart	Treble	†Ian M. Robinson	5
*Gillian R. Parsons	2	Derek Slater	6
David D. Smith	3	W. Arthur Riddington	7
Herbert W. Woolven	4	John A. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by W Arthur Riddington.
* 100th peal. † First of Surprise away from treble.
Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Captain (Church Army) J. R. and Mrs. Martin, of Maresfield.

BATTLE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., Oct. 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's 10-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

*David J. Winchester	Treble	‡Frederick J. Lambert	5
Ian V. J. Smith	2	Thomas M. Barlow	6
†Valerie Mepham	3	‡Alan R. Baldock	7
Christine M. Baldock	4	*Ivor S. Holland	Tenor

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Triples and of Grandsire. ‡ 25th peal together. 25th peal as conductor
Rung to celebrate the novocentenary of the Battle of Senlac Hill (Hastings), October 14th, 1066, upon the site on which the church stands.

CHIDDINGLY, Sussex.— At the Parish Church.
On Sat., Oct. 8. 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

*John R. Norris	Treble	Frederick J. Lambert	4
*Christine M. Baldock	2	*Roger E. Peckham	5
Janet M. Percy	3	Alan R. Baldock	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung as compliments to June Ward and Godfrey FitzHugh, who were married the previous Saturday; to the ringer of the second on her 21st birthday; and to the ringers of the second and tenor on their first wedding anniversary.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEATH, Glamorgan.— At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

Alwyn R. Lewis	Treble	Edmund J. Morris	4
*D. R. Lynn Jones	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
*M. Louise Taylor	3	Benjamin Williams	Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. A. Whitworth, of Sketty.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

CATHERINGTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Oct. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G sharp.

Jennifer M. H. Smith	Treble	Ernest Treagus	4
Alan R. Bridges	2	Andrew Howard	5
*Alan A. J. Buswell	3	K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26 cwt 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

*Ann Lawson	Treble	*Geoffrey W. Randall	7
*Enid Lawson	2	Richard S. Starkie	8
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Kenneth Lawson	9
Margaret E. Chilton	4	Peter A. Sharp	10
Alan Bridges	5	Geoffrey R. Parker	11
Frank G. Bloomfield	6	James W. Raithby	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.
Rung on the 600th anniversary of the death of Sir William de la

KIRKTHORPE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Oct. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 42 methods, viz.: (1) Stedman, (2) Somerville, (3) Elford, (4) St. Albans, (5) Eynsham, (6) St. Simon, (7) Nuffield, (8) Shareshill, (9) St. Nicholas, (10) Lapley, (11) St. Giles, (12) Magdalen, (13) Austrey, (14) St. Paul, (15) St Leonard, (16) St. Martin, (17) Wadham, (18) Ryton, (19) Winchendon, (20) St. John, (21) St. Miles, (22) Salwarpe, (23) Marston, (24) Honeysuckle, (25) Cadbury, (26) Little Aston, (27) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (28) Clifford's Pleasure, (29) Southrepps, (30) Wychbold, (31) Windrush, (32) Tichborne, (33) Primrose, (34) Folke, (35) Wollaston, (36) Seighford, (37) Kennington, (38) April Day, (39) Plain Bob, (40) Dedworth, (41) Grandsire, (42) Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in A flat.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	Robin Brown	4
John Potts	2	*Ronald R. Warford	5
C. Barrie Dove	3	Allan Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* 50th peal for the Association. Most methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

(Beverley and District Society)
HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, E. Yorks.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 15. 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In two methods, being one extent of St. Clement's Bob and six of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Eve Rimer	Treble	*Roderick R. Horton	4
Peter Church	2	Michael Maughan	5
*R. Vernon Beaumont	3	Geoffrey W Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* First peal at first attempt.
Pole, founder of Kingston-upon-Hull.

HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat.. Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being 2,160 each of Oxford and Kent and 720 of Oxford
Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat

*†Christopher J. Groome	Treble	Jennifer E. Pearce	4
Mary I. Hildred	2	*David Pearson	5
*Susan Mitchell	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † Has now "circled the tower" to peals. First peal of Treble Bob by the local band and first of Treble Bob on the bells
Rung half-muffled on the occasion of the Snowdon Dinner as a tribute to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and past members of the Association.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

MARKET DRAYTON, Salop.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Tues., Sept. 20 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Stephen J. Franklin	Treble	Paul A. Brand	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Robert A. Partridge.. ..	6
Harold Dowler	3	Anthony P. Foster	7
Richard Wharton	4	Roger M. Heyworth ..	Tenor

Composed by L. Goodall. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
Rung by Wallingford Youths on tour.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Wed., Oct. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5028 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In seven methods, consisting of 2,944 Plain Bob, 848 Double Bob, 336 Reverse Bob, 300 Gainsborough Little Bob, 240 Wellington Little Court, 192 Little Bob and 168 Crayford Little Court, with 254 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1–2	*Hugh N. Evans	5–6
Valerie Willard	3–4	Cyril A. Wratten	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* 50th peal. The greatest number of Major methods to a handbell peal by all the band and for the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Mon., Oct. 10 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 18 in G.

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1–2	*Christopher W. Woolley	7–8
Julia A. Fellows	3–4	*Roger Baldwin	9–10
Gerald Penney	5–6	†Robert E. Hardy	11–12

Composed and Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First handbell peal of Maximus. † First handbell peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Nicholas Baldwin.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., Oct. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Edward J. Beer	7–8
Christopher T. Osenton ..	3–4	Frank J. Mathews	9–10
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	5–6	Stuart Sandford	11–12

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
WARMINSTER, Wiltshire.—At 46, Manor Gardens.
On Tues., Oct. 11 1966, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents

Mrs. Heather A. Mann ..	1–2	Anthony R. Mann (cond.)	3–4
		Edgar C. Shepherd	5–6

This is the first handbell peal to be rung in Warminster.

SUNDRY PEALS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

Mandy McCallion	Treble	John T. Parsons	5
Susanna Poppleston ..	2	*Michael A. Gilbey	6
Gillian M. Brearley ..	3	Michael G. R. Zobel ..	7
*Juliet S. Stoy	4	Nicholas W. H. Simon	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method for the Society and first of Surprise Major by a resident band.
Rung as a wedding compliment to D. John Hunt and Gillian M. Hussey, whose marriage took place during the ringing.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 91 methods as follows: (1) Mendlesham and Tonbridge Alliance, Pontefract, Donottar, Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight, Childwall, Horsmonden, Thelwall, St. Clement's, College, Wavertree, Killarney, Lytham, London, Reverse, Fulbeck, Frodsham, Plain, Canterbury, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Double, Windermere and Ullswater and Belvedere Little Bob. (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake.) (2) Dronfield, Retford, Minehead, Spalding, Purleigh, Quendon, Lincoln, Coldstream and Redbourn Surprise, Peveril, Melandra, Leasowe, Beeston, Tollesbury, Middlesex, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Combermere, Crowland and Gosfield Delight. (20 methods by P. W. Saltmarsh.) (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone and York Minster Treble Bob, Beighton, Appleby and Redcar Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatherop, Skipton, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Stisted, Bogedone, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight. (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake.) (4) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob. (15 methods by A. G Driver.) (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's. (6) Plain Bob. (7) Cambridge Surprise. A plain lead of each method included.
Tenor 7 cwt.

Ian R. Panton	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	4
Andrew S. Hudson	2	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Claire Hudson	3	Patrick W. Saltmarsh ..	Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
Most methods yet rung to a peal for the Society. Extent No. 2 is rung for the first time.
Gosfield Delight: 36—34.16—12—36—34—3. 2nds.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
LITTLE MISSENDEN, Bucks.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sun., Oct. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 43 methods, viz.: (1) Stedman, (2) St. Richard, (3) St. Remigius, (4) Horsley, (5) Church Gresley, (6) St. Werburgh, (7) St. Ambrose, (8) St. Ninian, (9) St. Osmond, (10) Somerville, (11) Elford, (12) St. Albans, (13) Eynsham, (14) St. Simon, (15) Nuffield, (16) Shareshill, (17) St. Nicholas, (18) Lapley, (19) St. Giles, (20) Magdalen, (21) Austrey, (22) St. Paul, (23) St. Leonard, (24) St. Martin, (25) Wadham, (26) Ryton, (27) Winchendon, (28) St. John, (29) St. Miles, (30) Campion, (31) Little Aston, (32) Reverse Canterbury, (33) Clifford's Pleasure, (34) Southrepps, (35) Wychbold, (36) Hudibras, (37) Seighford, (38) Kennington, (39) April Day, (40) Plain Bob, (41) Dedworth, (42) Reverse St Bartholomew and Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*Diane Presdee	Treble	Ronald J. Snack	4
Anthony K. Fortin ..	2	P. John Hall	5
C. Barrie Dove	3	*Nigel J. Cox	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Doubles. First of 43 Doubles for the Guild. Most methods on the bells and for all the band except the ringer of the second.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Carol Lawes and for her engagement to Mr. Maurice Appleby.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
EAST RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.) in E flat

*S. Geoffrey Pick	Treble	R. Brian Mills	6
Denis A. Frith	2	Peter R. Humphrey ..	7
Harry Poyner	3	George A. Dawson	8
Linda M. Wilkinson ..	4	William L. Exton	9
A. Robin Heppenstall ..	5	Simon Humphrey	Tenor

Composed by Clement Glenn.. Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung as a welcome to Helen Catherine Poyner, and conducted by her godfather.

ORSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Oct. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Albert Foster	Treble	Thomas G. Goodwin ..	4
William L. Exton	2	Maurice W. Harrison ..	5
Ruth Blackshaw	3	Thomas O. Greasley ..	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.
Rung as a compliment to H. Neville Foster, son of the treble ringer, and June A. Kirton, on the eve of their wedding at this church.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Carol Cousins 2, Amanda Powell 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. First in method 3, 4 and 5. Rung for Matins, and for the ordination as priest of Christopher Hopkins on September 25th. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,320 Single Oxford Bob Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.).

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Stone 1, Rosemary Kemp 2, Renee Sturgess 3, F. E. Fagg 4, R. K. Hawkins 5, J. A. G. Ball 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, S. A. Scott 8.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Bob Minor: T. Briggs 1, M. D. Barsby 2, J. H. Cook 3, Mrs. D. A. Day 4, J. L. Day 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. For the dedication festival, and as a tribute to J. Harry Cook, for his 40 years' ringing at Asfordby.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Wilcox 1, J. R. Scott 2, L. A. Perry 3, F. R. Morton (cond.) 4, G. A. Edwards 5, K. W. Eaton 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Jean Henderson 1, Sandra C. Thexton 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, Rosemary J. Cotton 4, J. R. Pratt 5, R. J. Cooles 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, R. L. Jones 8. First of Stedman Triples 1, 2 and 4. For Evensong.

BELTON (Isle-of-Axholme), LINCS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Oxford T.B.): J. Hall 1, J. Thorley 2, H. Wagstaffe 3, M. Rose 4, E. Dalingwater 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Stocker 1, Janet Pyke 2, Mrs. B. van-Asselt 3, H. L. Williamson (first in method) 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, Mrs. B. Stocker 6. For Harvest Festival.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, H. L. Bishop 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. E. Wells 5, P. Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8. For the wedding of Miss Rosemary J. Worthing and Mr. Gordon R. Vaughan. Also on Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Webb 1, H. W. Dunsden 2, H. E. Wells 3, E. J. Grace 4, M. Bishop 5, Claude Corderoy 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. For Harvest Festival.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Hibbert (cond.) 1, Julie Spurgeon 2, Jean Henderson 3, K. Baker 4, L. Way 5, F. Mead 6, A. Patterson 7, L. Laver 8. Rung on the Chelsea outing.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 3 leading): Miss C. M. Box 1, N. M. Parker 2, D. K. Teasdale (first quarter) 3, G. B. Davis (first "inside") 4, G. G. Parsons 5, C. R. Parker (first as cond.) 6, F. W. Box 7, B. R. Carter 8.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS. — At Christ Church, on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. B. Davis 1, B. R. Carter 2, G. A. Carter 3, M. G. Wilmot 4, Mrs. H. A. Mann 5, A. R. Mann 6, P. S. Gaisford (cond.) 7, F. W. Box 8. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Mann, who are emigrating to Australia. Also for the 900th anniversary of Battle

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford, Kent and Plain): R. W. Lockwood 1, M. H. Whittell 2, S. Christian 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BRFDFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. Harris 1, Sylvia R. E. Pipe (cond.) 2, Brenda E. Downing 3, M. F. Daniels 4, R. F. Downing 5, E. G. Pearce 6. For Harvest Festival.

BRISTOL.—At St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Treby 1, Miss R. Chapman 2, G. N. Verver (first "inside") 3, P. Treby 4, R. W. Sweet (cond.) 5, M. Powell 6, D. Rennolds 7. A birthday compliment to Michael Powell.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 1st, 1,256 Little Bob Major: B. Haywood 1, Miss G. Spurgin 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, D. Reeve (first in method) 4, Miss E. Candale 5, D. Brooke 6, L. Mills 7, D. Mills (cond.) 8. An engagement compliment to Miss G. Spurgin.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Dixon 1, T. J. Hester 2, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, P. Pearce 5, J. J. Westmacott 6, W. J. Dixon 7, T. W. Timms 8. For Harvest Festival.
of Hastings.

QUARTER PEALS

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Murphy (first quarter) 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, Miss M. Carruthers 3, P. Saddleton 4, J. Southy 5, L. J. North 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, D. Murphy 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Smith (first quarter) 1, C. Cook 2, Mrs. M. Glover 3, P. Saddleton 4, Miss M. Carruthers 5, C. W. Simpson 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, B. Glover 8. Both for Harvest Festival.

CALDECOTE, RUTLAND.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): J. M. Thorley (cond.) 1, R. N. Scholes 2, C. J. Groome 3, J. C. Hudson 4, C. A. Banton 5.

CHARDSTOCK, DEVON.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Lewis 1, J. Coombes 2, J. S. Walton 3, P. J. Hall 4, R. J. Snack 5, W. S. Rice (cond.) 6. Rung after the wedding of Mr. M. J. Mead and Miss M. F. A. Key. Also to celebrate the ordination as priest of the Rev. C. F. Hopkins.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Felicity Mussell (first quarter) 1, Anne Galloway 2, D. L. Parker 3, D. C. Manger 4, N. J. Martin (cond.) 5, Charles Rowe 6. For Harvest Festival.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): D. Grant (first of Doubles) 2, S. Pulker 3, I. Harris (cond.) 4, R. Jarvis 5, H. Francis 6, J. Benfield 7, C. Tompkins 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Mumford 1, R. Collins 2, Patricia Hill 3, Anne Pickering 4, Judith Collins 5, G. Coldman 6, P. J. Privett 7, D. G. Blows (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON. — On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carolyn Osborne 1, A. E. Hicks 2, N. I. Bridges 3, E. D. Patching 4, J. F. List 5, D. Floyd (cond.) 6. For the christening of Sara Elizabeth Bridges, daughter of ringer of 3.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Mew 1, M. Lewis 2, C. Mew (cond.) 3, R. Cooles 4, A. Clayton 5, C. Stevenson 6. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. Clayton 1, J. Pratt 2, R. Cotton 3, R. Cooles 4, A. Millidge 5, J. Hills 6, D. Brookes 7, M. Uphill (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major for 2, 3 and 6.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Oct 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. J. Jackson 1, Mrs. R. J. Sanderson 2, H. Johnson 3, F. A. Staveley 4, H. Wagstaff 5, R. J. Sanderson 6, E. Dalingwater 7, G. W. Shanks (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to John Laughton and Barbara Jones, married this day.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Harrison 1, R. Newsom 2, F. Sutton 3, Miss S. Collins (cond.) 4, W. Cousins 5, Rev. M. Melville 6, H. Fuller 7, O. Claxton 8. For Battle of Britain commemoration.

EAST ARDSLEY, YORKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Bushell 1, A. Holliday 2, C. S. Naylor 3, C. Dalley 4, A. Clifton (first as cond.) 5, J. Marsh 6. First quarter 4 and 6. For Evensong.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): I. Middleditch 1, Mrs. W. M. Ivings 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, L. Wright 4, H. Ivings 5. For the christening of Jonathan Levett and Gary Cook.

EXETER, DEVON.—On Aug. 3rd, at the Church of St. David, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Jones 1, Mrs. P. Pavey 2, P. Pavey 3, G. Skinner 4, A. White (cond.) 5. Rung prior to the wedding of Miss V. Pavey to Mr. A. Eve.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,272 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): R. Perry (first of Minor) 1, Rosemary Smith 2, K. Baker 3, A. Perry 4, R. Smith 5, M. Horseman (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

GORING, OXON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Tull (first quarter) 1, Carol Tull 2, N. Tull 3, L. Haines 4, S. Franklin 5, A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Susan Burdon (first quarter) 1, A. R. Lawrence 2, R. Martin 3, T. Bird 4, H. W. Moore 5, R. Threadgold 6, F. Roper 7, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 8.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Ferguson (first quarter) 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Pauline Gearing (first "inside") 3, I. Campbell 4, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 5, W. G. Knight 6. For Parish Communion.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Ann Trinder 1, Josephine Harris 2, Hilary Muirhead 3, R. H. Vigor 4, A. C. Harris 5, C. M. Orme 6, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 7, W. F. Todd 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Percy Wells, organist of the church for 12 years, whose funeral took place this day.

HURST, BERKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. K. Rivers 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. A. Eele 3, J. Froome 4, B. C. Castle 5, C. A. Eele 6, R. K. Rivers 7, F. Hicks 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. B. Millard, late organist. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Allum 1, J. Froome 2, Mrs. C. A. Eele 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle (cond.) 4, R. K. Rivers 5, B. C. Castle 6, C. A. Eele 7, F. Hicks 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Alison M. Mann (100th quarter) 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, Sandra C. Thexton 4, Pamela E. Brown 5, J. F. Maybrey 6, J. R. Pratt 7, N. R. Waite (cond.) 8, R. K. Russ 9, P. A. Brand 10. First of Royal 2, 3, 4 and 7. For Harvest Festival.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): M. G. Hall 1, A. E. Hinman 2, B. Rhodes 3, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 4, C. E. Cooper 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving and Flower Festival.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Linda M. Baguley 1, Elizabeth A. Hill 2, Maureen Green 3, Thelma E. Staples 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Read 1, Helen R. Taylor 2, A. J. Newman 3, T. N. Stevens 4, J. Spence 5, E. J. Taylor 6, A. Pendlebury (cond.) 7, A. H. Harrison 8. For the dedication festival, and as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. G. C. Ford.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. W. Howlett 1, H. Meadows 2, E. R. Goate (cond.) 3, F. W. Gunton 4, A. E. Crowe 5, D. Carr 6, R. W. Bickers 7, J. B. Pickup 8. For Harvest Festival.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Oct. 9th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): Judith Brooks 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, B. Butcher 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, A. Lamb 6.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): R. Chivers 1, A. Frith (first quarter) 2, A. Millson 3, Miss B. Searle 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, Mrs. M. Dallison 6, K. Dallison 7, Miss L. Chappel (first quarter) 8. For Harves: Festival on Alan Frith's birthday.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, Rosemary Short 2, C. Kortright 3, J. Mitchell 4, L. Derrick 5, J. Brain (cond.) 6. First of Minor "inside" 2 and 4.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Minor: Miss C. Inman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Warrilow 2, Miss C. Fernley 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, C. M. Orme 5, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 6, J. S. Dear (cover) 7. A compliment to Eileen and Richard Castledine, married at this church the previous day

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. C. Bunning 1, Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 2, W. Cousins 3, E. Howes 4, R. Newsom 5, C. Cousins 6, N. V. Harding 7, S. Marshall 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

ORMESBY, YORKS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Susan Roach 1, Ann Lawson 2, Enid Lawson 3, P. Wishart 4, A. Boyd 5, J. Roach 6, T. Cox 7, K. Lawson (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas', on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Crane 1, S. K. Thompson 2, A. P. Foster 3, A. F. Leleux 4, P. Mackie 5, R. E. Burbery (cond.) 6. Rung by O.U.S.C.R.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Single Oxford Minor: Mrs. P. A. Smith 1, R. W. Smith 2, B. Branston 3, F. Sismey 4, G. Davis 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Duguid 1, W. Cope 2, Mrs. B. Hunt 3, J. Ball 4, A. Burbidge 5, L. Duguid 6, J. Hunt (cond.) 7, C. Harris 8.

HALF PEAL

ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 8th, 2,512 Plain Bob Major: Kay Tremeer 1, Margaret Chennell-White 2, Lesley Read 3, Mary White 4, M. Harbord 5, C. Chennell-White 6, D. Hughes 7, R. Corke (cond.) 8. Longest length 2 and 6.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): Miss H. Jones (first on working bell) 1, Miss S. Bailey (first "inside") 2, F. Read (cond.) 3, T. Gilligan 4, G. Newman 5, J. Cuss 6. For Harves. Festival.

BAKEWELL, DERBYS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor, S. Buer 1, K. Robinson 2, E. Hutchinson 3, C. Smith 4, L. Bateman 5, C. Coniam 6, C. Bateman (cond.) 7, G. Chatfield 8. To commemorate 60 years of ringing by C. Coniam.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sept. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. C. Wilson (first quarter) 1, A. Taylor 2, J. J. Hill 3, H. E. Balaam (cond.) 4, Mrs. M. G. Taylor 5, J. Weaver 6, D. R. Reed 7, J. Chesterman 8. First in method 3 and 5. For Patronal Festival.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janice M. Penning (first of Triples) 1, Frances Oglesby 2, Wenda R. Harris 3, R. A. Blewitt 4, D. Fowles 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, H. Oglesby 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Patronal Festival, and for the christening of Louise Jane Cartman. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Russell (first of Triples) 1, A. J. Bird 2, Juliet Hall (first "inside") 3, Wenda R. Harris 4, D. Fowles 5, Doreen Hague (cond.) 6, F. T. Blagrove 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

CASTLE ACRE, NORFOLK.—On Oct 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor P. J. Gagen 1, W. Houghton 2, W. Cousins (cond.) 3, R. Newson 4, L. W. Houghton 5, C. Cousins 6. For Harvest Festival.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Stott (12, first quarter) 1, H. Hooper 2, C. Avery 3, J. Walton (cond.) 4, W. Wiseman (81) 5, A. Hooper 6.

COVENTRY.—At Stoke St. Michael's, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Fyle 1, Pamela Wright 2, R. D. Hayne 3, H. Folwell 4, R. Hart 5, A. R. Wright (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and to commemorate the ordination as priest of Geoffrey A. Neale, assistant curate. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Fyle 1, A. Griffiths (first in the method) 2, R. D. Hayne 3, R. Hart 4, K. Putnam 5, A. R. Wright (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—On Oct. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. L. Bennett 1, Miss M. Russell 2, J. C. Michelmore 3, G. E. Mudge 4, H. F. Myers 5, D. R. Bould (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lynne I. Clowe 1, Mary I. Hildred (25th quarter) 2, Jennifer E. Pearce 3, Susan Mitchell 4, T. W. Brighton 5, A. C. Banton (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving, and to mark the third anniversary of the rehallowing of the bells.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara J. Duck 1, C. W. Jose 2, Frances M. Hartman 3, A. Carveth (cond.) 4, A. Locke 5, A. J. Davidson 6, G. F. Dunstan 7, A. Beattie 8. For Harvest Festival.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Smith 1, D. Sears (first of Grandsire "inside") 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, W. Avery 4, C. Hagger 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

LONDON.—At Westminster Abbey, on Oct. 12th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: P. A. Lawrence 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, A. Cutler 3, J. Hill 4, W. S. Deason 5, T. J. Lock 6, F. T. Blagrove 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. Rung at the invitation of the Dean and Chapter on the eve of the Feast of the Translation of St. Edward, King and Confessor, and as part of the celebration commemorating the 900th anniversary year.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Goakes (first quarter) 1, D. Feek 2, P. H. Langton 3, W. Moore 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, R. Lee 6. An engagement compliment to Mr. R. Lee and Miss H. I. Crankshaw.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Valerie J. Howard 1, D. Slater 2, J. A. Howard 3, A. J. Hart 4, H. W. Woolven 5, D. Snoswell 6, W. A. Riddington (cond.) 7, D. J. Hoad (first quarter) 8. First Stedman Triples 1, 2 and 6. To celebrate the diamond wedding of Capt. (C.A.) John R. and Mrs. Martin.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Wardle 1, H. Billson 2, K. Burdett 3, R. Hughes 4, G. Pickwell (cond.) 5, I. Angell (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Mr. M. Smith, organist.

QUARTER PEALS

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Davis 1, G. Hawkins 2, B. Tither 3, John Davis 4, Jesse Davis (cond.) 5, W. Lewis 6. For Harvest Festival.

PEMBROKE.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Lingard (11, first of Minor) 1, D. Cooper (first "inside") 2, P. R. Huntbach 3, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 4, Miss N. M. Rosen 5, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 6, I. Russant tenor. For Harvest Festival.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. John's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Goakes 1, G. F. Cowlin 2, J. H. Bluff 3, W. R. Banker 4, J. E. David (first of Major) 5, F. T. Boyall 6, L. Hadman 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival, and as a 70th birthday compliment to Herbert Goakes, who has been ringing for 60 years.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: L. Beal 1, D. Sloman (first in method) 2, B. Sadler 3, J. Belcham 4, G. Bacon 5, P. Sloman 6, P. Sadler (cond.) 7, D. Furminger 8. For Harvest, and as a compliment to F. D. L. Penny, 45 years organist and choirmaster, on his 70th birthday, and with best wishes to Christine Lewis, who commenced her studies at college on October 4th.

RAMSBURY, WILTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cuss 1, Miss H. Jones (first "inside") 2, A. Palmer 3, F. Read (cond.) 4, G. Newman 5, L. Foote 6. For Harvest Festival.

RIDLINGTON, RUTLAND.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,272 Minimus (four methods): G. Norris 1, E. Ann Sadler 2, L. Atton 3, J. C. Hudson (cond.) 4. For Harvest Festival.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Ruth Gordon (first of Caters) 1, T. Douglas 2, T. Hollis 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, S. Armeson 5, J. N. D. Chaddock 6, G. S. Lee 7, N. Donovan 8, N. Chaddock (cond.) 9, D. Nichols 10. For Harvest Festival.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Hancock 1, R. Rose 2, Miss M. Lewis 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Simpson 1, J. Eberall 2, R. Whitworth 3, N. Handley 4, R. Stretton 5, D. Oliver (cond.) 6, S. Adams 7, L. Butler 8. For Harvest Festival.

RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge S. and Plain Bob): K. Nunn 1, F. E. Wiseman 2, R. W. Steward 3, R. Crooks 4, J. Girt 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. S. Marshall 1, Nita West 2, Mrs. I. Simpson 3, D. Marshall (cond.) 4, W. Simpson 5, J. Harvey 6, A. Humphrey 7, R. Newsum 8. For Harvest Festival.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gwen Kippin 1, Rhoda Housden 2, Hilary Kippin 3, Rosemary Weal 4, F. W. Housden 5, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 6, C. H. Kippin 7, J. M. Kippin 8. In memoriam Alan Weal, father of the ringer of the 4th, died July 5th. Rung by members of the family.

SHEPSHED, LEICS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Hall 1, Barbara Dobson (first quarter) 2, F. Chambers 3, E. Walley 4, C. W. Hall 5, M. Roberts (first quarter of Grandsire as cond.) 6, J. E. Manners 7, T. Hodgkinson 8. For Harvest service.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Burdett 1, J. W. Griffiths 2, S. Jones 3, G. Case 4, M. Hodgkinson 5. For Harvest Festival.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. Eddy 1, T. P. Harris 2, T. R. Lett 3, T. R. Harris (cond.) 4, H. Mann 5, Anne Tucker 6. This is the 100th quarter on the bells.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Kenward 1, Wendy Austin 2, Doris Dobbie 3, S. B. Dobbie 4, G. A. Naylor 5, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 6, J. Clark 7. For Patronal Festival.

SOBERTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Stone 1, Renee Sturgess 2, Rosemary Kemp 3, R. K. Hawkins 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, F. E. Fagg 6, S. A. Scott 7, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 8.

SOMERTON, OXON.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: E. East 1, A. Wyatt 2, J. Barber (cond.) 3, H. Lawn 4, S. McGinley 5, D. Richards 6. To congratulate the ringer of the 6th and Mrs. Richards on the birth of a daughter, Nickolia.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's, on Oct. 2nd, 1,313 Grandsire Caters: B. V. Butler 1, Diane I. Hickman 2, Joy F. Butler 3, Patricia E. Pitfield 4, J. S. Croft 5, C. J. Butler 6, K. S. Croft 7, T. H. Francis 8, M. J. Butler (cond.) 9, J. Pitfield 10. A farewell to Patricia Pitfield, on her emigration to Sydney, Australia.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Groves 1, J. A. Quilter 2, R. A. Frith 3, K. W. Brown 4, P. Gibson 5, P. G. Brown (cond.) 6. For Thanksgiving.

STANWELL, MIDDX.—On Oct. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda Smith 1, Janet Perryman 2, Diane Mullins 3, M. G. Lane 4, D. G. Pickett (cond.) 5, A. Stokes 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. For Evensong.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Milward 1, K. Sansom 2, Mrs. A. Hall 3, R. B. Walton 4, N. F. Edwards (cond.) 5, John S. White (12 years) 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Dunstan 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, D. Stephens 3, Valerie C. Allen 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, G. F. Dunstan 6. For Harvest Festival.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Davidge 1, Mrs. E. Jaques 2, R. Hulme 3, M. Scowen 4, W. Merritt 5, W. Daniell 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, A. G. Wells 8. First of Triples in the method 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Harvest Festival and as a compliment to the Rev. B. Banks, ordained priest in Bristol Cathedral this day. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Hulme 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, M. Scowen 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, W. Merritt 5, B. Bladon 6, M. Stacey 7, E. Sutton (first in method as cond.) 8. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 5. A farewell to the Rev. M. O. West, who is leaving for Tripoli.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, K. Westwood 3, F. Bird 4, H. Watts 5, T. Camp 6. For Harvest Festival.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. E. Starling 1, Miss P. Sturdy 2, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 3, G. T. Collins 4, S. Poole 5, D. Voss 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. C. Exell 8. First of Triples 1, 4 and 8. For Harvest Festival, and to mark 50 years of ringing service at Thornbury by Mr. S. Poole, the local captain.

TICHMARSH, NORTHANTS. — On Sept. 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. W. Smith 1, G. Davis 2, Mrs. P. A. Smith 3, B. Branston 4, F. Sismey 5, A. Waller 6, R. A. Webster 7, R. W. Spencer (first in method as cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 3. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Lynas (first quarter) 1, H. Carey 2, Mrs. P. M. Barton (first "inside") 3, N. F. Bearne 4, T. Barton (cond.) 5, E. J. Kennett 6. For dedication festival, and with the band's best wishes to N. F. Bearne, who is leaving for the U.S.A.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,500 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. Andrews (first quarter) 1, J. S. Eastwood 2, S. Matthews (first quarter Doubles) 3, A. Botterell 4, G. W. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. T. Dutton 6. For Harvest Festival.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Thornton 1, D. Crossland 2, Juliet Stamper 3, B. Mozley 4, W. Ratcliffe 5, P. Else (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Binsted 1, Christine Baldock (50th quarter) 2, Susan Harrison (first quarter) 3, L. Tapp 4, A. Baldock (25th of Plain Bob as cond.) 5, J. W. Evans 6. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the fourth, on his completion of 50 years' loyal service as a server in this church.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, LINCS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Janet M. Hudson 1, G. E. Feirn 2, M. Linns 3, C. Baker 4, B. J. Bull 5, M. A. Rose (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to John P. Underwood and K. Mary Butler, both local ringers.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: Christine Hale 1, N. D. Lomas 2, J. D. Smith 3, S. Sage (first in the method) 4, A. Sharples 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, and for the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. Sage.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: K. Park 1, Kevin Park (first quarter) 2, Beryl Park 3, H. Fitter 4, R. Weekes 5, M. Edwards 6, J. Belshaw (cond.) 7, D. Main 8. For Harvest, and as a farewell to James Belshaw, going to college at Salford.

A YORKSHIRE EXPERIMENT

AT the September meeting of the Western District of the Yorkshire Association it was decided that in order to help the more struggling ringers of the county a special evening practice would be held specifically for those who had little opportunity for advancement in their own locality. The Yorkshire Association having an entrance qualification of having rung 720 changes or having "covered" a quarter peal, most of those attending Yorkshire Association meetings have already reached a certain degree of proficiency. A plea was made for this evening practice to be held in the Skipton area and a date and tower were duly arranged.

Thus on October 1st many people converged on Kildwick, the Western District Ringing Master, Maurice Thurmott, having written to all the towers in the vicinity and explained the purpose of the practice and inviting those interested to attend. The numbers surprised and encouraged the organisers and the enormous task of ascertaining the ringing abilities of those present began. Throughout the evening about 25 to 30 learners attended the practice. It had been arranged tentatively that Bob Major and Stedman Triples would be the practice methods, but as most of those attending had previously rung Doubles or Minor it quickly became evident that plain hunting on eight bells would be the most advantageous in order to acquire an eight-bell rhythm; although a few courses of Bob Major were rung and the odd course of Stedman Triples

Not only had many of those attending never had the advantage of such tuition, but they had apparently never before heard such lungpower as that of Vernon Bottomley, Fred Munday and Maurice Thurmott. Consequently many comments were made, some in awe but none very flattering! These comments were, however, richly enjoyed by those present who regularly suffer from these tongues and lungs, and the resulting atmosphere was one of general goodwill.

The time had sped quickly to 9 p.m., and a good "lower" on the back six bells was applauded by the listeners. Such was the success of this venture that it was immediately decided to hold a second practice at Ilkley, if possible, on November 5th. The date being duly noted, fireworks were to be provided by the aforementioned gentlemen!

It would be useless to hope that all of those attending the first practice would attend the subsequent practices, but if sufficient representatives of, say, four towers were to attend and become the backbone of new, strong bands, how worthwhile it would be. One sad feature was that the "experts" were provided by only two towers—Bradford and Dewsbury (some of the latter kindly passing on newly-acquired skills), which meant that most of these people were ringing in every "touch" for three hours. One can only hope that this is not a true reflection on the concern of the proficient ringers for those less fortunate. Thanks are perhaps due to Ruth Richardson (11 years) and Stephen Munday (12), who rang for most of the three hours with the minimum of mischief! J. E. B.

THE MELLOW FRUITFULNESS OF THE COTSWOLDS

DAVENTRY ringers enjoyed a Cotswold outing on October 1st. We had hoped to ring at Chipping Campden, but a wedding coincided with the time requested, and Ebrington (6) was substituted for the first tower. The heavy six at Broadway followed a most pleasant descent of Broadway Hill, which revealed at every turn a breathtaking panorama of the Vale of Evesham and the surrounding countryside, bathed in the autumn sun. We had been warned that the tenor here was "a fortnight late at back" and some of those who rang it remembered to make allowance for it.

Friends from the one-bell tower of Shirley, Croydon, joined us here and accompanied us to Bourton-on-the-Hill, where the Rev. W. E. Gladstone welcomed us. Here the treble ringer stands directly in front of and back to the tenor man in the anti-clockwise "circle," but nevertheless methods up to London Minor were rung without fatality!

This was the last of the three sixes, and after tea at Moreton-in-Marsh we rang on the fine modern Taylor eight, the ringing including a good course of London. The grand old-style heavy eight at Stow-on-the-Wold inspired some very good ringing, which concluded with three leads of Bristol. We were glad to meet Mr. Dowdeswell, who joined us in some Grandsire Triples.

The last tower of the day was Bourton-on-the Water, which has a ring of eight almost the identical twin of that at Moreton. Our ringing here was well below the standard set at Moreton. Perhaps we were tired, but it had been a wonderful afternoon, with some of the very finest countryside in the land to see, all in its prime and mellow in fruitfulness. Those glorious villages and little market towns, unmatched in the kingdom, and it seemed they all had chosen to pack their gems of churches with the fruits of the earth and of their labour We were glad to add the music of the bells to their offerings, and we thank them for the privilege. P. C.

A LINCOLNSHIRE WEDDING

THE magnificent Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Stow., Lincs, was the setting on October 8th for the wedding of two well-known local ringers—Mr. John F. Underwood of Haxey and Mrs. Kathleen Mary Butler of Sturton-by-Stow The arrival of the guests and bride was heralded by St. Mary's bells, rung by the local ringers.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Parker, and the singing of the hymns "We love the place O God," "O Perfect Love" and "King of Glory" was led by the choir of St. Mary's, Stow.

The bride wore an ocean blue dress and coat and carried a decorated ivory prayer book. The bride's cousin, Miss Janet M. Hudson (a ringer at St. Mary's Putney), was in attendance. Mr. Geoffrey Hill, friend of the groom, was best man, and the groomsmen were Mr. Alan Marshall, Mr. Melvyn Rose (ringer at All Saints', Belton) and Mr. Brian J. Bull (ringer at St. Mary's, Putney).

A quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung later that evening (mainly by guests) at St. Helen's, Willingham-by-Stow, as a compliment to the couple, who left for a short honeymoon in the Peak District, Derbyshire. J. H.

Mr. Walpole's Week-end in Wight

THE "big idea" was a week-end ringing on the cheap on that little island somewhere off the South Coast. Keith Walpole (Wheathampstead) thought he knew where it was so he did the organising. Anyway, on Friday evening, July 9th, eight ringers plus tents and baggage started the journey to Portsmouth Keith was driving a Morris Oxford (reputedly his father's), into which were piled the tents, Fred Ellis and Tony Smith (Wheathampstead), Paula Healing (Essendon), Sue Cowan (Harpenden), the baggage and Gill Brearley (Wheathampstead). The car was hotly pursued by a motor scooter with Malcolm Petit (Hatfield) and Andrew Wilby (Harpenden).

The midnight ferry for Fishbourne was caught at Portsmouth. From Fishbourne we sped through the back streets of Ryde, roared down the road to Brading and eventually found a camping site. Such was the co-operation and efficiency of the party at 2 a.m. that the tents went up almost without the help of the putter-upper-in-chief (Keith).

By 9 a.m. that day we were at St. Mary's, Brading. After an uncertain start on this 10 cwt. eight there was some good ringing, including Stedman, Kent and Little Bob. Mr. East, who met us, joined in the ringing.

St. George's, Arreton, presented a problem, as the car party drove past the church without seeing it, and they mistook the scooter passenger's gesticulations to the church behind the "pub"! Anyway, after some refreshment the ringing was reasonable (including London), considering the general odd-struckness of the bells.

We then went on to Shanklin for a swim and lunch. For some of the party it was more swim than lunch, but for Fred Ellis there was no swim at all as he had craftily forgotten his "swim kit"

We arrived early at All Saints', Godshill, and were met by the local captain. An almost perfect rise was followed by an equally good touch of Cambridge. Ringing also included Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. On then to Whitwell and the seven cwt. six at St. Mary the Virgin's. The bells were rather disappointing after Godshill so we did not stay long but invaded the local store for the lollies.

Brighstone proved to have a very pleasant seven cwt. six recently augmented from five. We had a good rise and another excellent touch of Cambridge. As was inevitable, a touch of spliced all-sorts came to grief in the plain course of Little Bob after ringing London, Cambridge, Primrose, St. Clement's, Double Bob, etc. Before ringing on the excellent eight at St. Mary's, Carisbrooke, we met the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Potts), whose daughter learned to ring when they lived at Harpenden. ,Grandsire, Plain Bob and three leads of Kent were rung although by now everybody was getting tired!

The bells at the last tower of the day, St. Thomas's, Newport are reputed to be rough, and we can confirm this! The tenor here, only 14 cwt., goes like 40 cwt.

After some well earned refreshment we went back to camp, changed, and then went into Shanklin for the evening. Two of the party reached camp at 2 a.m. after being marooned in Shanklin, but we were up early again in the morning to ring for service at Ryde on the 26 cwt. eight. Afterwards we struck camp (not in temper!) and retired to the beach at Ryde, where even Fred had a swim in a borrowed pair of trunks!

A pleasant afternoon was later spoilt by rain, We caught the 5 p.m. ferry back to Portsmouth, arriving in time to join the local band in ringing for Evensong. It was raining most of the way home, much to the chagrin of the scooterists!

Our thanks go to all incumbents and those who met us and made the week-end possible, and also to Keith, who managed all the arrangements perfectly except for the weather!

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52436			—	Hen. Trow. Shen.	Han. Trow. Rad.	Han. Trow. Rad.
43526		—	—	High. Linc. Bris.	Wat. Linc. Xav.	Wat. Linc. Fal.
54326			—	Thorne. Ald. Word.	Thorne. Ald. Word.	Thorne. Ald. Word.
35426			—	Uxb. Bic. Camp.	Uxb. Pain. Camp.	Uxb. Pain. Camp.
42356		—	—	Dur. Lang. Scaw.	Sho. Lang. Scaw.	Sho. Lang. Scaw.
63254	—		—	Pres. Sup. Vaux.	Bed. Sup. Vaux.	Elf. Sup. Vaux.
26354			—	Ches. Kett. Clay.	Ches. War. Clay.	Ches. War. Clay.
32654			—	Ram. Li. East.	Ram, Has. Twy.	Ram. Puds. East.
56423	—	—		Lon. Aps. Less.	Lon. Aps. Less.	Cuck. Aps. Less.
42563		—	—	Ick. Yorks. Nor.	Ick. Yorks. Nor.	Ick. Yorks. Nor.
35264	—		—	Lind. Gren. Rut.	Lind. Cher. Rut.	Lind. Cher. Rut.
34562	2		—	Der. Rev. Dub. Dart. Here. Lit.	Der. Br. Dorch. Otley	Der. Br. Pyrf. Conis.
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By NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON

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TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, on Oct. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Green 1, A. E. Rowley (cond.) 2, B. E. Saunders 3, J. W. Cotton 4, J. Linnell 5, R. K. Mason 6. Rung after meeting late for a peal attempt.

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"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." —I Corinthians xiv. 13.

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ATTEMPT FOR STEDMAN CINQUES RECORD

Dear Sir,—The Provost of Birmingham, the Rt. Rev George Sinker, has kindly agreed that a further attempt may be made on the bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, to surpass the record of 12,663 Stedman Cinques rung by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Oxford Cathedral on August 24th, 1946.

The attempt will be made on Saturday, November 12th 1966, commencing as soon as possible after 9.45 a.m., the band being Messrs. Stubbs, Smith, Purnell, Jones, Goodman, Fellows, Fellows, Eisel, Borden, Barron, Anderson and Ainsworth., Messrs. R. W. Pipe, S. J Ivin and G. E Fearn have agreed to act as umpires. John Chilcott has produced and David Parsons is checking the appended composition which, it is hoped will prove of interest to both listeners and ringers

It is suggested that a suitable rendezvous, during the approved hours, for any ringers in Birmingham that day should be the Trocadero in Temple Street.—Yours faithfully,

J A. AINSFORTH.

Halesowen, Birmingham.

18,075 STEDMAN CINQUES
By JOHN CHILCOTT

2314567890E

415263 78E90	A
213465	'X'
4152638790E	B
213465	'X'
215463	S 19
41625378E90	C
213456	"X"
216453	S 19
41526387E90	D
213465	'X'
4152637890E	B
213465	'X'
4152638709E	E
213465	'X'
215364	19

Repeat, substituting F for A and omitting the last course produces 2143658709E.

Block 'X'

415263	6	19
513264	—	3
314265	—	3
412365	—	2
213465	—	2

Starting Course A
1., 5., 7.8., 10.11., 13., 15.16.17

Basic Turning Course
S5., 9.10., 13.14.15.16., 18.19.

Plus

B= 22.
C= 1., 6., 22.23.
D=S1., 6., S22.
E=S2.
F=substitute 5 for S5. and add 6. 22.S23.

Depending on the time available and the speed of the ringing the peal will be reduced to 17.019 or 16.491 changes by omitting from Block 'X' the first six bobs at 19 in the second, fifth and eighth parts.

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The 1967 Dinner is to be held on Saturday, March 4th, 1967, at the Strand Hotel, and not February 25th, as previously published.—F. D. K./D. F. M. 219

COMPOSITIONS

5,076 GROTON CATERS

By M S. BRUCE

Start at 5th change of a slow six, thus:

123456789
214357698

Single 241375698

then as follows:

	9	10	18	241375698
"a"	—	3		342157698
	—	3		1432
	—	2	S	213457968
	—	3		4123
	—	3		3142
	—	2		2341
	—	3	—	132457689
	—	2		4123
	—	3		3142
	—	3		2134
	—	—		4312
	S	3		2314
	—	2		4213
	—	3		3241
	—	3		1234
	—	—		4321
	S	3	—	132457896
"a"	—	—	—	143275968
	—	3		(2413) round 2 ch. previously

"a"=singles at 1, 4, 6.

Adapts to a quarter peal as follows:

1,296 GROTON CATERS

By M S. BRUCE

Start as for peal above As in the peal, "a"=singles at 1, 4, 6.

	9	10	18	241375698
"a"	—			234157698
	—	S		213457968
	—			2413
	—			2341
	—	—		132457689
	—			1432
	—			1243
	—	—		132457896
	—			1432
"a"	—	—	—	234175968
	—			2134
	—			2413 Round two changes previously

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PEAL RINGERS

MR. KENNETH ARTHUR, the Master of the Durham and Newcastle Association, at the Association's recent annual meeting, stressed the importance of a code of conduct for peal ringers, which we feel is deserving of wider publicity than the Tyneside and the adjoining two counties.

Since the passing of the Noise Abatement Act, 1960, stated Mr. Arthur, more people than ever have become sensitive to everyday noises and, although there is no mention in the Act of church bells constituting a statutory nuisance, indiscriminate ringing can put ringers in bad odour, and incumbents may be forced by local feeling into a position of either closing towers altogether or drastically restricting ringing.

On two occasions recently in the Durham and Newcastle area peal attempts have been interrupted and stopped as a result of complaints and Mr. Arthur attributes the fault in both cases to a lack of foresight in organisation.

The day, the time and the giving of advanced publicity are important factors in making arrangements. In this respect Mr. Arthur proffers the following advice:–

Attempts at towers in business areas should be made at week-ends, early evenings or on half-days;

At places where ringing is infrequent, the church authorities should be approached well in advance and be made fully cognisant of the fact that a peal means three hours' continuous ringing;

Where possible, prior notice of special ringing should be given to the public through the local press.

It is also a great advantage if a peal can be associated with an event of either local or national importance or in connection with a red letter day of the church.

A notice outside the church telling the reason for ringing is also helpful in local relations. Invariably the first question when the bells are rung is, "Why are the bells ringing?"

Sound control in the bell chamber is essential. It is the duty of ringers to draw their incumbents' attention to it and tell him where he can get advice. The publicity given to the Newton-le-Willows protest has produced some good indirect results and one incumbent in the Greater London area has, inconsequence, approached the Central Council for advice. There have been others.

We would implore conductors of peals not to hesitate to stop the ringing where the striking is inferior. The Central Council gives guidance as to the extent in which a fault can be corrected. There have been occasions when unholy mix-ups have occurred creating an intolerable din. These have invariably been sorted out by a dexterous conductor and after a few minutes the band has settled and the peal has been continued as if nothing had happened.

Rarely are the cases of mix-ups and bad striking resulting in an inaccurate presentation of the method reported to the Guild or made public through "The Ringing World." In the hundreds of peals rung there must be countless borderline cases apart from the flagrant breaches of the rules, and one of the problems before the Exercise is how to introduce into peal ringing a sense of honour and integrity.

The writer has a recollection of a peal of Stedman where a purist in the band told the conductor in no uncertain terms that he was not going to record the peal in his list. The peal was duly published and somebody scored his first of Stedman Triples. It was unchallenged publicly; never reported to the Peals Analysis Committee and remains in the annals of the Exercise as a true peal. Some might say, "Let sleeping dogs lie." However, one of the eight ringers had an uneasy conscience and was determined not to sully his record of peals.

We have digressed from Mr. Kenneth Arthur's observations but he urges that compliance with a simple code of conduct should be the duty of all ringers in the interest of their respective Guilds and Associations and also of the local inhabitants whose sympathy it is necessary for all ringers to retain and foster.

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CHALLENGE OF GUILDFORD GUILD'S NEW MASTER

More at Meetings : More Peals and Quarters : More Recruits

THE popularity of the Guildford Diocesan Guild's dinner is undiminished. Held at the Newlands Corner Hotel on October 22nd, it attracted a larger company than in previous years and a cordial welcome was extended to the new Guild Master, Mr. P. G. Smart, and his wife, Angela. Young people predominated, the speeches were limited to four and the dance which followed revealed the versatility of the young people in our belfries.

This year the guest of honour was the Rev. T. H. Dart, Vicar of St. Michael's, Aldershot, a tower that has for years abounded with young life and where ringing was so infectious that the Vicar felt compelled to join in. Mr. L. L. Hayns was the toastmaster.

ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

The Guild Master in proposing the toast of "The Church and the Exercise" said they had a wonderful attendance that evening of 150 and he supposed there were present 100 ringing members. Why could they not have better attendances at meetings? Today there were a large number who came for half-an-hour, signed the attendance book and disappeared. Meetings were held not only for ringing but for an exchange of views and if the officers did not know what they were thinking about how could they carry out their duties? Attendances at meetings had diminished from 60 to about 10 who were members of the Guild. At the annual general meeting they got about 150 and from that it could be concluded that there were only two occasions when the members really met—at the annual general meeting and the dinner.

A drive for new members was in process and he had already welcomed a number. He reminded the company that they would not get new members by merely sitting in their belfries and waiting for them to come along. There were several organisations they could approach. Both the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts had ringers' badges, and they could approach the companies and troops in their area and offer to train any of their young people for the badges. There was, however, an individual responsibility over recruitment, and he submitted a challenge to every ringer present to find at least one recruit during the coming year.

Regarding peals, they had only had 18 rung this year. It was by peals and quarter peals that their standard of striking could be improved. Some people regarded striking as a by-product of the method; it was all wrong—striking should come first. He implored towers to introduce a monthly quarter peal like they did at Ash; it would result in an improvement in ringing.

Concluding, the Master thanked the Dinner Sub-Committee for their organisation. It was an extremely good meal well served.

"ROUNDS FOR THE VICAR"

The Rev. T. H. Dart, Vicar of St. Michael's, Aldershot, said he was overwhelmed by being asked to reply to "The Church" as he had not a purple cassock, but he had certain qualifications for speaking about the Church, as one of his earliest recollections was when, as a choirboy, he was pushed into a holly bush.

When he entered their belfry at Aldershot the cry invariably went up "Rounds for the Vicar," but lately, since he and his wife had become grandparents, it had been changed to "Grandsire Triples." At St. Michael's, Aldershot, he had found a new method of pulling the tenor ten times when "Stand" was called, which had become known as "Aldershot Surprise." He knew it was a new method because it gave the heaviest bell its name. He had always wondered why it was called ten—or; now he knew (laughter).

Their Master had issued a challenge to bring in new recruits. It was easy to forget, when ringing, that their whole purpose was to go out and get people inside the church—to call them to worship. One of the tests of a good tower was whether the attendance on practice night and on Sunday compared favourably with each other. Their duty as ringers and churchmen was to challenge people to come and worship.

There were people who complained about ringing. "Do not be ashamed of your Church or the ringing Exercise. Those two things go hand-in-hand, and I count it a great privilege to reply to the toast."

Mr. W. H. Coles, father-in-law of Mr. Frank Price, proposed the toast of "Continued Prosperity to the Guildford Diocesan Guild." He said he had been ringing for 45 years and his tutor was John Hunt, that stormy petrel on the Central Council who did much ringing in Guildford and took part in the record peal of Stedman Caters "in hand." That record still remained. He remembered John Hunt telling him that it was originally intended to go to 21,000 but during the peal he said to Alfred Pulling, the conductor: "If you go beyond 19,000 I will put my bells down." The peal was accordingly called round about 19,000.

They were extremely fortunate in having young men to take office. In the past they had had some illustrious leaders—Alfred Pulling, John Goldsmith and Major Hesse—all of whom he knew and rang with. Officers were only as good as the rank and file allowed them to be. If a man stood out in the Guild it was because he was surrounded by good men.

"YOUNG GEORGE"

Mr. Coles had a special greeting for the Bishop of Guildford, who regretted he could not be present. He knew the Bishop when he lived at Harlington, where his father, the Rev. Hector Reindorp, was Rector. "He was responsible for augmenting the bells, and when he retired we rang a peal and dedicated it to his life's ministry. We knew the present Bishop as 'young George' and when I tell you that my daughter used to ride on the handles of a very large hand roller pushed by the Bishop you will realise what a grand chap he was."

Continuing, Mr. Coles said: "I was privileged when your bells at the Cathedral were installed and dedicated to speak about them on the B.B.C. I thought your effort as a Guild was wonderful, and while you did not subscribe the major sum involved, you gave the inspiration. In that broadcast I said I thought these bells would ring out for peace and joy for hundreds of years to come."

STARTED RINGING WITH GUILD FORMATION

Mr. W. H. Viggers, a Central Council representative of the Guild, replied. He said he became a ringer the day the Guild was founded. He left the choir on December 31st, 1927, and Charlie Denyer took him into the belfry to see the ringers and join them, so his ringing career was the exact age of the Guild. The first meeting he went to was at Merrow and Clandon, where they rang call changes, and Mr. Hazelden told some of the old ringers to ring like some of the young recruits.

He remembered in his first peal he had to make a bob in Oxford Bob and he was ringing the same method to a peal at Shepton Mallet, which was called by Joe Dyke. At the end Joe called a single and they called out "What do you do now?" Joe replied "Same as a bob, you fool."

They had their Cathedral bells but they still wanted someone to provide the lift. Charlie Denyer did much towards getting the bells and it was a sad thought that unless a lift was provided he would never get into the belfry. The same applied to Mr. Albert Harman. There were three outstanding ringers commemorated in the Cathedral. There was the Guild Library, which was a memorial to Mr. Charles Hazelden, the Pulling bell in the Cathedral ring as a memorial to Alfred Pulling, and the Sanctus bell, which was a memorial to John S Goldsmith. He coupled with the toast the names of Charles Denyer and Harold Pitstow, who sent their apologies.

A touch of Plain Bob Major was then rung by Margaret Lewis 1–2, John Couperthwaite 3–4, Keith Williamson 5–6, Tom Page 7–8. The evening concluded with dancing.

THE COMPANY

On the top table, supporting the Master and Mrs. Smart, were the Rev. T. H. and Mrs. Dart, Mr C W. Munday (Guild secretary) and Mrs. Munday, Mr. W. H. Coles and Mrs. F. Price, Mr. W H. Viggers, Major E. J. Bragg, Mr. A. Viggers, Miss S. Tate-Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. S. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Tubbs, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hayns, Mr. T. Skilton, Miss J. Crane, Mr. A. D. Elsmore, Miss M. C. Arnold, Mr. M. Morris and Miss J. Beswick.

Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. T. Page, Mr. and Mrs. K. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Godden, the Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Zeal, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. R. May, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ponting and Miss A. Ponting, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Blows, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. E. Warner, the Rev. M. and Mrs. Sellors, Mr. and Mrs. W. Siggery, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Maybrey, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. C. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. W. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. H. Colcombe, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. King, Mr. and Mrs. C. Chinnery, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Morey, Mr. and Mrs. W. Langley.

Mesdames K. L'Estrange, M. Davey, J. M. Kippin and D. Massey.

The Misses J. Oakshott, S. Parrott, D. Street, E. Stevinson, F. Simpson, J. Reyner, N. Hockley, H. Giddins, M. Lesley, D. Liddicott, J. Drury, M. Humphries, D. Pavey, E. Stewart, A. Fisher, J. Edmunds, M. Lewis, H. Kippin, D. Colcombe, J. Hughes, R. Catling, A. Pickering, C. Powell, A. Gibson and P Hill.

Messrs. J. C. Davidge, K. Burgess, A Walter, P. J. Munday, R. Fentiman, J. Munton, M. Elliott, R. A. Clist, P. Payne, J. H. Payton, D. Wilcock, Dr. Rossal, J. Couperthwaite, A. Giles, P. G. Sherwood, J. Collier, K. Glue, M. Cattell, D. Giddins, S. Peters, J. Sewell, M. Fry, C. Stewart, R. Bragg, D. Cole, M. Howells, J. Helder, M. Bew, M. Church, P. J. Privett, S. Hughes and P. Henry.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Frome Branch

Members of the Frome Branch took advantage of a glorious day to hold the autumn meeting at the little Church of St. Leonard on Mr John Christie's private estate at Marston Bigott, three miles out of Frome, on October 8th. After an hour's good ringing on the delightful bells members from a wide area attended Evensong conducted by the Vicar of Marston-with-Witham, the Rev. L. E. Mitchell-Jones. He welcomed all present and in his address he mentioned that the bells were just one of many methods available to voice the word of the Church outside.

A really wonderful spread confronted ringers at the Village Hall for tea, those responsible being the ladies of the church. The business meeting commenced with members first standin silence in respect of Mr. W. Rossitter, of Leigh-on-Mendip, who recently passed away. During the meeting six new members from two towers were elected and the Branch annual general meeting arranged for January 14th at Midsomer-Norton. Votes of thanks were passed, especially one to Mr. G. Wareham, who organised the meeting locally. Ringing continued on handbells and in the tower until 8.30 p.m. D. T. H. R.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Day 1, Miss E. Timmins 2, R. Humphries 3, Miss C. Slater 4, G. Page 5, A. G. Newman 6, A. Cleaver (cond.) 7, L. Fletcher 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's, on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): J. Weatherley (first quarter) 1, D. J. Carr 2, T. R. Collins 3, D. Dancey 4, M. A. New (cond.) 5, R. Pearce 6.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE PULLINGER

George Pullinger's many friends throughout the country will be very sorry to hear of his death, at 75, on October 23rd, in the belfry of St. Mary's, Cheltenham.

Having rung in a good touch of Stedman Caters and listened to some good rounds on 12. George refused a rope for Grandsire Cinques, and before the bells were pulled off again his distress was evident. First aid was expertly applied, but the five-minute bell (the tenor) for Matins had deeper significance for the ringers whose exertions had proved unavailing.

Until George's retirement seven years ago, he and Mrs. Pullinger lived at Bishopstoke, Hants, where for many years George had served St. Mary's faithfully; they then moved to Willingdon, Sussex. None who heard George's excellent striking and saw his superb bell control can have failed to wonder whether they, with two arms, could ever achieve the standard he reached with his one.

The ringing fraternity is indeed the poorer for his passing, and it is to be hoped that the deep sympathy of their many friends will be of some encouragement to Mrs. Pullinger in continuing her solitary path after many years of happiness with George. V. W.

MR. JOHN WELLS

Mr. John Wells, a life member of the Hertford County Association, died after a short illness on October 16th, aged 84 years. John Wells lived all his life at Kimpton and was associated with the Parish Church as a member of the choir and a bellringer from the age of ten. His father was verger for 40 years.

John had served on the Parochial Church Council and Parish Council and had a remarkable memory of village history over the past 70 years. His ringing had been mainly confined to his home tower, where he rang his first quarter peal at the age of 75. Although John gave up active ringing about five years ago, he continued to take a keen interest in the Kimpton Guild and held the position of tower captain until his death.

A half-muffled quarter peal was rung in memoriam by Guild members prior to Evensong on the day of his death.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The October meeting of the St. Albans District took place at St. Paul's Walden and King's Walden on the 15th. The lovely autumn day seemed to encourage many to turn out. The back-handed six at St. Paul's Walden were tackled in the afternoon, methods up to Norwich being rung. A very short service was held.

After tea in the local pub a business meeting was held in the church, with Mr. Reg. Darvill in the chair. Miss Margery Cartledge was elected a new member. It was announced that the November and December towers for the meeting had been reversed, so it will be Sandridge on November 19th and Harpenden in December. The final practice meeting for this year is to be at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on Monday, November 7th. The tickets for the District dinner at St. Michael's Manor, St. Albans, are now on sale at 25s. each from any committee member. Numbers have been limited to 65, so it's "first come, first served."

Keith Walpole announced that Sandridge bells were at long last ringing again for Sunday service every second and fourth Sunday at 8.45 a.m.; help would be appreciated. St. Paul's Walden practice night has been changed to a Thursday. The meeting finished with votes of thanks. Evening ringing was at King's Walden. J. A. F.

FATHERS AND SONS PEAL



The band who rang in the Fathers and Sons peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at the Bell Tower, Evesham, on September 17th, reading from left to right: Tony Price, J. N. D. Chaddock, T. J. Lock, C. W. Pipe, N. Chaddock, G. C. Hemming, M. F. Rock, G. J. Hemming, R. W. Pipe, F. C. Price, A. Diserens and N. J. Diserens. **For report of peal see page 693.**

CHESTER GUILD DINNER AND DANCE

THE annual dinner-dance of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Bowdon Assembly Rooms on October 15th. The guest speaker, Canon J. Saunders, Archdeacon of Macclesfield, spoke of the influence which bellringing has had, and is having, upon poetry and music. His toast of "The Guild" was replied to by the Master, Mr. John Worth, who welcomed all the visitors and made a special mention of those non-ringers who assist in the production of the annual report.

Reporting briefly on the state of the Guild during the year, the Master said that the whole-day annual festival had been well received by members, and would be continued in that form To help with recruitment, all incumbents in the diocese had been approached and space was given to the Guild in the Diocesan Leaflet. A band drawn from members of the general committee had succeeded in ringing a peal of Grandsire Cinques at Macclesfield on the previous Saturday.

"The Guild had been hopeful that the appeal for the Cathedral bells, for which the Guild is responsible, would by now have been well under way. We are in the hands of the Dean and Chapter and the Cathedral architect; the general secretary, Mr. Henry O. Baker, has left them in no doubt as to our feelings of frustration!"

In concluding, Mr. Worth thanked the Guild officers for their work, and the Archdeacon for his good wishes.

The proceedings ended as they had begun, with handbell ringing (Double Norwich and Oxford Royal). R. B. S.

FATHERS AND SONS PEALS

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read of the peal of Cambridge Maximus by six fathers and six sons at Evesham on September 17th, and would add my congratulations to those they have undoubtedly already received.

It took me back to January, 1928, when six fathers and six sons met and rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, standing in the order of father and son: Barnetts, E. sen. and E. jun. 1–2, Taffenders, T. H. and T. W. 3–4, Matthews, J. D. and C. J. 5–6, Bevans, R. and T. 7–8, Hibberts, R. T. and W. 9–10, Groombridges, T. sen. and T. jun. 11–12. The conductor was Mr. J. D Matthews

The original band included F. and J. F. Tillett, of Ipswich, but a few days before the peal one of them met with an accident. Mr. Taffender and his son were contacted and came at very short notice. I always admired them for this.

William Hibbert, Thomas Bevan and myself are the only survivors, all the fathers and three of the sons having passed away.

It also reminded me of a father and son peal of Grandsire Triples at Erith about 1920, which, in a weak moment, we published as the "first ever," only to be told the next week that a tablet in (I think) Richmond tower records a similar peal there, conducted by that celebrated conductor of the Cumberlands in the 1700's, George Gross jun.! — Yours sincerely.

E. BARNETT.

10, King's Close, Crayford.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Oct. 16th, 1,320 Doubles (two methods): K. Butler (first quarter) 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, R. Birch 4, G. Neilson 5, A. Lamb 6. For Evensong.

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Letters to the Editor

PEALS BY OFFICERS OF THE FORCES

Dear Sir,—Mr. Alan Buswell's research into the Press cuttings collected for the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, formerly bell founders, reveals some interesting occurrences, as illustrated in your leading article in "The Ringing World" issue dated October 14th, 1966, with particular reference to two "Army Officers'" peals in 1919. For the record, may one offer a brief note of correction and additional information?

Strictly speaking, they were not peals by Army officers only, since R.A.F. officers were included. They did not take place on the same day, as the article would indicate. The Croydon (St. Peter's) effort in Grandsire Caters followed the Putney peal of Kent Treble Bob Major a little later. As you say, the Grandsire composition proved false. But there was a second Caters attempt at Croydon with, of course, another composition, and this was successful. A photograph of the band appears in the late Ernest Morris's "History and Art of Change Ringing."

And so were rung the first (and to date the only) peals by officers of H.M. Militant Forces. They are both credited to the Ancient Society of College Youths.—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Southsea.

JUSTIFYING A YORKSHIRE COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—In his letter on page 668, Mr. Morley appears to mention everything about my composition of Yorkshire Surprise Major except that it is a regular three-part and, in doing so, seems to miss the point completely.

My aim was to produce a simple regular three-part of conventional length without parting the tenors. Whereas it is comparatively easy to assemble 14 combination courses into a one-part composition, the restrictions imposed by a regular three-part make this task difficult, if not impossible. It is possible, however to include 12 combination courses at the expense of also including some less musical courses.

My composition contains 12 combination courses. This is three more than in any other regular three-part (with tenors coursing and of comparable length) so far published. I feel I am justified in providing such a peal for those who prefer three-part compositions, because a quick scan of the peal columns of "The Ringing World" has revealed that of the peals of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung so far this year, over a quarter are recognisable as three-part compositions with a maximum of nine combination courses.

Another point raised in Mr. Morley's letter is the question of 82's and 83's. Whilst courses containing 82's and 83's would not be included to the exclusion of more musical courses, I would be careful about making sweeping generalisations. For example, the first part of my composition contains two courses with course-ends 45263 and 65234. In my opinion the first of these two is the more musical.

Regarding the number of singles in my composition, if one believes that singles are permissible, then I cannot see that it matters if there are 4, 24 or 44.

Whilst agreeing that we need standards for composers, can we also have standards for critics of compositions?—Yours faithfully,

D. KNOX.

High Wycombe, Bucks.

WASHINGTON PEAL CONDUCTOR'S ORIGINS

Dear Sir,—Through the columns of "The Ringing World" I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the ringers of North America, who, during my recent visit, sheltered and fed me and without exception went out of their way to make me welcome. I would, however, point out in passing that I have my origins in Lincolnshire, not Lancashire, and whatever the University of London may think of me, they are, alas, stuck with me!—Yours sincerely,

ROGER D. BAILEY.

London.

NO NEED TO CHANGE

Dear Sir,—I have been a reader of "The Ringing World" since its inception and am satisfied with the set-up, paper and type, though often opposed to the views of correspondents. There is no need to change anything material in this production; any change would probably be for the worse. Don't do it.—Yours faithfully,

J. HOWARD FREEBORN
(62 years a ringer.)

Cambridge.

ODD VENTURES—GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—In reply to E. S.'s "Odd Ventures—Grandsire Triples" (page 669), here are two contributions:

1,259 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Having a single at the last call and ending with the 3rd in the hunt for five leads after 325476.

Start calling "Holt's Original" until the "bob lead" 254637, then call bob at 4 and S at 3.—Yours faithfully,

LOUIS HEAD.

120 STEDMAN TRIPLES CORRECTION

Dear Sir,—May I point out that the written description of the calling positions in Mr. Whitaker's 120 of Stedman Triples on page 648 contains a slight error. If the figures are correct then the calling positions for the 6th are: Six times in 6–7 down; In and Out quick: Five times in 6–7 up; 6–7 up with a single: 6–7 down with a single; two times in 6–7 up.

It is not possible to call a bell 6–7 up with a single and a further twice with bobs.—Yours sincerely,

D. C. JACKSON.

Eling, Hants.

"OLD AS THE HILLS"

Dear Sir,—Surely Mr. Percy Whitaker is not claiming originality for his "composition" of 720 Stedman Triples? ("The Ringing World," September 30th.)

One well-known old ringer showed me this touch several years ago, and it was as old as the hills when his grandfather showed it to him!

In any case, for such a short touch, the music of Queens and Whittingtons is hardly worth the sheer monotony of 678 and 468 behind for bob after bob.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN PLADDYS.

King's College, London.

THE BELLS OF MORDEN, DORSET

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. Dalton's letter concerning the Morden bells and our quarter peal, I feel I must take up a few points with him.

First of all, we did (as we always do), apply to the Vicar of Morden for permission to rope these bells and ring them for about 45 minutes.

We then went to Morden and met an elderly gentleman who was in charge of the tower and bells. He assured us that he had rung the bells as long ago as 53 years. Both of these men were more than pleased that we were going to ring their bells. The Vicar sat on a stool between the treble and second ringers throughout the quarter peal. In my ignorance I thought this would be permission enough I am sorry I omitted to get an "all clear" from Mr. Dalton or his bellhanging friends.

Regarding the tenor, we did not drive any wedges into this poor old bell, we did as we said—tightened the headstock bolts by turning the nuts around; that's the only way I know to tighten a bolt. I rang this bell throughout the quarter peal with no trouble at all, no flopping or rolling or anything of the sort.

You state there is the start of a crack in this bell that goes over the crown and halfway down the waist. Well, I'll take your word for that, but if this is so, this is not the start of a crack my friend, this is the finished article.

The driving in of wedges or dressing all the bells up in a new set of ropes at a cost to the good people of Morden of some £20-odd will not help, or the ringing of the bell with a soft pedal, as you appear to think you can do, if only for a short time. No, there is only one answer I am afraid, that is a lot of money and one melting pot.

You will be interested to know that the bells of Morden have been rung again recently by an extremely competent band. I have heard no mention yet of a cracked bell from them.

Finally, I must thank you for assuring us that the bell was cracked before we, the Charminster band, ever went into the tower. If I dare to suggest anything to you at all it would be that the next time you find something like this you tell the Vicar or other interested persons. After all, it is not top secret, is it?—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST H. AMEY,
Captain of the Charminster Ringers
and Deputy Ringing Master of the
Dorchester Branch, S.D.G.R.

DOUBLE ENTRY

Dear Sir,—In reply to Helen Y. Price's letter ("The Ringing World," October 14th) regarding towers entering two bands for competitions, we at Hughenden, Bucks, entered two bands in the East Berks and South Bucks striking competition three years ago, one team all ladies and the other all male ringers. —Yours faithfully,

ROLAND BIGGS.

Hughenden, Bucks.

HENDON'S TRIBUTE CUT SHORT

Hendon, Middlesex, ringers arranged to ring a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled for the victims of the Aberfan disaster on Sunday, October 23rd. Miss Ruth Foreman reports that they had got as far as half way when the clapper sheered off just above the ball. While the ringers were disappointed, members of the congregation seemed satisfied that their church had chosen this method of showing some of the sympathy it felt.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The October meeting of the University of London Society was held on October 15th. The peal ringing fraternity got off to a bad start, losing Spliced Surprise Major at Stamford Hill in the morning. Towers open for general ringing were St. Augustine's, Kilburn, where the Belgian bells were much admired, St. James', Clerkenwell (8), St. Vedast's, Foster Lane (6), where we were invaded by the Middlesex Association, St. Botolph's-without-Bishopsgate (8) and St. Olave's, Hart Street (8). The service was conducted by the Rector of St. Olave's (the Rev. M. Dean) assisted by the secretary. Mr. Dean preached a moving and appropriate sermon, which showed how relevant bells and ringing were in the space age.

After an excellent tea, ably organised by the Misses Adrienne Gibson and Isabel Dean, the meeting was opened, the president, Mr. D. J. R. Martin, being in the chair. The president welcomed the visitors and new members, mentioning the fact that this year the Society was coming of age. A proposal was made by the Master, seconded by the secretary, that Mr. J. Seager be elected to the vacant vice-presidency. A second nomination, that of Mr. D. Sibson, was put forward without the prior knowledge of the chairman or committee, by Mr. A. Smith, seconded by Mr. E. F. P. Bryant. After considerable discussion it was decided to hold no election and to amend the constitution if possible to prevent a repetition of this

It was confirmed that the day tour in Kent would take place on December 3rd, and Mr. N. J. Davies had kindly offered to arrange this. The annual dinner would be on February 25th, reverting to the second Saturday in February in following years. The annual tour would be held in Ireland either in the last week in August or the first in September. Thanks were expressed to Mr. A. Thirst for his help in producing the report, to the Editor (Mr. T. Pett) and also to the incumbents of the churches visited, and to Mr. J. Euston, and the Rev. M. Dean. D.C.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A pleasant meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Holt on October 22nd, when well over 50 members attended.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Giles Hunt, and in his address he mentioned that as a learner ringer he had found a fellowship of teamwork and good feeling existed between ringers. The art of bellringing was two-fold, firstly for and as part of the Church, and secondly to further the art of bellringing.

New members elected were the Rev. Giles Hunt, the Rev. D. Tuck, Donald Copeman, Maurice Hovell, Peter Morse, Frank Sheldrake (all of Holt), Ursula Stubbings (Intwood). Mrs. Mabel Frances Gidney (Holt) was electtd an honorary member.

The Rev. P. Kelly reported that the committee had done a survey on towers in the area. He wondered if a voluntary subscription of 10s. a year would be practical for the Belfry Repair Fund? The chairman, Mr. G. Sayer, proposed the vote of thanks. C.B.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Yvonne Cridle 1, Jane Markham (first in four methods) 2, June Legg (cond.) 3, R. Jones 4, J. Coombs 5, A. Skinner 6. For Harvest Festival.

University Past Masters Married



Left to right: Rev. E. T. D. Lewis, the bridegroom and bride and the Rev. M. E. Evans. [Photo: L. J. King, Watford.

TWO past Masters of the University of Wales Society, Mr. Colin A. Lewis and Miss Gillian E. Graney, were married at All Saints' Church, King's Langley, Herts, on September 24th. They met while they were students at Aberystwyth.

The service was taken by the bridegroom's father, the Rev. E. T. D. Lewis, Vicar of Glasbury, Herefordshire, assisted by the Rev. M. E. Evans, Vicar of Nantmel, Radnorshire. The two bridesmaids were Miss Helen Lewis and Miss Carol Clement, and the best man was Mr. David Erlingsson from Akureyoi in Iceland. Mr. W Gwyn Thomas, a past Master of the St David's Diocesan Guild, acted as organist.

The bells were rung before and after the service and, following the reception, a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung. A peal was also rung by members of the Hereford Guild at Clifford the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are now living in Ireland, where they are on the staff of University College, Dublin.

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PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,582 Stedman Cinques: T. P. Edwards 1, A. M. Tyler 2, A. H. Reed 3, D. P. Hilling 4, C. H. Rogers 5, A. F. Thirst 6, J. Chilcott (cond.) 7, J. Phillips 8, L. Barry 9, C. A. Barron 10, J. Anderson 11, W. Williams 12. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to those who lost their lives in the Aberfan disaster.

LYDD, KENT.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Sylvia Knight 1, F. G. Huckstepp 2, P. Richardson 3, L. Sweatman 4, H. Deacon 5, N. I. Davies (cond.) 6, B. Johnson 7, E. Clifton 8. First in the method by all except 2.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On June 5th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (six methods): L. F. Cobb 1, D. Wilson 2, A. W. Fry 3, W. T. Perrins 4, J. L. Claughton 5, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 6. By Sunday service band. Also on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Kenchington (first on eight) 1, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 2, R. N. Marlow 3, J. L. Claughton 4, J. W. Blackwood 5, L. F. Cobb 6, W. E. Cheater 7, L. T. Perrins 8.

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Society of Roving Ringers' Annual Tour

THE Society of Roving Ringers this year took the bold step of starting their annual tour on the 12 bells at St. Mary the Great, Cambridge on August 20th. The ringing here was not as bright as the weather and did not really do justice to the bells. However, Cambridge Royal was successfully brought round and, of course, "Eternal" Grandsire, Adrienne's speciality, was also rung. Ringing continued with some good six-bell ringing at Stedman's tower, St. Bene't's, where Stedman Doubles was one of the touches. Saturday ringing was concluded with ringing by candlelight on the heavy eight at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs.

MASTER'S PREROGATIVE

Sunday dawned as bright and fine as Saturday, and this was reflected in the ringing when a good course of Pudsey was rung at Trumpington for morning service. On the way to the next tower the Ringing Master, exercising his prerogative, demonstrated that the tour had really started by falling off his bicycle in the middle of the road. Fortunately he survived to supervise ringing at the next tower, Soham, where Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal were rung. The last tower on Sunday was St. Mary's, Ely, where ringing for Evensong was half-muffled owing to the recent death of the Dean's wife. The most effective ringing here was the service touch of Grandsire Triples rung in whole pulls. Sunday night was spent at Ely Youth Hostel, an old Army camp situated at Witchford.

On Monday the weather took a turn for the worse and capes and sou'westers were the order of the day. After a long push to Mildenhall, Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal and good Grandsire Caters were rung. At Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral the bells were found a little more tricky, and the Grandsire and Stedman Caters needed careful listening. The route to Elveden was through the King's Forest, which, according to the road signs, was inhabited by deer, but none was seen. The ringing at Elveden included Stedman Triples and a good course of Bristol, and at Thetford a good course of Rutland rounded off ringing for the day. Thetford Youth Hostel proved to be an old railway station, where the warden's morning wakening cry was "All change on number three platform," coupled with the loud blowing of a guard's whistle.

The first tower on Tuesday was St. Mary's, Kenninghall, where the ringing was disrupted for some minutes whilst a broken rope was hastily spliced. There followed the shortest ride of the tour, only one and a half miles to Quidenham, where Ealing was successfully accomplished but an attempt at four-spliced Surprise Major came to grief. After lunch, the 12 cwt six at Attleborough provided some good six-bell ringing, when Norwich Surprise Minor and Orpheus Doubles were rung. The last tower of the day before the hostel at Norwich was Hethersett, where an attempt at four-spliced once again came to grief. However, Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples were both successfully accomplished. On arrival at the hostel it was found that the warden's bark was worse than her bite and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all, at a cost of 3d. per head.

LIGHTENED BICYCLES

On Wednesday morning the weather seemed uncertain of itself, perhaps uncertain of the projected route, which proved to be a circle, returning for a second night at Norwich. This meant that lightened bicycles made cycling easy and, for the first few miles at least, the company was very lighthearted. This lightheartedness was enhanced, for eight ringers at any rate, owing to the fact that a touch of six-spliced was successfully brought round at St. Giles' Norwich. Wroxham provided some interesting ringing, where London, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and another of Adrienne's specialities, this time "Eternal" Spliced Minor and Doubles, were rung.



From left to right: John Brain, Roger Heyworth, Richard Fentiman, Andrew Slade, Ian Dear, Alan Luxford, John Eisel, Roy Mills, John Slater, Tony Foster, Fred Ellis, Alan Elsmore, Roger Ashmore (Ringing Master), Geoff Stevens. Seated: Sally Parrott, Jill Richards, Adrienne Gibson, Louise Taylor, Susan Cowan and Janet Crane.

The next two towers were swapped owing to a wedding, so Marsham was the first. Courses of Bristol and Lincolnshire Surprise Major were rung here. The next hour's ringing was most enjoyably spent on the ten at Aylsham, where a good half-course of Cambridge Royal and Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. On returning to Norwich another hour was spent on the 12 at St. Peter Mancroft. The Ringing Master here expressed his delight at some good Stedman Cinques and then called this lovely 12 into Whittingtons before calling "Stand" for the day. Some of the company, however, their appetites apparently not satiated after the hostel supper, went to the practice at St. George's, Colegate, where they were made very welcome

At the first tower on Thursday, St. Michael and All Angels, Coslany, the bells were found a little difficult but Stedman Triples went well here and Rutland was brought round. A course of Wembley was successfully negotiated at Loddon but Royal ringing at Beccles did not seem to click, and good Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung. The last tower of the day was St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, where good Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and a half-course of Cambridge Maximus were rung. The latter was achieved to everyone's delight as it was 11 years since Maximus had been rung by the Society on tour. The night was spent at Great Yarmouth Youth Hostel, after savouring the delights of the fun fair.

At St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, the first tower on Friday morning, Stedman and Grandsire spliced, Cambridge, Pudsey and Watford were brought round Next was the delightful six at Blythburgh, where the church was crowded with visitors who had come to the flower festival. Needless to say, an audience had soon gathered to witness the ringing of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor. At St. Margaret's, Leiston, a touch of eight-spliced Surprise Major was brought round. Ringing ended on the very good six at Saxmundham, and a very pleasant evening, though not always peaceful, was spent at Blaxhall Youth Hostel.

On Saturday the week-enders started to arrive in their cars to assist with the ringing. Wickham Market and Bredfield, the two morning towers, provided a variety of six-bell ringing but this was not thought to have brought on the rain. London Royal was brought round at Grundisburgh in the afternoon, also by the touring band, though there was a little prompting by the week-enders in certain cases. Cambridge Royal and a ladies' course of Stedman Caters were also rung here. The lovely eight at Woodbridge provided the heaviest bells of the day, which must have been somewhat of a surprise, because the ringing here did not really do justice to the bells.

LUXURY

On completion of the day's ringing, 20 bicycles hurried towards Ipswich and the unbelievable luxury of a hotel, a hot bath and a sumptuous dinner. At the meeting which followed the dinner the president was elected to take the chair and, having been installed and decorated with his badge of office, called upon the Ringing Master, who gave his report of the week's ringing. Discussion of the venue of the 1967 reunion then took place, when it was decided to go to Reading. This was chosen as a central meeting place to try and attract older members to discuss the Society's 21st tour, to be held in 1967, when it is hoped that some special arrangements can be made.

Sunday was another day of service ringing in and around Ipswich, the morning towers being St. Clement's, St. Margaret's, St. Matthew's and St. Mary-le-Tower's, with St. Andrew's, Rushmere, and St. Mary-le-Tower's in the evening. It was here that the Society had the honour of ringing Cambridge Maximus with C. J. Sedgley and G. E. Symonds, two famous names from the Ipswich of 40 years ago.

An extraordinary meeting was held on Sunday evening, when it was decided that an extra reunion would be held in Leicester in November in order that the number of reunions could catch up with the number of tours, so that the 21st reunion would follow the 21st tour.

The Bank Holiday Monday was the last day of the tour, the first tower containing the ten at Stonham Aspal. There followed the lovely eight at Lavenham with some good ringing to whet appetites for lunch. The final tower of the tour was at Long Melford, where the band seemed to diminish very rapidly after every touch.

The final "goodbyes" were said with the feeling that this was indeed a memorable tour and with the hope for a bright future.

Thanks are due to incumbents and local ringers. Special thanks are due to the Ringing Master, Roger Ashmore, for his competent handling of the ringing, which made the tour most enjoyable for everyone.

TARZAN.

Oxford Diocesan Guild Appoint Stewards

TO represent the Guild at Branch meetings, the Oxford Diocesan Guild at its autumn general meeting at Wantage on October 1st decided to appoint Branch stewards. These would represent the Guild at its respective meetings.

The Master (the Rev. C. Eliot Wigg), who presided, reported on the meeting of the sub-committee appointed to consider this matter, which recommended their introduction.

Supporting the suggestion, Mr. Foster advocated naming them "Assistant Masters."

The hon. secretary (Miss Marie R. Cross): For me, this means something else, too!

The meeting finally decided to call them "Guild Stewards," and first appointments to July, 1967, were:—

Mr. Walter Hunt (Newbury).—Reading, Sonning, N. Berks and Newbury Branches.

Mr. H. Oglesby (Hitcham).—E. Berks and S. Bucks, Chiltern, Central Bucks and Sonning Branches.

Mr. J. Baldwin (Wantage).—Vale of the White Horse, N. Berks, Newbury, Oxford, Witney and Woodstock Branches.

A nomination has yet to be received for the Central and Northern Branches.

GRANTS

Longcot.—After Mr. C. R. Miles had put in a very strong plea for a grant to this tower as an incentive to get something done, it was decided to make a provisional grant of £50 provided that a firm estimate for the work was obtained during the next 12 months.

Theale.—A report on this tower was made by one of the young Theale band, which had the task of raising £560. A grant of £50 was made with the best wishes of the Guild.

Bierton.—In reply to a question put by Mr. D. Wheeler, the Deputy Master replied that some action was being taken.

SUPPORT OF "THE RINGING WORLD"

The proposal of Mr. A. D. Barker (general treasurer) to make a grant of £40 provoked a discussion During the debate it was explained that the original grant had been made to help tide the paper over a difficult period.

The hon. secretary pointed out that the Guild, since 1960, had given over ten per cent. of its working money to the paper.

Mr. W. Butler commented that the best way to help was for each to get another subscriber. He proposed that a nominal grant of £5 be made for this year. This was seconded by Mr. Cantwell and carried.

Mr. W. G. Wilson, on behalf of "The Ringing World" Committee, thanked the Guild.

REPORTS TO BE ABRIDGED

Suggestions were invited by Mr. P. Walker (Editor) for the 1966 Guild Report. Mr. W. Birmingham produced a report in which the peals had been recorded by photostat and asked if this might be possible. Mr. Walker replied by quoting figures and said it was as costly and not as satisfactory as the present method.

The hon. treasurer said the Report cost 7s. 6d. per copy to produce and Guild and non-members only paid 2s. 6d. a copy. The balance was met from members' subscriptions.

Mrs. J. Rance proposed that the Report be printed in an abridged form not to exceed £36, and this was carried.

The Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) thanked Mr. W. G. Wilson for producing the duplicated reports, and the Editor for his excellent report for 1964–65.

ALTERATIONS TO RULES

Among the alterations to rules adopted was that Guild officers must be nominated six weeks before the annual general meeting in writing to the general secretary, but existing officers might nominate themselves for re-election without other nomination. The making of grants has been referred to the General Committee with the request that their recommendations be referred to the annual or general meetings. Also referred back to the general committee was that consideration of the next year's subscription should not be placed on the agenda of the annual general meeting unless a motion had been submitted for its alteration.

CONFIDENCE IN COMMITTEE

Mr. A. Diserens spoke concerning the discussions which went on at general meetings after the general committee had made recommendations. The general committee did not make any recommendations without careful thought and discussion. He asked the members to have confidence in their committee members after they had elected them.

A grant of £5 was made to the Churchill peal board and the election of three members of the Washington, D.C., band before a peal was ratified.

Proposing the vote of thanks, Mr. K. Leach thanked the Wantage ringers for their arrangements, and the ladies who prepared tea. The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Schaufelberger), who preached at the Festival Evensong, and the choir and blind organist, "whose wonderful accompaniment of the hymns just carried the congregation along," were also thanked.

An invitation by Mr. A. Diserens to hold the autumn meeting for 1967 at Reading was accepted.

Witney and Woodstock Branch

About 60 members and visitors attended the autumn meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch at Woolton on October 15th. The Rev. L. C. Perfect in his address at the service gave a short history of bells and their modern uses, of their insistence and of ringers becoming messengers.

Mr. Perfect, who presided at the meeting following tea in the absence of the Branch chairman, hoped it would not be too long before the Branch again visited Woolton. A discussion took place on the 1967 programme. It is hoped to hold the competition in Lechlade tower and so make a "day out" if it is well supported! Eleven new members were elected, ten being from Ducklington, a six-bell tower. This is a newly-formed band, who are ringing regularly for Sunday service.

Evening ringing was at Wootton and Tackley.

WATFORD RINGERS ENJOY THE COTSWOLDS

The lovely Cotswold country has proved a great attraction to ringers of the Watford District of the Herts Association this year.

On a perfect day in early summer the Watford Parish Church band, accompanied by a few ringing and non-ringing friends, visited and rang at Chipping Norton, Stow-on-the-Wold (where a very satisfying lunch was also partaken of), Blockley, Broadway (looking at its best) and Moreton-in-Marsh: tea here, with a call at Banbury on the way home. Ringing to suit all capabilities from rounds to Cambridge Royal. Thanks to Dennis Laud for a well-planned day out.

The venue of the District outing not yet decided, a unanimous wish to revisit this area was gratified and, on October 1st, with Don Bartholomew again at the wheel, the coach headed for Cheltenham, where Cyril Wratten and Valerie Willard met the party. Several had their first pull on 12 here. Stedman Cinques left a little to be desired but Grandsire went well on these bells, voted by all a good 12 for their weight. Lunch at Doris's Café, then to Bishop's Cleeve, Prestbury, and Burford, with tea at the Cotswold Arms.

As the shadows lengthened, Witney Church in its spacious setting was the last call. A feature of this outing was that all churches visited had central towers. As in the first trip, ringing was arranged to suit all, and in the eight-bell towers a special method for the day was Watford Surprise Major. Many thanks to Geoff Seaman, District secretary, for all the arrangements and to Cyril Wratten for invaluable help.

R. G. B.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. E. C. Isaacs 1, P. Clewett 2, V. Williams 3, F. Joyce 4, R. Old 5, B. E. Frost (cond.) 6. Rung to the Glory of God, and to mark the 21st birthday of Paul Clewett, also his engagement to Valerie Williams.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Williams and Miss Barnes have reluctantly given up active ringing after many years of faithful service at Christchurch Priory. We note from the District newsletter four or five recruits are in training to replace them.

The peal of 43 Doubles at Little Missenden, Bucks, on October 16th was Mr. A. K. Fortin's 50th tower for a peal. The peal was also rung to mark the end of the Little Missenden Arts Festival.

Mr. D. Ellisdon calls attention to a heading in the "Daily Telegraph" of October 19th: "£2,500 Tower Grab," and adds. "I assume this is not the start of a third 'Great Adventure.'"

Mr. Gordon Lane rang his 100th peal at the Bell Foundry Campanile on October 11th, and not on September 13th, as submitted for publication in the issue of October 7th. The ringer of the seventh in the peal was David, and not Daniel F. Moore

A peal attempt was proposed at Painswick on October 22nd with John Chilcott as conductor, but in view of the Aberfan disaster the band decided, after consultation with the Vicar, to ring a half-muffled quarter peal of Stedman Cinques as a mark of respect to those who lost their lives.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

MR. IAN H. ORAM'S 500th PEAL

Mr. Ian H. Oram, the peal secretary of the Kent County Association, rang his 500th peal at Bromley Common on Thursday. September 15th. The method, Lincolnshire Surprise Major, was conducted by one of his teenage pupils.

Ian's first peal was at Hordle, Hampshire, in 1954, when he rang the treble to four Minor methods, conducted Mr. A. Patrick Cannon. Since then Ian has called peals in Minor up to 42 Surprise methods and Major up to 10, all the work. He will always ring and call from the last bell left. His peal total so far this year is 56.

Over 400 of his peals were rung for the Kent County Association. In ringing peals in nearly 200 towers in the county he has rung over 50 at St. John's, Erith, over 25 at West Wickham, and more than anybody else at his home tower at the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Chislehurst, where he is captain.

Good luck and congratulations. T. L.

ONLY TWO RETURNED AFTER 30 YEARS

On October 8th the Framsden and District party made their half-day trip to Lincolnshire, when ringing ranged from rounds to three-spliced at Surfleet, Pinchbeck and Spalding.

Pinchbeck visitors book records that the Helmingham company visited these towers in 1936, when a bounteous tea was enjoyed on the lawn of Glyn Garth. Unfortunately, only Bill Button and Les Brett were left to enjoy the return visit. Again an excellent tea was served at Surfleet by local ringer Charles Rawding.

To the delight of all, Mrs. Richardson was able to join the party, as also was that ex-Suffolk peal enthusiast, tearaway Ted Chapman, who so ably assisted in making this trip so successful.

To Ron Noon, who met us at Spalding, and the incumbents, our many thanks. It is hoped our East Coast friends get in a few hours' sleep.

FROM REJOICING TO MOURNING

The peal at Cannock, Staffs, was originally arranged as a wedding compliment to Michael W. Fairey (Ringing Master of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford) and Miss Anthea C. Richards, who were married at Little Aston, Staffs, on the same date, but due to the Aberfan disaster it was felt only right and proper that the peal be rung half-muffled as a mark of respect for the victims.

LEICESTERSHIRE HALF-DAY

Thurnby, Leicestershire, ringers were joined by friends from Billesdon and Humberstone for an afternoon's ringing in Northamptonshire on September 17th. Bells were rung at Dingley, Brampton Ash and Stoke Albany before tea, and Islip and Lowick after tea.

At Brampton our usual fine of one penny per stroke was waived when it was discovered that something was clogging the works of the tenor and it could not be set. The best ringing of the afternoon was at Islip. The anti-clockwise ring at Lowick was a new experience to many of the party.

Methods ranged from Plain Bob to Cambridge, with rounds for learners. J. J. P.

CULHAM, OXON, BELLS SILENT

The architect came recently to St. Paul's Church, Culham to inspect the bell frame and the tower. He found that the damage to both was fairly extensive and he informed us that ringing would have to cease. The College and the village hope that this temporary silence will not continue for more than a year, but as yet we do not know how long the restoration will take. Visitors to the area will therefore have to pass Culham by, at least for the time being.

Ringing at the Parish Church was carried out by the Culham College Society of Change Ringers, who now hold their practice at Milton on Fridays at 7.45 p.m. Service ringing is on Sunday at Milton at 10.30 a.m. during term time only. Visitors are most welcome and are asked to get in touch with our secretary, D. R. Baxter, J.C.R., Culham College, Abingdon, Berkshire, to tell us when they are coming. M. J. H.

BARCOMBE'S CHURCHES

Mr. S. Brook writes correcting the peal rung at Barcombe, Sussex, on page 581. The dedication should be St. Mary not SS. Mary and Bartholomew, and the tenor weight 9 cwt. 2 lb. not 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. St. Bartholomew's Church is at the other end of the parish, with only one bell. He suggests that the mistake arose from R. H. Dove's "Church Bells of Britain."

GEDLING TOWER CAPTAIN IN HOSPITAL

We are sorry to hear that Mr. J. Dawson, captain at Gedling, Notts, tower, is ill in hospital. At the last meeting of the Bingham District at Shelford it was reported that he had had his operation and was feeling much better. Miss Ruth Blackman, the hon. secretary, has sent the District's best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

POTTON'S EXAMPLE OF MODERN YOUTH

An enthusiastic group of young people (all under 20) have more or less taught themselves how to ring at Potton, Beds. With no older ringers to guide them and the village situated away from any centre of ringing, they have proved that they have the enthusiasm and ability to make up for what may be lacking locally.

It says much for their enthusiasm when most would have given up, just by the "go" and tone of Potton bells.

They are all regular attenders at the Association District meetings, and that is not an easy task as the village is on the extreme eastern county border, and public transport renders no great assistance.

Well done, we say, and keep on trying. Let's hope they receive the encouragement they deserve.

SMART WORK FROM HEREFORDSHIRE

Ten months after his first bell-handling lesson, S. B. Bell (age 17), of Bank Crescent, Ledbury, conducted his first quarter peal. It was one of Doubles in four methods (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and April Day). The quarter peal was rung at Eastnor, Herefordshire, on October 18th to commemorate the 900th anniversary of the Battle of Senlac.

UNIQUE EVENT IN YORK

In pleasant contrast to the many complaints of the "noise" of bells, York Minster Society of Change Ringers has been entertained to dinner by one who "did enjoy the Minster bells." An invitation was received from Sir Christopher Furness, Bart., in September, for the members of the Society to have dinner with him after practice on October 18th. Eighteen of the twenty active members were able to accept.

Sir Christopher, accompanied by his son, Captain Furness, met the ringers in the belfry and watched the ringing of Grandsire Cinques and Grandsire and Stedman Caters. Captain Furness went up to see the bells and later studied Wilfrid Wilson's "Change Ringing." This ringing coincided with the golden jubilee festival service of St. Luke's Parish Church, West Hartlepool, which Sir Christopher knew in his childhood when it was no more than a "tin tabernacle." St. Luke's has no bells, but Sir Christopher's love for them began with the 21 cwt. ten in the neighbouring Church of St. Oswald.

Practice usually finishes at 8.30 p.m., but Sir Christopher asked for the bells to be lowered a few minutes earlier to allow time for a drink before dinner at 8.30. Sir Christopher, among his many and varied interests, is a railway enthusiast; the menus were printed on coloured postcards of a locomotive, Warship Class Type 4 2,200 h.p. Diesel-hydraulic. The main item on the menu was turkey cooked in gin.

Reference to Debrett had disclosed it was Sir Christopher's birthday. After a short speech of thanks and good wishes, the president presented him with a print of the south front of the Minster, signed by all those present, and four members rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

To close the party, Sir Christopher asked for what he called "the national anthem of Yorkshire"—'On Ilkla Moor bar t'at." The rendering may have been more enthusiastic than musical, but it went through all eight verses. It was not Sir Christopher's first acquaintance with ringers; he said he had entertained the Truro ringers some years ago.

The York Minster Society is greatly indebted to him for a most enjoyable evening.

M. E. W.

BADGE WINNERS AT BASINGSTOKE

Two Girl Guides and two Boy Scouts who have been trained at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, have been awarded the bellringer's badge. They are Ruth Taylor (15), Jean Taylor (12), Peter Mart (13) and Timothy Mart (12).

Mr. Andrew Taylor, who acted as examiner, found that the Girl Guide badge test was much stiffer than that laid down for the Boy Scouts, and some knowledge and practice of change ringing was required. In the case of the Boy Scouts, change ringing is part of the senior bellringer's badge. The successful candidates were pictured at the ropes in the "Hants and Berks Gazette."

IN MEMORIAM PEAL AT WEST DOWN

The recent peal of Stedman Doubles at West Down (page 673) was rung as an "in memoriam" peal to the late William Phillips, uncle of the tenor ringer, who was for many years a ringer at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Mon.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,
LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAXIMUS
In four methods, comprising 1,440 each of Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, and 960 of Cambridge with 100 changes of method.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	David T. Darby	7
David P. Hilling	2	John Armstrong	8
Alan F. Thirst	3	Philip A Corby	9
Andrew N. Stubbs ..	4	James G A. Prior	10
Alan R. Patterson	5	Frank E. Darby	11
Antony R. Kench	6	Philip A. F. Chalk ..	Tenor

Arranged by G. E. Feirn. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
First peal of Spliced Maximus by all the band except the ringers of treble and third. First peal of Maximus in four methods in London. Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WEDMORE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt. 5 lb. in C.

*Richard W. Sweet	Treble	Edgar T. Skipsey	5
Gillian M. Hussey	2	D. John Hunt	6
†Michael G Bartlett ..	3	A. Patrick Cannon	7
John C. Slater	4	Ralph G. Edwards ..	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
*50th peal with ringers of 2 and 6. † First of Surprise Major.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
CHEDDINGTON, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Fri., Aug. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being one 1,440 and five extents each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt

*Peter Radcliffe	Treble	Henry B Whitney	4
†Margaret R. Durrington	2	Alan W. Jeffs	5
Diana M. Frost	3	Alan J. Frost	Tenor

Conducted by Alan J. Frost.
* First peal at first attempt. † First "inside."

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in C.

R. Shipp (Peterhouse) ..	Treble	M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.)	6
K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) ..	2	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	7
F. C. Hobson (St. John's)	3	V. Nutton (Selwyn) ..	8
E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	4	G. C. Galley (Queens') ..	9
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	5	S. P. Darvill (Downing) ..	Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson. Conducted by Robin Shipp.

CLARE, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

F. C. Hobson (St. John's)	Treble	E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	5
M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.)	2	V. Nutton (Selwyn)	6
R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel)	3	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn) ..	7
K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) ..	4	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Vivian Nutton.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Stephen Darvill and Bob Bunker, officers of the Guild.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LONDON.—At the Church of St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966 in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

Bernard F. L. Groves ..	Treble	Alan McFall	7
Harold C. Lonyon	2	Derek Butterworth	8
John Worth	3	Edward Jenkins	9
Basil Jones	4	Brian J. Woodruff	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Robert B. Smith	11
Richard S. Starkie	6	Brian Harris	Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border Conducted by John Worth.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 26 cwt. 16 lb.

*John Ryder	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	7
John Worth	2	Mrs. C. W. Lawton ..	8
Harold C. Lonyon ..	3	Charles W. Lawton ..	9
†John Scott	4	†Roy Worrall	10
John E. Bibby	5	†Robert B. Smith	11
*Wilfred Kerr	6	John R. Bibby	Tenor

Composed by H Johnson. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal on 12 bells † First of Grandsire Cinques. Ringers of 10 and 11 have now rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques
Rung by members of the Guild Committee, conducted by the Master.

ST. MARTIN'S, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Single Oxford Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*David Allman	Treble	A. Doreen Edwards	4
Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	2	John R. Scott	5
†Keith W. Eaton .. .	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
* First peal of four Minor methods. † First of four Minor methods "inside."

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
On Fri., Oct. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

David Allman	Treble	Leon A. Perry	4
John R. Scott	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	5
Keith W. Eaton	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
Rung as a farewell to Canon J. R. Bellyse on his retirement. Also as a birthday compliment to Leon A. Perry.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD
HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb in D.

*Richard S Starkie	Treble	†Robert W. Sherriff ..	6
†Peter Church	2	Geoffrey W. Randall ..	7
†Peter C. Randall	3	F. Neville Pailing	8
†John F. Thorne	4	Alan H. Bridges	9
†Christopher J. Royal ..	5	Michael Maughan . ..	Tenor

Arranged by Ian C. Maycock Conducted by Geoffrey W. Randall.
* First peal of Bob Royal † First on ten bells. First on ten bells as conductor.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Thurs., Oct 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Frederick W Stone ..	Treble	Gordon A. Halls	6
Felicity T. Webber	2	Malcolm P. Phipps	7
Valerie Meadows	3	Peter Marriott	8
Edward F Gobey	4	Burley P. Morris	9
Clive Thrower	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by G. Freebrey. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St Wilfrid.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 MAPPERLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Jack Chadwick	Treble	Clive Thrower	5
Felicity T. Webber	2	Edmund Shuttleworth ..	6
Edward F. Gobey	3	Gordon A. Halls	7
Peter Bellamy Knights ..	4	Denis R Carlisle	Tenor

Composed by E Shuttleworth. Conducted by Gordon A Halls.

MAPPERLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
H. and M 2,119. —38—14—58—16—34—3458—34—18. l.h. 16482735.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross and St Lawrence.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 38 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in C.

Dennis Ellisdon	Treble	Alfred J. House	7
Donald E. Cobb	2	Ian L Dear	8
Kenneth Warner	3	Michael C Austin	9
Colin G. Wright	4	Dennis A. Hewitt	10
Frederick W. Ellis	5	Robert J. Chapman	11
Andrew J. Slade	6	Roger Durrant	Tenor

Composed by Albert M Tyler. Conducted by Donald E. Cobb.
Rung to mark the 900th anniversary of the death of Harold, King of England and founder and benefactor of Waltham Abbey.

GREAT BARDFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt

*Lesley Ward	Treble	*Peter G. Pitt	5
*Stephen D. Humphrey ..	2	*Brian J. Vaughan	6
Adrian G. Semken ..	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
Neil V. Avis	4	*David C. Culham	Tenor

Composed by Charles W Roberts. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal in the method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7th observation). Tenor 22¼ cwt.

Frank V. Gant	Treble	Chris C. M. Pain	5
Joan M. Peacock	2	George W. Cecil	6
Colin E. Wright	3	John W. Stephenson	7
John McDonald	4	Frederick E. Scoones	Tenor

Conducted by Frank V. Gant.

Rung as part of the local celebrations to mark the 1,300th anniversary of the foundation of Barking Abbey in A.D. 666 by S. Erkenwald, Bishop of London.

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Peter G. Brown	Treble	*Jennifer M. Syder	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Walter Arnold	6
*Robert J. Lindsell	3	Frank B. Lufkin	7
John Warner	4	Alan R. Syder	Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin
* First peal in the method.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 13 methods as follows: (1) London and Double Court Bob, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise. (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Oxford and Double Bob, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt

Lesley Ward	Treble	Stephen D. Humphrey	4
Alfred E. Honeywood	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Neil V. Avis	3	Peter G. Pitt	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.
On Wed., Oct. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, as follows: Four of Plain Bob, one of Kent T.B., one of Oxford T.B. and one of Kent and Oxford T.B.

*Neil V. Avis	Treble	*Peter G. Pitt	4
Frank B. Lufkin	2	Brian J. Vaughan	5
David I. Morgan	3	Stephen D. Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* 50th peal together.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORKTOWN, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F.

Michael J. Church	Treble	*Michael W. Brown	5
*Alan D. Elsmore	2	*Derek A. Cox	6
*Beryl R. Simpson	3	Stanley G. Ponting	7
*Peter G. Smart	4	Tom Page	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin Conducted by Tom Page
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung in memory of John S. Goldsmith, and as a farewell to Michael Brown, who is leaving the district for Cyprus.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Elizabeth Taylor	Treble	*Michael Hart	5
Gillian Sims	2	Peter D. Sell	6
Ralph C. Godsall	3	Marcus C. W. Sherwood	7
George T. Cousins	4	Austin T. Wingate	Tenor

Composed by W. F. Moreton. Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* 25th peal. First in the method by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Guild.

ASTON INGHAM, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

John Clements	Treble	*James Ward	4
*C. William Nutt	2	E. Charles Biggs	5
John J. Webb	3	Leonard J. Walters	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band.

CLODOCK, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Clydog.
On Sat. Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Rev. Canterbury, Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Rosemary Bray	Treble	Lawrence T. Mainwaring	4
Leonard J. Walters	2	*E. Charles Biggs	5
Leslie Evans	3	John Clements	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal in three Minor methods.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Oct. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Thelwall, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Cambridge S., St. Clement's, S. Oxford and Plain B. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Edwin J. Upton	Treble	Augustin V. Good	4
Walter Ayre	2	†Keith Sheppard	5
*Francis M. Byrne	3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods "inside."
Rung half-muffled as an expression of sympathy with the inhabitants of Aberfan in the time of their great distress.

THE HULL COLLEGES GUILD.

BURSTWICK, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Oct. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Wells, London, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Richard S. Starkie	Treble	†Peter Church	4
*Alan H. Bridges	2	Geoffrey W. Randall	5
Ronald Ducker	3	Michael Maughan	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal of seven Surprise Minor. † First of Surprise. First peal for the Guild.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Oct. 14, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Herbert E. Audsley	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	John W. Smith	6
Frank J. Matthews	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Frederick J. Cullum	4	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

CHATHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

D. Paul Smith	Treble	Raymond E. Finch	5
Judith M. Corby	2	Brian E. Jemmett	6
Alexander Waddington	3	Christopher T. Osenton	7
Peter S. Muchlinski	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
Rung as a wedding compliment to John E. Newcombe and Evelyn M. Mott, who were married later this day at this church.

LONDON, S.E.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in G.

Bernard E. Matthews	Treble	Roger D. Bailey	5
*John Q. Pladdys	2	David E. Rothera	6
E. Winifred Keys	3	Timothy G. Pett	7
*Robin R. Churchill	4	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
* First peal in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KENDAL, Westmorland.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

Gillian A. Leale	Treble	Maurice G. Ingram	6
John E. Anderson	2	Robin G. Leale	7
Cyril F. Low	3	William S. Deason	8
Kathleen M. Higgins	4	Eric N. Harrison	9
William G. Wilson	5	Frederick R. Scott	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
The conductor has now rung a peal in every county in England, plus the Channel Islands, and is the first to do so.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Jane Reynolds	Treble	James Blackburn	5
Diana J. Handley	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
*Nicholas M. Newby	3	Dennis H. McCormick	7
Thomas F. Metcalfe	4	*Frank Reynolds	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the retirement of the Rt. Rev. Thomas Bloomer, Bishop of Carlisle, and as a tribute to his work in this diocese.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

H. Leslie Squires	Treble	*Charles F. Baxter	5
Roland W. Morant	2	†William A. Holmes	6
William A. Dale	3	Denis A. Frith	7
Thomas A. Relf	4	‡W. Bryan Cox	Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

OLD BOLINGBROKE, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., Oct. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Double Oxford, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Peter Kilner	Treble	Philip H. Reynolds	4
Joan Gilbert	2	Harold Barsley	5
R. Arthur Goldsmith	3	Albert E. Flatters	Tenor

Conducted by Albert E. Flatters.
Rung to commemorate the birth of King Henry IV (600th centenary) at Old Bolingbroke Castle.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Single Oxford and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

Robert E. Harrison	Treble	Maurice Lings	4
Pamela A. Gill	2	John H. Parker	5
Walter Ayre	3	Septimus Neave	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

ELSHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Oct. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double and Single Oxford, Oxford and Kent T.B. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Jack Bray	Treble	Roger Hippesley	4
C. Aubrey Harrison	2	Maurice Lings	5
Harold Judd	3	Frank G. Bloomfield	Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.

FISHTOFT, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Guthlac.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 16 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Bourne Surprise, (2) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (3) Hereward and Single Oxford, (4) Norwich Surprise, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, Childwall, St. Clement's and Buxton, (6) Surfleet and Beverley Surprise, (7) Double and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	Keith R. Davey	4
Janet E. Hubbard	2	Albert E. Flatters	5
R. Arthur Goldsmith	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

HALSALL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents St. Clement's and three Plain Bob.

*F. David Keast	Treble	David F. Moore	4
Susan D. Cowan	2	David G. Wilford	5
Julie E. Lethbridge	3	Jeffrey J. Fox	Tenor

Conducted by David F. Moore.
* First peal. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.
On Wed., Oct. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Westminster and Allendale, (3) Norfolk and Primrose, (4) Berwick and Hexham, (5) Durham and York, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Ipswich and Cambridge, with 33 changes of method.
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	Roger D. Bailey	4
John Q. Pladdys	2	Michael W. Coleman	5
Robin R. Churchill	3	Timothy G. Pett	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
The ringers of the treble and tenor have now "circled the tower." Rung as a somewhat belated wedding compliment to Nicholas J. Davies and Brenda M. Foster.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Charles H. Blake	Treble	Frank Pearson	4
Wilfred G. Saunders	2	H. William Barrett	5
Frank C. J. Arnold	3	C Frank W. Phillippo	Tenor

Conducted by C. Frank Phillippo.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. D. H. Mee; former Rector of Bunwell, and interred there the previous day.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E flat.

William Hibbert	Treble	Ernest J. Gower	6
*Clare F. Dolphin	2	John W. T. Hibbert	7
Michael V. Chilcott	3	Richard C. Stevens	8
Patricia E. Hibbert	4	Brian R. White	9
Cyril J. Hibbert	5	Edward Holdsworth	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.
* First peal on ten bells.

BUCKINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 27 cwt. 3 lb.

Frederick A. H. Wilkins	Treble	Roger Cadamy	5
Edgar J. Smith	2	James Linnell	6
William A. Yates	3	George W. Holland	7
Raymond A. Vickers	4	Frederick Vickers	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by George W. Holland.
The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower."

IVER, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Frederick R. Scott	Treble	Anthony D. Sansom	5
Gillian A. Leale	2	Maurice G. Ingram	6
Robert M. Ashman	3	Robin G. Leale	7
*Michael J. Church	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."
Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. J. E. Foster, one-time tower captain at Iver, and Mrs. Foster.

OLD WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Andrew.
On Mon., Oct. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 of Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

J. Keith Ward	Treble	Jonathan S. N. Porter	5
Gillian M. Hunt	2	Frederick R. Scott	6
Maurice G. Ingram	3	David P. Hilling	7
Timothy G. Pett	4	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
The ringer of the sixth has now "circled the tower."

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Oct 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

George E. Fearn	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
*Ann E. Fellows	2	Martin D. Fellows	8
Michael J. Fellows	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	John A. Anderson	10
*James Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
John C. Eisel	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Londinium.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	John C. Eisel	6
Diana M. Chapman	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
Elisabeth A G. Bowden	3	Peter Bridle	8
George E. Fearn	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
Norman J Goodman	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W .Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Sept. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 38 lb. in A.

Peter J. Stretton	Treble	John R. Insley	5
Ann E. Fellows	2	Peter Border	6
Edward W. Colley	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
James Insley	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 98 lb. in B flat.

Merryn Hutchings	Treble	J. Alan Ainsworth	5
John R. Insley	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
B. Gillian Schofield	3	James Insley	7
Ann E. Fellows	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Court, Oxford Bob and three extents Plain Bob Tenor 7 cwt.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	Frederick Derry	3
*Robert D. Marsh	2	Maurice W. Harrison	4
James H Musson	Tenor		

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal of Minor in five methods.

GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven varied extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Sidney Carnall	Treble	A. Harry Hawcroft	4
Katherine Burchnall	2	*Peter Carnall	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harold Denman	Tenor

Conducted by Harold Denman.
* First peal and first attempt.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
ALREWAS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 5 lb. in F.

*Ruth A. E. Fairbrother	Treble	†George Morrall	5
*Frederick R. Wiggin	2	Ian Friend	6
†Jennifer M. Beech	3	Frank Beech	7
†Edward R. Fairbrother	4	Richard J. Warrilow	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Richard J. Warrilow.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung half-muffled as a token of sympathy for the people of Aberfan.

CANNOCK, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb.

*Susan Lloyd	Treble	*R. David Baker	5
Susan J. Devey	2	Kenneth W. Price	6
†Shelagh C. Guthrie	3	Peter J. Barker	7
‡Lynda Roberts	4	Gerald W. Reynolds	Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Barker.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal. ‡ First peal "inside." First peal on the bells by a local band.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the lives lost in the Aberfan disaster.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
GODSHILL, Isle of Wight.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt, 91 lb. in G sharp.

*David H. Stone	Treble	Robert A. Partridge	4
†Susan E. M. Davis	2	Michael J. Thomas	5
Heather A. Walters	3	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal of Minor. † First "inside" and of Minor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
GREAT HAMPTON, Evesham, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 60 lb. in F sharp.

Arthur D. Sayer	Treble	Robert W. Cole	5
*Andrew Jopp	2	Arthur C. Berry	6
Leonard Mills	3	Walter H. Raxter	7
†Allan Russell	4	Fred C. Pugh	Tenor

Composed by A J. Corrigan. Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

Terrence W. Brighton	Treble	R. Joy Watkins	4
Jennifer Pearce	2	Alan E. Hartley	5
Derek J. Jones	3	A. W. Alan Leggett	Tenor

Conducted by A. W. Alan Leggett.

(Sheffield and District Society)
WENTWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Oct. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Tenor 10 cwt

Neil Donovan	Treble	David Nichols	3
Richard J. Tibbetts	2	Frederick J. Jackson	4
Stuart Armeson	Tenor		

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
Rung in memoriam Fabian Stephen. R.I.P.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Edgbaston.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 16 in C.

Graham C. Paul	1–2	Richard J. Parker	5–6
Rupert A. Clarke	3–4	James R. White	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

BIRMINGHAM.—At The Union, University Road, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Oct. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in C.

Graham C. Paul	1–2	Richard J. Parker	5–6
John R. Insley	3–4	*Rupert A. Clarke	7–8
James R. White	9–10		

Arranged by Robert B. Smith. Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
* 200th peal.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
DURHAM CITY, Co. Durham.—At 104, Holy Wing, Bede College.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

*Ruth Horwood	1–2	Malcolm E. Johnson	3–4
David J. Marshall (cond.)	5–6		

* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.
On Tues., Oct. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Edward J. Beer	5–6
*Frank J. Matthews	3–4	Christopher T. Osenton	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal in the method "in hand."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.
On Tues., Oct. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising Wellington Little Court, Reverse Bob, Double Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob, Little Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's and Crayford College Bob, with 258 changes of method.
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	George E. Feirn	5–6
*Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack L Millhouse	7–8

Composed by George E. Feirn. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal in eight methods "in hand."

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At Hadleigh, The Avenue
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Gwen I. Bloomfield	1–2	Geoffrey R. Parker	5–6
Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse	7–8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

HALF PEAL

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.—On July 20th, 2,520 Minor (720 Cambridge, 720 Oxford and Kent (spliced), 360 Single Oxford, 720 Plain Bob): R. Amos 1, R. Chapman 2, R. J. Sharpe 3, D. Hammond 4, W. Rivitt 5, E. Jeffries (cond.) 6.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Betty Stewart 1, E. J. Bragg 2, D. Elsmore 3, Mary Davey 4, Edna Siggery 5, W. H. Viggers 6, T. Page (cond.) 8. Rung prior to the Mary Bragg memorial dedication service.

ALDINGTON, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Drage (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Sinden 2, Dr. J. L. Garraway 3, A. P. S. Berry 4, C. Wyld 5, D. L. Cawley (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Nicholas Davies and Brenda Foster, married this day.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Valerie Perrott 1, Sal Parrott 2, A. Walker 3, J. L. Hayns (first of Doubles "inside") 4, T. Skilton (cond.) 5, S. Mortimore (first quarter) 6. First of Doubles 1, 2, 5. Rung by Leatherhead District members on the morning of the Guildford Guild dinner.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—At Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hedgcock 1, Miss M. Elsdon 2, Miss J. Whorlow 3, Mrs. M. Firman 4, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 5, G. Firman 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bridges, on their 34th wedding anniversary this day.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Draper 1, Renee Sturgess 2, Rosemary Kemp 3, R. K. Hawkins 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, S. A. Scott 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, F. E. Fagg 8.

BREASTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Harris 1, Margaret Coombs 2, Caroline Stewart 3, P. Woollven 4, D. R. McLean 5, J. G. Hallett (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor 2 and 3. By Nottingham U.S.C.R

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Marriott 1, R. Chapman 2, Miss P. J. Hillson 3, F. C. Hulatt (first of Major) 4, C. M. Payne 5, E. P. Inskip 6, D. A. Hammond 7, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 8.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. P. Inskipp (first quarter) 1, Linda M. Groves 2, Helen E. Gilbert 3, P. J. Gibson 4, T. J. Sheahan 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. For Family Communion.

CAMPTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Blackburn 1, A. L. Lawrence 2, Miss M. Simons 3, H. Lawrence 4, S. H. Ashton (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Carol C. Bunn (first Minor) 1, A. B. Eldridge 2, L. H. Bennett 3, D. W. Standing 4, R. H. Glover (first of Minor as cond.) 5, K. I. Davis 6. First of Minor by the parish team. For Harvest Thanksgiving, and a farewell to the Rector (Rev. E. J. Field) and his wife, on their retirement after ten years in the parish. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. W. Standing 1, Christine A. McGarrick (first of Minor) 2, Carol C. Bunn ((first of Minor "inside") 3, L. H. Bennett 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, K. I. Davis 6.

CHELSEA, LONDON.—At St. Luke's, on Oct. 18th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. L. Jones (first on ten) 1, R. Jean Henderson (first of Caters) 2, R. J. Cooles 3, C. J. N. Dalton 4, Veronica E. Dupre 5, Julie E. Spurgeon (first on ten) 6, A. F. Udall 7, M. J. Wycherley 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, J. H. Lott 10. For Evensong.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Talbot (first of Major) 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2, W. Nicholson 3, D. G. Hall 4, P. H. Gardner 5, I. V. Wintrip 6, P. D. Wenham 7, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 8. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Talbot 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2, A. Boyd 3, P. D. Wenham 4, J. Close 5, I. V. Wintrip 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, I. Hope 8. Both for Harvest Festival.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): P. Payne 1, T. J. Wellen 2, J. H. Payton (cond. 600) 3, M. D. Fuller 4, J. F. Payne (cond. 660) 5, N. J. Smith 6. For Patronal Festival. Also 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: M. D. Fuller 1, T. J. Wellen 2, Miss R. Weal 3, J. H. Payton (cond.) 4, J. F. Payne 5, P. Payne 6.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,266 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, E. Webber 2, W. J. Smith (cond.) 3, L. Cavill (first "inside") 4, C. Lock 5, R. Somerfield 6. Rung after the induction of Preb. P. Cowley to this living. Also on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Smith 1, E. Webber 2, J. Aldridge (cond.) 3, L. Cavill 4, C. Lock 5, A. Welsher 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

QUARTER PEALS

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Harrison 1, R. Newson 2, F. Sutton 3, Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 4, W. W. Cousins 5, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 6, H. B. Fuller 7, O. P. Claxton (first on the tenor) 8. For Evensong.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. J. Bullock 1, R. K. Williams 2, P. G. Hickey 3, E. C. Biggs 4, S. B. Bell (first as cond.) 5, W. D. Cook 6. To commemorate the 900th anniversary of the Battle of Senlac. Also for St. Luke's Day.
Triples (Holt's Original): T. Culver 1, F. Hurrell 2.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Miss K. Catherne 3, K. Small 4, G. Clarke (cond.) 5, —, Teinnidiff 6, Dr. D. Hollis 7, Miss T. Brown 8. For Evensong.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,439 Grandside Caters: F. W. Pinchbeck 1, V. P. Evans (first of Caters "inside") 2, D. A. Frith (cond.) 3, Mrs. H. Ketteringham 4, J. Goodall 5, J. R. Holmes 6, K. Ketteringham 7, H. L. Squires 8, H. R. Woods 9, A. Crawford (first on ten) 10. For Patronal Festival.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Drury 1, R. J. Ellis 2, Janet I. Rogers 3, J. A. Underwood 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5, R. J. Fordham 6. First of Minor 1 and 2.

HARKSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): S. Christian 1, M. Christian 2, M. H. Whittell 3, M. J. Howes (cond.) 4, R. Lockwood 5.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: P. Payne 1, Miss D. Street (cond 600) 2, T. J. Wellen 3, J. H. Payton (cond. 660) 4, M. D. Fuller 5. For the induction of the new Rector.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (Oxford Bob, Grandsire): R. W. R. Percy 1, Janet M. Percy 2, Christine M. Baldock 3, S. F. Buckland 4, Mrs. B. Percy 5, I. V. J. Smith 6, A. R. Baldock (cond.) 7, C. A. Levett 8. First of Spliced Triples 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. To celebrate the novocentenary of Battle of Senlac.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Huddleston 1, C. Abbott 2, G. Locke 3, M. Gregory 4, D. Huddleston 5, R. Huddleston (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Liz Pearce (first quarter) 1, Sue Ellis 2, Dianne Gazeley 3, W. Knight 4, G. Ellis (cond.) 5, Ruth Foreman 6. For Parish Communion.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Mitchell 1, Lynn I. Clowe (first "inside") 2, C. J. Groome 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (12 methods/variations): Delphine E. L. Holman 1, E. Anthea M. Sparshott 2, Shirley E. Jones 3, P. C. Randall 4, A. J. Cox (cond.) 5, P. Ebsworth 6. For the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Cox, parents of the conductor.

KEYWORTH, NOTTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. L. Exton 1—2, B. M. Buswell 3—4, R. B. Mills (cond.) 5—6.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: M. Worthington (first quarter) 1, A. W. Childs 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, F. J. Robinson 4, A. A. F. Peters 5, K. Perrin 6. A farewell to the Rector, Rev. D. Howells, on leaving to become Rector of Tring.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Margaret R. Durrington (first on ten) 1, June Sinfield 2, Diana M. Frost 3, H. B. Whitney 4, Valerie Willard 5, J. Sinfield 6, K. Jackson (first on ten) 7, K. Spavins 8, A. J. Frost (cond.) 9, R. Woodruff 10. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Willard. Also on Sept. 12th, 1,296 Minor (St. Clement's and Cambridge): Margaret R. Durrington 1, Diana M. Frost 2, H. B. Whitney 3, A. J. Frost (cond.) 4, K. Jackson 5, E. Conquest 6.

LIVERPOOL, LANCS.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ, on Oct. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: T. Hesketh 1, M. Snape 2, J. Brown 3, A. Martin 4, D. Jones 5, D. Moore 6, J. Pryor 7, D. Wilford 8, A. McFall 9, E. Birkett 10, T. Fitzgerald 11, R. Smith (cond.) 12.

MICHELDEVER, HANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): K. Waller 1, D. Hughes 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, B. Walton 5, M. Palmer 6.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemarie Walton 1, B. S. Gambrill 2, Lesley Read (cond.) 3, T. S. Bowles 4, D. M. Hughes 5, F. A. Cullifford 6.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,272 Minor (Cambridge and Kent and Oxford): J. Swain 1, F. Knowles 2, W. Swain 3, V. Cox 4, P. H. Wright 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Doubles: Mrs. M. Kortwright 1, Mrs. R. Short 2, H. Hardwidge 3, L. Derrick (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, L. Childs 6. A compliment to L. Childs, on the 8th anniversary of his wedding.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Laverack 1, P. Raithby 2, Margaret E. Chilton 3, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, J. W. Raithby 5, A. E. Chilton 6, P. Wakefield 7, H. Stevenson 8. Annual ringing of Gopher.

NORTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: R. G. Beck (cond.) 1, W. A. Osborn 2, M. Heymann 3, D. Targett 4, H. D. Mackay 5, E. J. Targett 6. First of Kent Minor by all.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Morgan 1, Susan Holden 2, E. Patching 3, G. Holden 4, P. Holden (cond.) 5, J. List 6. To the Glory of God, and as a compliment to the four "village Evangelists."

PACKINGTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cotton (first quarter) 1, N. Cotton (first quarter first attempt) 2, W. F. Woodward 3, G. Bailey 4, J. W. Cotton 5, Rev. M. C. C. Melville (cond.) 6.

PAISLEY, RENFREWSHIRE.—On Aug. 31st, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. J. N. Dalton 1, R. D. Bellamy 2, J. L. Claughton 3, G. E. Bonham 4, G. W. Elmes 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, P. Mehew 7, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 8.

PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Houghton 1, Shelagh Collins (cond., 100th quarter) 2, F. Sutton 3, W. Cousins 4, R. Newson 5, C. Cousins 6, N. V. Harding 7, T. Simmons 8. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. L. Ann Mew 1, Janet M. Hudson 2, C. F. Mew 3, I. W. Allen 4, B. J. Bull 5, A. R. Millidge (cond., 100th quarter on bells) 6. A welcome to Rev. J. E. Sealy as priest-in-charge of All Saints', Putney.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Dallison 1, I. Goacher 2, A. J. Bull 3, W. Dunn 4, K. Dallison 5, D. D. Atfield 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, G. West 8. For Hospital Sunday.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. Andrews 1, C. S. Jarrett 2, E. J. Beer 3, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 4, G. Kenward 5, P. Chidwick 6, S. Sandford 7, G. Philpott 8, B. Jemmett 9, L. Crouch 10. A welcome to the new Dean, the Very Rev. S. W. Betts.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's, on Oct. 9th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Jean Dale 1, D. Fellows 2, Celia Bland 3, P. Dale 4, P. J. Fells 5, G. Penney (cond.) 6. First in the method by all the band except the conductor.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6 and 8 cover): I. Whorlow (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Whorlow 2, Miss S. Wenden 3, Miss M. Elsdon 4, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 5, E. Fowles 6, G. Firman 7, W. Bridges 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Whorlow (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, Miss J. Pursey 3, Miss J. Whorlow 4, Miss M. Elsdon 5, G. Firman 6, A. W. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. In memoriam Mr. J. A. Russell.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Rees 1, Miss D. Wilson (cond.) 2, R. Penn (first "inside") 3, Mrs. J. Rees 4, D. J. Goodman 5. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Sutton 1, W. Cousins 2, Shelagh Collins 3, R. Newson 4, C. Cousins 5, L. Houghton 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, T. Simmons 8.

WIMBORNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. M. Overend (first quarter) 1, W. C. Shute 2, C. E. Bishop 3, A. F. Matthews 4, E. C. Burt 5, G. C. Grant 6, L. J. Lockyer (cond.) 7, M. Jenkins 8.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): W. Lovell 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, S. Lewis 3, J. Coombs 4, J. Lambard 5, W. Kingsbury 6. To celebrate the birth of a son to Candy and Ronald Ballam (ringer at this tower).

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: C. Gumbrell 1, K. Underwood 2, E. Warner 3, J. Avenall 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, C. Slyfield 6. A wedding compliment to Miss C. White and Mr. D. Tubbs.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ewers 1, L. J. Gregory 2, C. East 3, H. G. Rand 4, J. Eustace (cond.) 5, W. H. Ayris 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Wing Commander Patrick Brunner, interred this day.

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ENGAGEMENTS

BARNES—PARISH. — The engagement is announced between John Barnes, of Orpington, Kent, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Barnes, of Caston, Norfolk, and Anne, daughter of the late Dr. T. N. Parish and of Mrs. Parish, Hazels, Cranbrook, Kent. 246

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"All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."—II Timothy iii, 16.

MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A Dinner will be held at Wells Town Hall on November 12th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Names essential with remittance of £1 to Mr. D. G. Yeo, Estune, Brockway, Nailsea, Bristol, by November 1st.—G. Salmon, Gen. Sec.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
Our Annual Dinner will be held in the Three Tuns Hotel, New Elvet, on Saturday, December 3rd. Tickets (25/-) from Miss P. Armitage, St. Mary's College, Durham, not later than November 23rd. Ringing arrangements with tickets. 245

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION
College of Campanology

On the retirement of the Founder Principal at the close of ten years of life of the College, the Governors, with regret, hereby notify all members and interested persons of the closing down of the organised work of the College, with its dissolution as from the end of its academic year just closed. The decision has been reached as the result of circumstances detailed in the terminal bulletin recently issued to all active members and affiliated schools of ringing. The Principal and other members of the Administrative Committee would place on record their deep appreciation of all the support and encouragement which have enabled the College to achieve such as it has, and for recent tributes to its work and place in the Exercise.

EDNA Jones, Registrar.

Southsea.
October, 1966. 240

ST. MARY'S, FELPHAM, SUSSEX. — Owing to maintenance work there will be no ringing for two to three weeks.—R. Wake.

ST. ANDREW'S, STRATTON RINGING FESTIVAL
Saturday, December 3rd

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ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY, WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE

Rehung ring of six bells will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Newark (the Ven. Brian Woodhams).

On Friday, November 11th, 1966 at 7.30 p.m.

All welcome. Refreshments available later. 205

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Whitnash, November 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by more ringing. Names for tea to Mr. P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Whitnash. (Tel. Leamington 26089.)—P. S. Bennett. 116

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Meeting at Soham on Saturday November 5th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting and ringing until 8 p.m. Special methods: Grandsire Caters and Little Bob Royal 212

ESSEX ASSOCIATION — Northern District.—Meeting at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, November 5th Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. G Howard-Davies, The Rectory, Sible Hedingham, **please.** 158

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—As restoration work has started on the tower at Hatfield Broad Oak Church, the meeting will be held at Old Harlow on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—G Blake, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex 214

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting, Walton, Saturday, November 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names for tea to Mr. D. Miseldine, 44, Garden Road, Walton-on-Thames. 142

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Meeting at Bridstow (8), Saturday, November 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea please, to J. J. Webb, 23, Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye. 189

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Evening meeting, Abbots Langley, on Saturday, November 5th. Bells (6) 6.30 p.m.—G. W Seaman, Dis. Sec. 200

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Hindley (8), Saturday, November 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to Mr. J. Halsall, 82, Lord Street, Hindley, Wigan, Lancs.—K. Wilson, Sec. 242

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District —Meeting, Basford, Saturday November 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr R W. Carlisle, 227, Allendale Avenue, Aspley, Nottingham. 211

SUFFOLK GUILD. — South East District. — A practice meeting of Surprise methods at St. Peter's, Henley (8), Saturday, November 5th, 7-8.30 p.m. All who would like to have a go are welcome.—W. L. 244

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Lindfield (8), Saturday, November 5th Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 Please bring own food; cups of tea will be provided at a small charge. Tea followed by meeting in the Congregational Hall.—E L. Hairs, Hon Div. Sec. 190

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Penzance Branch.—Combined method ringing practice, Lelant, Saturday, November 5th, 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m All stages catered for. Methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent Minor, etc No refreshments available. All welcome. 184

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, November 7th, at 7 p.m. S.M.: Oxford Bob Triples. 239

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting on November 8th at 8.15 p.m. at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4 (including election of officers). Practices (all at 6.30 p.m.): November 8th, St. Paul's Cathedral; November 15th, St. Mary-le-Bow; November 22nd, St. Andrew's, Holborn; November 29th, Southwark Cathedral.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 250

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Maulden (8) on Saturday, November 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Special methods: Superlative and St. Clement's Triples. All made welcome. 199

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Sutton-on-Hull (6), Saturday, November 12th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Committee meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull, by previous Thursday. 254

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Clowne, November 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. G. Hunt, 9, East Street, Clowne, Chesterfield. No name—no tea. Special methods: Double Oxford and Killamarsh. — Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 252

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, November 12th, at Crawley (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., with further ringing and business after tea. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by Friday, November 11th. Names for the annual dinner, to be held on January 14th, to the secretary, please. 238

ESSEX ASSOCIATION — South Eastern District —A meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Ringing after until 8.30. Names for tea to I R Panton 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. (57827.) 204

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District) and MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (N and E. District).—Joint meeting at Epping, November 12th Service 4 p.m., followed by tea Bells (8) available after tea until 8 p.m Short business meeting for Essex members after tea. Names for tea to C. Moore, 74, Bury Road, Harlow, by Thursday, November 10th 169

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Western District.—Meeting, Flamstead (6), November 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. 269

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, November 12th, at **St. Andrew's**, Hertford, 6.30 p.m to 9 p.m.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 176

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Ightham, Saturday, November 12th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. A. Collins, Rita Ightham, near Sevenoaks, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Bowness on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr F. Wilson, The Cote, Beresford Road, Bowness-on-Windermere.—T. F. Metcalfe. 234

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, November 12th. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 236

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Walsden (Todmorden) on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Meat and potato pie tea 5 p.m., only for those who send names to Mr. J. M. D. Bateman, 7, Ashdene, Walsden, Todmorden, by Wednesday, 9th Business 6 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 248

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Central Branch) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting, Nettleham, Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to G. R. Parker, Iona, Sudbrooke Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln, by November 10th.—G. R. P. 196

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Whaplode, Saturday, November 12th Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea **must** be sent to K. R. Davey, 59, High Street, Holbeach, Lincs, by Tuesday, November 8th, at the latest. 192

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Ringing meeting at St. Athan (6) on Saturday, November 12th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea (essential this time) to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Roose, Barry, Glam, by November 7th. Tel. Rhoose 494. Note: No business (except for election of new members), unless members give one week's notice. 186

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, November 12th, St. Mary's, Battersea Church Road, 2–3; St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, 3.30–4.30; St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington Church Street. Business 6 p.m. Ringing after.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. Renown 4423. 249

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Monthly practice for Western Deaneries at Lyng, Saturday, November 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Reepham, and ringing at Reepham after tea 5.30–8 p.m. 241

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Autumn meeting at Caversham on Saturday, November 12th. Bells: St. Peter's 3–4.30 and 7–9; Mapledurham 7.30–9. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30 Tea and meeting at Caversham Church House 5.30. Names for tea to Mrs. T. N. Lanaghan, 9, Hemdean Road, Caversham, by Wednesday, November 9th. 262

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, November 12th. Important: Names for tea to Miss Anita Starmer, The Bull Inn, Harpole, Northampton, by Monday previous. —F. W. Hancock. 258

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Ellesmere on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Bells after tea from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Whitehead, 2, Beech House, Ellesmere, Salop, by November 9th.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 243

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Notts.—Meeting at East Markham on November 12th. Names for tea to Rev. Wright, The Vicarage, East Markham, by the Wednesday previous. 255

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham District.—Meeting, East Bridgford, November 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton, by Wednesday previous.—R. Blackshaw. 198

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch. — Method ringing practice, Perran-ar-Worthal (6), Saturday, November 12th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—Mrs. K. N. Mossop, The Vicarage, Constantine, Falmouth. Tel. Constantine 259. 259

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Practice meeting at Felsham (6), Saturday, November 12th. Also District committee meeting. Will all committee members please attend. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m. — A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 266

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Annual District meeting at Blythburgh on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Snowling, 10, East View, Blythburgh, Halesworth, Suffolk, by Wednesday, November 9th. Wenhaston bells (6) available 7–9 p.m..—T. N. J. B. 235

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Owslebury, Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available at Twyford (8) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Hornby, The Rectory, Bramdean, Alresford, Hants, by Monday, November 7th. 263

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, Tuesday, November 15th, Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 177

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N. and N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgerule, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. G. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, by Monday, November 14th.—R. Pearce, Sec. 257

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Burmarsh, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ivychurch bells (5) available for short time, details at meeting. Names for tea to Mr. T. H. Fagg, 7, The Oval, Dymchurch, Romney Marsh, by Thursday, November 17th.—A. P. S. B. 087

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, November 19th, at Milton-next-Gravesend. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, 29, Wilberforce Way, Gravesend, by previous Wednesday.—S. M. D., Hon. Sec. 209

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch. — Meeting at Corringham, Saturday, November 19th Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Special methods: Durham Surprise and Little Bob. —George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 256

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY —Full meeting at Brewood on Sat., November 19th Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Committee meeting 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. S. Dumbell, 8, The Pavement, Brewood, near Stafford, by November 16th, please.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 167

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting at Arundel (8) on Saturday, November 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Mill House Restaurant 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keymer Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
Special General Meeting
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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, November 19th. Sherburn-in-Elmet bells available 2.30. Service, tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. John Potts, North Sweemings Farm, Lennerton, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Tadcaster bells after tea.—R. Ducker, Dis. Sec.

LATE NOTICES

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting at Priory Church, Worksop, November 5th. Bells (8) available from 3.20 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. to 8 p.m. Names for tea (cost 2s.), please, to Miss Philips, 19, Cuthbert Street, Worksop. All welcome. — Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 270

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 12th, at St. Mary's, Gateshead. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Thow, 32, Raby Street, Gateshead 8, Co. Durham, not later than Wednesday, November 9th. 272

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While the bells were merrily ringing.

Another day had come to its close;
Before it ended, a thought for those
Who worked, arranged all and the route chose;
Our grateful thanks to all. D. L. M.

LATE NEWS

We regret to learn that Mr. William Hewett, captain at St. Margaret's, Westminster, died on Sunday at 7 p.m.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire has lost its oldest member by the death on October 12th of Mr. Jack Hall, aged 86 years.

QUARTER PEALS

LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 18th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): Miss P. Lees 1, J. Tonks 2, Miss A. Whaley 3, A. Walker 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, J. Stephenson 6. First in five methods 2 and 3. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 16th, 1,440 Doubles (seven methods): Miss C. Thompson 1, J. Tonks 2, Miss A. Whaley 3, H. P. Thompson 4, A. Walker (cond.) 5, J. Stephenson 6. First in seven methods for the band. For Harvest Festival.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Bob Doubles: A. Lazzerini (first quarter) 1, D. Lazzerini 2, R. Mills 3, D Bradley 4, F. Bradley (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: A. J. House 1, Julia A. Fellows 2, K. Warner 3, K. J. Walpole 4, C. Wright 5, D. Ellesdon 6, R. D. Tomlin 7, D. Hewitt 8, M. L. J Jordan 9, A. R. Kench 10, R. E. Hardy 11, G. Penney (cond.) 12. First of Maximus 3, 4, 5 and 7. For dedication festival.

STANTON-ON-HINE HEATH, SALOP.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Beech 1, R. H. Newton 2, E. Fairbrother 3, F. Leech 4, F. Beech 5, E. Willcox (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

STUTTON, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): M. Christian 1, R. Lockwood 2, S. Christian 3, M. H. Whittell 4, A. J. Munnings 5, M. J. Howes (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Stephen F. High.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Garrod 1, Harry Hine 2, Gwynneth M. James 3, A. G. Sears (first of Doubles) 4, P. Owen (cond.) 5, P. M. F. Searles (first P.B. Doubles) 6. For the jubilee of the first peal on the bells.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Runham 1, H. Haines 2, Miss K. Baldwin 3, Mrs Howcutt (first Triples and first in method) 4, D. Everett 5, D. Drayton 6, W. Marsh (cond.) 7, H. Haynes 8. A farewell compliment to H. Haynes.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 14th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Susan Thomas 1, D. E. Cobb 2, June Whitcher 3, A J. Slade 4, I. L. Dear 5, E. T. Newnham 6, R Durrant 7, H. Duncan (50th quarter) 8, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 9, M. C. Austin 10. Rung half-muffled prior to the service held to commemorate the 900th anniversary of the death of Harold, King of England and founder and benefactor of Waltham Abbey.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 London Surprise: R. Spencer 1, H. T Rooke 2, D. Whetton 3, F. Cooke 4, B. A. Richards 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Festal Evensong.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Mrs. M. R. Rowsby 1, J. R. Rowsby 2, E. Treagus 3, H. J. Allberry 4, A. Howard (cond.) 5, M. Fox 6, M. Marshall 7, N. Bridger 8. 7, 6, 8 covering. For Confirmation.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Caroline F. Madge 1, M. Bangham 2, Elizabeth Zass 3, Lesley Eames 4, A. Bagworth (cond.) 5, P Willitse 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Lesley Eames.

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"THE PEAL IS A SACRED COW!"

BROWSING through some past "Ringing World's", it is evident that there is repeated trouble from the public about our ringing. The curse of it to the non-ringing fraternity is partly the noise level, but more especially the length of time which bell-ringers ring when ringing goes on for hours on end as in a peal.

What are some of the facts? Most towers are in the middle of built-up areas — as we would expect churches to be. Peals take anything from two and a half hours to three and a half hours or more. The ringing fraternity itself is conscious of the noise level, or else efforts would not be made in some towers to erect shuttering, bricking-up, using sound-absorbing material, and the various devices for reducing the noise level. Why, at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, I understand all this is so effective that the bells cannot even be heard outside. It's a bit like putting a 100 watt electric bulb inside an opaque shade!

There must be thousands and thousands of folks who enjoy our bells, but haven't the faintest idea of the mechanics of composition. No repetition of a change, or an "extent", means nothing to them. They couldn't care less. But they do appreciate rounds, the going into changes, and the coming into rounds again before stopping. In fact, they appreciate the "touch", though they probably don't know that that is what it is called. When bells go on ringing for hours on end, with, to them, no particular reason, they get thoroughly fed up. Peals may well have done more harm than good! No wonder incumbents are pestered. No wonder incumbents oft-times restrict ringing to 45 or 60 minutes, peals to one a year, or even no peals at all.

What is the prime cause of all this? It is simply that today, as in the past, we accept the peal as requiring 5,040 changes on seven bells or less, 5,000 (or more) on eight bells or more. What a pity that the 720 was never regarded as the peal! And what good fortune that 40,320 is beyond the range of most! To many ringers, the peal is a selfish achievement at the expense of the outside world. And what is there in it after all? It is mainly a feat of endurance. I've done it several times myself, and each time I do it I wonder why I bow down to such conservatism. For we stubbornly hang on to the tradition of our forefathers, regardless of the public interest.

How pedantic to select 5,000 changes as the minimum for any peal on eight or more bells. 5,040 would have had some reason behind it. But then, some peals go on to 5,200 plus. There is no limit. The issue is purely one of endurance. In that respect I see little difference between pole squatters, or people who spend months alone in a cave, and peal ringers.

Don't think I am entirely against such feats. As a glider pilot possessing a "Silver C" certificate and badge, amongst the things I had to do was to remain airborne in a glider for a minimum of five hours. Crazy you might say, especially when I tell you I did this in the bitter cold in Germany, in an open cockpit, mid January. But then, this interfered with no one, and was purely my own affair.

Peal ringers can do what they like in battened-up towers, isolated towers, or in homes with handbells, or anywhere where they are not a nuisance to others. It's all due to the slavish acceptance of the 5,000 or more. The peal is a sacred cow!

Wouldn't it be more sensible to pin our peals to a 720, or even a 1,260, and be hanged to the 5,000 (except behind bars)? Let it be noted that there are half as many quarter peals again as peals published in "The Ringing World." And just why should a peal in "The Ringing World" take up three and a half times the space of a quarter-peal, just because it carried on four times as long, and was probably eight times the nuisance?

What about it all?

REBELLIOUS.

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Worcestershire & Districts Assn. Dinner

SATURDAY, October 22nd, was not only the date of the annual dinner of the Worcestershire Association but was also the last day of Summer Time. It is becoming something of a tradition to hold this event on that day—the advantages of having it so need no explaining!

The dinner was again held in the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, and was attended by 127 members and friends, including visitors from Bournemouth and Leicester. This hall has been the venue for the past six years but redevelopment plans make it seem likely that another hall will have to be found for next year.

One of the features of the Worcester dinner is that speeches are kept to a minimum and, following the loyal toast, the Rev. J. G. Barnish, R.D., rose to propose the toast of "The Association." Mr. Barnish is Rector of All Saints', Worcester, and is also Diocesan Director of Religious Education. Remarking that bellringing is part of our national heritage and that no church is complete without a ring of bells, he said that today people are very concerned with freedom. Before he came to Worcester he was Vicar of Cleeve Prior, and there he had found that the parishioners had also been very concerned with freedom three centuries ago when, during the time that it was illegal to have church bells rung, they had gone ahead and ordered four new bells from Bromsgrove.

MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Barnish also referred to some points from the secretary's report for the previous year and said that members must not be complacent that the Association had a membership of over 500. As the secretary had pointed out, there were over 1,000 bells in the area and if all were to be rung there should be many more members.

Replying to the toast, the Rev. H. L. Davies, chaplain to the Association, also stressed the need for new members. He said that one of the features of bellringing was the way it attracted people from all walks of life and of all ages. Mr. Davies went on to say that he was glad that the Rector of All Saints' had been invited because it gave the Association an opportunity of thanking him for the way in which his church and bells were always at their disposal for the annual service each Easter Monday.

The only other toast was "The Chairman," this position being occupied by the Association's president, the Very Rev R. L. P. Milburn, Dean of Worcester. The toast was proposed by the Master of the Association, Mr. W. B Cartwright, who said that once again it was his duty to thank the Dean for his interest and the help he gave them.

COMING HOME

In his reply, the Dean said that members would probably be interested to hear that he had now retrieved one of the early Cathedral bells which had been disposed of to various places in the country in the last century, when the new ring of 12 was installed. This particular bell had gone to Holy Trinity, Worcester, now a redundant church, and so the bell had come back home again. It was interesting to link this with Mr. Barnish's remarks earlier in that this bell came from almost the same period. It was dated 1640 and inscribed "God Save The King"—the King being Charles I, beheaded in 1649. As to the bell's future now that it was back he had not yet decided, but it would probably go on show.

After the interval the company was entertained. Traditionally the first item is change ringing on handbells, and L. J. Haines, M. R. Ashmore, D. G. Franklin and D. Beacham rang courses of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and "Scalded Witch." This was followed by John Hinton playing tunes on his boxed handbells, and then John's 10-year-old son Philip gave a short piano recital. Following this, the professionals took over, and Eric Williams and his party kept the company amused for a further 45 minutes. D. B.

SURREY ASSOCIATION AID TO LEARNERS

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION is no stranger in the realm of teaching learners. Assistance to struggling towers has been given in the form of special monthly practices, in some cases ranging over several years. The Association provides an instructor and a team of competent ringers to assist the local band. In this way some eight towers have been helped

This year a committee of the Northern District, Mr. Christopher Mew, saw a need for instruction in the theoretical side of change ringing. He undertook to give a course of six lectures on elementary change ringing.

The series followed this pattern:—

(1) First steps: Plain hunting, methods and principles, method construction, the lead, place notation.

(2) Method construction, the plain course, transposition of lead-ends.

(3) The nature of the bob, the effect of the bob, types of bob, position of bob, subsequent work.

(4) The single, coursing order, conducting—position of calls, "observation" bells and position; writing down simple touches, text book styles.

(5) Results of calls, transpositions, simple touches.

(6) Types of compositions, simple proof of Bob Major, aids to ringing, bibliography, test paper.

The lectures took place in the Vestry Hall at Putney on consecutive Wednesdays in September and October, each session lasting for about 1½ hours. Diagrams and figures were written out on kitchen paper, previously ruled into squares, and a blackboard was used. This appeared to make points made in the lecture more clear. Squared paper was provided for the pupils to carry out exercises. Duplicated notes were distributed covering all aspects of the lectures and, when made up in the folder, provided a useful and comprehensive manual of reference.

The attendance at the lectures was most gratifying; thirty-eight different people attended from 13 towers. Ten persons attended all six lectures. A short test was given at the end of the course and one-third of the papers scored 80 per cent, or over; the top mark was gained by a lady ringer—95 per cent.

These lectures have undoubtedly been a success and the Surrey Association is most grateful to Mr. Mew for the time and effort he has put into them.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Cheesman 1, A. J. Adams 2, Andrea Tilley 3, Elizabeth Farrow 4, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 5, G. R. Smerdon 6, G. Huxley 7, L. Reece 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam R. F. Layton.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 13th, at Holy Trinity, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: D. Cox 1, Irene Park 2, G. A. Barker 3, I. Eggleston (first quarter) 4, P. M. Park (first as cond.) 5, R. Park 6.

REDEDICATION LECHLADE GLOS

THE rededication of the rehung ring of six at St. Lawrence's Church, Lechlade, was performed by the Bishop of Gloucester on Saturday, October 22nd, in the presence of a large congregation which included ringers from a dozen towers, one party having made the journey from Bedford. The Loughborough Foundry was represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

After the choir, clergy, churchwardens and Bishop had entered in procession during the singing of "O Worship the King," the Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Radcliffe-Cox) welcomed the visitors and thanked all those who made it possible to carry out the work.

The service included Psalm 122 and well-known hymns, which were sung with great gusto. "Lifted high within the steeple," set to the tune "Austria," went particularly well.

Immediately following the dedication prayers a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung under the direction of Mr. W. F. Scudamore, Association Ringing Master. The band included Mr. W. Godwin (Ringing Master, Cirencester Branch), the other members being local ringers.

One group of prayers was led by the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Rector of Bromsberrow and chairman of the Association. The collection swelled the Bell Restoration Fund by £19 10s.

After the service, refreshments were served in the school by the ladies of the P.C.C., following which the ringers returned to the tower and kept the bells going until 7 p.m. All agreed that Messrs. Taylors had done an excellent job both in improving the "go" of the bells and in mellowing their tone.

On the previous evening a most successful dance was held in the Memorial Hall in aid of the Bell Restoration Fund. A profit of £40 was realised and a draw, for which nearly 3,000 tickets were sold, brought in a further £70. Coupled with the draw was a competition for guessing the total weight of the bells in pounds. A sealed envelope from the foundry was opened and the weight was announced as 5,943 lbs. The winner was Mr. Mike Cook, tower secretary of All Saints', South Cerney, who was only 1 lb. short We were all surprised to know that the tenor, which has been reckoned to weigh varying amounts from 14¼ cwt. to 17 cwt., does in fact only scale 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. H. R. L.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

The October meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held jointly at the two Ogbournes, St. Andrew and St. George, on the 22nd. In the unavoidable absence of the Ringing Master (the Rev. R. Keeley), the ringing was under the direction of Mr. F. Read (viceman), and visitors were present from Nailsea and Backwell (Somerset), Stratton St. Margaret, Swindon and the Royal Air Force, Wroughton. Unfortunately after an hour's ringing the treble clapper came adrift and, breaking the slider in the process, brought the proceedings to an abrupt close.

After the Guild service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. Dunn), a move was made to Ogbourne St. George, where tea had been provided in the Village Hall.

Thanks were expressed by the chairman (Mr. G. Newman) to the Vicar, the organist (Mr. Wiltshire) and, not least, to Mr. and Mrs. White and their tea helpers.

Ringing was resumed on St. George's heavy five until 7.30 p.m., this bringing an eventful afternoon and evening to a very wet end. W. E. A.

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College of Campanology's 10 years of Usefulness to Exercise

"Pro Deo et Ecclesia"

NOTICE, in a recent issue's advertisement columns, of the dissolution of the College of Campanology, evokes not only a sense of regret but also an attempted review of what this society of ringing people may have meant to the Exercise.

Born ten years ago in a surge of optimism the College sought, by practical means, to institute a remedy for what was being recognised by many conscientious ringers of that time as no longer tenable; namely, the lack of rational and more carefully detailed ways of ringing training, especially with the increase in practice of more complex ringing methods.

The project was envisaged almost simultaneously in Eire and in Britain; but, as the latter's Press invitation came out first, Irish support was generously given to it.

The proposed College had three main objectives:—

(a) The collection of up-to-date information on all theoretic and technical aspects of ringing, for dissemination in lectures, pamphlets and book form; this last being planned as the "Ringers' Manual of Reference" in nine "Parts."

(b) The raising of standards of training by definitive demonstration, by affiliation of Ringing Schools and by courses of instruction of three kinds:—
  (i) The One-day Instructors' Course.
  (ii) The Week-end All-grades Residential Course.
  (iii) The Three-monthly Serial Course for Beginners.

(c) The building up of "Panels" of Tutors and Examiners, through whom the standards could be maintained, and certificates of proficiency awarded as desired

Invitations were issued, both by letter and through the columns of "The Ringing World," to join those putting forward this project in drawing up a constitution for, and establishing, the proposed College. To arouse immediate interest a draft script of "Part One" of the proposed Manual was submitted to "The Ringing World," and comment, constructive criticism and suggestions were invited from the Exercise generally.

Unfortunately one or two well-known ringers took the (mistaken) view that the provisional rough draft was to be set up as "The Law of the Medes and Persians that altereth not"—for ringing; and that the College would be some sort of body of opposition. Indeed there was some attempted ridicule in reference to the proposed certificates of proficiency (similar to those issued by many Ringing Associations) as "speech day presentations of parchments tied up in ribbon." In fact the College has shown itself to be jealous in the issuing of its certificate awards—the tests being clear-cut, and the purpose—maintenance of set standards. However, the College has awarded for meritorious service four honorary fellowships

The ultimately adopted constitution of the "College of Campanology" demonstrated the fallacy of the initial criticism. Ringing is, of course, a voluntary service, just as has been the service for the College of all its members, with no **compulsive** examinations or tests Far from being "in opposition" in any sense, the College claims to have endeavoured to be co-operative, for example in the arranging of courses in any given ringing area together with the local bodies.

FIRST RESIDENTIAL WEEK-END

The first residential week-end was that at Dillington House, Somerset, run in conjunction with the local education authority. It made ringing history, in so far as it has proved to be the "parent" of the now well-established form of week-end ringing course, often organised entirely locally.

A direct development of one of the College week-end courses was an invitation from the Director of the Royal College of Music to confer as to their proposal to introduce Campanology into the College syllabus. The Principal had a discussion with the Director and his Registrar, and was able to offer several proposals which the College of Music noted for consideration, and expressed great interest therein. Future action was bound up with the Director's visit to the U.S.A., however and remained "under consideration."

Another request for guidance was from the Boy Scouts' Association in regard to proficiency badges in bell ringing. In complying the College made reference also to the Central Council as an advisory body.

AN INDICATION OF WORK

For several years the College called for fairly detailed reports annually from its members, and from these was compiled an annual or triennial return, appropriately. The following particulars are taken from the last rendered return, i.e. end of second triennial period: Correspondents (local representatives) 20; tutors 36; examiners 12; College officers in 35 counties in Great Britain, Northern Ireland and Eire; also in Southern Rhodesia Tanganyika, U.S.A., Australia and New Zealand Affiliated Schools of Ringing 5, (to that date —); Learners instructed 736; Beginners helped 542; Locations or centres of instruction active 16; Courses run by the College and/or individual members 48; Recommendations to promote College activity 213.

Talks (not courses) including broadcasts on ringing subjects 163; Special efforts to promote Sunday service ringing (specified in the constitution of the College) reported as well distributed; Tower inspections and reports by College consultants and members 143. One or two bell augmentations reported as directly due to members' advice and/or perseverance.

The issue of leaflets on college work, publications and courses has proved helpful. Part I of the Manual series has run through two editions and inquiries are reported as still being made concerning it Entitled "Bell Handling and Control in the Elements of Change Ringing," it is a compendium of experience of several leading ringers and tutors Introducing some quite new "mechanics" in ringing training it shows how instruction in bell control and in method ringing can be given effectively **before** any specific method itself is attempted Part II—"Method Structure in Change Ringing" is patently unique in its coverage and treatment of this subject. High praise has been reported in these columns from leading figures of the Exercise. (Vol. lxii, 1966, pages 339 and 490.) Experts in their various fields had promised to contribute to the remaining seven parts, but some are no longer with us and others have not found the time. (The remaining parts were planned as: III—"Introduction to Method Ringing on Tower Bells"; IV—"Handbell Change Ringing"; V—"Composition and Proof"; VI—"Calling and Conducting"; VII—"Belfry Administration and Maintenance"; VIII—"The Art of the Carillon"; IX—"Historical, Bells, Towers, Records"). However, arrangements have been made for continuance of distribution of current editions and of any future issues on this plan.

DISSOLUTION

The foregoing factors and others, including the Founder-Principal's intended retirement and the real difficulty in securing the voluntary service of younger people to carry on the work, led the Administrative Committee to approach the College Governors (12) and active members and affiliated schools for a policy decision. The conclusion was that it might be preferable to effect dissolution of the College now, while those experienced in handling its affairs are still in office. So this was the decision, the "official" notice (referred to above) making immediate dissolution effective. Three members of the College Administrative Committee are to continue to "stand by" until the end of 1966 to deal with any outstanding matter that might arise. It is understood that any (necessarily small) credit balance that might then remain in the financial accounts of the College is to be offered as a donation to the funds of "The Ringing World." It is intended to offer to the Central Council for its archives a portfolio of papers giving information as to the foundation and activities of the College during the ten years of its life. And points from its didactic experience and results are to be at the disposal of the Sunday Service and Education Committee of the Central Council, on request at any time up to the end of 1966.

Looking back it may be asked "Has it all been worth the effort?" It has been honoured by a Bishop as its patron, and a world-famous ringer as its first president. Its 12 governors have included some of the best-known ringing personalities in the Exercise, while its members include some in various parts of the Commonwealth. The following unsolicited extract comments are indicative:

TRIBUTES

". . . When it (the College) no longer exists they (the Exercise) will realise what they have lost It has given much valuable service, and the work which it has begun will live on afterwards" (Lifelong ringer, tutor and officer of ringing societies and retired member of Central Council.)

". . . I am sure that the results of (these) great efforts will not just die away. I should be surprised if the high standards (the College) has set have not permeated throughout the country and done much good in that way." (Retired president of a university ringing society and local tower officer.)

". . . In ten short years the College has exercised tremendous influence in the educational and instructional field, and I am sure that the very many who have responded to its challenge have never regretted it. There can be no doubt that the College has won for itself a permanent place in the annals of ringing . ." (Retired officer of Universities' Association and of county ringing association.)

And from Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council: "Colleges and Societies of many kinds come into existence to meet a need; they flourish and then inevitably their work is completed. What is of real importance is the lasting value of their work. And undoubtedly the work of this College is of very great lasting value. . . To constitute an important step in the progress of any great human art (painting, music, science) is to become part of human history. To be able to say that (one) has made a contribution to history is to say something important I personally am most grateful to you, and I am sure the many who have benefited must be grateful also . . ."

Senior officers of the College wish to thank publicly all who have supported and encouraged it throughout its life.

A. Y.-B.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

On a warm, sunny, autumn day the last Monmouth Branch meeting of the year was held at Chepstow on October 8th. A large crowd of ringers gathered here from both sides of the River Severn, an area fast becoming known as "Severnside" because of the new bridge. Around the tea table was a happy mixture of accents, Welsh mingled with "Forest" and "Somerset."

The choral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Barrie-Evans, and Master Richard Shore read the lesson. One new member, Roger Bastin, of Newport, was elected It was reported that the quarter-turning of Bedwellty bells had been completed.

Next meeting: Marshfield, January 14th, 1967.

EAST MEON, HANTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Claire Bray 1, Mary White 2, Betty Daysh 3, R. A Stone 4, C E. Bassett (cond.) 5, N. J. Lambert 6. For the wedding of Susan Lanham and Anthony Messenger.

Letters to the Editor

SPLICING—SOMETHING NEW

Sir,—I was most interested in Mr. Lomas's very clear article on splicing. How true the old saying: "Different ships, different long splices"! Though I'd always supposed the reference was to wire, of which I know three different methods.

But though I've been splicing rope for at least 70 years I've never come across Mr. Lamas's finish for a long splice in hemp. The orthodox finish has always seemed a poor show for a bellrope, as it gives three lumps nearly as big as the single one of a short splice, and it never therefore seemed worthwhile, at the expense of a good deal of good rope. But Mr. Lomas's finish puts a new complexion on it and completely overcomes this handicap. I'd be interested to know whence he got it Did he invent it or has it been passed down, or does it appear in any book?

My one doubt would have been as to whether it would not require serving over. But obviously the author has complete knowledge of it and seen it in action, and indeed my criticism applies equally to what one might call the old standard method of finish. Halved and quartered ends are likely to pull out on a bell rope and from the very nature of Mr. Lomas's finish, where there is no direct pull on the half strands, this is less likely than in the "orthodox" finish, where the strain is direct.

Thank you, Mr. Lomas. One is never too old to learn.—Yours faithfully,

C. F. JERRAM, Lt.-Col

Helford, Cornwall.

Note.—Another reader writes: "... the best article I have read in 'The Ringing World' for years."—Ed.

HALF-MUFFLED RINGING FOR WEDDING

Dear Sir,—Mr. Peter Pavey asks in "Belfry Gossip" if any other towers besides St. David's, Exeter, have rung half-muffled for a wedding. Long Sutton, Somerset, bells were rung in this fashion about 18 months ago, although the reason for so doing was slightly different from that given at Exeter. A friend of the bride's father was to be buried in the churchyard earlier on the day of the wedding In view of the fact that both burial and wedding were to take place on the same day and in the same church the family asked if the wedding bells could be rung half-muffled. Naturally, permission was given for this to be done.—Yours faithfully,

C. J. B. MARSHALL.

Long Sutton Vicarage,
Langport.

CONGRATULATIONS, WITH MISSING METHOD QUERY

Dear Sir,—Since I was the first person to conduct a peal in 100 Minor methods, I would like to congratulate Anthony R. Peake on his achievement in being the first to conduct a peal in 100 Major methods. Also my congratulations to the rest of the band who made Mr. Peake's feat possible.

I can only count 99 methods published, so I am wondering if one was lost during transit. —Yours truly,

GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Kirton Lindsey, Lincs.

CONFUSION IN COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—This is the first time that I have written to "The Ringing World" and I put pen to paper in the hope that certain points which confuse me and almost certainly confuse others may be clarified. I find that in many publications, Central Council or otherwise, whilst clear, concise explanations are given of the elementary terms and to some extent of the more complicated, the links between the two are usually dealt with somewhat summarily. Allow me to explain, by some practical examples, what I mean.

A little over three years ago, three ringers just capable of Plain Bob decided that if they were going to ring peals they would have to form a band and conduct their own. With the help of the "Lancashire" book they found out about coursing orders. It also stated that the best peal to start with is Howlett's:—

W, M and 5H (– S – – S), 5H, W and 5H twice repeated.

They picked out the lead-ends for this and it did not come round There is a W missing. From "Ropesight," which explains very simply how to set out the course-ends in columns and how to check them, they were able to find where the missing W went and also to prove it was true.

The above points out the first lesson, **never ring a peal without first proving it.**

Proof of Plain Bob abounds, but what happens to the proving columns in more ambitious methods like St. Clement's or Yorkshire, where a bob before cuts out leads, not puts them in, and which column do you write the false course-ends in? I have yet to find this explained.

The articles I have read on proof use most of the space deciding if it is false lead-heads or false lead-ends they are trying to find. "Who cares?—call them what you like and explain (with examples) in simple words how to get and use them.

An example of not explaining is taken from a C.C. publication. "The Blue Line System of Extracting False Course-heads." This is the one I find easiest to follow on this subject but—page 1 states the user of this system must write out a skeleton course. **Why?** It it not referred to again. Page 6 says "read off the false course-head." **How?**

An example now of what can happen to a composition. A gentleman I know is planning to call 5,040 Plain Bob Royal by R. W Pipe ("Ringing World," page 640). He has worked out from a plain course that the calling positions for the tenor are 1: 9.10 up, 4: make the bob, 5: run out, 8:7.8, down and 9: 9.10 down also the 6 without explanation at 9 are all bobs. When I tried to explain that this was not the way to call this peal I was told that Mr. Pipe knows more about ringing than I will ever know (true), and he would not put in print anything which was wrong, but what will they say when the peal comes round 1762398450?

Mr. Smith is guilty of four unexplained bobs at home ("Ringing World," page 590).

5,056 Double Norwich by R. D. Bradley ("Ringing World," page 696), the standard calling positions are numbered leads, i.e. 1.4.5.6. Where is H and O and is the "X" a double bob as in Stedman?

I hope these few examples of hard work and confusion may be of some help to the people who write future articles for "The Ringing World."—Yours faithfully,

F. BEECH.

Stafford.

STRUGGLING BEGINNERS

Dear Sir,—I note with keen interest all that is said about teaching beginners in the columns of this journal and elsewhere. Yet nearly all seem to present the case of teaching beginners at a tower where there is an abundance of ringers. Why not a thought to a "teacher" to a tower where **all** the ringers are "beginners"? From personal experience I try and give help at the weekly practices at two towers, usually with the help of another comparatively experienced ringer.

Teaching up to the plain hunt on five is fairly easy—then comes the difficult part. For example, four learners and two "teachers" ringing a plain course of Bob Doubles can sound really terrible—and this after careful explanation and writing out. One struggles on, week after week, until it seems to have been learned. Then, the next step is the 720. You discover that your beginners have been learning the plain course by numbers. (How else, I suppose? Ropesight is impossible in such a situation.)

At both the towers in question there is one thing that I've noticed missing in the so-called experienced towers—and that is a **real** warmth of fellowship. There is none of that nervous tension—do I really know my London Major "bob" work? Am I striking my bell properly? I enjoy trying to teach at these two towers despite the difficulties that are to be overcome. It's worth it, too! The smile of pleasure on the face of one of these beginners when he'd just completed his first quarter peal was something far more rewarding than if I'd rung a peal in umpteen Minor methods.

Perhaps I set my ultimate standards too low. What does concern me is that there are "silent" or struggling towers adjacent to strong towers. Which gives more satisfaction—a strong, active tower with a high standard adjacent to a struggling tower, **or** a strong, active tower from which its members gives constant help to their struggling neighbours?

Two or three years ago I was at a strong tower and asked the ringers there, "What about your near neighbours"? The answer, "Oh, we don't ring there; they only ring rounds and call changes." That answer was, to me, appalling. Are **we** neglecting the struggling towers to a level of incompetence? Do **we** just shrug our shoulders? After all, **we** are all ringing, or trying to ring, the bells of our churches, which give **one** message, whether there are three or twelve bells, and that is the message that they are the voice of the Church to the outside world. With this message in mind, perhaps our "experienced" ringers will look again and see if they can help out more at our silent and struggling towers. — Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL KING.

Wentworth, near Rotherham.

5,040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—Just to point out a mistake on page 717 ("Ringing World," October 28th, 1966), in the peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Major by Cornelius Charge. A block has been omitted. After 63245 insert:

W	M	H	
S	—		24365
	—		32465
	—		43265

Yours sincerely,

GILES GALLEY.

Note.—The composition was printed as submitted. We thank the many readers who have written to point out the omission.—Ed.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

HILLINGDON JOINT MEETING

THE date was booked at the local ringers' meeting in January. So was the Church Hall. The Vicar put the date in his diary. So did the organist. Thus the plans were made for the annual joint meeting of four Guilds at Hillingdon on October 22nd. Came the week and feverish activity was the order The belfry was swept and dusted, the bells oiled and greased. Numerous ladies were detailed to cook, cut up, serve, wash up and generally work themselves to a standstill All seemed to be thought of.

Then Blow No. 1! Bill Birmingham, our M.C., couldn't make it. He promised to send the tools of his trade for another to step into his shoes. Blow No. 2! Bill Coles was going to the Guildford dinner instead of the Hillingdon tea. He would let us have his tape if George Hart would play it. George would and more! The weather forecast was fine and dry. Little did we realise what that really meant. At about five o'clock onwards it meant teeming wet rain!! And it didn't stop.

Hanfield's six bells were open at 2.30 p.m with Frank Corke's cheery face to welcome the visitors. John Hill had St. John's ten going soon after three and good practice was had, the level of the ringing remaining reasonably good for a mixed gathering of this kind.

The service was short and bright, with the ringers outsinging the choir. The Vicar surprisingly (to the locals) commenced his address with some lines of Housman's "Shropshire Lad" about the bells of Bredon. It was a new approach to the well-worn theme of bells and worship and indeed was greatly appreciated—a well thought out talk which left its mark on those who heard it.

Sixty-eight in the congregation, plus choir and clergy, plus those too late for service visitors, signalled panic stations in the Church Hall. By the time the Vicar said Grace there were 90 hungry (and thirsty) customers to be coped with instead of the 60-odd anticipated

SET OF TANKARDS

After a warm welcome to the four Guilds, the Vicar presented an inscribed tankard to the captain of St. John's Guild to commemorate the Guild's two recent successes in the tower-bell section of the Richmond Music Festival. It looked as though it would be several years before the shield presented by the Festival could be won outright, so there was a chance of a set of tankards if the Guild continued its successes! The tankard was donated by Mrs. Grace Goodfellow on this occasion!

Among visitors from London were Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Sanders, brought down by Jack Euston. It doesn't seem long ago that Reuben Sanders rang one of his birthday peals at Hillingdon. Memories of visits by George Kilby were rekindled by the presence of Mrs. Kilby The four Guilds were well represented, including a good sprinkling of general officers as well as officers of local Districts. Reg Darvill, of St. Albans, was taught to ring at Hillingdon, and here was his own son, Ken, looking remarkably like his father did in those early days. Old friends, Marjorie and Norman Genna, paid us one of their rare but always welcome visits.

THE SOCIAL

It is always a bit of a surprise to some of the locals that the social evening goes so well, but at 10.30 the visitors were saying "thank you for one of the best evenings yet"! The accordion playing of David Price, a young local ringer, has improved very much since we last heard him, and he soon had his audience singing. Norman and Mrs. Randall and son John gave great enjoyment with a variety of pieces on two violins and piano John Hill told of the visit recently of Middlesex ringers to Westminster Abbey, where they rang a quarter peal of London Surprise Major

George Hart had recorded this and played some of the latter part of the quarter. Bill Coles was also heard on tape giving his broadcast talk on handbells. This included some remarkable tune ringing by Mrs. Hughes. We had the pleasure of listening to Mrs. Hughes, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Lock, at one of the recent Hillingdon suppers.

The now famous cricket match was again won by the Oxford Guild, who soundly thrashed their Middlesex opponents. So the battered old china cup, which is the trophy for the winners, will remain in Slough belfry

And so to bed F. W. G

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Stow-on-the-Wold Branch was held at Stow-on-the-Wold on October 22nd The chairman, the Rev L. W. Potter, R.D., presided.

The Rev. O. A. Griffiths (Moreton-in-Marsh), the Rev R. W. N. Harris (Temple Guiting) and the Very Rev. E. J. Camier (Lower Staughton) were elected honorary members of the Branch. Mr A. Rigg (Moreton-in-Marsh) and Mr P. Clifford (Stow-on-the-Wold) were elected as performing members.

The Branch secretary (Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell) reported that visiting ringers from Saffron Walden, on ringing at Adlestrop on August 28th reported that the treble bell was loose on the headstock and that repairs were needed to the wheel. Mr. P. R. Coveney, the secretary of the Chipping Norton Branch, carried out the repairs and the treble bell is now in good working order. It was decided to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Coveney.

The fourth bell at Bledington had been repaired by Mr F. White of Appleton, and the bells are now available for ringing.

It was decided to start weekly practices at Stow-on-the-Wold on Thursdays and the Rev P. Newing, of Blockley, and Mrs. Newing had volunteered to assist in the effort to provide more ringers It was also proposed to start practices at Moreton-in-Marsh on Fridays.

The secretary was asked to write to the Rector of Temple Guiting, inviting his tower and ringers to join the Association.

A short service was conducted by the Rural Dean. After tea some excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major were rung. A party of ringers, who were the guests of the Rev. Peter Newing, attended the meeting and expressed their pleasure in joining in a most enjoyable gathering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

There were eight entries for the first striking competition promoted by the Bath Branch and held on October 29th, viz.: St. Michael with St. Paul's, St. Mary's, Bathwick, A and B Corston A and B, Twerton, Dunkerton and Keynsham

A very enjoyable afternoon resulted. Mr Harry Sanger, from Evercreech, was the judge and he pointed out to each band the various reasons for their faults although he was pleased to say there was no poor ringing. The result was: 1 Corston B with 18 faults, 2 St. Michael with St. Paul's (24), 3 Corston A (24), but not quite such polished ringing as No. 2. It is hoped to make this an annual event.

A. F. L.

OBITUARY

MR. J. HALL

Ringers in the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association have lost their oldest member with the death on October 12th of Mr. Jack Hall at the age of 86 years. Jack Hall began his ringing career at the turn of the century and along with my grandfather, the late Mr. Tom Metcalfe was instrumental in teaching the ringers on the new bells at Ormesby in 1908. He conducted the first peal on these bells in 1910; it was Grandsire Triples and was rung by the local ringers he had helped to teach.

During the first world war his job took him to Tyneside, where he rang with the late Mr. Bill Barber I understand he was one of the umpires in Bill Barber's famous peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Gateshead, which Mr Barber conducted blindfolded. After 1918 Jack returned to Teesside and his ringing with the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association often cycling 30 or 40 miles to ringing meetings He rang over 100 peals and was an active ringer till he was 80 years old.

As a token to his memory a half-muffled peal of Bob Major was rung by the local ringers of Ormesby on the bells which meant so much to him and on which he had rung so many times. T. M. C.

MISS ELIZABETH WILLS

With deep regret we record the passing of Elizabeth Wills at the early age of 19 at the Nuffield Orthopædic Hospital, Oxford, on October 20th.

Elizabeth, whose home was at 31, Norton Way, North Letchworth, Herts, was a first-year student at St. Hilda's College, Oxford, and had gained her University Blue for swimming last March. A few weeks later she was admitted to hospital, where she stayed, except for a few days spent at home, until her death She was taught to ring at Norton some six years ago by the late Horace Werrett, but when this band was wound up in 1964 she joined the Baldock band, where she soon made rapid strides. Her ability to pick up a new method was in context with everything that she did and that went for swimming, hockey, tennis and social work as well.

Liz, as she was affectionately known, rang a few peals her first being a peal of Plain Bob Minor at Wallington on February 13th, 1961. Her many activities prevented her taking part in many more.

I did not think that when I sat opposite her at the Hertford County Association's annual general meeting last April at Watford that I would be writing this some seven months later. She then told me she had just rung Spliced Surprise Major on a University tour.

Her humour will be sadly missed, as will her ability in Oxford and in Baldock, and, of course, her punctuality; she had the farthest to come and was always first to arrive.

To her parents and sisters, Caroline and Sally, both of whom have been taught to ring, we send our sincere sympathy in the passing of a true and great "gel." E. G. B.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

For their meeting on October 15th the Branch paid its first visit to Tharston. After ringing in the afternoon a short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. C. Macnaughton-Jones, with Mrs. Macnaughton-Jones as organist.

Tea was arranged and served by Mrs. H. Duffield and helpers, followed by the business meeting, with Dr. P. Jonason presiding.

Later, ringing took place at Tasburgh and Forncett as well as at Tharston and was much enjoyed on these three fives.

Next meeting: Diss.

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ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY, WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE

By W. L. EXTON

"Colston's cracked pancheons,
Screveton's egg-shells,
Bingham's tro-rollers and
Whatton's merry bells."
—An old rhyme.



WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE is a small Nottinghamshire village, straddling the main Nottingham to Grantham road, and situated about midway between the two. A village firmly divided between old and new, with a fine and beautiful church, dedicated to St. John of Beverley.

Perhaps its main claim to fame is the Cranmer Memorial Chapel, dedicated to Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, who was baptised in this church and worshipped here as a boy. Thomas Cranmer left for Cranmer at the age of 12 and as far as is known never returned, but amongst his many writings in later years he recalled the joy of hearing Whatton's merry bells across the meadows.

Of the bells Cranmer heard nothing is known, all the early records have since disappeared, and in 1590 Henry Oldfield came from his nearby Nottingham foundry to cast (or perhaps recast) the present tenor bell. This extremely fine bell, pessimistically given as 13 cwt. 24 lb. in E (diameter 44 inches), bears continuing witness to the skill of Henry Oldfield. Satisfaction must have been given, for in 1618 he was recalled and cast the front four bells to complete a ring of five, these bells remaining as a ring of five for nearly 300 years.

In 1870 the short central tower, surmounted by its equally short spire (viewed from the west end (as illustrated), was completely rebuilt, the old segmental arch from the south wall being removed and rebuilt into the north side of the tower The bells presumably were removed and replaced during this operation.

AUGMENTED TO SIX

The frame and fittings deteriorated during the ensuing years, for on October 30th, 1912, a parish meeting was held in the Church School Room, when it was decided to rehang the bells. A committee was appointed and from estimates submitted that of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston of Croydon was accepted. The bells had their canons removed, were quarter turned and tuned on the Simpson five tone principle, and rehung in a new iron frame. Following a further meeting on August 8th, 1913, it was decided to add a new treble bell and so complete a ring of six bells.

As far as can be ascertained the bells have been rung for service and practice from that time until the present day, with only a short break during the last war.

About two years ago the ringers decided that the time had come when consideration must be given to the possibility of rehanging the bells on ball bearings. The existing brass bushes had become worn and loose, the gudgeons loose and scored and, despite the weekly oiling, the "go" was not all that could be desired. Permission to raise the necessary money was granted by the Parochial Church Council, although they could give no financial help due to other commitments.

During the next two years money was raised by various means, carol singing (and ringing), lectures for the Rural Community Council, a coffee evening and finally a skittles and putting tournament.

"DO IT YOURSELF"

In order to reduce costs, a "do it yourself" scheme was considered and, following a discussion with Mr. P. Taylor, and the granting of permission by the Parochial Church Council, a start was made on August 30th, with the dismantling of the bells and their fittings.

The work commenced with the tenor and the fifth, the wheels, clappers, pulley blocks and slider mechanisms being removed, timbers inserted across the frame below the bells and built up to the bell mouths, thus allowing the headstocks and bearings to be dismantled. The fittings were lowered to the ringing room, carried down the spiral staircase and delivered to Loughborough.

The process was repeated on the four remaining bells in turn During the time the bells were out of action the grease and oil was scraped from the bells, the frame and the floor, the bells and frame washed with paraffin and the floor with a detergent. Following this the frame was painted with rotorista, undercoat and gloss paint.

During the first week in October the headstocks, complete with their new bearings, the clappers rebushed and the pulley blocks complete with new pulleys and bearings were collected from Loughborough. Before leaving the foundry the tenor headstock was weighed and found to turn the scale at 2 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb., and in view of this it was decided to raise the headstocks by block and tackle rather than carrying them up the stairs.

By the following Sunday, October 16th, the restoration was sufficiently advanced to allow the bells to be rung for morning service. During the ensuing weeks the remainder of the work and redecoration had been completed, and the bells will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Newark, the Ven. Brian Woodhams on November 11th at 7.30 p.m.

All the money for the restoration, except for a donation of £15 from the Parochial Church Council, has been collected by the ringers themselves. If any ringers are interested in our project, which now includes the provision of two additional bells to complete the octave, donations would be most gratefully received The above pen and ink drawing has been used to illustrate a Christmas card, and these are available (3s. per half dozen, 6s per dozen, plus 6d. packing and postage) from W L. Exton, St. Ouens, Whatton, Nottingham.

In conclusion thanks are due to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and to our friends in the Derby Association and Southwell Guild for their kind assistance and encouragement during the whole of the work, and to all ringers and friends who have enthusiastically supported our fund-raising efforts.

DETAILS OF THE BELLS

Treble: C sharp. "All Gave Me." Cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1913. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

Second: B. "God Save His Chvrch." Robert Celstrop, 1618. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

Third: A. 'Iames Celstrop, Richard Bel, Wardens." 1618. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Fourth: G sharp "My Roaringe Loude Doth Warning Give That Men Cannot Heare Always Live." 1618. 7 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Fifth. F sharp. "All Men That Heare My Mournful Sound, Repent Before You Lye in Ground." 1618. 10 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Tenor. E. "Thesus Be Ovr Spede." 1590. W.B. V.M. S.R.B. 13 cwt. 24 lb.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela C. Martin 1, I. J. Desborough 2, Diane J. Angell 3, Helen Y. Price 4, D. C. Price (cond.) 5, J. G. Cull 6. Half-muffled in memoriam John Wells, tower captain, died October 16th, aged 84.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

THE quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild was held at Yardley on October 15th, and was preceded by a striking competition. The crocketed spire of the Parish Church of St. Edburgha contains a beautiful ring of eight bells, and the ringing, being of a higher standard than is usually attained at open meetings, gave pleasure to those who like to stay outside the tower and listen.

The result of the competition, with comments upon the ringing, was given by Mr. Peter Border, who stated that the ringing generally was superior to that of last year's competition. The chief fault seemed to be a tendency to "clip" at backstroke. The band of Erdington Abbey, who rang a touch of Stedman Triples, were recorded the lowest number of faults.

In the unavoidable absence of the Master, Mr. Frank W. Perrens (vice-president) occupied the chair at the meeting. Messrs. P. Tovey and M Kirkham, of Aston, and Messrs. R Harris and P. L. D. Grove, of Solihull, were elected resident members of the Guild. The tower elections, as life members, of Miss D. M. Chapman (Bristol) and Messrs. R W. Sweet (Bristol), P. Bridle (Long Ashton), R. A. J. Inglis (Nottingham) and H. J. F. Muncey (Cambridge) were duly ratified.

For the next meeting, the annual, it was decided to seek permission to use St. Martin's Hall on the first Saturday in January, 1967.

The Ringing Master, Mr. Alan Ainsworth, extended an invitation to any band in the diocese to visit St. Martin's by arrangement, on a Tuesday evening, for a special practice, at which they would be assisted in ringing any method they desired.

The conditions at Yardley being ideal, both for ringing and judging a striking competition, it was agreed that permission be sought to hold a similar competition there in October, 1967.

The Vicar of Yardley, the Rev. David Edwards, who joined the ringers at tea, gave a warm welcome to the Guild.

Mr. Harold Fitter was heartily thanked making the excellent arrangements, and gratitude was expressed to Mrs. Fitter and her helpers for preparing tea.

ELSTOW OUTING

With Apologies to John Bunyan

SINCE the days of John Bunyan, who was born at Elstow, Bedfordshire, and became an enthusiastic bellringer there, the fine old English art of campanology has thrived at Elstow's ancient abbey church and in recent years an annual outing has been arranged.

Now in this year of grace it was decided that a visit should be made to a county many leagues to the south, a place renowned alike for its natural beauty, its bells and its bell-ringers. At the appointed time, therefore, on October 8th, a large party assembled at a prearranged meeting place and set out for this land of tree-clad hills and verdant plains.

Guided by one Robert of Elstow, who hath a fair knowledge of the terrain, being a student of theology in that distant place, the party proceeded south at a modest speed, there being a good deal of fog in the low-lying areas, and came, in time, to a great city, a place where dwelled many hundreds of thousands of people, and where merchandise in wondrous variety was offered for sale. Hampered by the fog and by the density of the population (for people spilled into the very roadway, there being insufficient houses to contain them), the party pressed on for many a weary mile until at last they found themselves clear of the great city and in open country. And now, as by a miracle, the fog lifted and a most wonderful sight presented itself, for they beheld the sought-for land, this "garden of England," in all the richness of its varied splendours.

And soon, at a place called Westerham, they stopped and practised their art on the splendid ring of eight bells. And presently they came to Sevenoaks, and the time being around noon, they refreshed themselves according to their various needs, after which they made their way to the Parish Church, where they were received by Philip of the House of Corby, a leader among the ringers of these parts. And there also was Andrew, son of Philip, and there was much hand shaking and gestures of welcome, and both hosts and guests did join together and ring upon the bells that most delightful method called London Surprise Major, and many other methods.

And this was the pattern of the day, and now the party were joined by Bob Sherlock and Fred Budgen, both dwellers in this part, who had an uncommon knowledge of the lav of the land hereabouts, and they happily attached themselves to the party for some hours and directed and guided them to Seal and Leigh, both places of wondrous charm and beauty, and at these places, too, the bells were rung And towards evening they came to a place called Brasted, where formerly lived one Edwin Lewis, a great servant of the art of campanology, and this place having a very fine set of six bells, they made merry in their accustomed manner, as they did also at nearby Sundridge, but here there was much creaking and groaning in the timbers of the bell frame.

And now it was time to say farewell to this hospitable and beautiful land, and so they retraced their steps and made their way homewards, pausing only at a place of public entertainment, where they refreshed themselves most plentifully, not only to assuage the thirst of the present, but as a sure guard against further thirst in the near future!

And they reached their various homes with grateful hearts, and long will they remember their welcome in that distant place. A. E. R.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch was held at Piddletrenthide on October 15th, when the heavy ring of five bells was rung to a variety of methods.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. B. Cattell, and Mr. Blythe, of Puddletown, played the organ. Ladies provided an excellent tea at the Vicarage for a company of 31, and welcome visitors included the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. N. Longridge). Guild secretary (Mr. J. T. Barrett) and Mrs. Barrett. The Branch chairman (the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth) presided at the business meeting.

QUARTER PEALS

ABERFAN

Quarter Peals rung half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the Aberfan Disaster on October 21st.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Wiltshire 1, E. G. H. Godfrey 2, Carol E. Cousins 3, Amanda S. Powell 4, Wendy J. Wallace (first as cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, Mrs. S. G. Harrison (first "inside") 2, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 3, Dr. S. G. Harrison 4, E. J. Lockwood 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Goodearle 1, H. Baker 2, A. Bourner 3, E. Clifton (first "inside") 4, S. G. Waters 5, H. Deacon 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, V. H. Paine (first of Triples) 8. 50th quarter together 6 and 7.

BLAENAVON, MON.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Swain 1, A. Bainham 2, D. Phillips 3, L. Bainham 4, J. Prytherch (first quarter) 5, C. Bainham (cond.) 6.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. E. Brundrett 1, Heather Cottrell (first quarter) 2, D. Cormell (first quarter) 3, D. C. Vincent 4, J. Moore 5, D. A. Hogg 6, A. J. Brown (cond.) 7, A. Twyman 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. Cooper 1, M. J. Bura 2, T. J. Wellen 3, J. H. Payton (cond.) 4, M. D. Fuller 5, P. Payne 6.

DRAYTON, BERKS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ruth Newman (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Wiggins 2, C. Clark 3, H. Thomas 4, J. Seymour (cond.) 5, J. Newman (first quarter) 6.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Sargeant 1, Sandra Goodship 2, Joan A. Rance 3, K. R. Davenport 4, S. G. Scott 5, A. J. N. Rance 6, F. C. Price (cond.) 7, C. W. Bailey 8.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Kent T.B. Minor: T. N. Kedge 1, Barbara Sawden 2, Merryn Hutchings 3, J. L. Lightfoot 4, G. M. Cox 5, G. J. Lightfoot (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob Minor 1, 2 and 5.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Ashcroft (first quarter) 1, P. Ann Pilgrim 2, Susan Harber 3, Gwen Bidgood 4, C. P. Quartley 5, M. Pilgrim 6, C. J. Aldridge (cond.) 7, F. W. Corney 8.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7 6 8 covering): Gillian Heywood 1, K. Richards 2, Mrs. C. Evans 3, Rev. Trevor Evans 4, J. Astbury (cond.) 5, K. Heywood 6, A. Burton 7, Rev. G. Heywood 8.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (P.B. and Grandsire): A. J. Lewis 1, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 2, Mrs. P. Cross 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, T. Cross 5, T. Tulk (first quarter) 6.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Ottaway 1, Miss E. M. Ottaway 2, H. Corney 3, Miss C. I. Neville 4, J. P. Ottaway 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6, D. Riley 7, F. W. Tomlin 8. Also in memory of Dr. Hewlett Johnson.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 23rd, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: A. Howard 1, R. Haines 2, Helen Hobbins 3, Jenifer Smith 4, T. Taylor 5, G. Love 6, M. Buss 7, A. Buswell (first of Caters as cond.) 8, P. Gilliver 9, A. Hoodless 10.

PRESTBURY, CHELTENHAM.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Maggs 1, R. Tibbles 2, W. Newman 3, R. Newman 4, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 5, M. Maggs 6.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Bob Royal: Ruth Gordon 1, R. Harper (first quarter) 2, J. Wood 3, Mrs. N. Chaddock 4, N. Donovan (first as cond.) 5, A. Howland 6, G. S. Lee 7, S. Armeson 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, N. Chaddock 10.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: M. F. Chalkley 1, Miss J. Harris 2, L. Runnacles 3, A. C. Harris 4, F. W. Croft 5, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Smith 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, J. Warr 3, P. J. Brown 4, G. Westwood 5, J. C. Eisel 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, A. D. Fellows 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on Oct. 23rd, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss W. Marriott 1, Dr. C. G. Roworth 2, Miss J. Davidge 3, Mrs. E. Jaques 4, R. Hulme 5, W. Merritt 6, M. Scowen 7, P. Spackman 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, W. Daniell 10.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gay Meyrick (first on eight) 1, A. Locke 2, D. Burnett 3, R. C. Kippin 4, G. D. Carter 5, D. A. Trethewey 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, G. F. Dunstan 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Young North Notts ringer: "Now I've started to take 'The Ringing World' I've given up my other comic."

Duplicated.—The conductor of the peal of Beverley at West Wickham on June 16th regrets that he submitted it twice.

In the peal rung for the Ely Diocesan Association at Chicheley on May 8th (page 529) the ringer of the second was George E. Bonham. David E. Rothera rang the third, and not as printed.

The handbell peal at Melksham, Wilts, on September 25th, while the first at Melksham was not the first for the Salisbury Guild for 30 years. Mr. Dan Matkin has recollections of quite a number.

Mr. J. R. Pratt, of Battersea, thanks Mr. A. Baldock for calling attention to a previous peal at Ripe, Sussex, in 1963, and withdraws the footnote claiming the peal on September 10th, 1966, to be the first on the bells since rehanging.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE, & WESTMINSTER ABBEY

In the peal columns will be found a record of a peal rung for the Oxford Diocesan Guild in a new Surprise Major method at Islip, a lovely village north-west of Oxford, to commemorate the 900th anniversary of the founding of Westminster Abbey by Edward the Confessor.

Perhaps Islip's greatest claim to fame is that here, more than 950 years ago, was born the Confessor, son of Ethelred the Unready, and fifth in succession from Alfred the Great (whose statue at Wantage is in the area of the same Guild). Edward's mother, Queen Emma, gave Islip to him on his first birthday; 60 years later he in turn presented the hamlet to Christ and St. Peter at Westminster. To the Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey, Islip still belongs, and visitors will know of the lovely Islip chapel there.

Islip has already given its name to a method, so this could not be used again. When giving permission for the peal, the Rector (the Rev. A. W. Blanchett) asked that the method should be named Githeslepe, by which name the hamlet was known when given to the Abbey all those years ago. A difficult name, perhaps, but who can say that this Saxon form is inappropriate in view of its association with those early Saxon kings.

W. G. WILSON.

BELL METAL 160 YEARS AGO

Turning out old account books from the cupboards of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, Mr. Douglas Hughes found in one dated September, 1801, the following note at the top of the page:

Price of bells to gentlemen 19d. per pound
Ditto to Ship's Chandlers 18d. per pound.

"I do not know," writes Mr. Hughes, "whether it was a question of soaking the rich or denigrating the ship's chandlers.

"Incidentally, 19d. per lb. seems a very good price for 1801. This comes out at £8 17s. 4d. per cwt. In 1939 we were selling bells at £7 7s. per cwt., so it seems our margins must have been tightened considerably."

WHY NOT A BELL OF YOUR OWN?

Many ringers are amusing themselves and instructing their pupils nowadays by hanging small bells in model frames. Here is an opportunity for someone to acquire for himself a nice little 1 cwt. bell which is also a piece of history. At present in the possession of the ringers of a small Devon parish who are raising money for a treble to augment their ring of five, this bell is an Exeter foundry casting, probably by Thomas Byrdall and dating from about 1570. Like many bells of this date, it bears a nonsensical inscription: the religious upheavals of this period made any inscription, English or Latin, unsafe.

The bell's canons are missing, but it is otherwise perfect, and anyone interested should get in touch with the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, The Vicarage, Newton St. Cyres, Exeter. Offers should bear some relation to the present scrap price of bell-metal, which is in the region of £28 per cwt.

If they can't find a buyer for it, the owners are planning to sell the bell for scrap; this would be a great pity, as the bell is of no little historical interest, but as it is not a church bell there is nothing to prevent this from happening.



RICHARD YATES,
a typical nine-year-old, who rang his first peal at Maids Moreton on October 7th. His father is Mr. W. A. Yates, of Buckingham.

OVERSEAS SUBSCRIPTION RATES INCREASED

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GABRIEL LINDOFF

From the "Irish Bell News": "It will be 25 years on November 7th since Gabriel Lindoff died. Let us therefore be thankful on that day for his life on this earth, for the foundations laid by him in Ireland in regard to bellringing and change ringing, and for the man himself who not alone in Ireland, but in England too, left his work and made many respected friends.

"How he would rejoice that ringing and change ringing in Ireland did not cease with his decease, but that it is now generally in a more flourishing and advanced state, due to the seeds sown by him.

"We will all remember him."

BELLS IN STOCKHOLM

By BRIAN AUSTIN

ALTHOUGH the National Church of Sweden is in communion with the Church of England, information about its activities possibly does not extend beyond the unusual feature of female ordinands. It was therefore with interest that in the course of an architectural study tour in Sweden in October both new and old churches were visited

Unlike most churches in Great Britain, Swedish churches are invariably locked, and the clergy, hampered by language difficulties, were not over enthusiastic in giving permission to investigate the church towers

Bells can be heard throughout the day in Stockholm, where all the mediæval and Renaissance churches seem well equipped.

In Stockholm Cathedral Church of St Nicholas (the Stork Kyrkan) is a large bell dated 1631 in the north aisle. It is five feet in diameter, but why it was there and not in the tower is not known.

It was encouraging to find a new church, St. Mark's, Skarpnacks, Stockholm, with a belfry and a ring of six bells. These were complete with metal wheels and apparently rung by hand.

However, before a ringing band is arranged to "grab" this tower it should be pointed out that both the bell chamber and the ringing chamber were open to the elements. The Vicar managed to convey that he would have preferred a more practical solution at the expense of the æsthetics!

If a roof and floor were provided and if a ringer were to reside in that part of Stockholm long enough to train a band, change ringing could possibly be inaugurated. It is rather doubtful if such circumstances will ever exist, and the discovery of a possible ring of six must presumably remain a point of interest only.

At least the Church of Sweden realises the relevance of bells as a prelude to worship in 1966.

MEMORIAL TABLET TO FRED ROGERS

On October 23rd, during Evensong at St. Mary's, Portsea, a memorial tablet was dedicated to the memory of the late Mr. F. W. Rogers, who was for 46 years a ringer at Portsea.

He was remembered in a quarter peal, rung half-muffled for the victims of the Aberfan disaster, at Portsmouth Cathedral that day for Evensong. The Battle of Trafalgar and the death of Lord Nelson were also commemorated.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND RECORDING OF PEALS

After a very full discussion, the committee of the London County Association unanimously agreed to oppose any alteration in the present method of recording peals. The reasons for the decisions were:

(a) The Greater London Council is a purely administrative body and therefore county boundaries remain, and

(b) Postal addresses remain unaltered.

It follows also that locally the churches continue to be identified as heretofore and are likely to remain that way, at least for a very considerable time. V. D.

KENT UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

At a meeting on October 27th it was decided to form a bellringing society at the University of Kent at Canterbury. About ten members have had some experience of change ringing, and the following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Derek Carr; secretary, Hannah Talbot-Ponsonby; treasurer, Michael Tong.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS,
GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Frank E. Darby	Treble	D. Paul Smith	6
David E. Parsons	2	Michael J. Uphill	7
Alan J. Frost	3	Alan R. Patterson	8
Robert E. J. Dennis	4	John E. Chilcott	9
Andrew J. Corby	5	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Philip A Corby

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels
On Sun., Oct. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Thomas G. Fox	Treble	Robert N. Harris	5
Richard Hayes	2	Andrew J Corby	6
Frank I. Hairs	3	George Francis	7
William Rogers	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip A. Corby
Arranged for the birthday of Mrs. F. I Hairs, surviving lady member of the Society.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DITCHEAT, Somerset.—At the Church of St Mary Magdalene
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24¼ cwt

Raymond P. Selway	Treble	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall	5
Derek S. Beaufoy	2	Frederick T. Sandy	6
Trevor E. Marks	3	Albert W. Dyer	7
Gilbert W. Rendell	4	William E. Turner	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by William E. Turner

CARHAMPTON Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb

*Bryan G. Williams	Treble	Gilbert G. Davis	4
D. Keith Lane	2	†Vincent A. Hemming	5
Stanley Lewis	3	Cecil T. Clarke	Tenor

Conducted by Cecil T Clarke
* First peal of Minor. † 75th peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 8 lb. in E

Philip Jones	Treble	Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Gerald Parsons	6
T. Felicity Webber	3	Raymond J. Ballard	7
David Midgley	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Norman Sherratt

FARNDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 1 qr. 22 lb

*Frederick R. Evans	Treble	*George H. Randles	5
*David N. Collins	2	Dennis H. B. Millward	6
*Norah M. Randles	3	John W Griffiths	7
*Michael H Hodgkinson	4	Geoffrey Parting	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by John W Griffiths
* First peal in the method.
Rung to the memory of Albert E. Richards, vice-president of the Chester Branch and for many years organist and captain of the bellringers at this church.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
ORMESBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Wed., Oct. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb in E

Susan Roach	Treble	Thomas M. Cox	5
Enid Lawson	2	Jack Roach	6
Ann Lawson	3	Peter Wishart	7
Alan Woodall	4	Kenneth Lawson	Tenor

Composed by H Howlett. Conducted by Enid Lawson
First peal as conductor.
Rung half-muffled by members of the Ormesby Guild in memoriam John G. Hall.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DORE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of Christ.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb in G

John D. Arkwell	Treble	Alan R Keller	5
Marjorie Yarnold	2	Timothy Wylie	6
Royston Blackler	3	Malcolm P Phipps	7
Jane B Blackler	4	Edward G Mould	Tenor

Composed by J E Burton. Conducted by Edward G Mould.
First peal as conductor
Rung to welcome the gift of a nephew, Nigel Graham Bird, to the ringer of the seventh.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY
BRANCEPETH, Durham.—At the Church of St Brandon
On Sat., Oct 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 2 qr. 16 lb in F sharp

*Jean M Berriman (St. Hild's)	Treble	M. Alec Beaumont (Van Mildert)	5
Charlotte A Bennett (Trevelyan)	2	Stephen C Wells (Grey)	6
J Antony Ellis (St Chad's)	3	David J Marshall (Bede)	7
Malcolm E Johnson (Grey)	4	John O. Freeman	Tenor

Composed by J. A Trollope Conducted by John O. Freeman
* First peal
Rung for the priesting of the Rev Christopher Hopkins B.A. (Dunelm), a sometime member of the Society.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
NORTON Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St Nicholas.
On Sat. Oct 8, 1966 in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt 2 lb in A flat

Michael Hawes	Treble	George E Bonham	5
Anthony H Smith	2	David E Rothera	6
Robert D Bellamy	3	Philip Mehew	7
Jack S Dear	4	George E Thoday	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K Davies Conducted by George E. Thoday.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
CHELMSFORD Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of St Mary the Virgin. St. Peter and St Cedd
On Mon., Oct 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5016 STEDMAN CINQUES
Comprising 13 courses each of Handstroke Home and Tittums, and 12 courses Inverted Tittums. Tenor 34 cwt. in C sharp.

Robert C Heazel	Treble	Nick W Saltmarsh	7
Peter G. Brown	2	Joe E. G Roast	8
Edward P Duffield	3	Alfred J. House	9
Peter J Eves	4	Donald E Cobb	10
Ian R. Panton	5	Dennis A S Symonds	11
Andrew S. Hudson	6	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Andrew S Hudson
Rung at the conclusion of the Cathedral Festival of Music and Drama.

LITTLE WALTHAM Essex.—At the Church of St Martin.
On Thurs, Oct 13 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London Ipswich Cambridge Beverley, Double Oxford, St Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

Ian V. Foster	Treble	James L. Towler	4
Rosemary A Frith	2	George E Thoday	5
Josephine A. Quilter	3	Peter G Brown	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
MEYSEY-HAMPTON Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St Mary
On Sat., Oct 1 1966 in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 30 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 12 of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Rosemary Purnell	Treble	Peter W Bartlett	4
William A Godwin	2	Roland Wakefield	5
*Harry Bennett	3	Raymond G Pearson	Tenor

Conducted by William A. Godwin.
* First peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WORPLESDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 17 cwt. 70 lb. in E flat.

*Charles A. Slyfield ..	Treble	*†Martin J. Kirk	5
*Michael J. Church	2	David J. Tubbs	6
*John Collier	3	Douglas A. R. May ..	7
Roy Collins	4	Dennis G. Blows ..	Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire.

CHOBHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Oct 29. 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*Kenneth G. Mumford ..	Treble	Anne S. Pickering	5
Roy Collins	2	Peter J. Privett	6
*Patricia C. Hill	3	†Dennis G. Blows	7
*Judith M. Collins	4	Ronald G. Collins ..	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis G. Blows.
* First peal. † 50th peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung by the Sunday service band as a compliment to Dick and Margaret Acworth, married on October 22nd, 1966.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTON CANON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of 21 methods/variations: Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine, Rushall, All Saints, Marchington, St. Hilda, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old Bob, Besthorpe, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Costessy and Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt.

John W. Hope	Treble	Robert A. Hatcher ..	3
Frederick R. Harris	2	*Leonard Morley	4
Thomas Bound	Tenor		

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.
* First peal "inside."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BALDOCK, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Michael Orme	Treble	Anthony K. Fortin	5
Jack S. Dear	2	Philip Mehew	6
Michael D. Trigg	3	C. Martin Press	7
Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
Rung as a wedding compliment to J. Richard Castledine and Eileen M. Fearn, who were married at Hazel Grove on October 1st, 1966.

STEVENAGE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

C. Martin Press	Treble	Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	George E. Bonham	6
Anthony K. Fortin	3	George E. Thoday	7
David E. Rothera	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
Rung as a wedding compliment to D. John Hunt and Gillian M. Hussey, who were married this day at Bristol

BERKHAMSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

John R. Ketteringham ..	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
George E. Bonham	2	C. Martin Press	6
Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	3	Philip Mehew	7
Anthony K. Fortin	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Mon., Oct. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

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

Sara K. D. Woolley ..	Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	5
Vernon Green	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Robert E. Hardy	3	Gerald Penney	7
David Burbidge	4	James A. D. Woolford ..	Tenor

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the sixth and tenor.

ASPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	John G. Gipson	5
Philip Mehew	2	Geoffrey Pearson	6
Kenneth J. Hesketh	3	C. Martin Press	7
Donald F. Murfet	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K Davies Conducted by George E. Thoday.

BARKWAY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

Donald F. Murfet	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	5
C. Martin Press	2	John G. Gipson	6
*Geoffrey Pearson	3	*†George E. Thoday ..	7
Ian G. Campbell	4	†Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 75th peal together. † 25th peal together. The conductor has now rung 400 different bells to peals.

REDBOURN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Joe Hobbs	Treble	Francis M. Byrne	4
Augustin V. Good	2	Walter Ayre	5
*George A. Reading	3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard ..	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
* First peal in five methods.
Rung to mark 50 years of ringing by Joe Hobbs, also for the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude.

THE HULL COLLEGES GUILD.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Kent T.B., London Surprise, York Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 25 lb. in A.

*Howard N. Pickering ..	Treble	Peter Church	4
Alan H. Bridges	2	Michael Maughan	5
Richard S. Starkie	3	Geoffrey W. Randall ..	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal.
Rung after meeting short for Major. Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the "middle six."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRANBROOK, Kent.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	*S. Geoffrey Waters ..	5
*John A. Howard	2	W. Arthur Riddington ..	6
†Anthony J. Leeves	3	Christopher T. Osenton	7
*Peter S. Muchlinski ..	4	Thomas Cullingworth ..	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal in the method. † First peal "inside."
Rung in remembrance of all those who lost their lives in the disaster at Aberfan.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

Lucile M. Corby	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	5
Judith M. Corby	2	D. Paul Smith	6
Ann Jenner	3	Stanley Jenner	7
Richard Hayes	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Arthur G. Mason	Treble	Herbert E. Audsley	5
John W. Smith	2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	6
*Rev. M. C. Melville ..	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Martin L. Howe	4	James T. Stevens	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. Ringer of second has now "completed the circle."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
CRAYFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Paulinus.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt in F.

Doris E. Colgate	Treble	Herbert C. Audsley	5
Ann Jenner	2	John W. Smith	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Rev. M. C. Melville	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by James W. Parker. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

LEWISHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
C.C.C. 2. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Richard Hayes	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinki	5
*John Pladdys	2	D. Paul Smith	6
Judith M. Corby	3	John W. Smith	7
*Michael H O'Callaghan	4	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Lewis, of Chislehurst, Kent

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BURBAGE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

James Draycott	Treble	J. Edward Cawser	5
*Alan Evans	2	Russell S. Morris	6
Alfred Ballard	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
*Christopher M. Sturgess	4	Brian S. Chapman	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
DEEPING ST NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of London, Bourne, Primrose, Ipswich, Beverley, Cambridge and Surfleet. Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	Frank Taylor	4
*Janet E. Hubbard	2	Keith R. Davey	5
†R. Arthur Goldsmith	3	*Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.
* 50th peal together. † 25th peal.

QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) York, (2) Bourne, (3) Primrose. (4) Norwich, (5) Ipswich, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Janet E. Hubbard	Treble	Denis R. Woods	4
R. Arthur Goldsmith	2	Alan G. Payne	5
Edwin T. Chapman	3	Cyril R. Burrell	Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
ABERDARE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Elvan.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

*John Evans	Treble	†Paul J. Bagshaw	5
D. Geoffrey Kerley	2	*Peter Jones	6
Tudor P. Edwards	3	James Clatworthy	7
Desmond Kerley	4	George Kerley	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal. † First of Triples. First of Bob Triples for all except the conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the Aberfan disaster. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
PUTNEY, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 HENDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Keith J. Walpole	Treble	Jonathan S. N Porter	5
Julia A. Fellows	2	Antony R. Kench	6
Ruth M. Foreman	3	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7
Eric Edmondson	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal in the method by all the band Tenor 15¼ cwt.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Oct 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B

Arthur E. Rowley	Treble	*R. Kingsley Mason	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Gordon H. Lane	6
Martin Green	3	Samuel J. Haines	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Middleton Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 25th peal as conductor this year.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BLO'NORTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford and St. Clement's and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

Wilfred G. Saunders	Treble	Robin R. Churchill	4
Owen P. Claxton	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
*William Clover	3	*Henry Tooke	Tenor

Conducted by Robin R. Churchill.
* 300th peal together.
A compliment on the birth of sons to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bailey, of Hethersett, and to Mr. and Mrs. David Cubitt, of Norwich.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
THATCHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt 23 lb.

*Reginald F. Crook	Treble	*Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
*Christopher I. Rowson	2	D. Kay Adkins	6
*William Butler	3	Frank Reed	7
*Walter Hunt	4	*Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Geoffrey J. Rea and Patricia K Tull on the occasion of their marriage.

ISLIP, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., Oct. 24, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5088 GITHESLEPE SURPRISE MAJOR
B.34 Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Walter F. Judge	Treble	*Peter J. Heritage	5
Christopher C. Clarke	2	Brian W. Hall	6
Frederick W. Soden	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Edward R. Venn	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* 100th peal. The first peal in the method.
Rung in connection with the nongentenary year of Westminster Abbey.

CHURCHILL, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

William Birmingham	Treble	*G. Robert Mordaunt	5
*J. M. Elaine Mordaunt	2	*Christopher I. Rowson	6
Peter J. Heritage	3	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
*Roy H. Jones	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method.

GORING, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb. in A.

*Anthony D. Smith	Treble	Mrs. A. D. Smith	5
James P. Blond	2	J. Anthony Beaumont	6
*Harry E. Wells	3	John C. Baldwin	7
William J. Irving	4	Robert B. Blond	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a wedding compliment to David Haines, a ringer at this church, and Miss J. Hills, who were married this day.

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THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES, Oxfordshire.—At The Abbey.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 16 cwt.

Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues	Treble	Rodney A. Yeates	5
Roger M. Heyworth	2	Richard Wharton	6
Anthony P. Foster	3	Bruce Wakefield	7
Paul A. Brand	4	G. Robert Mordaunt	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Bruce Wakefield.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Elizabeth Wills, who was a member of the Society.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SALISBURY, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

Edgar C. Shepherd	Treble	Norman G. N. Knee	5
*Leslie A. Page	2	Rev. Roger Keeley	6
*John N. Longridge	3	Ronald N. Marlow	7
*David B. Ellery	4	Edward C. Read	Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Roger Keeley.
* First peal in the method. First of Stedman on the bells for 55 years.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

*Stephen Bedford	Treble	Vernon Bedford	4
†Jack Pilgrim	2	Adrian Knights	5
Ruth Woodman	3	†Peter Bedford	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Bedford.
* First peal (aged 14). † 100th peal together.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jennifer Jeans (daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Stanton Jeans) and John Milligan.

NEWMARKET, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Comprising a 2,160 and four different extents.
Tenor 21 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

Janet I. Rogers	Treble	Lawrence R. Pizzey	4
Brian Redgers	2	Robin H. Rogers	5
John A. Underwood	3	Roger J. Palmer	Tenor

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

LUDGVAN, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Ludgvan.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in A.

Denis Stephens	Treble	†Anthony P. Smith	4
Anthony Locke	2	F. Malcolm Bowers	5
*W. Reginald Curtis	3	Anthony J. Davidson	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.
* First peal "inside" and first on six. † First peal. First of Minor as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, SS Peter, Paul and Swithun.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C sharp.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	Treble	John Hartless	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	Brian J. Luff	8
Thomas H. Francis	3	David J. Forder	9
Gordon Benfield	4	Philip N. Tubbs	10
Michael J. Thomas	5	Robert C. Kippin	11
Frank L. Harris	6	Tom Chapman	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At The Bell Tower.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	†Charles P. Quartley	7
Michael J. Fellows	2	Martin D. Fellows	8
Angela Newing	3	David J. Llewellyn	9
Arthur H. Reed	4	Geoffrey J. Hemming	10
Arthur C. Berry	5	John C. Eisel	11
*James Attwood, jun.	6	David J. King	Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques "inside." † First of Stedman Cinques.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Reginald W. Rowe	Treble	David G. Franklin	5
R. George Morris	2	Michael J. Robinson	6
Lawrence J. Haines	3	John J. Stanier	7
John Clements	4	Thomas W. Lewis	Tenor

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by R. George Morris.
Rung in honour of the marriage of Ronald W. Repton and Miss Eileen Andrews. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat.

Ronald Ducker	Treble	Alan Sheppard	5
James S. Webb	2	H. David Holland	6
*R. Ann Johnson	3	David S. Johnson	7
Mrs. D. S. Johnson	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Major.
Rung half-muffled for the victims of the Aberfan tragedy.

PATRINGTON, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Patrick.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

George A. Dawson	Treble	Alan H. Bridges	5
*Elizabeth J. Foster	2	James Crowther	6
†Peter Church	3	Michael Maughan	7
Geoffrey W. Randall	4	Rev. Frederick Ross	Tenor

Composed by Simon Humphrey. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † First of Surprise Major.

also

THE ANTIENT AND ACCEPTED FREEMASONS OF ENGLAND.
SHAROW, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

Bro. Fred Hodgson, M.M., Dunelm Lodge, 4079	Treble
Bro. Cyril F. Sutcliffe, D.C., Beacon Lodge, 4066	2
Bro. Eric Jackson, M.M., Rose of Raby Lodge, 1654	3
Bro. John A. Brown, M.M., Finchale Priory Lodge, 7059	4
W. Bro. Kenneth W. Cheeseman, P.M., The Carville Lodge, 2497	5
Bro. Jack Roach, M.M., Vulcan Lodge, 4510	6
Bro. Harold Walker, M.M., Minster Lodge, 4663	7
W. Bro. Thomas M. Cox, P.M., Vulcan Lodge, 4510	Tenor

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by Thomas M. Cox.

CAWTHORNE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., July 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 21 methods: (1) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (2) St Albans, Neasden Wragby and Charlwood Delight, (3) College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Willesden and Newdigate Delight, (4) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and Ockley T.B., (5) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Capel and Oxford T.B., (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Kent T.B.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr 2 lb. in G.

Wilfrid F. Moreton	Treble	Christopher Moxon	4
Elizabeth Peace	2	David S. Johnson	5
Peter Carbutt	3	Trevor Tarbatt	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

NUNBURNHOLME, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Wells, (2) London, (3) Bourne, (4) Durham, (5) York, (6) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

Elizabeth J. Foster	Treble	James Crowther	4
George A. Dawson	2	Michael Maughan	5
Peter Church	3	Geoffrey W Randall	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At West Pines, Dale Brow.
On Tues., Oct. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

David Atkinson	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
Alan A. Potts	3–4	Robert B. Smith	7–8
John Worth	9–10		

Composed and Conducted by Robert B Smith.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., Oct. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett	1–2	Edward J. Beer	7–8
Bernard F. L. Groves	3–4	Frank J. Matthews	9–10
Christopher T. Osenton	5–6	Stuart Sandford	11–12

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Hilton 1, Linda M. Wilkinson 2, Mary C. Poyner 3, S. G. Pick 4, J. A. Coates 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6. A farewell to Kaye Quinn, of the local band, who has left for Germany.

BATH, SOM.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles. Miss C. J. Mitchell 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, A. Swatton 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, P. J. Devrell 5, B. Sarll 6. First of Stedman for 1, 3, 4, 5, 6

BEDFONT, MIDDX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Davies 1, Miss A. Horsford 2, Miss P. Brown 3, D. Boniface (cond.) 4, S. Bevington 5, D. Lee 6. For the wedding of Miss Linda Dimbleby to Mr. Brian Waxall.

BENDIGO, VICTORIA. — On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Wilson (first quarter) 1, Monica Martin 2, T. Wilson (first quarter) 3, W. Robertson (first "inside") 4, J. A. Martin (cond.) 5, C. Rayner 6. First quarter on tower bells by a resident band.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela Bond (first of Minor) 1, Mary Christian 2, S. Christian 3, A. R. Walters 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, R. J. Southgate (cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church on Oct. 15th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. R. Hussey 1, B. Martin 2, J. Collard 3, M. Powell 4, T. Newlands 5, D. Reynolds 6, R. Sweet 7, J. Pedler (cond.) 8. To celebrate the marriage of Miss G. M. Hussey and Mr. D. J. Hunt.

BROMESBERROW, GLOS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Smith 1, Rev. F. F. Rigby 2, R. Chew 3, E. D. Wilson 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, T. Stevens 6. For the christening of Stephen John, son of fifth ringer.

BROUGHTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. Matcham 1, Gladys D. Northway 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, D. R. Fallick 4, L. D. Smith 5, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 6. Extents containing maximum and minimum number of calls.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Frances Templeman 1, Rachel J. Sinden 2, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 3, D. J. Baker 4, K. I. Davis 5, B. J. Luck 6, T. C. Phillimore 7, D. J. Carr 8, T. H. Holmes 9, A. Davies 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury 1931 to 1963.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY. — On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Diane Wickens 1, Judith Skinner (first "inside") 2, Carol Gosling 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6. A birthday compliment to treble ringer.

COTLEIGH, DEVON. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, R. Symes (first quarter) 2, G. Lye 3, W. Sparkes 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, L. Dare 6.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—At St. John's on Oct. 23rd, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary J. Cotton 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Gwendoline G. Meyer 3, R. L. Jones 4, C. J. N. Dalton 5, K. J. Rider 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, J. R. Pratt 8. For Evensong.

DEWSBURY, YORKS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Bottomley 1, D. Archer 2, Jeanne E. Bottomley 3, E. Betts 4, J. Henderson 5, J. Wightman 6, G. Richardson (first as cond.) 7, D. Carruthers 8.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain): R. Hardy (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. Adcock 2, Mrs. M. Robinson 3, J. Robinson 4, F. Adcock 5, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 6. By St. Peter's Mansfield, ringers for St. Edwin's Day.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Nicholson, jun. ((first quarter) 1, F. Pack 2, Mrs. D. Nicholson 3, J. Keeler 4, B. E. Jemmett (cond.) 5, G. Nicholson 6. For Harvest Festival.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Beetlestone 1, I. Campbell 2, A. Warren 3, P. Taylor 4, B. Watson (first in method as cond.) 5, L. Tubb 6. First in method 2 and 4.

GILLINGHAM, KENT. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. S. Jarrett 1, S. B. Dobbie 2, G. A. Naylor 3, B. Trill (first Surprise Major) 4, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, B. Jemmett 6, R. Finch 7, F. Matthews 8. Rung in memory of Mr. T. G. Dennis, of Rainham.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. J. Croft 1, L. R. Runnacles 2, G. Cherry 3, J. Church 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, P. W. Croft 6. For Harvest Evensong.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Whitby 1, L. Cordell 2, V. Tipton 3, Audrey Hopkins 4, R. Walker 5, L. Whitby 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, J. Aley 8. A 77th birthday compliment to W. Wheeler, tower captain.

HARSTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Sanderson 1, W. E. Pye 2, E. W. Pye 3, B. J. Couzens 4, J. H. Negus 5, F. Harper (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. W. Pye.

QUARTER PEALS

HAWLEY, HAMPSHIRE.—1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Margret Berndt 1, Josephine R. Williamson 2, Valerie Bone 3, D. Jennings 4, D. Leach 5, F. K. Williamson (cond.) 6. First of T.B. 1, 3.

HERNHILL KENT.—On Oct. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: E. Clifton 1, Margaret Jones 2, L. Sweatman 3, P. Richardson 4, Sylvia Knight 5, H. Deacon 6, D. Manger 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment, with the best wishes to Brenda and Nick.

HINDLEY, LANCS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Shallcross (first attempt) 1, Barbara Green 2, H. S. Cooper 3, W. Horrocks 4, J. Halsall (cond.) 5, I. Westhead 6. For centenary celebrations and the visit of the Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt. Rev. Stuart Blanch.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS. — On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Bosworth-Smith (first quarter) 1, Christine Slater 2, A. Elizabeth Timmins 3, Cyril T. Collins 4, Clive M. Smith (cond.) 5, Philip R. Johnson 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Triples: G. W. Cecil 1, S. Penfold 2, F. V. Gant (cond.) 3, A. J. Salisbury 4, C. C. Pain 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, J. McDonald 7, F. E. Scoones 8. In memoriam George Faulkner, of Barking, who died on October 7th.

HULL, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Brenda E. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, G. W. Randall 2, H. N. Pickering 3, R. S. Starkie 4, M. Maughan (cond.) 5.

KIMPTON, HERTS. — On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Martin 1, I. Desborough 2, Miss D. Angell 3, Mrs. H. Price 4, D. C. Price (cond.) 5, J. G. Cull 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. John Wells, who died that morning aged 85; tower captain since 1957.

KING'S SOMBORNE, HANTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Lynds 1, Mrs. T. Tarrant 2, W. C. Perry 3, J. Wimlett 4, T. Tarrant (cond.) 5, W. Mulford 6. For 90th birthday of an old ringer who has rung at above tower for 50 years.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret of Antioch on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. Barbara Bennett 1, T. Bent 2, P. J. Staniforth 3, J. Bramley 4, G. Harry Bray 5, J. E. Adams 6, G. A. Olliffe (cond.) 7, W. Tanser 8. For Matins and as a compliment to Jean Endall and Maurice Kirk who were married the previous day.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Yates 1, E. Stanton 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, R. A. Vickers 4, G. W. Holland 5.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes' on Oct. 9th, 1,275 Stedman Caters: D. L. Crawley 1, R. W. Powell 2, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 3, R. R. Churchill 4, T. G. Pett 5, R. D. Bailey 6, D. E. Rothera 7, M. W. Coleman 8, J. Q. Pladdys 9. For evening service.

LONG SUTTON, SOM.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Lewis 1, W. A. Osborn 2, M. Eastment 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, R. Parker 5, A. Hill 6. A compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, on his birthday.

LONGWOOD, YORKSHIRE.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: I. Roberts (cond.) 1, D. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, B. Ellis 4, R. Hoyle 5, A. Charlesworth 6, R. Coverley 7, K. Wilson 8. For Evensong. First in the method for all the band.

MADELEY, SALOP.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. J. Stanier 1, M. J. Robinson 2, L. J. Haines 3, Miss R. Tailby 4, G. L. Bowen 5, D. G. Franklin 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, T. W. Lewis 8. First of Stedman by 2, 3 and 4. In memoriam Joseph L. Stanier, late tower captain.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles: R. W. Yates 1, G. Orchard 2, G. W. Holland (cond.) 3, W. A. Yates 4, R. A. Vickers 5, W. H. Yates 6. For the golden wedding of Mr. H. Stopp, local captain, and Mrs. Stopp.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 12th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss I. E. Manby (first of Major) 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, Miss M. Walshaw 3, D. M. Barraclough 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, C. M. Mouley 6, A. G. Keen 7, A. Ward (comp. and cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 4.

MENDLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Godfree 1, N. Tye 2, M. H. Whittell 3, R. J. Southgate 4, J. Juby 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 5.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Sams 1, Audrey Hopkins 2, R. Hayden 3, C. Sams 4, R. Walker 5, W. Aley (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, SOM.—On Oct. 17th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Norfolk and York): Miss D. Chapman 1, P. J. England 2, A. Perry 3, J. Brain 4, M. J. Horseman 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

OXFORD. — At St. Thomas' on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth M. Barber (first quarter as cond.) 1, Mary A. Welch 2, R. J. Wilsher 3, S. K. Thompson 4, R. M. Heyworth 5, P. Mackie 6. For morning service by O.U.S.C.R.

PLUCKLEY, KENT. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Clifton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Baker 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. For Bridget Kathleen Johnson, baptised this day; also an 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. S. Deacon.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Oct. 30th at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: L. D. Duguid 1, Miss R. Kemp 2, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, A. F. W. Burbidge 6, P. Page 7, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

PRESTBURY, CHELTENHAM. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Newman 1, R. Tibbles 2, I. D. Thompson 3, H. Webb 4, M. Maggs 5, R. Newman 6, R. Dowdeswell (cond.) 7, S. Udollerus 8. For the wedding of Miss Susan Kent (Vicar's daughter) to Mr. J. Marshall.

RADLETT, HERTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jill Gordon 1, Sara Woolley 2, Anne Hunter 3, G. Spratt (cond.) 4, D. Hooper 5, D. Major (first quarter) 6. By members of Watford Grammar School.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. F. Ward 1, Penny Halliwell 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, F. C. May 4, B. C. Sadler 5, P. Bedford 6, R. D. Tomlin 7, A. House (cond.) 8. First in method 2 and 5.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Hughes (first on working bell) 1, Mary Elmes 2, Joan Hanning 3, K. G. Game (cond.) 4, C. Dalton 5, A. T. Shelton 6, W. Inwood 7, Carol Martin (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS. — On Oct. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. C. Spicer 1, W. A. R. Chamberlain 2, J. S. Walker 3, R. D. Bellamy 4, G. E. Bonham 5, H. S. Peacock 6, B. F. Sims 7, P. Mehew (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Samuel Walter Hawksford, for over 60 years sexton and verger.

SHEDFIELD, HANTS. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Draper 1, Rosemary Kemp 2, Renee Sturgess 3, R. K. Hawkins 4, K. Knight 5, S. A. Scott 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, J. A. G. Ball 8.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL. — On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Brown 1, Miss E. Brocklehurst 2, Miss G. Thomas (first as cond.) 3, Mrs. J. Gray 4, S. Bendle 5, K. Bellew 6. For Evensong.

STRATFORD UPON AVON, WARWICKS. — On Oct. 16th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: E. Gower 1, Miss C. Dolphin 2, E. Holdsworth 3, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 4, V. Hunt 5, H. G. Summers 6, I. Thompson 7, L. M. Callow 8, P. Border 9, J. L. Garner-Hayward 10.

WEXFORD, IRELAND. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): G. Macgregor 1, Miss H. M. Hubert 2, P. W. Brown 3, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 4, C. J. Reede 5, H. H. Brown 6. Rung on the middle six for the opening of the Wexford Festival.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOM. — On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, Mrs. E. Powell 2, H. Purchase 3, G. Maidment 4, G. Sparks (cond.) 5, W. Nurcombe 6, F. Casley 7, V. Gunter 8. Rung after the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Young, with the best wishes of the band. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Powell 1, G. Sparks 2, F. Eggleton 3, G. Maidment 4, H. Purchase 5, W. Nurcombe 6, F. Casley (cond.) 7, A. Gale 8. To welcome the Rev. F. H. Bently (rector), also Mrs. Bently and family.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOM. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Stone 1, Valerie J. Stone 2, G. Nabb 3, E. Dibble 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, A. Kent 6. A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. F. R. Heasman.

WORCESTER.—On Oct. 12th at All Saints', 1,320 Repton Delight Minor: J. J. Stanier 1, G. L. Bowen 2, D. Beacham 3, P. Cattermole 4, L. J. Haines 5, D. G. Franklin 6. In honour of the marriage of R. W. Repton, member of All Saints', and Miss E. W. Andrews.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Pleasance 1, D. Cobb (first of Minor "inside") 2, A. Cole 3, D. Wenden 4, D. Bloyce 5, F. Erith (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of 1.

YATTON, SOM.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Porter 1, H. W. Knight 2, A. E. Price 3, L. Derrick 4, S. G. Smith 5, J. Brain 6, P. J. England (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss M. Kingcott.

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GREEN.—On November 6th, 1966, to Jennifer and Vernon Green a son, Alistair, a brother for Jeanette.

WOOLLEY.—To Maureen and Bryan on November 4th, 1966, at Solihull Hospital, a son, Graham Garfield Edward. 22, Gorsey Lane, Wythall, Worcestershire. 305

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

PULLINGER. — A memorial service to the late George Pullinger will be held on Saturday, November 19th, at 1.30 p.m. at the Parish Church, Willingdon, near Eastbourne. Donations can be sent to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Lincolns Inn Fields, London, W.C.2. 318

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J. W B.—Verily, verily I say unto thee, 'tis not possible to do—my cardboard box goeth not.—p.p. Edgar. (W*L*S). 273

"Every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God."—Ecclesiastes iii, 13.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS A PROBLEM? Why not headed notepaper? Special offer of 150 printed Duke size sheets with 50 matching envelopes, in box; 21s. incl. postage. — F. Lewis, 38, Boston Avenue, Reading. 207

DANEHILL. — Annual ringers' service, Sunday, November 20th. Bells 5.30. Service 6.30. Tea provided after service. Numbers for teas to Mrs. B. Baines, 2, Treemans Farm Cottages, Horsted Keynes, by November 16th. 308

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE

The rehung ring of eight bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Birkenhead on Saturday, November 26th, 1966, at 3 p.m.

Names for tea essential to Mr. M. Thomson, 48, Windsor Drive, Grappenhall, near Warrington, Lancs, by Wednesday, November 23rd. All welcome.

J. C. Breese, Tower Captain.

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Preliminary Notice

ANNUAL DINNER

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Saturday, February 4th, 1967

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WANTED.—SUMMER COASTAL SITE for 16ft. 4-berth caravan in area where holiday-making ringers welcome. Details, please, to Mrs. H Price, 11, High Street, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. Phone Kimpton 405. 302

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BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The November meeting, Shelley, near Huddersfield, on November 12th. Cups of tea will be provided. Method for the day is Violet. 328

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EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, November 12th, at Crawley (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., with further ringing and business after tea. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. A. Ladd 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Names for the annual dinner, to be held on January 14th, to the secretary, please. 238

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Francis Xavier's, Liverpool, November 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. in the hall. —M. E. D. 285

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, November 12th, St. Mary's, Battersea Church Road, 2–3; St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea 3.30–4.30; St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington Church Street. Business 6 p.m. Ringing after.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. Renown 4423. 249

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — Monthly practice for Western Deaneries at Lyng, Saturday, November 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at Lyng. Names to Rev. P. Kelly, Wramplingham Rectory, Wymondham, by Wednesday, 9th. Ringing at Reepham after tea 5.30–8 p.m. 241

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Autumn meeting at Caversham on Saturday, November 12th. Bells: St. Peter's 3–4.30 and 7–9; Mapledurham 7.30–9. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30 Tea and meeting at Caversham Church House 5.30. Names for tea to Mrs. T. N. Lanaghan, 9, Hemdean Road, Caversham. 262

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District. —Practice meeting at Felsham (6), Saturday, November 12th. Also District committee meeting. Will all committee members please attend. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m. — A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 266

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North East District.—Annual District meeting at Blythburgh on Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Snowling, 10, East View, Blythburgh, Halesworth, Suffolk. Wenhaston bells (6) available 7–9 p.m. — T. N. J. B. 235

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Quarterly meeting at Arundel (8) on Saturday, November 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Mill House Restaurant 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keymer Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Owslebury, Saturday, November 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells available at Twyford (8) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Hornby, The Rectory, Bramdean, Alresford, Hants. 263

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Stanton Drew (5), Saturday, November 19th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 216

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Tarporley, November 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. **Own tea arrangements.**—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 309

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—St. Nicholas', Wallasey, November 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea **free! Only** for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 326

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Godmanchester, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing will be announced at the meeting directly after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting, November 19th. Sherborne (6) 5–6.30 p.m. Windrush (6) 6.30–8.30 p.m.—R. Wenham, Branch Sec. 289

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. — Stroud Branch. — **Change of arrangements.** Stroud, Saturday, November 19th, evening practice only. Bells (10) from 5.30. Next meeting: Annual, Chalford, December 17th.—E. Cribley.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS—N. and N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Bridgerule, on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. G. Pearce, Buttsbeer Cross, Bridgerule, Holsworthy, by Monday, November 14th.—R. Pearce, Sec. 257

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — Nomination meeting at Shalford on November 19th. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Bells available afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. J. Horsman, 107, Tillingbourne Road, Shalford, Guildford. 286

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Stretford (8 bells) on Saturday, November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (make own arrangements for tea).—J. Brannan. 307

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saddington, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 322

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting, Birstall, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. M. Morley, 1, Heathgate Close, Birstall, Leics. by Wednesday, November 16th.—F. W. Faulkner, Hon. Dis. Sec. 281

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Lindsey Branch. — Meeting at Corringham, Saturday, November 19th Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5, for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Special methods: Durham Surprise and Little Bob—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 256

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. Stevens and J Cotton. 277

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch. — Meeting, Croughton, Saturday, November 19th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Chambers, Parkway Garage, Croughton, Brackley. — A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 320

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting, Sutton-on-Trent, Saturday, November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names to Miss G. Birchnall, 3, High Street, Sutton-on-Trent, by previous Wednesday.—B. N. Reed. 287

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Annual meeting, Marlborough, Saturday, November 19th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 317

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, November 19th. Aldrington (6) 3–4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Shoreham (8) 6.15–8 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, 62, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex, by Wednesday, November 15th. 279

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

Special General Meeting

A special meeting will be held on Saturday November 19th, to discuss proposed revisions of the District boundaries. The meeting will be held in Hyde Hall, Hyde Street, Winchester, at 2 p.m. Names for tea should be sent to Miss P Hornby, Bramdean Rectory, Alresford, Hants, by Monday, November 14th. Ringing at the Cathedral from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—D. J. Forder, Hon. Gen. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, November 19th. Sherburn-in-Elmet bells available 2.30. Service, tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. John Potts, North Sweemings Farm, Lennerton Sherburn-in-Elmet, Tadcaster bells after tea.—R. Ducker, Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Meeting at Wakefield, Saturday, November 19th. Ringing arrangements: Kirkthorpe (6) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. and Wakefield Cathedral (12—opportunity to ring on the light 10) 6.15 to 9 p.m. Tea and meeting in Wakefield. Names for tea essential to Mr. W. F. Moreton, 6, Bar Lane, Wakefield, by Wednesday previous. All welcome.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 274

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—The A.G.M. will be held at Curry Rivel (8), Saturday, November 26th Service at 4.30. Meeting to follow. Names for tea essential. Branch Dinner, February 10th, tickets available. — J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec 299

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at Wootton, Saturday, November 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford, by Tuesday previous. 301

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QUARTER PEALS

BENINGTON, HERTS.—On Oct 27th 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: K. Perrin 1, A. A. F. Peters 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, F. J. Robinson 4, J. Welch 5, A. E. Jones 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Miss J. D. Mills daughter of the late Canon W. Mills and sister of the late Rev. W. E. Mills both at some time rectors of this church.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX. On Oct. 9th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Pat Lindsell 1, Susan Chapman (first "inside") 2, Josephine A. Quilter 3, Jennifer M. Syder 4, P. G. Brown 5, C. Barker 6, A. Syder 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. Also on Oct. 23rd 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Susan Chapman 1, Queenie Cresswell (first of Cambridge) 2, A. Wiffen 3, Jennifer M. Syder 4, Josephine A. Quilter 5, C. Barker 6, A. Syder 7, R. J. Lindsell (cond.) 8. By the Sunday service band.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. James on Oct. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Helen Roberts 1, Maureen Simons 2, Pauline Bligh-Cheesman 3, Juliet S. Stoy 4, Mandy McCullion 5, Susan Jenkins 6, M. Gilbey 7, J. T. Parsons (cond.) 8, M. Zobel 9, J. Milton 10. Rung by the U.B.S.C.R. for morning service.

CHELMSFORD ESSEX.—1,249 Grandsire Caters. R. Suckling (cond.) 1, Josephine Quilter 2, A. Wiffen 3, Jennifer Syder 4, F. Roper 5, P. Wood 6, J. Warner 7, A. Syder 8, Hilda Snowden 9, R. Lindsell 10. For the Cathedral Festival.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Lynn Seton (first quarter) 1, Irene Everitt 2, D. Shaw 3, E. Beer 4, S. Sandford 5, F. Matthews (cond.) 6, R. Constant 7, June Constant 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Beer 1, D. Shaw 2, Marjorie Matthews 3, Irene Everitt (first quarter) 4, S. Sandford 5, R. Constant 6, F. Matthews (cond.) 7, G. Clark 8. A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. M. P. Beck M.A.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. Cubitt 1, G. Adams 2, G. Pullin 3, K. Hohl 4, M. Cubitt 5, T. Spight 6, L. Bailey 7, P. Adcock (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. K. Hohl.

ILTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. I. Hill 1, C. Gratton 2, R. Parker 3, Mrs. D. Crocker 4, R. I. Dean 5, R. Beale (cond.) 6. For the combined choirs' service of Donyatt Horton and Ilton.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: M. Worthington 1, A. W. Childs 2, F. J. Robinson 3, A. A. F. Peters 4, B. J. Harris (cond.) 5, R. Falder 6, A. E. Jones 7, K. Perrin 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering as a farewell to A. W. Childs, who is leaving the district after 37 years as a ringer at this church.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. P. Ottaway 1, F. W. Tomlin 2, C. A. Ottaway 3, H. Corney 4, T. Sharp 5, C. W. Ottaway (cond.) 6, A. Crowson 7, D. Riley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam C. Cuddington, verger of the parish church 1959-1966

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A COLOURFUL CHARACTER IN LONDON RINGING

Mr. William H. Hewett

TALKING to "The Times" in 1959, the late Mr. A. A. Hughes gave as his only regret the disappearance of the "odd, colourful characters we used to have years ago." The death of William H. Hewett has removed probably the last of them from the London scene. A taxi-driver for many years, with a dry sense of humour, he could keep one amused for hours with stories of some of his fares. Despite a reputation of never being on time for a peal he was a splendid ringer and conductor, who figured in the "Leading Conductors" series in this journal, on April 7th, 1939 (a series which could well be reprinted for its historic interest alone).

He deserves to be remembered for several reasons. He rang at Westminster Abbey on Armistice Day, 1918, the last time the old six were rung. In fact one bell, I am told, could only be chimed — the Abbey bells at that time were hardly ever used. He criticised this state of affairs so effectively to the Abbey authorities that his advice was sought soon afterwards by Sir Edward Knapp-Fisher, and it was not long before there was an announcement made that an anonymous donor, later revealed as Lord Lee of Fareham (who also presented "Chequers" to the nation), was giving a new ring of eight to the Abbey. It was also Mr. Hewett's suggestion that the Kent County Association's memorial to members who died in the first World War should take the form of the addition of two trebles to the then ten at Canterbury Cathedral; and he must be given the credit of being the first to advocate the holding of joint meetings between Associations.

In Bill Hewett's heyday St. Margaret's had an excellent band, most of them doubtless now forgotten by the Exercise in general but, in my time, men like Reuben Sanders, a superb heavy-bell ringer and striker who died earlier this year; James E. Davis, with over 1,000 peals to his name; George M. Kilby, one of the band who pioneered Spliced Surprise Major ringing beyond the four standard methods; and Edwin F. Pike, a gentle character for whom somehow everyone felt sorry. I recall being taken by my father to a practice there, about 1931, when Pudsey Royal was being practised, an almost unheard of method in those days (Mr. Hewett in fact called the first peal of it). One of the band set up towards the end of a course because that was where his diagram had run out and he hadn't realised he had only to reverse an earlier part of it! Times change — but no band would ring St. Margaret's bells better today, if as well.

Others will, I believe, write of his ringing career, but one or two highlights are worth mentioning. His peal total at the time of the 1939 article was 465, of which he had conducted 91, so that in all he must have rung over 500. These included 7,392 Cambridge Maximus and 10,440 Cambridge Royal. About half his peals were on ten or twelve bells; at the other end of the scale was the first peal on the pre-Reformation five at St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield. But it is for his long and devoted service to St. Margaret's, Westminster, that he will most be remembered by those who knew him.

E. A. B.

THE PEAL BOOKS

The Peal Books of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers, by a decision made at the annual meeting held at Berkeley in 1965, are now discontinued and with the exception of the record peal of 143 Minor methods rung at Castle Eaton on December 2nd, 1963, the last entry is a peal of Doubles rung at Great Barrington on December 27th, 1958. This was the 2,720th peal for the Association, thus there are recorded 2,721 peals in the eleven volumes.

Until the late A. E. Reeves became peal secretary in 1934 the writing up of the peals had not been done by the peal secretary; in fact, there is no record of any peal secretary until 1921 when G. Condick of Bristol became the first holder of the office. In that year peal fees and affiliation by Parochial Church Councils were also instituted. Peals had been written up before 1921, by the end of 1920 there had been rung for the Association 1,020 peals and of these only 200 had been written, the work being done by one, John Beams, who would appear to have continued doing it until 1929. I know nothing of John Beams, who he was or where he lived, but he did do a good job of writing.

In 1922 Albert Wright, who lived at Pitchcombe, Stroud, took office and continued until his death in November, 1934; he did not himself write up any of the peals.

It was in 1934 that Alf Reeves took on the job, of catching up on what must have been a large number of unwritten peals, and his last entry in the books was a peal at Newland, in the Forest of Dean, dated 25th April, 1957; it was of Minor and was peal No. 2,626. The books were then right up to date and the job was handed over, a work well done, a lasting memorial to a great man. Alf Reeves was succeeded by F. S. Wilton, who held the office for five years, during which period 354 peals were rung, but of these only 58 were entered in the book.

Eric Sutton took on the formidable task in 1962 of trying to catch up on these arrears, but by the date of the A.G.M. in 1965, when Mrs. Wratten became peal secretary, another 320 peals had been rung, and there were now 616 peals which had not been written up, with the rate of peals still increasing.

The Management Committee gave a lot of thought to the problem, Eric Sutton was willing to go on writing, and the A.G.M. were to be recommended to agree that when the present book became full the writing up should cease but the A.G.M. thought that it was too much to expect, and decided to stop at once; their resolution is written into the book, it is the end of a long and beautiful work.

The books had at one time been kept in the Vestry of St. Thomas's Church in Bristol, and in 1930 the Association spent £4 10s. 0d. on a steel cabinet and the books were transferred to the basement of Church House, Bristol, where they were locked up, out of sight, and available for inspection only on application to the Association's secretary. I was only asked once for the key, and once went myself to inspect and dust the books. In later years one of the books had always been on show at the annual meetings, generally the one in use at the time. At one time I kept a book at Churchdown, and by a letter to "The Ringing World" made it known that anyone could see it there, but no one came.

Now the books have been deposited into the care of the City of Bristol Archives, and when St. Nicholas' Church becomes a museum it is hoped that one volume will be on display there. The books remain the property of the Association, and are available for inspection at reasonable hours by any member of the public—it would be best if possible to make prior application to The Bristol City Archives Office, The Council House, Bristol, quoting No. 24,701.

There are eleven books covering (1) 1879-1897, (2) 1897-1902, (3) 1902-1909, (4) 1909-1917, (5) 1917-1919 and some between 1886-1889, as well as a "Toll of the Great War". The next six volumes are all styled "New Series" and are numbered I to VI. They contain: (6) 1919-1924, (7) 1924-1928, (8) 1928-1935, (9) 1935-1947, (10) 1947-1952, (11) 1952-1958.

The first cost of a peal book that I have been able to find was £2 15s. 0d. in 1925, but that was not the first volume; in 1951 the last of the books cost £16 14s. 9d. and a very conservative estimate of the price today would be in the region of £50. On one occasion I had to send a volume by post, and it was insured for £1,000 just in case. It is hoped that now that the books are available many more will avail themselves of the opportunity to examine the work of Alfred Reeves and the others who have done so much work for the G. and B. Association.

CHARLES ROUSE, Hon. Secretary.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' 329th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

A YEAR OF GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS REVIEWED—GIFT OF HANDBELLS—PRAISE TO THE CUMBERLANDS—ONLY LADY MEMBER & HUSBAND HAVE 49 YEARS MEMBERSHIP

A YEAR of exceptionally brilliant ringing was reported to the Ancient Society of College Youths at its 329th anniversary dinner at the Albert Restaurant, Albert Embankment, London, on November 5th. A capacity attendance of 204 welcomed the Master, Mr. J. D. Rock, as he was escorted to his seat by Mr. A. J. Frost, senior steward.

Peals reported included:

Cambridge Maximus, St. Paul's Cathedral;
Cambridge Maximus, Liverpool Cathedral, at which Peter Border rang the tenor single-handed;
Three peals of Stedman Cinques rung simultaneously in the City of London;
Cambridge Maximus at Manchester Town Hall.

According to custom, the Master proposed the toast of "The Church" and welcomed the company to "Swinging London" and expressed the hope that when closing time came it would not be too "swinging."

There was some significance about the year —66, he said. It was in 1066 that Edward the Confessor built Westminster Abbey, and in 1666 there was the Great Fire of London. 1966 would be remembered as the year the College Youths left the Bridge House for their annual dinner. They would return to the City of London next year and had already booked Bucklersbury House in the heart of the City of London.

He made no apology for associating ringing with a toast of "The Church." He considered that their meetings and organisation was as much a part of the Church as some of the other activities. In the past it had been considered that their ringing was a little divorced from the Church. With that he entirely disagreed. All of them owed a tremendous duty to the Church and as ringers their interests were centred around the life of the Church.

He was a parson's son and purposely he had taken wine with the clergy and the sons of clergy present. He did so because since the age of ten his main interest apart from work had been in bells. He recalled that in 1942 Leslie Evans in Herefordshire got about eight young men and taught them to ring, and they had a wonderful time cycling around visiting the churches.

ACHIEVEMENT

The great benefit of ringing was the thrill and satisfaction of achieving something. Many of them worked in humble jobs that did not give them much satisfaction, but they did ring and obtained a great sense of satisfaction from it. "There is nothing more satisfying than completing a really good peal. It might be quite ordinary but when it happened it was well worth it."

In ringing they met a lot of interesting people and they were pleased to have with them that night George Fearn, the only man alive to ring 2,000 peals. There was also Peter Border, who had turned in Liverpool tenor to a peal single-handed, and Pat Cannon, who had probably rung a combined total of different towers to peals and peals more than any other man. There were also some who they missed at this gathering who were no longer with them—Ernest Fenn, who was Master of the Society for seven years, and the cheerful face of Reginald Dennis.

The Ven. Martin Sullivan, Archdeacon of London, replied and said quite a number of people in the City of London told him that he was an Australian. When he replied that he was a New Zealander they commented that they lived close together. There were 1,800 miles of sea between them. If one told a Scotsman that he was Welsh and it did not matter as they lived close together there would be a strong protest.

The Archdeacon said he rang bells in his youth, but it was not scientific ringing but rounds and hymns. For 329 years their Society had been sending out the message of sound over city and countryside week by week and they would never know how many hearts had been stirred by that message. Their service was one of the imponderables.



THE MASTER, MR. J. D. ROCK

FAMILY CONNECTION

The toast of "The Ancient Society of College Youths" was proposed by Mr. W. A Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, who said that many members of his family, both past and present, had taken a close interest in the Society's activities. Some of them might remember that his father was for many years a treasurer of the Society and also a Past Master, and his father before him was likewise a treasurer and a Past Master.

"My other grandfather, W. D. Smith, was also a Past Master," continued Mr. Hughes, "and, strange to relate, his father and one of his grandfathers were members of the other London Society—the Society of Roval Cumberland Youths."

When founded, change ringing was practised as a sport, but over the years it had become more closely bound in the service of the Church. He believed that the vast majority of ringers would agree that it must be the fundamental principal behind their activities. Although territorial and diocesan associations had been formed to cover most areas in the country, their Society held a unique position among ringers, with a membership drawn from all parts of the country and abroad. The success of their Society relied on the hard work of the officers and the enthusiasm of the members, and it was remarkable that since 1892 it had had only four secretaries and the last had only just completed his first year of office.

Mr. J. G. A. Prior, making his first reply as secretary, followed in traditional lines by reporting on the year's activities. He said they had thought that the unexpected change of venue and the inevitable increase in the price of tickets would have led to a marked decrease in the attendance, but their fears were groundless and the number present that night of 204 was well up to standard.

APOLOGIES

These had been received from Bishop Wand, Dean of Westminster, Canons Gilbert Thurlow and M. Stancliffe, the Revs. J. McCulloch and N. Motley, Messrs. Nelson, Sloan, George Symonds, T. G. Fox, Albert Tyler, Harry Miles, Henry Hodgetts, A. York-Bramble, A. Richards, W. Moreton, F. E. Hansford, Comdr. Tim Watt and George Pipe. Henry Hodgetts, now 83, mentioned dinners at the Bridge House more than 60 years ago, which were like Lord Mayors' banquets and tickets were only 3s. 6d. each.

Since the last meeting they had elected 32 new members, viz., H. E. McDonald, Victoria, Australia; M. R. Ashmore, Harrow; S. G. Scott, Bracknell; D. Kirk Stedman, Sussex; H. R. Thomas, Brecon; M. T. Johns, Brecon; B. Rogers, Walton-on-Thames; J. R. Dyke, Wallingford; A. M. Faulkner, Woodford; A. D. Sansom, Cranford; D. L. Cawley, Whitstable; M. J. Uphill, Putney; M. C. Hughes, Knowle; C. T. Hills, Willesborough; J. Davidge, Epsom; P. G. Brown, Chelmsford; R. Aldington, King's Norton; T. J. Warner, Olton; R. A. Hunt, Ruskington; F. Shawcross, Ashton-under-Lyne; J. Kershaw, Walsden; J. A. Ainsworth, Halesowen; M. J. Hiller, Bradpole; D. F. Moore, Birstall; A. J. Martin, Oxton; C. Bryant, Whipton; H. Rossell, Perth, W.A.; J. Claughton, Ringwood; E. Hudson, Sharow;; K. Fleming, Ampthill; M. Marriott, Bedford; E. W. Harrison, Newcastle upon Tyne.

NOTABLE PEALS

"It has often been said that we are not a peal ringing Society but each year the secretary reports quite a healthy crop of peals. This year we have recorded a total of 32 peals, including some of more than usual interest. In December last there was a peal of Bristol at Westminster Abbey to mark the beginning of the Abbey's 900th anniversary year, and those who know the Abbey bells will appreciate that this was a fine performance, especially by the tenor man, Jack Crampion. There is to be another peal attempt at the Abbey to mark the close of the anniversary year. In March there was a peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral, the first of Maximus there for very many years, to which John and Michael Chilcott rang the tenor in splendid style."

In July, to mark the City of London Festival, three peals of Stedman Cinques were rung simultaneously and for the most part the bands consisted of members who regularly ring in the City.

"In August, at Liverpool Cathedral, there took place what must surely rank as the finest heavy bell performance in living memory, perhaps of all time, the ringing of a peal of Cambridge Maximus with Peter Border on the tenor (Applause.) We are very proud of the fact that the peal was rung for the Society and tonight we would like to offer to Peter and the rest of the band our sincere congratulations."

In October there was a peal of Cambridge Maximus at Manchester Town Hall in honour of the 84th birthday of Lester Gray. "We are delighted to have Lester with us tonight looking as spry and youthful and as cheeky as ever." At St. Giles', Cripplegate, also in October, the Society rang a peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus in four methods, the first to be rung in London.

OBITUARY

The company stood while the following who had died during the year were remembered: H. F. Ashley, Bulkington (joined 1950); James Brackley, Old Woking (1951); Vincent T Cherrill, Reading (1946); Alfred J. Clayton, Beddington (1900); Peter Crook, sen., Bolton (1924); Peter S. Davis, South Croydon (1952); T. Reginald Dennis Cambridge (1911); Ernest G. Fenn, Barking (1899); Colin Harrison, Loughborough (1928); William H. Hewett, Camberwell (1915); Leslie C W. Hunter, Chilworth (1962); John Pinfold, King's Norton (1944); Albert J. Pitman, Port Talbot (1949); Herbert G. Pratt, Croydon (1919); Thomas Rogers, Wallasey (1953); Reuben Sanders, Balham (1916); Kenneth Snelling, Crawley (1936); A. Paddon Smith, Birmingham (1921);

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Hobart E. Smith, Ipswich (1942); John W. Ward, Melbourn, Cambs (1930).

After referring to the highly successful meeting in Gloucestershire, arranged by Mr. Leslie Barry, the secretary said that for next year they had accepted the invitation of Tom Chapman to go to Northamptonshire.

GIFT OF HANDBELLS

"During the year we have had the splendid gift of a set of 12 handbells, arranged for tune tapping, in a special case, which are a link with Matthew A Wood, who was Master of the Society over a hundred years ago. We had no knowledge of the existence of these handbells until Mrs. H. K. Nicoll, last surviving daughter of Matthew Wood, now an old lady of over 90, wrote to Whitechapel Bell Foundry to say that she would like to present the bells to the Society. Needless to say we were delighted to accept the gift and the handbells are here tonight for your inspection. They have been cleaned and put into good order by Mears and Stainbank, who have also had a commemorative plaque affixed to the lid. It is interesting to note that the bells were ordered for Mrs. Nicoll by Matthew A Wood, who was Master in 1856 and 1859 from Mr. Arthur Hughes, the then head of the foundry, who was Master in 1907, and that there is a note in the case written by Mr W. D. Smith, who was Master in 1891, 1903 and 1904. Mr. Arthur Hughes and Mr. W. D Smith were the grandfathers of Bill and Douglas Hughes. We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Nicoll for her gift and to Bill and Douglas for the work they have done."

Concluding, Mr. Prior mentioned the golden wedding of Frank and Elsie Hairs, who were both members of the Society Never before had such an event taken place and under the present rules there could not be another. Only nine ladies had been elected to membership and Mrs Hairs was the only survivor. They all hoped they would be present at next year's dinner when both of them would have completed 50 years' membership, each having joined in 1917.

Mr. P. A. Corby proposed "The Visitors and Kindred Societies" and said "bearing in mind the recent article in 'The Ringing World' it had been suggested that a soulful rendering of 'Come into the garden, Maud' would more readily fit in with the mood of the evening than an ill-starred attempt to cover up the blatant and piratical speech-preaching activities of the top brass."

CAMPANOLOGICAL CAULDRON

In thanking Canon G. R. Dunstan for the hospitality on St. Benedict's Day at Westminster Abbey, Mr. Corby said this would be the last time the Canon would be with them in his present capacity as superintendent of the belfry, Westminster Abbey. He was shortly moving into the wild and uncharted Midlands to become Canon Theologian of Leicester Cathedral. During this special year at the Abbey the lid of the campanological cauldron had been slightly lifted and Canon Dunstan had been able to see, no doubt to his intense horror, that there were a few misguided ringers who offered their loyalty to ringing organisations other than the Society. Alas, at Leicester he would find that the gullible natives had been subjected to the proselytising activities of some who should be nameless, but were not entirely unconnected with the present toast.

"However, from the proper grounding in the true faith that he has received from Harold Pitstow, we feel sure he will not become a deviationist and his affection for this Society will remain unsullied."

There were no fewer than 31 counties—English and Welsh—represented that night, including a group of 14 from the Liverpool area, under the flag of leek and crossbones manfully displayed by Tudor Edwards.

In a welcome to the Master of the Cumberlands Mr. Corby said they admired the energy and enthusiasm Mr. Beresford had brought to his task. "I have been honoured by his Society by being asked to compere a number of remarkable performances in the realm of non-conducted and Spliced Surprise Major and of hearing some really first-class ringing."

Canon Dunstan and Mr. Dennis Beresford replied. The latter spoke of the great privilege the Cumberlands had had this year in ringing at the Abbey and the privilege extended to him of attending a business meeting of the Ancient Society.

"THE MASTERS OF 300, 200 AND 100 YEARS AGO"

This concluding toast was proposed by the Master, who said William Stewkly was elected Master in 1666, having joined the Society in 1658. Among the members in Stewkly's time were Sir Francis Withins, Sir Martin Lomly, Sir Richard Everard M.P., John Brereton (son of Lord Brereton) and Sir Henry Tulse, later Lord Mayor of London.

The year 1766 fell in the period when there were two Societies of College Youths— the "Ancient" and the "Junior." At this period the Junior Society was the more active; but they had no record of the name of either Master.

George Mash was elected Master in 1866. He joined the Society in 1858, and was only 26 years old when he became Master. He was for a long time steeplekeeper at St. Saviour's, Southwark (now Southwark Cathedral), a job which his father James, his son, George, and his grandson, Thomas, also did. He was a man who was respected by all for his good nature and invariable courtesy. He took part in 85 peals, including the first peal on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, and was a foundation member of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild. He died in 1893 at the early age of 53 having been Master of the Society three times.

During the evening a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung in impeccable style by W. T Cook 1–2, W. Wilson 3–4, M. V. Chilcott 5–6 J E. Chilcott 7–8, P. A. F. Chalk 9–10, M. P. Moreton 11–12.

THE COMPANY

Top Table.—The Master, the Ven. M. G. Sullivan (Archdeacon of London), Canon G R. Dunstan, the Revs. D. Harbord (St. Botolph's, Aldgate). E. J. Rogers (St. Giles' Cripplegate), J. F D. Trimingham (St. Lawrence Jewry), Messrs. J. G. A. Prior (secretary) C. G. J. Watts (treasurer), A. J. Frost (senior steward), P. A. Corby (junior steward), J. F Smallwood (trustee), J. A. Waugh (trustee), W. T. Cook (librarian), D. Beresford (Master, Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), P. A F Chalk, D. Hughes, W. A. Hughes, H. N. Pitstow, W. R. Winterton.

Others present: Messrs. R. Aldington, J A. Anderson, K. Arthur, M. R. Ashmore, H. E. Audsley.

A. E. Bagworth, T. N. J. Bailey, R. E. I Baker, R. F. Baker L. Barry, D. A. Bayles, A. W. Beard, F. H. Bennett, A. J. S. Berry, P. Bird, H E. Bishop, J. H. Bluff, P. Border W. C. Boucher, R. J. Bowden, J. Brain, B. W. Brighty, F. W. Budgen, D. Burnett, A. A. J. Buswell.

J. E. Camp, A. P. Cannon, G. W. Cecil, G. Challans, J. E. Chilcott, M. V. Chilcott, C. A. Clarke, C. T. Clarke, D. G. Clift, J. Coates, M. W. Coleman, W. H. Coles, F. E. Collins, R J. Cook, F. Cooke, J. B. Cooke, C. K. Cooper, A. J. Corby, R. G. Cousins, J H. Crampion, M. Cubitt, F. J. Cullum.

D. T. Darby, F. E. Darby, A. J. Davidson, R. E. J. Dennis, L. Derrick, J. R. Dyke, P. J. Dye

R. G. Edwards, T. P. Edwards, B. Eglesfield.

A M. Faulkner, G. E. Fearn, H. H. Fearn, John H. Fielden, J. Fox, L. J. Fox, T. G. Fox.

J. L Garner-Hayward, J. G. Gipson, C. J. Gould. E. Gower, L L. Gray.

F. E Hansford, R. Harris, R. W. H. Hayes, F. E. Haynes, D. Heighton, K J. Hesketh, T. Hesketh, C Hibbert, J. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, J. Hill, M. J. Hiller, D. P. Hilling, R. W. Hinde, E. Holdsworth, S. J. Holgate, M. Hooton, J. Howard, M. Hughes, R. A. Hunt, E R. Iveson.

D. Jenner, D. Jewell, M. T. Johns, C. M. P. Johnson, B. Jones, E. G. Jones.

A. R. Kench, R. Kenrick, J. Kershaw, S. F. Kimber C. H Kippin.

R. J. Lee, A. F. Lewry, D. J. Llewellyn, J. H. Lott, C. Low, Rev. B. K. Lunn.

F. D. Mack, L. Mackie, A. G. Mason, J. S. Mason, D Massey. G W. Massey, I. Maycock, R. B. Meadows, D. Moore, M. P. Moreton, B. Murduck, D. Murduck, P. Murduck.

F. J. Nelson, C E Norris, R. E. Norris, R. F. Overington

H. L. Parfrey, D. E. Parsons, R. I. F. Parsons, A. Patterson, R. Peers, D. E. Pepper, A. J. Phillips, J. Phillips, J. B. Pickup, H. A. Pinchbeck, R. W. Piron.

D Randall, E. R. Rapley, W. J. Rawlings, W. A Riddington, D T. H. Robertson, E P. Rock, C. H Rogers, H. T. Rooke, P. Rothera, M. Rowbottom, E. J. Rowe, R. K. Russ.

J. B. Sansom, T. J. Setter, R. Sherlock, C. Simpson, B. F. Sims, F. W. Slocombe, A. H. Smith, M Snape, K. G. Spavins, R. Starkie, R. C Stevens, A. Stimson, A. N. Stubbs.

D. Taylor, E. Taylor, L R. G. Taylor, C. A. Tester, W. A. Theobald, M. R. Thomas, B. D. Threlfall.

A. F. Udall, E. R. Venn, R. A. Vickers, L. Walters T J. Warner, D. Whetton, B. White, T. W. White, W. Williams, J. Willis, K. Wilson, A. C. Winn, J. Worth, M. R. Wycherley, B. J. Wylde, W A Yates, D. G. Yeo.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lady as R.M. of Rochester District

The Rochester District held its annual general meeting on October 15th in the new £15,000 Church Hall, which adjoins St. Botolph's Church, Northfleet. Previously the Northfleet ringers and friends had entertained the 60 ringers present to tea. In appreciation of this kind gesture the sum of £15 was collected for the Parish Hall Fund.

The Vicar (the Rev. D. Glandfield), who had conducted the service, also presided at the meeting. Members stood in silent tribute to the many District members who had died during the past year. A comprehensive annual report was presented by Mr. T. Barton (District secretary) and adopted. Thanks were accorded to him and to two retiring from office—Mr. B. Trill, Ringing Master, and Mr. D. S. Osenton, District representative.

Miss Joan Haywood was elected the first lady District Ringing Master, Mr. Barton continues as hon. secretary, and Messrs. Ray Finch and F. J. Cheal District representatives. Mr. L. Mitchell (Newington) proposed the vote of thanks

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Letters to the Editor

FORMER COMMITTEE MEMBER'S VIEW

Dear Sir,—The last part of Mr. Howard Freeborn's letter in the issue of the 4th inst. ("any change would probably be for the worse") has been proved true by the new heading of that issue If this is the committee's start of "improvement" then I dread to imagine what "The Ringing World" will be like in a few years' time. That style of heading would, to my mind, be quite suitable for a supermarket's list of cheap offers, as that particular style looks cheap and is out of place.

Is it another of the committee's "improvements" to relegate the founder's name to the seventh page, or are they going to drop Jack Goldsmith's name eventually? Shortage of space cannot be the reason, as there is over an inch of space to spare on the front page alone.

Apart from local ringers, I have just had the opportunity of meeting some London ringers and the consensus of opinion is "cheap."

If you want to lose more readers then carry on with the "improvements," but I would again quote Mr. Freeborn—'Don't do it"—Yours sincerely. F. I. HAIRS.

Groombridge Sussex

PREVIOUS DESIGN

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to say a little about the proposal for a new design for the front page of "The Ringing World"?

This is not a new idea As long ago as Whitsuntide, 1953, when the Central Council met at Bournemouth, I urged "The Ringing World" Committee to make such a change and, at the same time, I submitted to Mr. J. F. Smallwood a design for this purpose which was drawn by Mr. C. Cullen, who is a ringer and one of the leading commercial artists in London. He is the gentleman who wrote, without charge in beautiful and dignified lettering, the Ringers' Roll of Honour for World War II.

"The Ringing World" Committee were not keen on accepting my proposal at the time but assured me that the committee had already thought of making a change in the lay-out of page one, and that such a change would be made **soon.** That was 13 years ago!

Has this design by Mr. Cullen been considered recently? If not, why not? If it has been considered and rejected I should be glad if the drawing could be returned to me as soon as possible.—Yours sincerely.

HARRY MILES.

Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

UNORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—How can Mr. John Pladdys have the audacity to state that Mr. Whitaker's composition of 720 Stedman Triples is not original when he frequently publishes unoriginal "compositions" of Plain Bob Major? I refer in particular to a recent "composition" of his published on page 670 of "The Ringing World." This "composition" was first shown to me several years ago by my old friend Mr. B. R. Douglas and was as old as the hills when his grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Spriggs, showed it to him!

In any case, who wants to conduct (or even ring!) a one-part peal containing 15 courses of unmusical 468's for the sole purpose of obtaining Queens and Whittington? The composition also possesses the unforgivable fault of having six consecutive calls at Wrong, a step which appears to be only necessary for handbell compositions.—Yours faithfully,

C. M. WILLIAMS.

London, W.C.

THE "NEW" "RINGING WORLD"

Dear Sir,—For many weeks readers of "The Ringing World" have been subjected to so much propaganda on the subject that they have been brain-washed into thinking that a change in the journal's title was called for; so much so that they have been led to believe that Mr. Pipe's splendid new design was something they could hardly wait to admire. "The Ringing World" Committee have put in hours of work and travelled hundreds of miles, we are told, in their efforts to produce an improved and attractive "Ringing World," whose increased appeal would boost its sales. What a hoax!

When I saw this first result of their deliberations I was horrified and dismayed. "The Ringing World" now has the appearance of a cut-price third-rate parish magazine, whose founders' aim was to produce, without any regard for the eye of the reader, the cheapest magazine possible. The new type is most unattractive, and the background which we have enjoyed for as long as we can remember has disappeared. Such stark, unrelieved inanity is quite unworthy of both our art and its journal.

What was wrong with the original design?—or did familiarity (only) breed contempt? Perhaps some member of "The Ringing World" Committee would tell us what criticisms had been made to them, or what induced them to foist this abomination upon "Ringing World" readers. Let us hope that this is only an experiment and that it is not intended to be an irrevocable decision.

There must be others besides myself who feel that it was most fitting that the background to the journal of our activities as church bellringers should have been Canterbury Cathedral, the centre and "father" church of religion in these islands, and of the whole Anglican Communion, and that it should be reinstated—or are we to see in its deletion that the committee is recognising the present lamentable trend towards the secularisation of ringing, when the lure of a peal is greater than that of duty to God and His Church?

If this new design is the committee's first step towards the new and more attractive "Ringing World" we have been led to anticipate, then heaven preserve us from the second and subsequent ones.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Stoke Poges.

RINGER-CHORISTER RECORD

Dear Sir,—In your correspondence columns of August 28th 1966, someone asked if there was anyone who could equal or beat the record of Mr. T. Gascoigne as ringer and chorister mentioned in Mr. J. W. Raithby's letter. I may say that I have been a chorister for 66 years and a ringer for over 65, and am pleased to say still carrying on in both capacities.—Yours truly,

H. JOHNSON.

St. Nicholas' Church, Hereford.

AN OMISSION

Dear Sir,—I believe the composition of Plain Bob Major by Cornelius Charge on page 717 ("Ringing World," October 28th, 1966) is printed incorrectly. Surely three courses called Ws, 3H should be inserted as the 11th, 12th and 13th courses in each part, the two final courses being as printed.—Yours sincerely,

EDWARD C. STEELE

Upper Clapton.

UNJUSTIFIED CRITICISM

Dear Sir,—May I through the courtesy of this column raise the matter of touring parties making adverse criticism of the towers they have visited.

I would like in particular to question the remark of "D.R.M.," of St, Katherine's Society (page 685). concerning St. James's, Grimsby: "Here two bells proved difficult to handle; investigation aloft showed that an additional frame for the two bells had been strapped to the existing one, an admirable economy but unfortunately the considerable movement of the new fixture failed to justify it."

The admirable **economy** referred to was part of a major reconstruction of the tower and augmentation costing the **economical** sum of £5,000, approximately. How any touring party can justify such a remark after only one hour's ringing is beyond me, especially as we have at Grimsby 9- and 10-year-old learners who handle these bells with aplomb. This does not of course mean that our 9- and 10-year-olds are better ringers than the St. Katherine's Society: it just means that each and every single bell in a peal has to be handled in a different manner.

A week or so before the visit of the party named we had had a visit from a Herts ringer well versed in the question of frame movements, etc.—the whole ten bells ringing in peal produced the CONSIDERABLE MOVEMENT of 1/64th of one inch.

May I, with respect to D.R.M., suggest that his remarks about St. James's bells after one hour's ringing are, to say the least, stupid and ill-informed, and that he should in future stick to ringing bells and leave remarks about moving frames, etc.. to the people who are experts in this field.—Yours faithfully,

F. KENNINGTON.
Captain and Secretary,
St. James's, Grimsby.

BRISTOL FESTIVAL

Dear Sir,—The organisers of the fourth Bristol Festival were gratified when several people thanked them for an enjoyable day. However, it appears to have been marred by one thing

At **12 noon** a 40-minute service had been arranged at the Cathedral, which was very well supported, the Dean obviously going to some trouble to give a special sermon about ringing. Also at **12 noon** a "tall fellow with glasses," who I assume to be Mr. C. Barrie Dove, of Leeds, and "a shorter chap with a bowler hat," who is assumed to be Mr. P. John Hall, of Weston-super-Mare, knocked at the door of the Vicarage of St. George's Church, East Bristol, to ask if they could ring. The Vicar was out, and his wife was doubtful whether she ought to give them the key. However, on being told that they were "University ringers," she did let them have it. In her own words, "It hardly seemed worth it—they only rang for five minutes." St. George's bells were, of course, available as one of the advertised towers from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.

To make matters even worse, at the social in the evening the prize of a fountain pen was awarded to the person who had rung at the most towers during the day. This was claimed by Mr. Dove with 15. How he had the cheek to take it beats us!

The organisers of the Festival and the officers of the Bristol City Branch take a very dim view of this, and are convinced that such snatch and grab tactics whilst a service is being held cannot do the Exercise much good. However, we shall take all precautions possible to ensure that there is no repetition of this sort of thing during the next Festival.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. HUNT,
Secretary, Bristol City Branch.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION REVIVE ANNUAL DINNER

ALTHOUGH the menu card read "Annual Dinner," it was in fact almost 30 years since the Lancashire Association had held a dinner. The event was revived on October 29th at the Victoria Hotel, Preston, when almost 120 people sat down to enjoy an excellent meal.

On the top table the president and his wife (Canon and Mrs. A. Hodgson) were supported by Canon J. M W Adam (Vicar of Preston), Mr. Vernon Bottomley (secretary of the Central Council and president of the Yorkshire Association) and his wife, Jeanne, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunkerley, Mr. and Mrs. N. Newby, Mr. and Mrs. J. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. F Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. C. Crossthwaite.

Visitors included A. R Peake, B. Bladon, W. E. Gearing, F. E. Jones, P. Toombs and the Misses A. D. O'Brien and L. M. Weaver (Gloucester and Bristol), A. G. Keen (Salisbury D.G.), T. Lewis and I. Oram (Kent C.A.), W. A. Theobald (A.S.C.Y.), T. N. J. Bailey (Suffolk Guild) and Miss S. F. Chapman (Yorkshire).

In proposing a toast of "The Church," Mr. N. Newby (vice-president) stressed the essential relationship between ringers and the Church, and pointed out how all ringers, not merely in this country but also overseas, were drawn together by a common interest through the pages of "The Ringing World." Perhaps other branches of the Church could learn much from the ringers. He also commented on the large number of young people present—among whom were to be found some of their best ringers.

SINCERITY OF MESSAGE

Replying, Canon Adam said that he was expected to be witty but not too lengthy (both of which he complied with admirably). He recalled how, when he was still a boy, the sound of the bells of Doncaster Parish Church had drawn him to walk two miles to the church. Ever since then he had loved the sound of bells, and today in a world where noise was ever on the increase the sound of bells stood alone in the sincerity of their message. No one who heard bells could mistake their message. They might ignore it, but they could never be in any doubt where the sound came from or what it proclaimed. He thanked all ringers for this act of Christian witness, and urged them to carry on the good work—the wardens would always be glad to pay for any broken stays!

The health of "The Lancashire Association" was proposed by Vernon Bottomley, who hails, of course from the other side of of the Pennines, where tea is "mashed" instead of "brewed." In drawing attention to the privileges of belonging to an association, he emphasised the importance of setting high standards in all that they did. This might make recruitment harder, but he felt that it was often necessary to be ruthless in order to achieve good standards of ringing. In punctuality as well as striking, in attendance as well as progress, they must set the highest standards. Above all, he stressed the importance of the example set by Association officers, tower leaders and secretaries. His advice to all office holders was: "Get out before you lose interest, not when you have lost it."

Vernon was thanked for his toast by the president, who also gave him the best wishes and support from Lancashire in his new job of secretary to the Central Council. It was a great pleasure, he said, to see such a good and enthusiastic gathering as that, the first dinner to be held by the Association for so many years, and he warmly thanked Cyril Crossthwaite and his wife for their work in organising it. He also praised the officers and committee for the excellent way in which they conducted its business.

"PLAY THE GAME"

He then went on to discuss the relationship between ringers and the public. Generally speaking, the public accepted the sound of bells as part of our Christian heritage—but occasions could arise when prolonged and frequent ringing would not be acceptable. He therefore urged ringers to accept this possibility and to "play the game" whenever it arose. Commenting on the relationship between ringers and clergy, he suggested that whenever the Vicar came into the belfry, although he could not be expected to take a rope, he might well appreciate being asked to say a prayer before ringing began. This at least would be something in his own line.

All the speakers were thanked for their efforts by Cyril Crossthwaite and, in proposing the toast of "The Guests," he particularly welcomed Fred Dunkerley, who had done so much for the Association in the past. He was also gratified to see so many eminent visitors, particularly two of the "ton-up" band from Wiltshire.

Throughout the evening Frank Reynolds acted as master of ceremonies in a most able manner and kept the proceedings going at just the right pace.

In between speeches the gathering was entertained to some delightful tune ringing by Nick Newby and his two sons, Nick jun. and Keith.

After the formalities had ended there was plenty of time for the meeting of old friends and convivial fellowship, and the general consensus of opinion was that the evening had been a great success. C. C.

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS' ANNUAL TOUR, 1966

THIS year's tour was once again of three weeks' duration, comprising the last week in July and the first two weeks in August.

The first week was mechanised and held in Cheshire. In all, approximately 80 towers were visited. In spite of the weather doing its worst, this week was much enjoyed.

The second two weeks' was to be a cycling one of the West Midlands, the tour stretching from Shropshire to Gloucestershire. After the Saturday most of the mechanised party left, and on the Monday we were reduced to four and then to three! All hopes of a ringing tour seemed ended and a cycling-only tour, with suitable visits, seemed the order of the day. However, three more joined us. We then rang at all the sixes and eights but did not, of course, ring at the tens and twelves unless this coincided with practice night.

The third week was better, with ten members, but with this number it was still an effort to get through the programme. "This is all" was called on the Thursday with one day yet to go. It seems almost impossible that in a space of four years we have fallen from having two separate Spliced Surprise Major bands on tour to this level!

Next year the tour is to be reduced to two weeks, the last week in July and the first in August. The venue will be South East England.

J. E. C.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

Striking at Bishopstoke

The Guild's annual striking competition was held at Bishopstoke on October 29th. Hopes for a record number of competing teams this year were not realised and it was particularly disappointing that last year's winners, St Mary's, Southampton, had to withdraw at the last minute. Seven teams were in the final line-up—Ringwood, Alton and Fareham to ring Triples, and Eling, St. Mary's Liss, Kingsclere and Bitterne Park, Southampton, to try Doubles. Mr. C. H. Kippin was the judge, and Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Master of the Guild, acted as belfry marshal

After the ringing, 80 people sat down to tea in the Church Hall Before proceeding with the competition business the Master paid tribute to the memory of Mr. George Pullinger. The news of Mr. Pullinger's sudden passing at Cheltenham on the previous Sunday came as a great shock to many present. Canon Felstead recalled that the Guild owed much to the diligence and keenness of George Pullinger, who had held every office open to him in turn, including that of Master and Guild representative to the Central Council. The assembled ringers stood in silence.

Mr. Kippin gave the results of his afternoon's judging, dealing with each team's effort in order of ringing. Ringwood, who rang 252 Double Grandsire Triples with 141 faults, were the winners of the Alliston Cup; Eling (174 faults) were runners-up, followed by St. Mary's, Liss, Kingsclere, Alton, Fareham and Bitterne Park in that order.

The Master thanked Mr Kippin for again acting as competition judge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Striking Competition

The Oxford Guild once more held its striking competition at Radley, Berks, on October 22nd. As only six Branches were represented the semi-finals were cancelled. Mr. W. G. Wilson and Mr. W. Parker acted as judges.

The results were as follows: 1 Reading (St. Mary's) 23¼ faults, 2 N. Berks (E. Hagbourne) 44½, 3 E. Berks and S. Bucks (Burnham) 47, 4 Witney and Woodstock (Eynsham) 60½, 5 Oxford City (Headington) 61½, 6 N. Bucks (Stoney Stratford) 147.

The Stoney Stratford band was a very young one, at least three of the members being under 15 years. They had offered to represent their Branch.

The judges in summing up stressed the importance of the 2nd ringer in setting the pace of a band and commented on the fact that most bands lost marks early in the test because of the inaccuracy of the 2nd. A band needed its best ringer on that bell as he had to set (as soon as possible) the speed which was needed by the rest of the band.

Mr. Peter Pearce, in the absence of the Master, thanked the judges, the Vicar of Radley, and the young ringers under Miss D. Pollard for the excellent tea.

ESSENTIAL DETAILS MISSING

Dear Sir.—I would like to refer to the report of the peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung at Heptonstall and published on page 677. The Central Council's Decisions, published in the Handbook, state that "reports of peals shall state the number of methods rung and the number of changes from one method to another during the peal." No details of the number of changes were given and I feel that it is an unwise step to start publishing peals in this manner.—Yours sincerely, D. E. SIBSON.

Putney.

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Mr. WILFRED WILLIAMS' TOUR of the NORTH EAST

By TUDOR P. EDWARDS

THE venue chosen for this year's tour was the North East in the Tyne-Tees area. but a suggestion that it should be a T.T. tour was quickly squashed. The vanguard of the party assembled at the Crown Hotel, Bawtry on the Friday, and included Wilfred Williams, Bill Theobald, Jim Pipe, Ralph Edwards, Ted Jenkins, Tudor Edwards, Ken Hesketh and Leslie Barry. We also had Maryl Crossthwaite and John Fielden with us for the first week-end.

Sprotborough's was our first tower on the Saturday and it was decided to ring Pitman's four-spliced, all the work, in memory of the composer, who had died the previous week.

A quick lunch and we were off to Selby, our next tower. Here we were joined by Pat Cannon and George Thoday, who had just finished a tour of Yorkshire. We also met the remainder of the tour party and also Mr and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, and some of them had a quick ring before we started the peal.

Both the Abbey and the bells are magnificent and a good peal of Cambridge Royal was rung. Afterwards we spent a pleasant evening at Selby and then said goodbye and John and Maryl before travelling on to York, where we were stopping for the night.

PETER AND PAT MEET

On Sunday morning we rang for Matins at York Minster and we are grateful to the Minster band for letting us join them for ringing on the magnificent 12. Then on to Harrogate for lunch and to meet Peter Border, who was suitably congratulated on his performance at Liverpool by the other tenor ringer, from Dorking.

Birstwith's was the afternoon tower and, after a slight detour by some of the band, a peal of London was duly rung. By conducting the peal Peter joined an elite company of conductors including H. Poole, R. F. B. Speed, R. Leale and J. Freeman, who have succeeded in getting Pat through a peal of London.

After the peal we returned to Harrogate and had the pleasure of joining the local band for ringing for Evensong on the delightful if somewhat loud bells at the Parish Church. Then on through appalling weather to Stockton-on-Tees where we were to stay for the following three nights.

The Parish Church at Stockton was our first tower on the Monday morning and the method chosen was London Royal. However London did not seem to go, and Cambridge was quickly substituted. This proved to be a wise decision and a very good peal was rung on the grand ring of ten. Bristol was rung at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, in the afternoon, in spite of the conductor. After finding Wilfred, who had somehow got lost after the peal, we returned to Stockton to meet Stan Mason, who had just arrived.

An advertisement for a well-known brand of kitchen appliance which we were to see quite a few times during the week, and stating that "Cannon is the world's best cooker," was the cause of much amusement amongst all bar one of the party.

PUBLICITY

Following the peal of London at Ormesby the following morning, Wilfred was interviewed by the B.B.C. and the interview was broadcast a number of times during the following days. We were also the subject of an article in the local Press, in which it was stated that Peter had rung Liverpool Cathedral tenor to 75,280 changes. On reading this, Peter said that 5,280 was enough for him.

The afternoon peal was at Skelton-in-Cleveland and a peal of Yorkshire was rung on the bells which although relatively quiet inside the tower are by no means quiet outside, and it was very pleasing to be complimented by a lady living immediately beneath the tower on the quality of the ringing. In the local hostelry afterward we were able to listen to Stan's tape recording of Wilfred's interview, which had been broadcast while the peal was in progress, and also to a recording of part of the peal. Stan was to take recordings of most of the peal attempts and it is helpful to listen to and constructively criticise ringing immediately on completion of a peal.

Wednesday morning saw us at West Hartlepool, where we received a very warm welcome from the local incumbent and also had a group photograph taken by the local Press. Because of the awkwardly placed clock case the smaller members of the band were placed round the back end, and a good peal of Cambridge Royal was rung.

A HIGHLIGHT

A hurried lunch and we were on our way to Newcastle for one of the highlights of the week—a peal at the Cathedral. The peal was to be rung in the evening and, after booking into our hotel, we made our way to the tower. A number of the party were a little late in arriving at the tower due to the evening traffic, but we were soon away ringing Cambridge Maximus on the fine bells. A good peal was rung without incident and a pleasant hour was spent afterwards in the "Post Office" in the company of some of the local ringers. We were all quite taken by the friendliness and atmosphere of this hostelry and we were to visit it time and again during our stay in Newcastle.

The week so far had been highly successful with 100 per centage success in our peal attempts. Leslie's score sheet at this stage was also quite impressive—no peals, nine new towers and ten new breweries. However, things were not destined to proceed as smoothly for the next day or so.

London Royal was going quite well on the pleasant ten at Gosforth the following morning, but after approximately three-quarters of an hour's ringing the stay on the second fell out with a loud crash and the peal was lost in the resulting confusion. This was our first failure of the week and Bill remarked that it was the first time this week his prayers had been answered.

SECOND FAILURE

Following a leisurely lunch hour we made our way to Fenham for the afternoon attempt. The bells and all connected with them are a fine example of the best of the bellfounders' work and the only possible complaint is that they are a little loud in the tower. We started off ringing London but our efforts did not match our surroundings. Cambridge was substituted but this was not to be our day, as after about an hour's ringing an irate local gentleman entered the tower and that was the end of the attempt

That evening we had a ring on the heavy six at Wylam, just outside Newcastle, thus enabling Pat to complete all the ringable bells in Northumberland. Afterwards we met Jack Fielden, who was on holiday at Whitley Bay, and a pleasant time was had by all discussing the relative merits of two well-known bell foundries.

The Watch Tower at Morpeth was the venue on Friday morning and Bristol the method. Before starting, Eric went up to the bell chamber to fix the shutters over the louvres as the tower is right in the centre of the busy town The ringing went very well but with nearly two-thirds of the peal completed a loud banging on the trap door of the ringing room and the efforts of someone to get in nearly resulted in the conductor being lifted off her feet. This caused a momentary lapse of concentration and the peal was miscalled. Unfortunately the louvres had not been completely blocked and the ringing was causing considerable inconvenience to local office and shop workers, and it was probably best that the peal had been lost, so that no further trouble was caused by continued ringing.

On the way to Whitley Bay for the afternoon attempt we had a ring on the grand, if extremely noisy, six at Cramlington. A number of the party who arrived at the tower early were conveniently situated near the local turf accountant's, and a certain horse with Welsh connections proved quite profitable.

Our run of ill luck continued at Whitley Bay, where eight-spliced was lost after an hour's good ringing. After the attempt we said goodbye to Peter, who was off to collect his family, and also to Mike Maughan, who had joined us for a number of peals during the week and was now off on Tom Lock's tour.

FIFTH SUCCESSIVE LOSS

Bishopwearmouth's was the Saturday morning tower, and again ill luck was with our efforts, for with four courses of Lincolnshire rung a large piece of plaster came away from the wall in the room above the ringing chamber and in the resulting confusion the peal was lost.

Five successive losses—and we were beginning to wonder if we would ring another peal during the week. As we had time to spare we were able to have a short ring at Sunderland Parish Church. We at last broke our series of bad luck by ringing a good peal of Yorkshire Royal on the fine Gillett ten at Roker in the afternoon.

Sunday morning saw us joining the Cathedral band for ringing for Matins. The apparent difference between the Cathedral bells when they are rung to Cinques as compared to Maximus is quite remarkable and there were quite a number of the party who wished we had rung Cinques earlier in the week.

After a farewell visit to the "Post Office" for lunch we set out for Blackhill, where the afternoon attempt was scheduled at the Roman Catholic Church. However, on arrival we found that recent damage to the tower made ringing impossible, but as compensation we were able to have a short ring on the interesting eight at Blackhill Anglican Church.

We then started retracing our steps to York and a number of the party made a slight detour to visit the magnificent Cathedral at Durham on the way. For Evensong we rang on the extremely fine eight at Northallerton.

During the course of a pleasant evening spent at the hotel at York Wilfred was presented with a gift as a small token of our thanks for arranging yet another tour.

All too soon our final day was with us. In the morning we rang a College Youths peal of Bristol in the semi-darkness of All Saints' Pontefract Then the long journey to Hull Parish Church for a peal of Stedman Cinques on the fine 12 with Pat ringing the tenor in his own unmistakable style.

Thus ended another of Wilfred's tours—good company, good bells and good ringing. We would all like to express our gratitude to Peter Rock, Eric Harrison, Eric Critchley and all the others who helped to make the tour a success. Our thanks also to all the local ringers and incumbents.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Northern District

For the first time for many years the District visited Royston on October 29th; it was an evening meeting under the direction of Mike Trigg and over 40 people attended during the two hours the bells were available. The number of young people present was most encouraging and it is hoped they will attend more District meetings in the future.

The evening's ringing finished at 8.45 p.m., when most of those present made their way to the Star, Melbourn, mine host being Ben Scoot, one-time Baldock ringer and a good friend to the District. J. K. O.

OBITUARY

MR. W. H. HEWETT

An Appreciation.

Dear Sir,—To those who have frequented the ringing chamber of St. Margaret's, Westminster, even at any time during the period of the last 60 years, the absence of William H. Hewett will be keenly felt. It has rightly been said that the great reputation at St. Margaret's, after his taking over the leadership from another London stalwart, the late James E. Davis, was due to Bill Hewett.

His quiet disposition did not reveal how much he had done for such a long time, for not only did he regularly maintain Sunday service ringing in this famous ten-bell tower, but adequately fulfilled the responsibility of arranging ringing on these bells for State and Parliamentary occasions in addition to innumerable society weddings. Really, his duties have been unique in the annals of campanology.

William H. Hewett was a very respected member of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. His membership commenced in 1905 and his first peal —at St. George's, Camberwell, on April 21st, 1906—was rung for the Association. This and many other of his peals were rung under the conductorship of the late William Pye.

After conducting thousands of people around the streets of London in his taxi-cab and conducting scores of ringers along the paths of various methods. Bill has truly earned his rest. T. J. L.

MR. GEORGE PULLINGER

An Appreciation

It was with great regret that I read of the tragic and sudden death of George Pullinger.

During my residence in Hampshire I had the privilege of ringing with George at his own tower at Bishopstoke and at the far-famed tower of North Stoneham, the latter tower then having only eight bells.

It was a pleasure to see the masterly way he handled his bell through a peal, with only one arm. And almost 50 years to the day of his death I can well remember ringing my first peal of Double Norwich at Bishopstoke where George faultlessly rang the third. This peal was conducted by his old friend George Williams. H. BADGER.

MR. DONALD THOMPSON

With the death of Mr. Donald Thompson at the age of 88 years on October 31st, St. Paul's, Bedford, lost one of its most faithful ringers and its chief link with the past.

At the age of 17 Don rang his first peal on the tenor of the old ring of eight in 1895. It was at ringing the tenor behind that he excelled until only a few years ago, his more recent ringing being confined to hunting the treble, which he could still do very well if the other bells kept right.

During the last few months he had been eagerly awaiting the rehanging of the bells and sadly, missed this by only a few weeks. He last rang at Bromham only eight days before his death, and a quarter peal was rung there as a tribute to him on the eve of his funeral.

MR. E. RUCK

Mr. E. Ruck, the sole surviving founder member of the Kent County Association, died on November 6th, 1966, within seven months of his 100th birthday.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

THE 1966 annual dinner of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held in the Assembly Room at the Town Hall, Northampton, on October 22nd. The chair was taken by the president, the Rev. Ernest G. Orland, and he was supported by the Rt. Rev. A. R. Graham-Campbell (Assistant Bishop), Mr. E. A. Barnett (past secretary of the Central Council) and Mrs. Barnett, Messrs. H. Peacock (Ely Dioccesan Guild), J. H. Bluff (Guild Master) and E. Billings (Guild secretary).

The toast of "The Church" was proposed by the Guild Master, who spoke about ringing being the most fascinating of all sports. Bishop A. R. Graham-Campbell replied and in his preface spoke of the only sad faces at a dinner belonging to those who had to make a speech. He went on to say how grateful he was to have been asked to speak about the Church at this dinner, especially in view of the present day criticism of the Anglican Church as "a noble ruin." He made the point that people had been saying for over 300 years that the Church of England was dying, but it nevertheless had shown a tough vitality and, for a "falling" Church, it had learned the trick of rising again.

In conclusion, he stated that ringers had a real place in the life of the Church—the Church existed for the worship of God, and ringers called people to church and reminded those who were unable to go of the Church's message; and, further to this, that ringing should be an act of worship in itself.

Mr. E. A. Barnett proposed the toast of "The Peterborough Diocesan Guild" and began by saying how fortunate the Guild were in its choice of secretary He mentioned that the Peterborough Guild was unique in that the Rutland Branch was formed in 1933 and this was reported at the time in "The Ringing World" as the last part of England coming under the wing of organised ringing. He thought that the Guild was fortunate in covering the whole of the Peterborough Diocese and not being divided by different ringing bodies within its own boundaries.

The president of the Guild replied, quoting the objects of the Guild. He stated how well they had been carried out—especially the first three, but continued on a more sombre note, speaking of the perennial problem of maintaining and furthering the art of change ringing, and of the difficult task of training learners to be good and faithful members of a band. He concluded his remarks by suggesting that more activity should be undertaken by the Guild as a whole in this field.

The toast of "Our Guests" was proposed by the Guild secretary, who explained how he tried to invite each year guests who were representatives of all the various aspects of organised ringing. In reply, Mr. H. Peacock, of the Ely Diocesan Guild, mentioned that three of his Guild's towers were within sight of Peterborough Cathedral. He expressed the thanks of all the guests for the hospitality they had received.

A very successful evening was rounded off by the entertaining act of Mr. N. Ayris, magician.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Southern District had an enjoyable meeting at St. John's, Shildon, on October 22nd, with a good attendance, which included the Association's president, Mr. W. Tyson. An enthusiastic band of beginners at St. John's, under the leadership of Mr. George White, has made many improvements to the belfry, and everything in the tower was in excellent order.

From rounds and call changes for learners to Bristol, Lincolnshire and Spliced Surprise Major, there was a good variety of ringing at all stages.

At the meeting which followed tea, the Association's Ringing Master, Mr. Kenneth Arthur, outlined the scheme for scrapping he Association's present four Districts and substituting three. Under the suggested division, the Southern District would lose Brancepeth (eight) and would gain West Hartlepool, with two eights and a ten-bell tower. This met with general approval, but Mr. Arthur stressed thot the proposals he had outlined had not yet been finally determined.

Next year's programme of meetings was settled, and there was further ringing until 8.30 p.m., when the Shildon ringers served refreshments, and some of the keenest stayed on for handbell ringing. E. P.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In the peal at Coddington, Notts (page 732) the name of the ringer of the fifth was inadvertently omitted. He was J. Edward Brown. Apologies.

With a peal of Maximus at Holy Trinity, Kingston-upon-Hull, on November 5th, Geoffrey W. Randall completes the Cambridge circuit of Minor to Maximus.

The Society of Rambling Ringers are reducing their tour next year to two weeks—the last week in July and the first in August. The venue will be South East England.

The peal of 12-Spliced Surprise Major rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on October 12th was a memorial peal to Mr. Peter Wycherley's mother-in-law.

The last ring on the bells of St. Andrew's, Headington, Oxford, before being dismantled, was on October 30th, when they were rung half-muffled in sympathy with the victims of the Aberfan disaster.

Corrections.—The peal at Erith, Kent, on page 730 was 5,184 Yorkshire Surprise Major and not London, as printed. The handbell peal at Halling, Kent, on page 732, should have Stuart Sandford ringing 9–10.

To the list of strange requests at weddings must be added an incident at Thurnby, Leics, when the ringers were asked by the best man to stop ringing because the bridal group could not hear the photographer's instructions.

In aid of a new sixth bell at Blaby, near Leicester, a choral evensong was held on October 29th. A Northampton ringer who attended and rang on the five states it was "good music and singing of the very highest order."

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BELFRY GOSSIP

ROPES CUT AT MORPETH WATCH TOWER

Four of the eight bell ropes in Morpeth Watch Tower have been severed by vandals. Three were cut immediately above the sally and one about a foot above. The ropes were installed last April and the damage is estimated at £22.

A spokesman at the Morpeth Borough Surveyor's Department said (as reported in the "Newcastle Evening Chronicle" of November 1st): "It is sheer wanton and wilful damage, done, we assume, by youths who have nothing better to do. It has certainly not been done by children. This is obvious from the height at which the ropes were cut."

The clock tower door was locked as usual, but the vandals found a way of forcing it off its hinges. The door has now been fixed more securely and a new lock fitted.

NEW SPLICED MAJOR RECORD

Another advance has been made in Spliced Surprise Major. Anthony R. Peake's band rang at Malmesbury Abbey on November 5th a peal in 110 methods. This is the greatest number of Surprise and Major methods yet rung to a peal, and included nine methods not rung previously. Congratulations to all.

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF HIS FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN

Few ringers live to have the distinction of Major J. H. R. Freeborn, of Cambridge, and formerly of Oxford. On October 29th he rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques to mark the 60th anniversary of his first peal in the method. This was a Cambridge University Guild peal at Saffron Walden. The peal was also to celebrate the Major's 79th birthday, which took place the previous day.

NEVER BEFORE

Recently we have recorded a number of very young ringers scoring their first peal. This week from the private campanile of Mr. A. A. Jopp, at Stoulton (tenor 107 lb. in C) comes a peal of Plain Bob Minor in which eight-year-old Paul Jopp was ringing his first peal and his brother Andrew (aged 13) was conducting To Andrew's query. "Is this a record for two brothers aged eight and 13 to ring their first peal and first as conductor respectively on their own bells?" we would reply "Unquestionably."

ELUSIVE STEDMAN

Among the many who have found success at Stedman elusive is Mr. A. R. Sage, of Clevedon. He selected a party to ring a quarter at Calne Parish Church on November 1st in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of his daughter, Mrs. Gwendoline Turner. With one exception the band came from the Chew Deanery Branch: the quarter was lost after 35 minutes. A similar misfortune befell Mr. Sage's party on April 19th, also at Calne (Mr. Sage's old tower). To the ringers who made these special journeys Mr. Sage extends his sincere thanks.

FIRST PEAL ON BELLS SINCE 1911

The peal at St. Thomas', Salisbury, is the first of Stedman on the bells since George Williams took a band there on Easter Monday, April 14th, 1911, and conducted Thurstans' peal.

There have been a number of attempts including a special endeavour five years ago to mark the jubilee of the 1911 peal, but all have been unsuccessful. It is inconceivable that the band who rang so long ago would have imagined that it would take so long for others to emulate their achievement!



UNUSUAL

The new bell for St. Mary's (R.C.) Church, Flint, weighs seven cwt. and was cast by O'Byrne of Dublin. It stands on four large pillars.

This bell, writes D. H. B. M., may not interest change ringers as such, but I think this is a fine example of modern bell founders' art and shows what can be done, especially for new churches on new estates. The parish priest, Fr. J. P. Donnelly is on the left and his curate, Fr. A. Edwards, on the right.

(Photo: C. H. Maddock, Holywell, Flint.

FROM THAMESSIDE TO CENTRAL AFRICA

A letter to the "Daily Mirror" asking for an old bell for the little church to be opened at Palapye, Botswana, Africa, on Christmas Eve, has been responded to by Burrell and Co., chemical colour manufacturers of Millwall, London. They have offered a 3 cwt. bell recast for them in 1892, and also to pay the shipping cost. Burrells believe that the original bell was used as a work bell during the construction of the famous "Great Eastern" steamship built there in the 1850's.

PEAL CONCENTRATION IN HERTS

During the past month Hertfordshire has seen an invasion of ringers each Saturday for the purpose of ringing two eight-bell peals. The arrangements were carried out by Mr. Martin Press Five attempts were successful, only one attempt being lost halfway. One ringer was heard to comment that this was the "Press Peal Month": indeed it was. Our thanks to Martin for organising this unusual peal tour! and to all incumbents for the use of their bells.

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN FESTIVAL

In September, 1960, the first Lichfield Diocesan Festival was held in North Staffordshire, and on September 17th it was again the turn of the North Staffordshire Association to be hosts to the other two Associations in the Diocese of Lichfield— the Shropshire Association and the Stafford Archdeaconry Society.

This year the festival was centred on Uttoxeter and included some towers in the "Churnet" and "Dove" valleys. Ringing started in Cheadle, where there are two churches with bells and both having the same dedication—St. Giles. The Parish Church has a ring of six with a tenor of 14 cwt. in F, and the Roman Catholic Church a typical ring of eight bells—14 cwt. It is perhaps fortunate that the two rings are tuned in the same key of F, as the bells are within earshot of each other.

After lunch, ringing continued at Mayfield (a ring of six) in a church which some people had difficulty in finding; Ellastone (a tricky six); Alton (a new Taylor eight) and perhaps the best ring of the day; and Leigh (also a recently cast ring with six bells).

The annual service was held at Uttoxeter and was followed by a three-course meal in the Church Hall. Evening ringing was at Uttoxeter (an octave with the tenor slightly out of tune), Rocester (a good light eight rung from the ground floor) and Alton, where a course of Glasgow was rung.

Thanks are due to our friends in North Staffordshire for their organisation of this festival, and to incumbents and tower captains.

Whilst an enjoyable day was had by all, it should be remembered that this was a diocesan festival, and perhaps next year a more representative gathering of ringers will be possible. J. H. A.

RINGING MASTER MARRIES TOWER SECRETARY

October 22nd, the last day of British Summer Time, was marked by the wedding of two Little Aston ringers, Michael W. Fairey and Anthea C. Richards. The bridegroom is Ringing Master at Little Aston and also Ringing Master of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society. The bride is secretary of the Little Aston ringers.

The Vicar, the Rev. H. H. Follis, officiated at the choral service, the bridegroom having been a member of the choir for many years. The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr. C. L. Richards, wore a full-length white satin gown with fur-trimmed sleeves. Her long shower veil was held in place by a white rose. The matron of honour was her sister, Mrs. Annette Corner, who had flown from Geneva for the occasion. Mr. Neil Fairey was best man to his brother.

The local band, many of whom had been taught to ring by the bridegroom, rang before and after the service. Some 75 guests attended the reception at Penns Hall Hotel, Sutton Coldfield Despite a frantic search, the familiar green Austin Cooper car could not be found and the newly-weds got off to a rather rapid start to their married life.

KNARESBOROUGH ACTIVE

We are pleased to hear of activity at Knaresborough, Yorks, where the bells have rarely been fully rung. The band is composed of old and new ringers and it is hoped to have eight-bell ringing for Christmas.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

SOUTHGATE, Middlesex.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part
Tenor 24 cwt 91 lb. in D.

William A. Theobald	Treble	Richard A Hunt	5
Alan G. Spreadbury	2	Martin D. Cubitt	6
William T. Cook	3	Christopher H. Rogers	7
David T. Darby	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey	Teno:

Conducted by William T Cook.
Rung to mark the birth of a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. J. M Bloomfield, of Branksome.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH, Somerset.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Bathwick.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Five-part. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat

C. Martin Press	Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy	5
Philip M. J. Gray	2	D. John Hunt	6
Gillian M. Hunt	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
Richard W. Sweet	4	John C. Slater	Tenor

Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.

HALSE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Wed., Nov. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, ten callings Tenor 11 cwt

Arthur H. Reed	Treble	*Raymond M. B. Cullen	4
Francis J. Morris	2	Albert W. Knight	5
*Keith E. Beale	3	Albert H. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Keith E. Beale.
* First peal of Doubles "inside." First as conductor.

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Margery A. Wratten	Treble	Michael J. Hobbs	5
Philip M. J. Gray	2	John C. Slater	6
Richard W. Sweet	3	Patrick J. Bird	7
Dr. Tudor P. Edwards	4	Cyril A. Wratten	Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by Dr. Tudor P. Edwards
Rung as a wedding compliment to D. John Hunt and Gillian M Hussey, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt

Diana M. Chapman	Treble	Roland H. Cook	5
Elisabeth A. G Bowden	2	Howard C. Palmer	6
Martin Green	3	A Maxwell Lindsey	7
Malcolm E. Wade	4	*R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Middleton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason
* 50th peal as conductor.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat

F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's)	Treble	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	7
Susan Jackson (Girton)	2	J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare)	8
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's)	3	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's)	9
C. W. Woolley (Selwyn)	4	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn)	10
W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	5	P. A. F. Chalk (Selwyn)	11
V. Nutton (Selwyn)	6	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity)	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Frank E. Haynes.
Rung on the 60th anniversary of J. H. R. Freeborn's first peal in the method, also to celebrate his 79th birthday (October 28th, 1966)

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,440 of Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,120 of Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of every method for each bell.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

G. H. Jones (St. John's)	Treble	M. C. E. Hodge (FitzW.)	5
W. J. Ridgman (Queens')	2	R. M Damerell (Corpus)	6
V. Nutton (Selwyn)	3	E. N. Thomas (St. John's)	7
K. J. Triplow (Selwyn)	4	R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT BUDWORTH Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt 2 qr. 14 lb

David J. Atkinson	Treble	C Kenneth Lewis	5
Derek Yates	2	John Worth	6
William H Dowse	3	Basil Jones	7
Harold C Lonyon	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by E A. Barnett. Conducted by C Kenneth Lewis.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat Nov 5 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt 8 lb. in E

Derek Yates	Treble	J Anthony Beaumont	5
*Jane Reynolds	2	Allen Twyman	6
*David Hogg	3	C. Kenneth Lewis	7
Alan J Brown	4	Frank Osbaldiston	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Middleton. Conducted by C Kenneth Lewis.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the appointment of the Vicar the Rev. M. J. Ridgway, as Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral

TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat. Nov. 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent T.B and Single Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr 7 lb. in G sharp.

David Allman	Treble	John R. Scott	4
Geoffrey A Edwards	2	‡Leon A. Perry	5
*†Keith W. Eaton	3	†Frank R Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R Morton.
* 25th peal, all rung this year † 25th peal together. ‡ First of three Minor methods "inside"

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

BURTON DASSETT, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Nov. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
42 extents in 21 methods/ variations Being two extents each of: Stedman, Reverse St Bartholomew Grandsire New, Huntspill St. Vedast, Winchendon, St. John, St. Miles, St Nicholas, Lapley St Giles, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure Southrepps St Martin, St Leonard St. Simon Eynsham, Plain Bob and April Day.
Tenor 13 cwt in F

*Delphine Holman	Treble	John F. Thorne	4
†Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	*Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
Robert W. Sherriff	3	*Richard M Andrews	Tenor

Conducted by Robert W Sherriff.
* Most methods to a peal † First peal of Doubles and most methods to a peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor
Rung on All Saints' Day to honour the Patronal Festival.

THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Katherine.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent T.B and St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

Peter J. Oates	Treble	Michael W. Carter	4
Christopher R F. Muncey	2	Michael C. E. Hodge	5
Kathleen A. Jordan	3	Michael Hawes	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Hawes.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

THORINGTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of York Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb in G.

Eileen Gibbins	Treble	Neville F Whittell	4
Rachel J R Orman	2	Alan R Andrews	5
Jennifer M Andrews	3	George N Orman	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D

Stanley G. Ponting	Treble	Douglas A. R. May	5
David J. Tubbs	2	C. Martin Press	6
Christopher H. Rogers	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Tom Page	4	*Philip A. F. Chalk	Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of four-spliced Surprise Major.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Carolyn Tubbs.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MALMESBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Abbey Church of St. Paul. On Sat. Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5,080 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 110 methods, comprising 96 changes each of Aldenham, Benington, Claybrooke, Deben, Dublin, Jersey, Langley, Maulden, Minsmere, Ramsey, Scawthorpe, Superlative, Vauxhall and Wordsworth, 64 changes each of Apsley, Bristol, Campsall, Cherwell, Cray, Eastcote, Ickleton, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Northolt, Painswick, Radlett, Richmond, Rutland, Shoreditch, Thorne, Tring, Warwickshire, Wembley and Yorkshire, 32 changes each of Acton, Banwell, Barnsbury, Bedfont, Bicester, Biddenden, Bitton, Brislington, Cambridge, Chester, Chippenham, Colerne, Conisbrough, Cuckfield, Dartford, Dawlish, Derwent, Dorchester, Drayton, Dursley, Eastbury, Elford, Falmouth, Fordham, Framley, Frankley, Grendon, Hanbury, Harlow, Haselbech, Hendon, Highgate Hitchin, Ilfracombe, Jedburgh, Kettering, Lambourn, Leckhampton, Lincoln, Liskeard, Llanfair P.G., London, Lydney, Malmesbury, New Gloucester, Northleach, Northwood, Olney, Olveston, Ospringe, Otley, Prestbury, Pudsey, Pyrford, Quinton, Reverse Dublin, Ruardean, Shenley, Southwell, Stockport, Stoke, Stow, Tetbury, Thornbury, Trowbridge, Twerton, Twyford, Umberslade, Uxbridge, Watford, Wootton, Wraxall, Xavier and Yatton, and 24 changes of Herefordshire Little, with 158 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb.

Robert C. Kippin	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Victor Griffin	7
Brian Bladon	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

The first peal of Major on the bells. The greatest number of Surprise and Major methods yet rung to a peal.

Rung on the eve of the christening of Katherine Louise Hobbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J Hobbs.

Ruardean:	—38—14—58—16—14—38 56—36.1.	f.
Olveston:	56—56.14—58—36.14—34.58.14—12.3.	mx.
Leckhampton:	38—38.14—12—38—14—58—16—T.	f.
Liskeard:	—38—14—56—16—12—58.14—12.5.	f.
Wootton:	—58—16—12—36—14—58.14.36—3.	f.
Lydney:	—38—14—58—16—14—58.12—36.7.	b.
Lambourn:	—36—14—58—16—14—12.58—16—3.	f.
Chippenham:	—36—14—1258—16—12—58—36.12.3.	f.
Northleach:	—58—16—12.58.36—12—58.12.36.12.7.	f.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PETERCHURCH, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Rev. Canterbury and four of Plain Bob.

Mrs. M. J. Hope	Treble	W. John Clayton	4
John W. Hope	2	Thomas Bound	5
*Leonard Morley	3	Frederick R. Harris	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick R Harris.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Colin A. Lewis and Gillian E. Graney. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George's Chapel of Unity On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

Martin L. Howe	Treble	Frank J. Matthews	5
Herbert E. Audsley	2	W Arthur Riddington	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
Bernard F. L. Groves	4	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Composed by James W. Parker. Conducted by Frederick J Cullum.

Rung in memoriam William H. Hewett.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St John the Baptist. On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) York, (2) Durham, (3) Wells, (4) Surfleet, (5) London, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Tony Lewis	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan	4
*Gillian M Hunt	2	D. Paul Smith	5
Ian H. Oram	3	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

Rung on the Feast of St. John, Cantius, Confessor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michae. .nd All Angels. On Wed., Nov. 2, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Basil Jones	Treble	Dennis Latham	7
Neil Bennett	2	Edward Jenkins	8
*Margaret P. Booth	2	Jeffrey Brannan	9
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	4	John H. Fielden	10
Margaret E. Fort	5	Derek Butterworth	11
Christine Andrew	6	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First 12-bell peal. Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

MILNROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James. On Sun., Oct. 23, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt 2 lb.

Margaret E. Fort	Treble	Edward Jenkins	5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	J. Barry Pickup	6
J. Colin Ashworth	3	John H. Fielden	7
David V. Hodgson	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

Rung as a compliment to Frederick Shallcross and Carole Williams on their engagement.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorks.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Ian H. Oram	5
*Tony Lewis	2	Richard J. Parker	6
Jeffrey Kershaw	3	Richard S. Starkie	7
Margaret E. Fort	4	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal in the method. 100th peal of Major as conductor.

Rung with best wishes to Tony Lewis on his 20th birthday.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY.—At the Church of St. John. On Sun., Oct. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 14 methods, comprising 448 changes of Bristol, 384 each of Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire and 192 each of Cornwall and Cray, with 130 changes of method Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Christopher L. Watson	Treble	John H. Fielden	5
Neil Bennett	2	Cyril Crossthwaite	6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	3	Anthony R. Peake	7
Richard J. Parker	4	Brian Bladon	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

HELMSHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas. On Mon., Oct. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in A flat.

*R. Keith Lister	Treble	Jeffrey Brannan	5
†James E. Andrews	2	Ian H. Oram	6
Margaret E. Fort	3	Edward Jenkins	7
Jeffrey Kershaw	4	Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Tony Lewis.

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

This composition is now rung for the first time.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist. On Wed., Nov. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Joseph Thornley	Treble	Harold Worrall	5
David Vincent	2	James E. Andrews	6
James Cunliffe	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
*Keith Lister	4	John Ashcroft	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.

* First in method "inside." First in method as conductor.

Rung half-muffled for All Saints' Day and in memory of the victims of the Aberfan disaster.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile. On Tues., Nov. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Joseph W. Cotton	Treble	Martin Green	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Gordon H. Lane	6
Arthur E. Rowley	3	G. Ronald Edwards	7
Samuel J Haines	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

DUNSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Wed., Nov. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	*Walter Tomlinson	3
*Harold F. Gibson	2	*John Walden	4
		*Peter A. Sharp	Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Turner, of Dunston.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
LONDON.—At the Church of St. John at Hackney.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

E. Winifred Keys	Treble	Thomas H. Norris	5
Bryan C. Burrough	2	Robert E. J. Dennis	6
Elizabeth M. Emmett	3	Leonard J. Worth	7
Clive W. Simpson	4	Bernard E. Matthews	Tenor

Composed by D. John Hunt. Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.

BRAY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26¼ cwt.

David C. Brown	Treble	Robert Wiggins	5
Monica Blagrove	2	Jeffrey M. Britchford	6
Albert C. Wenban	3	Alan E. Bagworth	7
James Brooks	4	Frank T. Blagrove	Tenor

Composed by Arthur T. King. Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

FELTHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Catherine.
On Fri., Nov. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Frederick R. Scott	5
Richard W. Sweet	2	D. Paul Smith	6
*David E. Clarke	3	J. Keith Ward	7
David E. Rothera	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
KINGSBURY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. in E flat.

Vivienne M. Rigby	Treble	Norman W. Attaway	4
Sheila Parsons	2	Robert Farmer	5
*Kenneth Cummings	3	Gordon H. Lane	Tenor

Conducted by Gordon H. Lane.
* First peal "inside."
Rung as a compliment to Michael W. Fairey and Anthea C. Richards, who were married this day at Little Aston.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

Timothy G. Pett	Treble	Bert Gogle	5
George P. Adams	2	H. William Barrett	6
Canon Gilbert Thurlow	3	Kevin S. Hohl	7
Sidney Marshall	4	Nolan Golden	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
Rung by the Association in appreciation of the life and work of of the late Canon Noel Boston, a former Vicar of Dereham, a lover of bells and a friend of ringers.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BULWELL, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Souls.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

John G. Hallett	Treble	†David R. McLean	5
*Beryl M. Twigg	2	Paul W. Webb	6
Ann Harris	3	Simon Humphrey	7
Jean A. Hallett	4	Ian V. J. Smith	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.
* First peal. † First of Major. First of Plain Bob as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment (November 8th) to Ian V. J. Smith, Ringing Master of the Society.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HITCHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 2,880 Single Oxford and 2,160 Plain Bob.

*Philip Ferris	Treble	Martin Sceeny	4
*Penelope Ferris	2	Gordon W. Limmer	5
Francis Oglesby	3	Howard Oglesby	Tenor

Conducted by Howard Oglesby.
* First peal. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.

LONG CRENDON, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dennis Knox	Treble	*Derek Francis	5
*Ronald J. Snack	2	*Robin J. Lee	6
*Roy Woodruff	3	*Anthony K. Fortin	7
Sydney M Bailey	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal of Lincolnshire bells. First peal of Lincolnshire on the Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.

WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

Edward S. T. Farr	Treble	Albert C. Wenban	5
Monica Blagrove	2	A James Glass	6
Norman V. Harding	3	Frank T. Blagrove	7
Frank B. Lufkin	4	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr.
On Tues., Oct. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In six methods, being 840 each of Grandsire, St. Quintin, Newborough, Longparish, St. Lucy and Daffodil. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

C. Richard Miles	Treble	Leonard R. Porter	3
Joe Strawford	2	J. Paul Coad	4
		Roy H. Jones	Tenor

Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.
Rung for United Nations Day and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Elizabeth M. Barber.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STAVERTON SURPRISE ROYAL

Shirley E. Ruddlesden	Treble	*Robin Wilson	6
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Richard F. B. Speed	7
James Linnell	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Roger Smith	4	Graham C. Paul	9
Barry E. Saunders	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Royal. First peal in the method.

STAVERTON SURPRISE ROYAL
mx, 56—56, 14—50—36—14—50, 14—14, 30—34—10.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Ernest J. Gower	Treble	*Roger W. Smith	5
Peter Border	2	*Alan A. Paul	6
*Graham C. Paul	3	*Barrie Hendry	7
*Barry E. Saunders	4	Richard F. B. Speed	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 15½ cwt.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
PUTNEY, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Jean F. Woolford	Treble	*Stanley G. Ponting	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	*Tom Page	6
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
*Kenneth Newman	4	*James A. D. Woolford	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Nicholas J. Davies and Brenda M. Foster, who were married on October 1st.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Roderick W. Pipe	2	John C. Eisel	8
Graham C. Paul	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
*John R. Insley	4	George E. Fearn	10
James Insley	5	Martin D. Fellows	11
Michael J. Fellows	6	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of Londinium. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

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BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	Edward W. Colley	7
Ann E. Fellows	2	Michael J. Fellows	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	Peter J. Stretton	9
Roderick W. Pipe	4	John C. Eisel	10
John R. Insley	5	John A. Anderson	11
George E. Fearn	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Oct 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 39 cwt. 63 lb. in C.

John E. Anderson	Treble	James Insley	6
Ann E. Fellows	2	Roderick W. Pipe	7
B. Gillian Schofield	3	Brian J. Luff	8
John R. Insley	4	John A. Anderson	9
Norman J. Goodman	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. (87's.) Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
SUTTON-ON-TRENT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Nov. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

*Margaret E. Chilton	Treble	Harry Poyner	5
*Katherine Burchnall	2	Geoffrey R. Parker	6
William Exton	3	Jack L. Millhouse	7
*Grace Burchnall	4	Colin W. Reed	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Rutland Surprise.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*Ernest G. Pearce	Treble	*Michael J. Howes	6
*Clifford R. Lovett	2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	7
George W. Pipe	3	J. Barry Pickup	8
Cecil W. Pipe	4	Roderick W. Pipe	9
B. Gillian Schofield	5	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe Conducted by George W. Pipe.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

GRUNDISBURGH. Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., Oct. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Cecil W. Pipe	Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
Stephen J. Hammond	2	Peter Harris	6
Laurence J. Parry	3	Ernest G. Pearce	7
Michael Daniels	4	Howard W. Egglestone	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of those who perished in the Aberfan disaster.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
BINSTED, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Nov. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of seven methods, viz.: (1) Surfleet S., (2) Beverley S., (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Cambridge S., (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

Kay J. Tremeer	Treble	R. Brian Walton	4
Keith Sansom	2	David M. Hughes	5
Lesley J. Read	3	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
First peal in seven methods for all the band except the conductor.
Rung with the best wishes of all the band to Deborah Hopkins and Tony Bishop, who were married recently.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5021 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

John E. Anderson	Treble	Clifford A. Barron	5
Ann E. Fellows	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
J. Alan Ainsworth	3	Brian J. Luff	7
James Insley	4	Michael J. Fellows	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

STUDLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Fri., Sept. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

Roger Hunt	Treble	*Graham Stock	4
Eric Styler	2	John W. Perkins	5
Richard H. Spray	3	Michael V. White	Tenor

Conducted by Michael V. White.
* First peal "inside."
Rung to honour the birth of a daughter (Louise Maria) to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Spay, both ringers at this church.

STOULTON, Worcestershire.—At The Campanile.
On Fri., Nov. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 107 lb. in C.

Arthur A. Jopp	Treble	Ernest F. Cubberly	4
*Paul Jopp (aged 8)	2	Arthur C. Berry	5
Martyn Hawkes	3	Andrew Jopp (aged 13)	Tenor

Conducted by Andrew Jopp.
* First peal. First as conductor.
Rung for the centenary of the casting of the tenor bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours anud 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Edward Jenkins	Treble	Walter Tomlinson	7
Christine Andrews	2	Harold F. Gibson	8
Geoffrey R. Parker	3	Michael W. Crowder	9
Jack L. Millhouse	4	Neil Bennett	10
*Geoffrey W. Randall	5	Derek Butterworth	11
Michael Maughan	6	†Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. † 100th peal of Maximus.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Richard A. Shekelton and Miss Catherine Mahon, married this day at All Saints', Rotherham, and as an engagement compliment to Mr. Gregory Paul, of Lincoln, and Miss Margaret A. Tyler, of Rainham, Kent.

(Sheffield and District Society)
HANDSWORTH, Sheffield.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Geoffrey N. Goodall	Treble	John J. L. Gilbert	5
Cyril Rusby	2	H. David Holland	6
Stuart Armeson	3	Ian M. Holland	7
John S. Seager	4	John E. Turley	Tenor

Composed by A Craven. Conducted by John E. Turley.
A birthday peal for the conductor.

(Sheffield and District Society)
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp

*Roger Harper	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
Elsie Chaddock	2	Stuart Armeson	6
Tessa Hollis	3	Norman Chaddock	7
Alan Howland	4	John N. D Chaddock	Tenor

Composed by Roger D. Bailey. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal.
Rung by the local band for the Patronal Festival.

WRAGBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and Our Lady.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 60 methods, viz.: (1) Forncett, Fundenhall, Itchingfield, Knapton, Oakley, Ockham, Intwood, Haddiscoe, Chipstead, Ellingham, Thornborough, Longford, (2) St. Ninian, St. Felix, St. Austell, (3) Horsley, St. Cecilia, St. Cleer, (4) Plain Bob, Southrepps, (5) Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, (6) Dedworth, Wychboid, (7) Stedman, (8) St. Jude, (9) Somerville, (10) Elford, (11) St. Albans, (12) Eynsham, (13) St. Simon, (14) St. Mary, (15) Nuffield, (16) Shareshill, (17) St. Nicholas, (18) Lapley, (19) St. Giles, (20) St. Laurence, (21) Magdalen, (22) Austrey, (23) St. Paul, (24) St. Leonard, (25) St. Martin, (26) St. Crispin, (27) Wadham, (28) Ryton, (29) Winchendon, (30) St. John, (31) St. Miles, (32) St. David, (33) Campion, (34) Little Aston, (35) Clifford's Pleasure, (36) Cadbury, (37) Litchurch, (38) Hudibras, (39) Seighford, (40) April Day, (41) Folke, (42) Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Allan Sheppard	Treble	Robin Brown	4
John Potts	2	Ronald R. Warford	5
C. Barrie Dove	3	David Hawkins	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
Most methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

Rung half-muffled for Aberfan Disaster.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Beryl M. Hills 1, Anne M. Baldwin 2, Lynn B. Hollingsbee 3, K. I. Davis 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, H. McKissock 6. First in the method for all the band and by the parish team. Rung half-muffled, also in respect to Dr. Hewlett Johnson.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On All Souls' Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Margaret A. Phelan 1, Sandra C. Thexton 2, Irene E. Shanks 3, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 4, Rosemary J. Cotton 5, D. H. Netherton 6, B. J. Imber 7, T. Farmer 8. Rung half-muffled.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, H. Burton 3, S. Allen 4, G. Ford 5, B. Dixon 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Rung half-muffled in memory to all who died in the Aberfan disaster.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sarah Parsons (11) 1, G. S. Keay 2, Barbara Wiggin 3, B. G. Key (cond.) 4, G. Hall 5, J. W. Dyke 6. Half-muffled.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Marilyn Whatton (first quarter) 1, R. W. Smith (cond.) 2, Delia M. Langton 3, R. C. Moore 4, C. C. Stokes 5.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Cooke 1, D. Pike 2, A. Cooke 3, R. Trickey (cond.) 4, F. Taylor 5, T. Farthing 6. Half-muffled.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. R. Cadwallader 1, H. L. Wykes 2, P. F. Pawley 3, C. Glenton 4, J. J. Pawley (cond.) 5, I. Glenton 6. Rung half-muffled.

HALF PEAL

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On Nov. 1st, 2,520 Doubles (seven methods): Carol Thompson 1, J. Tonks 2, Ann Whaley 3, A. Walker 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, J. Stephenson 6. First half peal 1, 3 and 6. To mark the consecration of Canon Ramsey as Bishop of Durham.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 30th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Gaynor Wallace 1, Amanda Powell 2, R. Rayfield 3, Carol Cousins 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Matins.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Madelaine Washington 1, Delia F. Leslie 2, Mary Bougourd 3, C. E. Mugford 4, F. G. Barron 5, C. W. Philpott 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, D. Evershed 8. For the engagement of Mary to David G. Pipe (January 2nd) and Delia to Colin (September 4th). Also on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mervyn J. Bray 1, Mary Bougourd 2, Delia F. Leslie 3, Marion Bartlett 4, C. E. Mugford 5, C. W. Philpott 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, D. G. Pipe (first quarter) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Delia, and for the 17th birthday of Barbara Curtis, local band.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. B. M. Davies 1, E. F. P. Bryant (cond.) 2, F. G. Hucksteppe 3, C. Wyld 4, B. Johnson 5, A. H. Smith 6, N. J. Davies 7, R. Swift 8. First of Surprise Major 4 and 5. For Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. Pettett 1, J. Orme 2, E. Castledine 3, R. Castledine 4, R. Vigor 5, L. Hughes (cond.) 6, M. Orme 7, D. Sutcliffe 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Elizabeth Wills, cremated earlier this day at Luton.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Prisca Hornby 1, T. Chapman 2, Linda Cull 3, Margaret Chapman 4, Mrs. Alice Reed 5, L. Tremeer 6, R. Reed (cond.) 7, S. A. Scott 8. For the silver wedding of the ringers of 5 and 7, who were married at this church on November 1st, 1941, by the Rev. H. Cooper Anderson.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. Vincent 1, A. R. Elkins 2, Mrs. C. K. Lewis 3, A. J. Brown 4, J. Moore 5, C. K. Lewis (cond.) 6, D. Hogg 7, A. Twyman 8. Rung for the 70th birthday of Lord Stamford.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. G. M. Hunt 1, M. Powell 2, T. Newlands 3, D. Rennolds 4, R. W. Sweet 5, M. J. Hobbs 6, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 7, J. C. Slater 8. First of Kent 2, 3 and 4.

COMPTON ABBAS, DORSET.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss E. J. Gill (first quarter) 1, J. P. Cooper 2, Miss M. Lush 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5.

QUARTER PEALS

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Feltham 1, J. Walton (cond.) 2, H. Hooper 3, J. Loxton 4, J. Phillips 5, J. Radford 6. For 21st birthday compliment to T. Feltham.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. K. Hohl 1, Hilary Webb 2, D. Adams 3, P. Palmer 4, S. Marshall 5, G. Adams 6, K. Hohl 7, P. Adcock (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—For Ringers' Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Wheeler (first away from tenor) 1, G. W. Bishop 2, S. Wells (first "inside") 3, Mrs. P. Aplin 4, J. H. Napper 5, C. J. Garlick 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,296 Minimus: R. D. Tranter (first quarter) 1, P. N. Mounsey 2, L. M. Wilkinson 3, S. G. Pick (supervised) 4. First quarter of Minimus by all.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus (tenor covering): C. D. Corby (first quarter) 1, W. A. R. Chamberlain (first of Minimus) 2, P. S. Abbott (cond.) 3, T. R. Garret 4, I. Sawford (first quarter) 5. First of Minimus on the bells.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Draper 1, Rosemary Kemp 2, Renee Sturgess 3, R. K. Hawkins 4, J. A. G. Ball 5, S. A. Scott 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, J. W. Stevenson 8.

FLIXTON, MANCHESTER.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Eveline Taylor (first quarter) 1, Ethel Collier 2, M. Murphy 3, W. Mason 4, W. H. Riddle (first as cond.) 5, P. Mason 6. For the dedication of the rebuilt organ and memorial garden. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Harper 1, M. Murphy 2, P. Mason 3, G. Nes 4, W. H. Riddle (cond.) 5, W. Mason 6. For Harvest Festival.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major (handbells): Rosemaryr J. Palmer 1—2, Janet I. Rogers 3—4, R. H. Rogers 5—6, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 7—8.

GADDESBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. S. Hall 1, A. G. Clarke 2, A. E. Hinman 3, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 4, B. Rhodes 5, G. M. Hall 6. First quarter 1 and 2. A wedding compliment to Miss Veronica Roberts, Sunday school teacher, and Mr. John Burton.

GORING, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline S. Wellard (first Minor) 1, Brenda 1. Wilkinson (first "inside") 2, H. D. Butler 3, H. C. Weaver 4, R. M. Cox 5, C. J. Champion (cond.) 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 30th, 1,440 Plain Plain Bob Minor: K. Mumford 1, Patricia Hill 2, Anne Pickering 3, Judith Collins 4, P. J. Privett 5, R. Collins (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 4.

INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Constance Scutt 1, Merrilyn Chambers (first "inside") 2, Sylvia Bedford 3, Jaqueline Culwick 4, P. Bedford (cond.) 5. For Evensong, and Miss M. Chambers' 21st birthday.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Duck 1, A. Locke 2, A. J. Davidson 3, G. F. Dunstan 4, D. Stephens 5, A. Beattie 6. Rung non-conducted.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.— On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss S. Collins 1, Mrs. F. Bradley 2, F. Sutton 3, W. Cousins 4, E. Howes 5, R. Newson 6, F. Bradley 7, C. Cousins 8, Rev. G. Galley 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10. For Battle of Britain Sunday.

LANCASTER.—On Oct. 9th, at St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Crook 1, R. Rainford 2, R. Warden 3, E. Doddrell 4, H. Rainford (cond.) 5, J. Pye 6. By the Sunday service band for the 107th anniversary of the Cathedral.

LEICESTER.—At All Saints' Church on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Chapman 1, A. Cattell (cond.) 2, R. D. Hughes 3, R. Starbuck 4, E. R. Whitehead 5, G. B. Brown 6, J. E. Cook 7, N. R. Ellway 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Harold, last Saxon king of England.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on Oct. 16th, 1,248 Cunecastre S. Minor: C. P. Starbuck 1, J. Q. Pladdys 2, D. L. Crawley 3, R. R. Churchill 4, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 5, M. W. Coleman 6. By U.L.S.C.R.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, Myrtle J. Butcher 2, R. F. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, M. Malcolmson 6. For Evenson, at which a peal board was dedicated

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral on Oct. 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Miss I. E. M. Manby 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, Mrs. E. D. Fearnehough 3, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 4, D. M. Barraclough 5, P. W. Cave 6, A. G. Keen 7, G. D. Fearnehough 8, A. Ward (first of Caters as cond.) 9, M. D. Radcliffe 10. First of Caters 1, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 10. Rung as a token of respect to the Very Rev. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Manchester from 1924 to 1931.

MANSTON, DORSET.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. H. J. Mears 1, J. W. Marshall 2, E. H. Amey 3, Miss M. Lush 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5.

MARDEN, WILTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Smith 1, C. Smith 2, F. Stone 3, W. Alexander 4, C. Hillier (cond.) 5.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: L. Ellison 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, K. Fleming 3, R. Castledine 4, P. Mehew (cond.) 5, R. Trebilcock 6, J. Dear 7, M. Orme 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Elizabeth Wills, by a few of her many friends in the area.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Kennard 1, R. Tandy 2, P. Bill (cond.) 3, B. Sutton 4, M. Clewes 5, J. Lawley 6, B. Wootton 7, A. D. Roden 8. By the local band for evening service.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. C. Gratton 1, R. Parker (cond.) 2, C. Gratton 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, R. Dean 5, R. Welch 6. Rung to celebrate the births of Liesl Ann Gratton and Karen Elizabeth Neal, granddaughters of ringers 1 and 3.

SAMLESBURY, LANCS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,344 Ashtead Surprise Major: Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 1, Jane Reynolds 2, D. H. McCormick 3, Maryl R. Crossthwaite 4, F. Reynolds 5, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 6, R. Barnes 7, J. H. Fielden 8. First in the method for all. A 17th birthday compliment to Jane Reynolds.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.—At St. Mary's, Walkley, on Oct. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Fletcher (1st quarter) 1, J. L. Gilbert 2, G. W. Pilkington 3, M. King (cond.) 4, P. S. Wood 5, G. R. Hiner 6. A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. S. A. Clark.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At Bitterne Park, on Oct 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Pamela J. Coombs (first quarter away from tenor) 1, Beryl J. Cross 2, Heather J. Hinton 3, Deborah N. Maggs 4, D. B. Brown (cond.) 5, S. P. Smith (first quarter) 6. First in the method by all—for Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 16th, 1,500 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Harper (first quarter) 1, Beryl J. Cross 2, Heather J. Hinton 3, Deborah N. Maggs 4, D. B. Brown (cond.) 5, R. V. Smith (first quarter) 6.

SOUTHBOURNE, Bournemouth, HANTS.—At 53, Herberton Road, on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. T. Perrins (first "in hand") 1—2, A. V. Davis 3—4, A. A. Price (cond.) 5—6.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Oct. 30th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: T. W. Hopson 1, W. Swain 2, B. Dye (first quarter) 3, J. Swain 4, E. Brooks 5, E. J. Sterland (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

STURMINSTER MARSHALL, DORSET.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Marshall 1, T. F. Collins (25th quarter) 2, Miss M. Lush 3, G. J. Goringe 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, R. H. J. Mears 6.

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Collins (cond.) 1, W. Cousins 2, E. Howes 3, R. Newson 4, F. Sutton 5, C. Cousins 6, N. Harding 7, J. Coles 8. To mark the retirement of the organist, Mr. George Easton, and as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Sutton.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. Bellhouse (first quarter) 1, H. C. Churchill 2, Marion J. Beale 3, R. F. Ascott (cond.) 4, B. G. Vine 5, F. H. Mills (first quarter) 6.

WANSTEAD, LONDON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Wareing (first quarter) 1, E. H. Wright 2, J. P. Eyre 3, K. A. Hughes 4, J. Chalk 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6. For All Saints' Day.

WARWICK.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 3rd, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Miss C. Dolphin 1, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Border 3, M. Rowbottom 4, E. Holdsworth 5, H. G. Summers 6, E. Gower 7, J. Pratt 8, W. Male 9, J. L. Garner-Hayward 10. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Queen Mother to open the new Shire Hall in Warwick.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Medway 1, Diana Parrott 2, A. J. Glass 3, A. C. Wenban 4, Margaret Wenban 5, J. Brooks 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, S. Blyth 8.

NOTICES

Scale of Charges

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BIRTH

SMITH.—To Louise (nee Gallini) and Lawrence on October 26th, 1966, at home, a daughter, Sarah Louise, a sister for Joanna.

ENGAGEMENT

PAUL—TYLER. — The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, younger son of the late Mr H. A. Paul and of Mrs. Paul, of Lincoln, to Margaret Anne, only daughter of Mr. S. J. Tyler and the late Mrs. Tyler, of Rainham, Kent. 331

PERSONAL

TO ALL RINGING FRIENDS.—Please remember in your prayers Miss Mabel Prockson, who is seriously ill in Ward 20, Orpington Hospital, Kent. Thank you. 358

"It is not good to eat much honey: so be sparing of complimentary words."—Proverbs xxv, 27.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COOK.—The address of William T. Cook is now: 46, Station Road, Sidcup, Kent. 330

CRUTTENDEN.—The address of F. E. Cruttenden is now: 1, Steam Mill Cottages, Lower Station Road, Henfield, Sussex. Tel.: Henfield 2223. 332

HANDBELLS WANTED

OLD HANDBELLS of any size and in any condition (except cracked) required by tune ringing team. Please state price.—M. White, 35, Highgate Road, Sileby, Leics. 276

MISCELLANEOUS

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE

The rehung ring of eight bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Birkenhead on Saturday, November 26th, 1966, at 3 p.m.

Names for tea essential to Mr. M Thomson, 48, Windsor Drive, Grappenhall near Warrington, Lancs, by Wednesday, November 23rd. All welcome.

J. C. Breese, Tower Captain. 295

KING'S LANGLEY practice night will be changed to Wednesday each week as from Wednesday, November 16th. Will friends please note. 339

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—Towers for joint meeting in Manchester, November 19th. St. Peter, Ashton-u-Lyne (8) 10.30–11.30; St. Michael and All Angels, Ashton-u-Lyne (12) 11–12; Brookfield Unitarian, Gorton (8) 11.30–12.30; Sacred Trinity, Salford (8) 3–4.30; Manchester Cathedral (10) 4.15–5.45; Manchester Town Hall (12) 5.30–7.30. Two further towers between 12 and 1 and 2.30–3.30 anticipated.—D. J. Jukes, Guild of Change Ringers, University Union, Manchester 14. 363

LATE NOTICE

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Annual meeting, Hallow (8), December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall. Also Grimley (6) from 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester, not later than Wednesday, November 30th. 365

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guild members are asked to note the following dates:

March.—Guild Committee meeting (Reading).
April.—Guild Striking Competition.
July 1st.—Annual Festival at Oxford.
October.—Autumn general meeting (Reading).

M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec.

"RINGING WORLDS" WANTED. — A compete set, in order to continue work on history of the Exercise and to complete work for the Records Committee. I need 1911 to 1946, but would buy a complete set. Details to F. T. Blagrove, 57, St. Andrew's Crescent, Windsor. 313

ST. BOTOLPH - WITHOUT - ALDGATE, LONDON.—The Rector, Rev. Derek Harbord, wishes it to be known that all matters connected with the bells will be dealt with through the Tower Master, Mr. P. A. Corby, 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent. — Phone Sevenoaks; 52638. 357

ST. MARY'S, SILEBY, LEICS

Annual Bellringers' Service
Sunday, November 27th, at 6.30 p.m.

Bells available from 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and also after the service. The hymns will be sung to handbell accompaniment. All visitors very welcome. 275

ST. PETER'S, WOLVERHAMPTON. — **Peal ringers please note.**—Bells not available for peal attempts pending repairs to bell wheels, etc.—H. Griffiths, Tower Captain, 89, Fairview Road, Penn, Wolverhampton, Staffs.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 3rd

Lockington (6)	14–3–0	1—3 p.m.
Castle Donington (6)	17–1–6	2—4 p.m.
Diseworth (6)	10–2–13	3—5 p.m.
Melbourne (6)	15–1–24	4—6 p.m.
Aston-on-Trent (6)	9–3–15	5—7 p.m.
Shardlow (6)	12–0–0	6—8 p.m.
Alvaston (6)	17–1–3	7—9 p.m.

All ringers will be welcome to come and help in our celebrations. 288

Tower Secretaries—Please book this date
SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD
Ringing Day and Floral Festival, July 8th and 9th, 1967
at St. Mary's, Prittlewell.
Joint with the Essex Association.

Ringing Day, Saturday, July 8th
Towers open throughout the District. Canon Gilbert Thurlow, M.A., F.S.A., F.R.Hist.S., to preach at the Ringers' Service, 4 o'clock

Ringers' Sunday, July 9th
Special ringing arrangements.

Floral Festival July 8th and 9th
Floral arrangements by members of local Societies.

Special ringing arrangements available for full bands
Further particulars available from Mr G. Eve, 8, Crossfield Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. 324

LATE NEWS

At Birmingham Cathedral last Saturday a new record peal of Stedman Cinques was established—15,699 changes in 10¼ hours.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Dinner 8th April, 1967

Book the date now

Details later

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MEETINGS

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Blackwell on November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify by Thursday previous. Names, please, to Mr A. Smithson, 27, Littlemore Lane, Newton, Derbys. 291

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Watlington, Saturday, November 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J Fox, Dis. Sec. 300

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Godmanchester, Saturday, November 19th Bells (8) 2.30 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing will be announced at the meeting directly after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL. — Stroud Branch. — **Change of arrangements.** Stroud, Saturday, November 19th, evening practice only. Bells (10) from 5.30. Next meeting: Annual, Chalford, December 17th.—E. Cribley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — Nomination meeting at Shalford on November 19th. Ringing 3–4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Bells available afterwards. Names for tea to Mr. J. Horsman, 107, Tillingbourne Road, Shalford, Guildford. 286

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—An evening practice meeting will be held at Market Drayton on Saturday, November 19th. Bells (8) available 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Plain and Surprise Major methods.—E. Morris. 342

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting. Sutton-on-Trent, Saturday, November 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names to Miss G. Birchnall, 3, High Street, Sutton-on-Trent.—B. N. Reed. 287

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting. Saturday, November 19th. Aldrington (6) 3–4.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Shoreham (8) 6.15–8 p.m. Names for tea to D. L. Hall, Studley, 62, Folders Lane, Burgess Hill, Sussex. 279

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—The A.G.M will be held at Curry Rivel (8), Saturday, November 26th Service at 4.30. Meeting to follow. Names for tea essential. Branch Dinner, February 10th, tickets available. — J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec 299

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Corporate Communion on Wednesday, November 23rd, at St. Michael with St. Paul (Broad Street), 7.30 p.m. Ringing 7–7.30 and 8.30–9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Alan F. Lee, Sec. 335

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Churchill (6), Saturday, November 26th, 5 p.m.— M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 346

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CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.— Meeting at Hyde, November 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss A. C. Hardman, 129, Knott Lane, Hyde, Cheshire, before Friday, November 25th. — C. K. Lewis, Sec. 327

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, November 26th, following the rededication of the rehung bells. Rededication service (conducted by the Bishop of Birkenhead) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting following tea. Bells available after service and also after tea. Names for tea are essential: please forward to M. Thomson, 48, Windsor Drive, Grappenhall, Warrington, Lancs, by Wednesday, November 23rd. —M. Thomson, Hon. Sec. 351

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE and the YORKSHIRE (Northern District) ASSOCIATIONS.—Meeting at Thornaby, Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 367

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY —Meeting at Sprotborough (8), Saturday, November 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Short, Kathlyn, 310, Melton Road, Sprotborough. 343

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of ringers' war memorial at Evensong, 4 p.m., November 26th, in Chelmsford Cathedral. Tea in G.F.S. Hall, Cottage Place. Bells after tea Names for tea to P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, Chelmsford (Tel. Writtle 491), by Thursday, November 24th. 329

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, Hants. (Aldershot 24968.)—Mrs. B. R. Simpson, Dis. Sec. 297

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Deane, Saturday, November 26th Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—M. E. Fort. 368

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting at Ossett on Saturday, November 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea essential, please, to Mr. Fred Bennett, Carlton House Dale Street, Ossett, by previous Wednesday. No name, no tea. 354

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Thurlaston (6), Saturday, November 26th. Note change of date. Names to Mr Pickering, 17, Desford Road.— V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 231

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Castleacre on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to Mr W. Houghton, Castleacre, King's Lynn. 327

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, November 26th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs Swift, 26, Fieldway, Chalfont St. Peter, by November 22nd.—Miss Hague 265

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.— Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at Wootton, Saturday, November 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 69, High Street, Pitsford, by Tuesday previous. 301

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Salisbury Branch.—Evening meeting, Woodford, Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) 5.30–8 p.m.—G. A. Trimby, Dis. Sec. 340

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Lyme Regis, Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport 334

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District) and E. DERBYS and W. NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Warsop (6), Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3–9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. T. Rooke, 9, York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield, Notts, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 345

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District —Annual District meeting at Stoke-by-Nayland, Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Guild committee meeting in church at 7 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D. Coltman, The Angel Inn, Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester, by November 24th. 319

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District. — Practice meeting, Saturday, November 26th, 6.30 p.m., at Buxhall (6).—H. W. H. L., Dis. Sec. 364

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — **Nomination meeting**, Betchworth, November 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. S. M. Lucas, 83a, Brighton Road, Redhill, by November 24th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 283

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division. — Quarterly meeting, Hailsham, Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3.30 p.m. and 6.15–7 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting will be held either after tea or after ringing in the evening. Names for tea to me at 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham, by Wednesday, November 23rd.— G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 355

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Buriton, Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Bells after tea. Numbers for tea, please, by Tuesday, November 22nd.—C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 350

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Practice meeting at Ilkley (8) on Saturday, November 26th, 6 to 8 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 271

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch —Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Taunton, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, 41, George

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting at Stockbury on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Tomsett, Cowstead Farm, Stockbury, Sittingbourne, Kent, by previous Wednesday, please.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Swineshead, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, November 28th.—P. J. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, December 3rd, Barnes (8) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Luke's, Chelsea (10) 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Mortlock (8) 3.15 to 4.30 p.m.; Putney (8) 4.30 p.m. and in evening. Service in St. Mary's, Putney, 5 p.m. Names for tea, in Parish Hall, to T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts, by December 1st. 353

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch. — Evening practice meeting, Witchampton (6), Saturday, December 3rd, 7–8.30 p.m.—J. A. Robertson. 325

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Annual general District meeting, Sketty, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea (5.15 p.m.), please, to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, by November 26th. 337

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Bands for the ringing were drawn from the various Districts to precede the festival items in the Cathedral.

Opening service. Saturday, Oct. 15th North Western. Touches of Plain Bob Major and Stedman Triples. Bells rung in rounds by the Cathedral band during the closing hymn

County Harvest Festival. Sunday, Oct. 16th. Cathedral band. 1,260 Bob Royal. Wendy Rathbone (first quarter) 1, Ann Edwards 2, Edna Cooper 3, Rosemarie Frith 4, Marion Panton 5, H. A Shadrack 6, L. J. Clark (cond.) 7, C. Cooper 8, I. Panton 9, P. Bennett 10.

Monday, Oct. 17th. Cathedral band 1,287 Stedman Caters Marion Panton 1, Ann Edwards 2, Edna Cooper 3, Rosemarie Frith 4, L. J. Clark (cond.) 5, R. Harrison 6, C. Cooper 7, D A. S. Symonds 8 P. J. Eves 9, G. Thoday 10.

Tuesday, Oct. 18th. Northern 1,249 Grandsire Caters. R. Suckling (cond. 1, Josephine Quilter 2 A. Wiffen 3, Mrs. A. Syder 4, F. Roper (first quartet Caters) 5, P. Wood 6, J. Warner 7, A. Syder 8, Hilda Snowden 9, R. I Lindsell 10.

Wednesday, Oct. 19th. South Western 1,294 Stedman Cinques. D. E. Cobb (cond.) 1, F. V. Gant 2, K. Warner 3, A. J. Slade 4 D. Ellisdon 5 A. St. J. Boyack 6, R. D. Tomlin 7, J W. Stephenson 8, M. C. Austin 9, I. L. Dear 10, A. J. House 11, E. T Newnham 12.

Thursday, Oct. 20th. South Eastern. 1,336 Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Ann Edwards 1 Claire Hudson 2, Rosemarie Frith 3, B. J. Howard 4, P. G. Brown 5, R. J Harrison 6, A S. Hudson (cond.) 7, C. K. Cooper 8, I R. Panton 9, D. A. S. Symonds 10, G. Thoday 11, J. L. Towler 12.

Saturday, Oct. 22nd. North Eastern. 1,264 Plain Bob Major. Daisy Andrews 1 Violet Hales 2, Jennifer Andrews 3, Janet M. Besant 4, F. Pike 5, A. E. Honeywood 6, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 7, E. E. Davey 8.

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Shorter Peals would mean Lowering the Standard

WHEN the article by "Rebellious" advocating the shortening of peals was selected, the Editor expected that some pertinent letters on the subject would be received. So far no reader has written supporting the views of "Rebellious."

R. C. Stevens points out that peals today are cheaper and easier to obtain than 50 years ago. Transport facilities are far better and towers which were considered inaccessible without a good deal of walking now receive many visitors because of the motor car and public transport.

"Rebellious" has said that three hours' ringing is too much for the public ear. He has, however, mentioned that many towers have had to install some form of sound control. This can be done in such a way that the bells can be practically inaudible outside, and yet with a slight adjustment, inside the belfry, the bells can be made to sound and drown the entire parish, if desired. This question of disturbing the public can be overcome if the local ringers have their interests at heart.

On the question of length Mr. Stevens says: "Our friend questions why we stick to our forefathers' tradition of 5,000 changes for a peal. Surely a standard was set when peals first started, and ever since that date we have kept to that standard. Are we now to lower the standard set by these people? I trust not. It is my opinion that if people want to ring a shorter touch, they are at liberty to do so. As a peal ringer myself, however, I am very much against dropping our standards. Let the peal remain at a minimum of 5,000 changes, or, dare I say, lengthen it so that the peal is even more sacred than it is now."

Mr. Stevens concludes with this point: "If a peal is to be regarded as anything over 1,260 changes, as suggested, it will in some cases lower the standard of striking. A band will put up with bad ringing for this time, but very few people will ram a less experienced ringer through 5,000 changes."

Samuel J. Harris, of Wigston, Leicester, adds a touch of humour by a postscript: "It seems as if your sacred cow has turned out to be so much 'bull'!" He makes some good points as follows: "This is not the first time this subject has been broached, but isn't the attitude just typical of this day and age? Oh, yes! let's cut down the length and we shall all be in the peal columns without having to do any graft; in fact we shall have practically got something for nothing!"

"I would be so bold as to suggest that the writer of the article has practically answered himself. He goes into details of his gliding achievements for which he is to be congratulated. Let me ask him if he would be satisfied with having gained his 'Silver C' with a couple of 'hops' and a circuit from a winch launch. Of course he wouldn't. So **why** then lower his ringing standards which have been set and maintained for 200 years? I personally would never subscribe to this lowering; I prefer **to earn** my peals."

Robert C. Kippin, of Cove, Farnborough, who describes himself as "one of the many selfish peal ringers accused of annoying the general public," gives a logical answer to "Rebellious." He writes:

"Firstly, let us get the facts straight. True, the majority of towers are in built-up areas, but most of the towers at which peals are regularly rung are either so situated that the sound of the bells does not annoy, or have efficient sound control.

"Secondly, the general public dislike 'touch' ringing more than peal ringing since a continuous noise can become more acceptable to the ear than an intermittent one. Also, the standard of striking in peals is generally far higher than in touches, especially at ringing meetings, where the general standard of striking is appalling.

"Why do we ring peals? Not because it is a feat of endurance, as your correspondent suggests, but because it is the only way that really good ringing can be achieved in many cases. Agreed, 5,000 is an arbitrary number of changes to select as the minimum; when you come to think of it 6,000 or 7,000 would have been just as good. But to fix our 'peal' standard at 720 or 1,260 changes would be to defeat the object of the Exercise, since it is often after the first thousand changes of a peal that the best ringing occurs, especially on an unfamiliar ring of bells.

"What would happen if 'peal' ringing were restricted as is suggested? The best ringers, deprived of their good ringing, would soon drift away from the Exercise, and the Exercise, weakened by the loss of their best ringers, would eventually collapse. So, you see, peal ringing is a very necessary evil if the ringing Exercise is to continue in being at all.

"As far as 'The Ringing World' is concerned the reason that peals take up four times as much room as quarter peals is that the striking is usually four times as good!

"Finally, may I suggest that 'Rebellious' would be better employed ringing a few more peals rather than filling up valuable space in our paper with abstruse questions. The more peals you ring the more you enjoy them."

Queen Mother Present at Aldgate Rehallowing

QUEEN ELIZABETH the Queen Mother, the Lord Mayor of London (Sir Lionel Denny), the Bishop of London and the Archdeacon of London were among the congregation at St. Botolph's, Aldgate, on November 8th for the rehallowing of the church, which was badly damaged by an unexplained fire in August, 1965, and the restoration of the bells, which had been silent for eight years.

The work on the bells was substantial. The front four were cast by Thomas Lester in 1744 and the others also came from the Whitechapel Foundry of Lester and Pack. The sixth bell did not respond to tuning and had to be recast. All the canons were removed and new fittings provided. The existing oak frame, which is over 200 years old, has been replaced by an iron frame hung at a lower level to combat the oscillation, which was notorious.

The contract has been undertaken by the Whitechapel Foundry, the report on the work necessary being prepared by Mr. William Hughes. An innovation to enable the bells to be rung on week-days by electrical motivation has been designed by Mr. Douglas Hughes, the apparatus being set to ring Stedman Triples. The rehanging of the bells was undertaken by Mr. W. Theobald.

RINGING PLANS

Ringing before the service was under the direction of Mr. Philip Corby, and those taking part were Mrs. Corby, Miss Colgate, Messrs. John Rock, E. A. Barnett, Alan Frost, W. Williams, J. Phillips, J. G. M. Prior and Alan Tubbs. It included four-spliced and, as the distinguished visitors approached Aldgate, Stedman Triples. It is hoped to ring the bells each Sunday for the 10 a.m. Communion service, the arrangements being in the hands of Mr. P. A. Corby. On two Sundays a month he is hoping to have College Youths bands and other offers would be welcome.

There were two processions, the first being the Lord Mayor's headed by the City Marshal and including Common Councilmen, Sheriffs and Alderman of the Ward.

Her Majesty and her suite were timed to arrive five minutes later. The Queen Mother was accompanied by Ruth Lady Fermay and Captain Peter Norman. Preceded by the churchwardens, Her Majesty processed along the aisle with the Bishop of London (the Rt. Rev. R. Stopford). Behind them came the Rector (the Rev. Derek Harbord) and the Archdeacon of London (the Ven. Martin Sullivan).

Six hymns were sung during the service, the singing being led by the Renatus Harris organ of 1676, which has been rebuilt as part of the restoration work. The first lesson was read by the Alderman of the Ward, Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen, a former Lord Mayor, who launched an appeal in 1964 to get the bells ringing again. This lesson was King Solomon's great prayer at the dedication of the Temple. The second was read by the Archdeacon and the prayers offered by the Rector.

SILKEN ROPES FROM ELIZABETH I

The Bishop of London, in his sermon, outlined the history of the church, stating that a church had stood on that site since Saxon times and there were three other churches in London dedicated to St. Botolph, who was a Saxon saint. The Bishop mentioned the links between the Church and the first Queen Elizabeth. In 1553 Queen Mary and Princess Elizabeth entered the City through Aldgate and paid 4d. to the ringers. On the Palm Sunday following, Princess Elizabeth was imprisoned in the Tower, and when she became Queen in 1558 she did not forget the bells of Aldgate that brought so much pleasure to her, and presented to the tower silken bell ropes.



ST. BOTOLPH'S
as it appeared in the last century.

The building escaped the Great Fire but in its turn became ruinous by 1740. There was no alternative but to rebuild and the architect was George Dance, the architect for the Mansion House.

As to the work of St. Botolph's today, the Bishop said it was there the City and the East End of London met. In their crypt they had developed work on four evenings a week for homeless men, and also two years ago he inaugurated a series of weekly lunch hour services conducted by a Free Church minister for Nonconformists in the City.

Speaking about the bells, the Bishop said that when the appeal was launched the Queen headed the subscription list and the City Corporation made a valuable and generous gift. The Whitechapel Foundry, which had looked after the bells since 1570, was commissioned to carry out the work.

"We thank God for many things; not merely for a building with so much history that has been restored. In this service we rededicate the building for the worship of God and we thank Him for all the skill of the craftsmen that has gone into the restoration and we pray that God will rehallow this building for His service."

The bells rang out again as the distinguished guests left the church and went to Sir John Cass Technical College for tea. Here a number of presentations were made to the Queen Mother and included Mr. William Hughes and Mr. W. Theobald. Among those present was Mrs. Hughes, the widow of the late Mr. A. A. Hughes, who was a churchwarden of St. Botolph's.

THE BELLS

Tenor.—25 cwt. 7 lb, C sharp, 1764, Lester and Pack.

Seventh.— 19 cwt. 9 lb., D sharp, 1764, Lester and Pack.

Sixth.—13 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb., E sharp, 1966, Mears and Stainbank

Fifth.—13 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb., F sharp, 1764, Lester and Pack.

Fourth.—10 cwt. 1 qr., G sharp, 1744, Thomas Lester.

Third.—8 cwt. 22 lb., A sharp, 1744, Thomas Lester.

Second.—7 cwt., B sharp, 1744, Thomas Lester.

Treble.—6 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb., C sharp, 1744, Thomas Lester.

OSWY STREET CUP COMES HOME

THE fifth Oswy Street contest was held at West Retford on October 22nd. All the eight teams found difficulty with the odd-struck bells and faults were plentiful.

The rules of the contest had been drastically revised by the District Committee to cope with the record entry from four counties. Each band rang a practice piece of 72 changes or less, a test piece of 360 changes and, apart from preliminary rounds, no other ringing at all. To further simplify the contest, penalty faults were entirely removed (under the old rules these could be acquired in no less than three distinct ways).

East Retford had to ring first, as three of their band were tea ladies. Their unreadiness was the conductor's fault; he had spent so long putting the bells to rights in the morning that he was late home for dinner. Judge's comment: "Too many clips, not enough rounds before starting the test piece. 115 faults."

Shelford followed with more Oxford Treble Bob, but in much finer style. "Some chips—not a bad effect altogether. 60 faults."

In the absence of Warsop, Derby Cathedral "A" rang with common consent, as they had a meeting to attend. Cambridge Surprise, rung very slowly; a peal at the same rate would have taken 3¼ hours. "Rather high. 134 faults."

The first closed-lead ringing of the day was provided by Roughtown, who rang the favourite method for the contest. "Scrappy in places. 115 faults."

Derby Cathedral "B" rang Plain Bob and "never really got going. 174 faults." Back to Oxford for Friezland, with closed leads: "Basic rhythm O.K. Faults frequent. 106 faults." Fast Plain Bob from Sawley, whose test piece was a big improvement on their practice: "Good rhythm. Chipping frequent. 83 faults."

Most were at tea when the winners, Warsop, rang their 360 of Oxford. "A pleasure to listen to," said the judge, Harold Chant, and gave them 50 faults

When announcing the results, he said that the ringing had been very interesting to listen to though by no means up to the standard of the recent contest at Gamston.

Accepting the cup from its donor, Mr. Benjamin Street, Herbert T. Rooke, conductor of the Warsop band, said what general satisfaction it would give to Nottinghamshire ringers that the cup had come home at last. In previous contests the winners had always been Yorkshire or Derbyshire teams. Oswy Street himself had been a fine ringer and had done much for ringing in and around Retford. The cup presented by his son served not only to perpetuate his memory but also as an incentive to ringers to improve and be more critical of their standards.

A fine tea was prepared in the Ebsworth Hall by the North Notts Tea Committee and helpers. A raffle for the Diocesan Bell Repair Fund realised £2 5s.

The District chairman, Mr. Harold Denman, expressed his delight at the increased popularity of the contest and hoped for even more entries next year. He moved the votes of thanks. H. P.

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RIVALRY BETWEEN ESSEX AND SUFFOLK

FRIENDLY rivalry between Essex and Suffolk in multi-method Minor ringing was a theme at the 13th annual dinner of the Essex Association at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, on October 29th. The Master (Mr. R. G. Heazel), who was accompanied by his wife, presided over a company of 120. Guests of honour were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pipe, the Archdeacon of Colchester and Southend and Miss Welch. Also on the top table were Mr and Mrs. H Turner and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Clark.

Following an excellent meal, the toast of "The Queen" was proposed by the Master, who then proceeded to give the toast of "The Church." He spoke with deep regret of the death of the Bishop of Colchester, the Rt. Rev F. D. V. Narborough, and mentioned that he had represented the Association at the funeral. On a much more joyous occasion in his capacity as Master he had attended the service in York Minster when Eric Gordon, Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral, was appointed Bishop of Sodor and Man. A suitable response to the toast of "The Church" was made by the Rev. W. N. Welch, Archdeacon of Southend.

The toast of "The Essex Association" was proposed by Mr. George W. Pipe, Master of the Suffolk Guild. Mr. Pipe spoke of the long-standing friendly relationship between Essex and Suffolk ringers. He ventured to comment that possibly one of the reasons for being invited to the Essex dinner was so that certain Essex ringers could get some hot news on how to ring Multi-Minor, following upon the Suffolk Guild's feat of ringing Spliced Minor in 148 methods, beating the previous record held by the Essex Association by three methods.

Replying, Mr. Donald E. Cobb, Master of the South Western Division, congratulated the Suffolk Guild on their recent Spliced Minor accomplishment, but pointed out that the conductor of that series of peals was an Essex man, who had learned to ring in an Essex belfry. The theme of Mr. Cobb's speech was preparing and planning for the future. He spoke of the urgency to recruit and teach new ringers and appealed to all to do their share of fulfilling the task ahead. He hoped that in a few years' time he would be able to come back and speak to a company much greater than at that day's gathering and acclaim the Essex Association second to none.

Mr. Andrew S. Hudson, Master of the South Eastern Division, in proposing the toast to "The Life Members, Guests and Artistes," thanked the life members elected in 1966 for their loyalty to the Association and hoped that they would continue their membership for many years. He thanked the guests of honour, Mr. and Mrs. G. W Pipe and recalled that at a Christmas social in Suffolk where Mr. Pipe was giving a film show on Australian ringing, his impressions of Australia being upside down were quickly confirmed when the first slide of the evening showed a band of ringers standing upside down on the ceiling with the ropes going through the floor. The Glee-Ward Singers, who provided popular tunes in between the speeches, were also thanked by Mr. Hudson. The Ven. A. V. G. Cleall, Archdeacon of Colchester, replied for the guests.

With the speeches over, everyone was free to renew old and make new acquaintances. There was general agreement that the 13th annual dinner was undoubtedly the best.

P. G. B.

North Muskham Captain's 70th Birthday

Charlie Copp, the genial tower captain at North Muskham, Notts, took part in his 70th birthday peal at North Muskham on November 4th. He rang his first peal at his own tower on January 7th, 1950, and the birthday peal was his 75th. Very few ringers who start as late in life continue over the years as Charlie has done.

OBITUARY

MR. W. H. HEWETT

Appreciations were ably expressed to the memory of William H. Hewett, of Westminster, in our last issue.

Biographical details have now been received from John Euston. Bill was born at Camberwell on June 4th, 1886, and died on October 30th, 1966. He attended St George's Church and School and learned to ring with Jim Davies. When Jim became tower secretary of St. Margaret's he recruited Bill as a junior to St. Margaret's Society about 1905 and he had been a regular ringer there ever since.

His first peal was at St George's, Camberwell, on April 21st, 1906, and his first at St. Margaret's—Stedman Caters— on July 27th, 1907. From 1916 Bill was in charge at St. Margaret's and the Abbey bells. At 6 a.m. on November 13th, 1918, he was called to prepare the Abbey bells (then only six) to signal the end of World War I. He collected a band and they rang at 11 a.m. Later he organised the first touches on the restored and augmented ring at the Abbey.

Throughout all the years Bill managed to keep together a friendly voluntary band at St. Margaret's, and in 1963 he and Reuben Sanders were each presented with a cheque by the Rector (Canon M. Stancliffe) in recognition of their 'valued services" to the Church.

On Thursday evening, November 3rd, his body was received into St. Margaret's Church by the Rector (Canon M. Stancliffe), who conducted the service, and in a short address commended to the many ringers present Bill's service to the Church. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung by Mrs. F. Hairs 1–2, W. G. Wilson 3–4, E. A. Barnett 5–6, J. Euston 7–8 F. Hairs 9–10.

Among those present were Mesdames E Deal, E. Davis, E. Sanders and Stiffell, Mr and Mrs. F Hairs, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs W. Oatway, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bagworth, Mr and Mrs R. How, Mr. and Mrs. H. Oakshett, Miss V. Dupré, Miss H Maltman, Messrs E. Barnett, E. A. Barnett, A. W. Coles H Clark, F. Cullum, H. Audsley, J. Marks, A. Mason, B Baker, W. Grice, P. Spice, C. Kippin, F Darby, J. Prior, J Phillips, J. Lott, R. Overington, J. Rea, W Grainger, F Matthews, H Rogers, M. Meyer W. Wilson, C. Ottley, T. Hawkins, E. Peett E. Furbank and G. Parsons. St Margaret's was represented by Miss F Higginton (secretary), Mr. Sanders (treasurer), Mr. S Sanders and Mr A. Elliott (verger).

The interment was at Camberwell New Cemetery the next day.

GEORGE PULLINGER

Appreciations

As were many members of the Exercise, I was shocked to hear of George's sudden demise. I knew George in the '20's when I was a schoolboy and he an attendance officer. He carried out this job with meticulous efficiency and soon struck fear into the local boys, wrongly, as I later found out. To him I was always Master Hill.

As a choirboy I saw George regularly in his place at least once each Sunday after ringing for service. With the breaking of my voice I was invited to try my hand at ringing. It was the late George Grant who taught me to handle a bell. My first introduction to change ringing was when the band met one short for Grandsire for a special service. I was put on the treble knowing little about it; George steered me through whilst keeping most of the band as well.

After leaving Bishopstoke I cycled to meetings all over the county with George, being pushed into this or that method always with the warning: "If George Williams is there he will want to know if you have looked it up." This psychology worked.

I was tutored in conducting and at 16 called 5,040 Grandsire Doubles and the next year 5,040 Triples (Holt's ten-part) with a local band. George never liked peal ringing—the strain was too much for his one arm—but he was always the first to stand in for someone's "first" and to assist a learner in some way.

Once you got to know him, the dour impression he gave soon went and he was a generous and good-hearted man and in all ways a thorough Christian. The Exercise, the Church and the county is the poorer for the loss of a man of his principles.

JOHN HILL.

G. K. D. writes: "George Pullinger was one of the last of the older members of the Winchester Guild, before Guildford became a separate Guild. A frequent visitor to our part of the county, he was a lifelong friend of Frank Knapp a pre-war captain of the Kingsclere band, and took part in the first peal on these bells—Cambridge Major in 1929, conducted by the late George Williams.

"Whenever we met he showed a lively interest in local ringing. His early years were spent in the gardens of Stargroves, East Woodhay, and his former employer, Sir Frederick Ardagh, has just died at the age of 93. He will be missed by the many who knew him well."

ODD VENTURES

Comments on some touches that are different.

STEDMAN CATERS

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231456789		231456789	
312456978	1.5S.6.16S.	312654978	1.5S.6.16.
Rounds by bobs at		312456	5S.16.
3.4.6.8.9.10.11.12.13.		Rounds as before.	

The Homing Course

312456978		297135468
	—	2915743
143627589	—	9524137
146738295	—	9543271
— 471862395	—	5397412
— 478213695	—	5371924
724389156	—	3152749
— 723941856		312456789

Here are two handy touches of Stedman Caters. The second is only a simple extension of the first; and, indeed, working from this opening course, it is not difficult to construct a number of longer touches, all leading to 312456978 and then home, as shown here.

The homing course may, owing to the number of calls, seem complicated, but this is not so. The bob at 6 holds the 6th in 9ths place just long enough to enable the 8th to come up to it. With 68 behind it is a simple matter to keep calling bobs until the 9th comes from the front and reaches 6–7 up. The ear will recognise the termination 968 and that will be the signal for a plain six. The bells will run round two rows after 315274968, so that the six-end 312456789 (shown in the touch) will not be reached.

There is another calling that will return 312456978 to rounds, and that is bobs at 3, 4, 5, 6, 8. This will be two sixes longer than the one given here and will not provide such a musical ending, but it is useful to keep in mind as an alternative.

E. C. S.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

German Nurses at Chertsey District Meeting

In spite of unpleasant weather, a very happy meeting was held at Walton on November 5th. Canon Evans, himself a ringing member, gave the 30-odd ringers present a warm welcome, and the excellent tea warmed the inner ringer. We were pleased to have two German student nurses as our guests at service and tea; they originally came to rub brasses but were caught up in the Chertsey District "scrum."

New officers nominated for 1967 were Mr. C. J. Webb, Ringing Master; Mr. J. F. M. Maybrey, Assistant Ringing Master; Mr. R. Caporn, District secretary.

Mr. Maybrey expressed the thanks of the District to Mr. R. Collins and Mr. D. Blows for all their work on behalf of the District. Both are moving away—Mr Blows to West Hartlepool and Mr. Collins to Farnham.

New members elected were the Rev. T. Tyler, Messrs. J. Pegley, L. Pirrie and A. Attfield, of Walton. Mr. M. J. Bew was elected a non-resident member.

Meetings for 1967 will be: February 25th, Ottershaw; April 22nd, Horsell; July 8th, Send and Ockham; September 2nd, Old Woking; November 4th, Weybridge.

R. C.

Letters to the Editor

MR. R. B. SMITH REPLIES TO CRITICS

Dear Sir,—It was not my intention in Part VI of my article on Plain Bob to "direct at a privileged minority" as Mr. Jackson suggests. The title of the part was "The influence of Plain Bob on other methods" and quite honestly I believe that the influence on Doubles and Minor is not significant. This does not mean that I consider Doubles and Minor ringing to be insignificant; I am one of those who learned to ring at a six-bell tower. The fact that we only had six bells did not stop six of the band taking part in peals of Cambridge Maximus, and many more have rung peals on eight and ten bells. It, as Mr. Jackson suggests, most people are not prepared to look further than the ends of their noses then they have only themselves to blame.

Mr Jackson suggested that the examples I gave did not fit in with tradition; they were not intended to! There is no point in writing about learning Plain Bob unless you can show why it should be learned thoroughly early in one's change ringing career Little Bob and Double Oxford are backwaters in which people can stagnate; it is so easy to become entangled with the weeds and forget that the aim of most ringers is to be competent in the standard methods

I would further point out that the title "For the beginner" includes many people who do not consider themselves to be "beginners" in the strict sense of the word. We are always beginning new phases in ringing, and Part VI of my article is intended for those who are progressing from Plain Bob to other methods. In this respect each of the articles is intended for people at different stages of learning

With reference to writing an article on Doubles and Minor ringing, I would be quite happy to do this, but there are many people who are better qualified to write on this than I am.

Referring to the letter from Mr. Segar, I would like to make the following points:

(1) He omitted to say that his motion before the Central Council in 1956 deploring the use of X for bobs at 5 in Double Norwich was **rejected.**

(2) His reference to use of lead-head and lead-end can be explained in the following manner:

It is generally accepted by ringers that when the treble leads full at the end of a block of changes (in a treble dominated method) the backstroke lead is called the lead-end The composer, however, finds it more convenient to call this the lead-head (generally speaking) As long as this is understood by both groups it does not matter terribly, as in "spliced" ringing the lead-head and the lead-end are one and the same row. In ringing LXL, for example, the row 14263857 is the **end** of a block of London and the **beginning** of a block of Cambridge or Superlative (sorry about the X!)

I am pleased to have had the comments from Messrs. Jackson, Segar and others, which reveal that we have the same object in mind.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER

The bells of St Lawrence's, Bourton-on-the-Water, are not now available for ringing owing to defects in the chiming apparatus. An announcement will be made in "The Ringing World" when the bells are again available for peals and visiting bands.

BELLS IN STOCKHOLM

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Brian Austin's comments in your issue of November 11th, if he has access to "The Ringing World" of August 18th, 1961, he will see a brief account of the bells of Skarpnacks Church (four at the time with a tenor weighing about two tons—have they now been augmented to six?) and of a programme of visits I arranged for the then leader of the ringers there, Mr A. V Jakobsson, who came to this country under the auspices of the British Council to study change ringing. Until recently I had a number of photographs of the tower and bells, which are counter-balanced to make ringing easier, although the tenor requires two men to grip the wheel. As Mr Austin says, the bells are hung in the open at the top of the tower; apparently the architect decreed that they should not be covered in, despite pleas to the contrary. Architects—perhaps I should say non-ringing ones—are evidently the same the world over!

Amongst other functions, Mr. Jakobsson attended one of our District meetings and replied in excellent English to the welcome he received. His knowledge of the language was derived from school only. I doubt if many of us would care to make a speech in a foreign language in such circumstances! — Yours sincerely, E. A BARNETT

Crayford, Kent.

BLUE LINE F.C.H.

Dear Sir,—Mr Beech writes about his confusion at some length and mentions the blue line f.c.h If he and other purchasers of this book will write to me about their difficulties I shall be pleased to help them. Their comments may be helpful if another edition is needed. At present Mr Garner-Hayward regrets he cannot tell me the number in stock.

There is no statement in page 1 having any resemblance to the one Mr. Beech professes to quote. Will he please read it again and write to me direct?—Yours sincerely.

JOHN SEGAR.

16, Green Lane, Skegness, Lincs.

TIPS FOR VISITORS TO THE WEST COUNTRY

Dear Sir,—I have just ended a five months tour in the West Country. I should like to extend my sincere gratitude to the ringers of South West Devon for the wonderful reception I received at every one of the many towers I visited. I was taken on many outings and feel most grateful towards the call change ringers who patiently suffered my striking and most apologetic towards the method fraternity for my crossing over in two peal attempts.

May I give a warning to touring bands planning to visit the West Country? Closed lead call changes are rung in the majority of towers, with every effort made towards perfecting striking. Method ringing is regarded as an unnecessary complication. Bad striking is not tolerated when it could be improved by simpler ringing, and many up-country touring bands have made method ringing become unpopular by striking badly. Devon men must wince when they see reported "Ringing ranged from eight-spliced down to call changes . . ."

Ringers when requesting bells for a peal must mention the length of time the bells will be heard. In the West Country a peal denotes any length of ringing. Three hours of bad striking is not soon forgotten when only one hour was expected.—Yours faithfully, DONALD A. BEDFORD.

Crawford, Lanarkshire

ATTEMPT FOR 25,088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—By kind permission of Mr. Paul Taylor an attempt will be made on Saturday, December 3rd, 1966, commencing as soon as possible after 9 a.m., at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, to ring 25,088 Plain Bob Major.

The band will stand as follows: James W. Belshaw (Yardley, Birmingham) 1, Maurice F. Edwards (Yardley, Birmingham) 2, Alan R. Baldock (Eastbourne) 3, George Pluckrose (Lyncham) 4, Ronald R. Warford (Selby) 5, Ronald J Snack (Amersham) 6, Robin Brown (Rothwell Yorks) 7, C. Barrie Dove (Leeds), conductor 8.—Yours faithfully,

Leeds, Yorkshire C. B. DOVE.

MORE ABOUT MORDEN BELLS

Dear Sir,—Evidently Mr. Amey chooses to miss my points about his band's activities at Morden and to poke fun instead. But the facts and injustices remain; the ringers of that quarter peal trod not on my toes, but heavily on the toes of Mr. Amey's colleagues in the Wimborne Branch of the S.D.G.—and then making it worse by taking a lot of credit, in their "Ringing World" article, which did not belong to them.

The tenor was as loose on the stock after Mr. Amey's attention as it was before. (Why else would the ringers, who to my knowledge visited Morden after Mr. Amey's band, have confined their ringing to the front four?) I dislike Mr. Amey's implication that I withheld information of any defects which I knew about from the Rector I did not, although surely it would have been fair to assume that the S.D.G.'s belfry inspector had mentioned the state of the tenor when reporting on the bells at the Rector's request. It is sad that the Rector apparently failed to pass on the information when giving permission to ring.

Morden bells by the way, are of some interest and include two pre-Reformation castings:

Treble.—Added by Warner, 1890.
Second.—By James Wells of Aldbourne, 1807.
Third.—Probably 15th century.
Fourth.—Circa 1400 (a lovely casting but poor in tone).
Tenor.—By Thomas Purdue, 1663.

The bells were tuned and rehung in the present two-tier frame by the Warner foundry in 1890. The crack in the crown of the tenor was probably started then and has spread since, no doubt to ringing loose on the headstock. There is surely little point in recasting the bell in the present circumstances. Its tone has certainly been affected but there is still some resonance—and the other four bells are not particularly musical. — Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Note.—This correspondence is now closed. —Ed.

Sussex Meeting Disapproves New Heading

At the Northern Division quarterly meeting at Lindfield on November 5th the question of practice meetings was discussed at some length but failed to reach a decision as to their usefulness. The matter was left to the annual Divisional meeting in February.

Under "any other business" the new heading of "The Ringing World" was treated to some criticism and a resolution was passed regretting the alteration and suggesting a return to the original design.

The service was taken by the Rev. Michael Stedman, who welcomed the ringers and gave an interesting address. The local captain (Mr A. J Drew) was thanked for his help with the arrangements. The ringing proved to be a little above the usual meeting standard. One visitor who was not very welcome was **fog!**

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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FOURTH BRISTOL FESTIVAL

THE fourth Bristol Festival of Ringing was held on October 29th and, as has now become traditional the day dawned with bright sunshine, which persisted throughout the day

A bright and early start was made when the bells of the first two towers were raised at 9.15 a.m., despite being advertised as 9.30. It is estimated that about 50 people were present at each of the first two towers, which are situated at extreme ends of the city. Conversation with the multitudes revealed that some people had left home the preceding evening and stayed the night in Bristol. Journeys had been made from Gloucestershire Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, Kent, South Wales, Wiltshire, Staffordshire, Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Dorset, Oxfordshire and Yorkshire and probably other parts of England and Wales

Bristol's amateur bellhanger, John Slater, had been working to a very tight schedule during preceding weeks in order to put Horfield —Bristol's only ring of five—back on the list of ringable towers. Work was completed the day before and scores took advantage of this, the second occasion that the bells had been rung since 1944—and a very pleasant little five they are, too!

CONGESTED

The late morning towers were so congested that it became a matter of two minute rounds or 40 Grandsire Doubles and out, in order to avoid sending people away without a ring. There was a good cacophony of sound on College Green as the service touch of Stedman Triples mingled with ringing at the Lord Mayor's Chapel—only a couple of hundred yards away —where ringing had extended beyond the advertised time.

A short, well-attended service was held in the Cathedral at noon, which included a short but very appropriate address by the Dean, the Very Rev D E. W. Harrison, about the origins of ringing and reference to bells in the Bible

The organising committee had learned by bitter experience that it is not worth all the work and worry to arrange a luncheon, so everyone was left to make their own arrangements. The afternoon gave a choice of three routes—a country tour and other tours on the west and east sides of the city. The country tour proved surprisingly popular, which will be useful to bear in mind for the fifth festival.

For those who wanted a change from ringing, visits had been arranged to the Cathedral central tower which houses four ancient bells in a massive wooden ten-bell frame, and also to the University tower to see the 9½ ton "Great George." Unfortunately the lights could not be switched on at the latter so it had to be viewed by torchlight

PUBLICITY

Tony Bennett—the festival publicity officer—had by no means been idle, and as a result of his efforts comprehensive reports of the festival were published in local newspapers. In addition, Mark Puckle, of the B.B.C., recorded an interview with Philip Gray, which was broadcast on the Home Service Radio Newsreel at 7 p.m. on the Saturday evening. The programme also recorded short recordings of ringing at Westbury, Horfield and Redcliffe. Television cameras were in evidence at SS Philip and Jacob's, where a film was taken of three people ringing the tower bells, and Dick Bowden ringing the model bell which is hung on the wall.

In the evening a room had been hired upstairs in the Crown and Dove in the Horsefair, Bristol. Again this was well attended, with over 100 people enjoying the evening's light entertainment and renewing acquaintance.

The three foot long hunting horn, a relic of "Wratten's Wringers" peal tour, was produced to herald the arrival of Mr E. F Hancock and part of his family, who gave a demonstration of tune ringing on handbells. Before the handbells were put away a plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung by Reg Hooper 1–2, Jim Taylor 3–4, Albert Tyler 5–6, Ralph Edwards 7–8 and Jennie Taylor 9–10, which left everyone with no doubt in their minds that Ralph prefers 8–7–9–70 roll-ups to 7–8–9–10's!!!

Next, Nick Simon held everyone's fascinated attention by attempting to play a course of Grandsire Royal on the piano. With clockwork precision he proceeded as far as the eighth lead when, unfortunately, his concentration broke. However, this remarkable performance left everyone speculating as to how it was done.

PRESS-UPS

A return bout of press-ups between Bristol and Leicester was the next item on the agenda Bristol being represented by Richard Sweet (formerly known as Cap'n Crunch) and Leicester by their tenor king, Kingsley Mason. Coats were removed and the floor was cleared for the grand contest Over 100 referees echoed a resounding count as both figures strained muscle and sinew, which culminated in a deafening roar as Kingley collapsed at 24. Thus Richard retained the crown he had gained a few months earlier in another Bristol hostelry Shouts of "Send for Cannon" were heard

At 9.30 Philip Gray, chairman of the Bristol City ringers, gave a warm welcome to all who had supported the festival, and thanked the organisers—John Hunt and Richard Sweet—for their efforts A precedent had been set at the previous festival whereby an award was made to the person who had grabbed the most towers during the day. Starting at 20, and decreasing in Dutch auction style, a show of hands was asked for, which revealed that this year's top grabber was (surprisingly enough!) Mr Barrie Dove with 15, though it was later learned that he rang at one or two churches instead of attending the service and sticking to the advertised programme. Mr. Dove walked the length of the room, accompanied by some appropriate applause, to receive the prize of a fountain pen. He also corrected what he considers a vulgar term by saying that he does not grab towers he visits them.

PRIZE WINNERS

A raffle had been held during the evening, the proceeds of which were to go towards the £9 it had cost to arrange the day's events. The first prize of a bottle each of sherry and ginger cordial stayed in Bristol—going to Mr E. F. Hancock of Redcliffe. Barrie Dove was once again in the limelight as he collected the second prize of a bottle of sherry The third prize—a bottle of ginger cordial— went to Mrs. Parker, of Ubley, Somerset

Guest celebrity, Bill Hibbert, of Appleton fame, was retrieved from the "Ladies" to start the community singing by giving his rendering of "The Farmer's Boy." Singing continued until almost midnight, terminating with a Worcestershire folk song and a recitation concerning a certain Arctic Maiden. We were warned to leave the premises swiftly and silently as a party of policemen had booked bed and breakfast for the night!

So ended what must surely be the most enjoyable and most successful Bristol Festival yet It is difficult to gauge with any accuracy how many ringers participated during the day in one way or another, but a conservative estimate is considered to be around the 200 mark. We said in the first place "the more the merrier," and we were proved right.

D. J. H.

LAST YEAR'S LEADING PEAL RINGERS MARRY

ON Saturday, October 15th, the marriage took place at St. Ambrose's Church, Bristol, between Gillian M. Hussey, the Ringing Master at St. Ambrose's, and D John Hunt, the Ringing Master of Bristol Cathedral and popular secretary of the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

Both Gill and John learned to ring at St. Ambrose's, and it has been a joy to see their friendship, which has stood the test of time and many peals together, blossom forth and finally reach this happy state of marriage.

The church had been decorated most beautifully for the occasion by Mrs. Hussey and her helpers and it was pleasantly full of ringers and friends for the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Roger O. Fry

The bride was given away by her father, Mr. F. R Hussey, secretary of the St. Ambrose's band. She was dressed in a full-length gown of white velvet with a train and a three-quarter length veil held in place with a diamond tiara, and carried a bouquet of cream roses and tangerine carnations. She was attended by three bridesmaids in dresses of tangerine velvet, and a page boy. The best man was Mr Richard W. Sweet, and the organist, another old ringing friend, Dr. Tony Bennett.

The bridegroom and best man with many of the guests joined in the ringing before the service, but the service touch was by St Ambrose's band afterwards As they left the church the happy couple were greeted with an arch of handbells and showered with confetti, rice and computer clippings.

The reception was held at the Kingswood Hotel and attended by 70 guests. The honeymoon was spent in London They attempted two quarter peals the following day which unfortunately came to grief, probably due to post wedding nerves. However, later in the week they succeeded in scoring a couple of peals and in doing a little grabbing in the City.

As the wedding ceremony commenced the Bristol University Society started for a peal at Bristol Cathedral and scored a peal of New Cambridge as their wedding tribute, and as the happy couple sped off in the direction of London eight old friends returned to the tower at St Ambrose's and rang a spanking peal of Yorkshire conducted by Tudor Edwards. The band were very sorry that the Rev. Roger O Fry, who had arranged the peal, could not ring because of a torn ligament in his wrist. However he gave the band moral support by listening to the peal and joining them afterwards at the bride's house, where they were entertained most handsomely.

The local band too, showed the esteem with which they hold John and Gillian by presenting them with a set of door chimes and on the Sunday following the wedding by ringing a quarter peal of Bob Major prior to Evensong.

R. W. S.

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD

The annual general meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers was held at Leicester, a favourite meeting place in bygone years, on October 29th. Ringing was available at the Churches of St. John the Divine, All Saints and St. Mary de Castro and also at the Cathedral.

Lunch was enjoyed at the City Police headquarters in London Road, and the guests included the Assistant Chief Constable (Mr. J. R. Webster) and the Rev. J. Hughes.

At the business meeting which followed lunch, Cheltenham was selected for the next annual general meeting on September 23rd, 1967. The day proved to be most enjoyable.

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GRAND OLD MAN of KENT MISSES HIS CENTURY

EDWARD S. RUCK, THE LAST FOUNDATION MEMBER OF K.C.A

A BRIEF announcement was made in our last issue of the passing of Edward Stephen Ruck, of Willesborough, on November 7th, within less than eight months of his century.

In the church where he had consistently and faithfully worshipped for almost half a century at Willesborough, the funeral service took place on November 11th, conducted by the Rev. G Williams, who in his address spoke of Mr. Ruck both as a ringer and Christian The lesson was read by the Rev. P. T. Robbins of Charing. The service concluded with the ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God who liveth," with Mr W. P. Garner as organist.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by Rev. P. T. Robbins 1-2, T Sone 3-4, P. A. Corby 5-6, T. Cullingworth 7-8, after which five members of the local band, supplemented by J Cooper of Hothfield, rang a quarter peal of St Simon's Doubles with the bells muffled at handstroke and open at back, in recognition of their old captain's custom and belief, the muffled handstroke signifying the death of the flesh and the open backstroke acclaiming the resurrection and the life of the world to come.

In addition to those already mentioned, ringing friends present included Mr. J. Willis (vice-president of the Kent County Association), Mr A. Berry (secretary, Ashford District), Mr. and Mrs. T. Cullingworth, Messrs T. Sone, F Macey, L Head, B. Baker, N Davies and J. Marsh.

The many floral tributes included a wreath from the Kent County Association and one from the Willesborough band of ringers "In fond remembrance of our Grand Old Man."

"OLD TED"

Edward S. Ruck ("Old Ted," as he was known affectionately, and wished to be called in the latter years of his active ringing life), was born at New Romney, Kent, on June 20th, 1867; in his own words, "a yellowbelly from the Marsh."

He was the youngest son of five children of Edward Ruck of New Romney, a fellmonger by trade, who removed to Mersham, just off the Marsh, when young Ted was only a year old. His father being an able ringer and conductor, young Ted was taught to handle a bell at an early age and was only eleven years old when he first rang for Sunday service.

On May 18th, 1880, he was present at the inaugural meeting of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers and made a foundation member, an event which has proved to be of more significance than any other throughout his long and varied ringing career and for which he will be most remembered.

He rang his first peal, one of 5,120 Bob Major, at St. John the Baptist's Church, Mersham, in 1887, conducted by his father. In 1895 he married Bessie Jell, of St. Margaret's Bay, Cliffe, and settled at Mersham until 1916, when he came to Willesborough. He was the father of two children, one of whom, a daughter (Mrs. F. Newton, of Willesborough), survives. Two of his grandchildren, Molly and "Dick" Newton, he taught to ring at Willesborough. His only son, Edward John, "Jack," as he was known to friends, was the dedicated and popular choirmaster and organist at Willesborough from 1927 until his death in 1952.

CAPTAIN AT WILLESBOROUGH

In August, 1930, then a sprightly 63, Ted conducted the first peal at St. Mary's, Willesborough, one of Bob Minor, just after the rehanging and rededication of the bells, and during the ensuing years, as captain, he built up a band of young ringers, mostly boys from the choir passed on from father to son, capable of ringing many Plain and Surprise Minor methods at the outbreak of the last war. During this period, and again after the war, until his last peal at Willesborough in 1954 at the age of 87, he rang and conducted many peals at Willesborough and in the Ashford District. He was 80 when he last conducted a peal at Willesborough and "turned in" the tenor, not a heavy or awkward bell, but—all tenors need "turning in," as many young ringers discover to their dismay.

He last entered the belfry at Willesborough on the occasion of his 95th birthday, on June 20th, 1962, and rang the treble to Bob Minor. Thus ended an active ringing career of 84 years.

He had been a consistent attender at the meetings of the Ashford District and the annual general meeting of the Kent County Association and also at the meetings of the Romney Marsh and District Guild during its active years down on his home territory on the Marsh.

Although a strict disciplinarian in the belfry and no respecter of persons when the striking was not up to standard, "Old Ted" was always ready to admit when he was wrong himself. After setting his bell he would ponder for a while with his head on one side and then remark "I believe I missed," or "I believe I should have . . ."—and he would often seek advice from one of his pupils whom he considered to have become more knowledgeable in the art of ringing than himself.

Before ringing for morning service he never failed to walk to his pew for prayers, he never seemed to be in a hurry yet he was never late, except in unusual circumstances. By his example in so many ways "Old Ted" must have influenced for the better many persons in his long and orderly life. We thank God for the privilege of having known him for so long.

AN APPRECIATION

It was in the early 1930's, as a schoolboy, that I first became acquainted with Edward S. Ruck. He was a familiar figure in and around Willesborough as he went his rounds as a part-time insurance agent and canvasser for a local drapery store. He walked everywhere, his easy gait being recognisable at quite a distance and, on meeting or passing, a cheerful greeting from him could always be expected.

In 1934, when I first commenced ringing, I came to know him better, even though for a while our relationship was not entirely one of mutual admiration. However, he was a patient man with anyone he thought was striving to improve and as my ringing progressed, in line with a number of my schoolmates whom he was also teaching, so our friendship grew, later on to become one of deep respect.

During the war years, when I served abroad, he corresponded with me, keeping me informed of events on the "home front," and also on my excursions "down under" kept in touch with me until he was no longer able to do so. I still possess most of his letters, which invariably ended with the words "God bless you," and thus it was as if by some divine intent that these should be the last words I heard him say when, in the company of a ringing friend, I visited him at Hothfield Hospital a few weeks before his death. He was then almost blind and deaf. It was characteristic of "Old Ted," a real gentleman, one of nature's best, and a true Christian to the end. God bless him. A. J. L.

ANOTHER APPRECIATION

When the Kent County Association was formed at a meeting in the Chapter House at Canterbury on May 18th, 1880, the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Rector of Mersham, was elected secretary. Present at that meeting was Edward Stephen Ruck, who was to celebrate his 13th birthday on the following June 20th. His ringing career was only finally completed on November 7th, 1966, when he died at Hothfield Hospital in his 100th year.

He lived most of his life at Willesborough, the next village to Mersham, and for several years in his great old age a birthday meeting was held at Willesborough, when "Old Ted" would preside at a grand tea party with birthday cake and candles. At the last of these occasions he was helped up the belfry stairs and took the treble for a course of Bob Minor in which another of those taking part was a keen young ringer then 13 years old, who if he lives to old age will be able to recall this link with a founder member of the Kent County Association.

Soon after this "Old Ted" was taken into Hothfield Hospital and was very happy in the loving care he received. Although for the last two years or so increasing deafness and failing sight overtook him, he remained until then his usual cheerful and outspoken self. Always of a philosophical turn of mind, he would often say in these later days, "'Old Ted' is ready to go, but the Lord is not ready to take him."

His whole life was centred around a limited local area, but nevertheless his pupils were to journey to the far places of the earth The number of ringers he taught at Willesborough is legion, and he leaves those who to this day maintain the tradition of regular and competent Sunday service ringing and loyal and cheerful service to the Church.

Another foundation member of the Association, Charles Slingsby, from nearby Aldington, died at the age of 104, and the last but one foundation member, Philip Hodgkin, of Headcorn, died in 1941, leaving "Old Ted" to carry the torch alone for another 25 years.

He was for long a member of the Kent County Association Committee and just after the war was created a vice-president in recognition of his special status as last surviving foundation member. When he was able to attend the committee meetings he could be relied upon for the provocative remark to sum up a difficult discussion, and when, later, attendance at committee meetings became impossible for him, he always sent a message of greeting with his apology for absence.

The "Young Ted" who became "Old Ted" will be remembered by the Kent County Association for the secure place he has in its history. Eighty-six-and-a-half years' membership is not a record likely to be equalled very often. We thank God for his long and useful life. May he rest in peace.

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ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

About 20 members took the opportunity to ring the little-used bells of the Unitarian Church at Todmorden on November 5th.

The Rev. P. Scholfield, of South Kirby, presided over the shortest business meeting on record.

Mr. R. Senior thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the ladies for the excellent tea, and Mr. G. Cheetham, who had made all the arrangements. W. M.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Spliced Minor (three methods): 1. Wiltshire 1, E. G. H. Godfrey 2, Amanda Powell 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins.

ALVESTON, GLOS. —On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Coward 1, Miss R. Livsey (first "inside") 2, Miss P. Sturdy (cond.) 3, G. T. Collins 4, D. Livsey 5, A. Tuck 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

BARKINGSIDE, LONDON.—On Nov. 5th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: L. Derrick 1, D. E. Cobb 2, D. G. Yeo 3, C. G. Wright 4, J. Brain 5, K. Warner 6, D. A. Hewitt 7, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of SS. Michael with Paul, on Nov. 6th, 1,272 Knt Treble Bob Minor: Miss C. Mitchell 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, A. Swatton 3, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 4, D. C. Hawkins 5, P. J. Devrell 6. First of Kent 1, 2, 3, 6.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose, on Oct. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. R. Hussey 1, B. Martin 2, J. Collard 3, M. Powell 4, T. Newlands 5, D. Rennolds 6, R. W. Sweet 7, J. F. Pedler (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to D. John Hunt and Gillian M. Hussey with all good wishes from the local band.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. E. Jeffries 1, Pauline Hillson 2, R. Chapman 3, F. W. Rivett 4, D. A. Hammond 5, R. L. Piron 6, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 7, C. M. Payne 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Donald Thompson, of St. Paul's, Bedford.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 All Saints Doubles: T. Fagg 1, Elidabeth Todd 2, Annie Rayner 3, Rose Wratten (cond.) 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, W. Beeching 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: V. Nutton (cond.) 1, E. N. Thomas 2, R. R. Dyckhoff 3, D. P. Sturge 4, R. H. Youdale 5, C. W. Daws 6, R. M. Damerell 7, K. J. Triplow 8. First of Bristol 3, 4, 5, 6.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Susan Lloyd 1, A. E. Barker 2, P. J. Barker 3, Susan J. Devey 4, Shelagh C. Guthrie 5, K. W. Price 6, R. D. Baker 7, G. W. Reynolds (cond.) 8.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND. — At the Cathedral, on Oct 29th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Edna M. Cooper 1, Hazel A. Arrowsmith 2, Maryl R. Crossthwaite 3, D. F. Moore 4, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 5, D. G. Wilford 6, C. K. Cooper 7, J. J. Fox 8. For the wedding of Malcolm A. Phillips and Muriel C. Hastings, which took place at Wigton, Cumberland, immediately after this quarter.

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Enid Lawson 1, Ann Lawson 2, T. Cox 3, J. Burton (first in the method) 4, A. Boyd 5, P. Wishart 6, K. Lawson (cond.) 7, D. Bayles 8.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. H. Turner 1, John H. Harding 2, R. J. Turner 3, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 4, C. H. Turner 5, S. J. Harding 6. A 66th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Margaret A. Phelan 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Irene E. Shanks 3, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 4, Rosemary J. Cotton 5, D. Netherton 6, B. J. Imber 7, T. Farmer 8. First on eight for 1 and 6. For All Saints' Day.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's, on Oct. 23rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: B. Vaughan 1, Doreen Fairhead 2, P. Pitt (first in method) 3, M. J. Howes (first "inside") 4, E. P. Duffield 5, B. W. Fairhead 6, N. V. Avis 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For United Nations service. Also on that day, 1,312 Double Norwich C.B. Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, K. Smith 4, E. E. Davey 5, E. Piper 6, A. R. Andrews 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Smith 1, A. E. W. Baines (first "inside") 2, Mrs. B. M. Baines 3, A. W. Fuller (cond.) 4, A. J. Butcher 5, W. J. Sale 6.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. Adams (cond.) 1, Janet Hohl 2, D. Adams 3, P. Palmer 4, E. Howes 5, K. Hohl 6, B. Goggle 7, G. Pullen 8. For Confirmation service, in which the grandson of ringer of the 7th was confirmed.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.—On Oct. 14th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A Pamela Leigh 1, Marguerite Battram 2, J. Thorley 3, H. Wagstaff 4, F. A. Staveley 5, G. W. Shanks 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, F. J. Jackson 8. For Flower Festival.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Aslett (first on treble) 1, F. J. Cook 2, R. J. Scott 3, A. I. Pett 4, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 5, W. F. Sear 6.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's and Plain Bob): M. G. Wills 1, M. Suzanne Carrick 2, L. D. Smith 3, R. H. Roberts 4, R. Allison (first as cond.) 5, L. V. Smith 6. First in two methods 1, 2 and 4. For jubilee service of the Cub section of the Scout Movement. Also on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan V. Banks (first quarter) 1, R. H. Roberts 2, L. D. Smith 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6.

HALSE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Wheller 1, A. Cooke 2, R. Colman 3, R. Trickey (cond.) 4, F. Taylor 5, H. Taylor 6. For conductor's birthday.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Aug. 21st, 1,344 London Surprise Major: J. Foster 1, R. M. Rawlings 2, A. E. Fellows 3, N. Mallett 4, S. G. Ponting 5, J. A. Woolford 6, P. Beresford 7, D. Beresford (cond.) 8.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Stilwell 1, Brenda I. Wilkinson (first Triples "inside") 2, C. J. Champion 3, R. P. Wood 4, H. D. Butler 5, H. Clark 6, R. M. Cox (first as cond.) 7, H. C. Weaver 8.

HILLFARRANCE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Colman 1, C. Webber 2, A. Cooke 3, R. Trickey (cond.) 4, F. Taylor 5, T. Farthing (first quarter) 6. For christening of daughter of ringer of 6.

KINGSTON-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (London, Cambridge): D. R. McLean 1, J. G. Hallett 2, Ann Harris 3, Caroline Stewart 4, S. Humphrey 5, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung by Nottingham University.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: D. Johnston (first on eight) 1, M. T. Symonds (cond.) 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Curtis 4, R. Chambers 5, C. Poulson 6, E. Cracknell 7, W. Jarvis 8.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: D. Stephens 1, A. P. Smith 2, W. R. Curtis 3, J. J. George 4, F. M. Bowers (cond.) 5, W. S. Pryor 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, B. Butcher 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Family Communion.

MARTIN, HANTS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Kerly (first of Minor) 1, H. Rumens 2, W. T. Perrins 3, N. Skelton 4, R. N. Marlow 5, M. B. Tyers (cond.) 6.

OGBOURNE ST. GEORGE, WILTS. — On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cuss 1, G. Newman 2, F. Read (cond.) 3, A. Palmer 4, A. Keen 5. To mark the baptism of Carolin Gill Emms.

PENRITH, CUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. N. Harrison 1, J. Crowther 2, J. E. Anderson 3, H. Byrom 4, R. W. D. Wetenhall 5, G. Deas 6, L. Boumphrey (cond.) 7, B. Street 8. To mark the retirement of the Lord Bishop of Carlisle.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Sloman 1, Penny Halliwell 2, S. Halliwell (first in method) 3, P. Sadler 4, B. Sadler 5, G. Bacon 6, D. Sloman (first as cond.) 7, G. Eve 8.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, R. J. Cann 2, Merryn Hutchings 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. Harris 5, E. J. Cole 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, C. W. Bragg 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Shirley A. Cox 1, A. F. Lee 2, J. H. Thompson 3, R. L. Coles 4, I. P. Cox (first as cond.) 5, D. F. Jefferies 6. With best wishes to the tenor ringer, entering hospital for an operation. Also on Oct 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Thompson (first of Major) 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, J. R. Hobbs 3, Shirley A. Cox 4, D. J. Barnett 5, T. J. Milsom 6, I. P. Cox (first of Major "inside") 7, R. L. Coles (first of Major) 8. The first of Major by local band.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Susan Thomas 1, A. J. Slade 2, D. Hawkins 3, M. C. Austin 4, I. L. Dear 5, E. T. Newnham 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, D. E. Cobb 9, R. Durrant 10. To mark the christening this day of Lucy Anne, daughter of Don and Sally Cobb and god-daughter of the conductor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We are victims of another peal hoax—at Feltham (on page 763). Will those concerned delete peal from records.

With the peal at Armley Mr. R. H. Dove has rung peals in all the eleven towers in Leeds and is the first ringer ever to do so. It has taken 32 years to complete!

Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, ringers can take a just pride in the peal recorded this week, which is the first on the bells for 18 years. The ringers of the front six were members of the local band.

Those who watch the B.B.C. TV series of "Blue Peter" on Mondays and Thursdays at 5 p.m. will have seen John Noakes, the programme presenter, have a ringing lesson at Kingston upon Thames. There was also some ringing on the ten bells.

Congratulatory peals have been rung in two towers for local ringers having completed 50 years in the art—Charles Ball, captain of Barton Stacey, Hants, and Isaac W. Smith, of Fairfield, Buxton. Best wishes to them both for many more years of ringing.

A correspondent asks if Shoreham, Kent, ringers were supporting the commuters in their protest against their usual train not stopping there. A Press report reads: "Wives of the 'rebels' were there with car headlights blazing and hooters blaring. Church bells rang in the distance."

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BELFRY GOSSIP

THE EARL AGAIN

"The Ringing World" gains notoriety by again appearing in the weekly column of the Earl of Arran in the London "Evening News." The Ladies' Guild is singled out for the following extract:—

"The reporter (a lady?) wrote: 'We expected a challenging address, but we were more than a little startled when the preacher announced his text: "With my body I thee worship. . . . We listened with absorbed attention while Mr. Scott presented an aspect of ringing some of us had not considered before. It was a most memorable service."

Comments the Earl: "I'll say it was. Does this explain the "pair of shoes found in a belfry near the second rope after the peal on July 23rd"?

From our post-bag we gather that many of our readers enjoy his column as much as the Earl does our pages. One suggests that appreciation should be expressed by conferring honorary membership of the Central Council upon him, and another that he should be invited to contribute a column to the brighter "Ringing World."

WILLIAM H. HEWETT

"We hope to put some form of memorial in the tower of St. Margaret's, Westminster, as a reminder of the church service of William H. Hewett," writes John Euston. His association with St. Margaret's dates from 1905, and here he conducted his last peal—Stedman Caters— on January 17th, 1959, for Reuben Sanders' 85th birthday. It may be for the memorial we can have his collection of reports and "Ringing Worlds" bound and a bookcase made. Donations may be sent to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham S.W.16.

ROPE BREAKS AS NEW RECTOR TOLLS

During the induction of the new Rector of Chedburgh, Suffolk, between Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill, the bell rope broke. As the bell was silent when the Rector went to toll, the Archdeacon, a Rural Dean and a churchwarden went to assist. But the bell remained silent and finally the rope broke.

The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (Dr. Leslie Brown), who carried out the institution, recalled that a similar happening occurred at his first service as a deacon when he went to toll for evening prayer.

Raven's book shows that Chedburgh has one bell—by T. Osborn, 1797.

BATHWICK PROTEST AT PEAL

With reference to the front page article of November 4th concerning a "Code of Conduct for Peal Ringers," the Vicar of St. Mary's, Bathwick, Somerset, certainly believes in one of the points recommended. In the November parish magazine he published the following under "Notes on the Calendar":

"Saturday, Nov 5th.—Anglican/Methodist Conference—as a further inducement to attend the conference, let me warn you that a **peal of bells** will be rung from St. Mary's Church some time during the morning for about three hours non-stop. Personally I can't stand this sort of racket and I am only too glad to get away from it. I like bells when they ring for a service, or to celebrate a wedding, or ring in the New Year, or things like that, but a 3-hour peal just for the fun of it is too much of a good thing."

Despite the above warning, during the peal a nearby woman resident collected 200 signatures of protest which she showed to the tower captain and said she would present to the Vicar!!

BUXTON RINGER'S 50 YEARS IN BELFRY

The peal rung at Fairfield, Derbyshire, on October 29th was specially as a compliment to Mr. Isaac W. Smith of the local band. This year marks his completion of 50 years as a Sunday service ringer.

Mr. Smith began his ringing at Elton, near Matlock, a village with a melodious ring of five, but he later moved to Buxton, where he joined the band at Fairfield (then a ring of six) Here, when work permitted, he became an active and faithful member not only of the ringing team but also of the church. When the six bells were augmented to eight in 1949 he mastered the awkward step to the higher number of bells and rang the treble to the first peal of Major on the new bells in 1950. In more recent years occasional visits to Stratford-on-Avon have enabled him to try his hand on ten bells.

He has always been very interested in ringing and has set an example to many by his attendance for Sunday service ringing. For a number of years now he has spoken of giving up ringing and constantly exhorts the youngsters in the tower to "stick to it." But "Ike" enjoys his ringing and will, we hope, stick it himself for a long time yet.

After the peal of Little Bob Major on October 29th a small celebration took place in the belfry, Ike expressing his appreciation and thanks, and the ringers wishing him many enjoyable ringing times to come.

EASTBOURNE'S RINGERS REMEMBER THE FIFTH

"Gunpowder, treason and plot" were certainly not forgotten by youngsters of all ages at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, who combined on the traditional day to celebrate the demise of one Guido Fawkes.

To a chorus of "Ooohs" and "Aaahs" fireworks ranging from the humble sparkler to ear-splitting whistle-stops and super-rockets were despatched Unkind weather brought the evening to a premature close, but not before piping hot soup and hot dogs had been served in the blaze of a monumental bonfire built on the chalky side of the South Downs. H. R.

COMMENTS

"Please put the bells back on 'The Ringing World,'"—Peter D. Niblett (age 7), Canterbury.

"I don't like the 'new look' but if we can have the reading inside, that's all."—John Euston.

"What an uninteresting 'new look,' and apparently the result of six months' thought It is enough to make dear old Jack Goldsmith haunt those responsible for the rest of their days. The sooner we get the old distinctive heading back with those towers where so much ringing history has been made, the better."—A. D. Barker, Wexham, Slough.

"Shall be sorry if we don't have the bells, ropes, wheel and towers back again on 'The Ringing World.'"—Claude Rush, Felixstowe.

"I am afraid I am old-fashioned enough to lament the passing of the London silhouette on our front page; the replacement is not very exciting, is it?"—A. V. Davis.

"How the new 'lay out' of 'The Ringing World' caught my eye last Thursday: Made me think of the day when I was working in a house and walked into a bathroom. Everything was there (standing beside the bath) but all the **trimmings** were missing."—E. W. R., Yeovil.

NORTH BERKS ANNUAL DINNER

The second annual dinner of the North Berks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Wantage on October 28th The function was well attended, over 130 members, wives and friends being present Guests included the Guild Master (Canon C. Elliot Wigg) and Mrs. Wigg, Rev. J. H. Schaufleberger, Vicar of Wantage, and Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, of Newbury Also present was the Rev. M F. Giles. Branch chairman, who gave us another sample of his entertaining after-dinner speaking

The after-dinner entertainment included Miss Peggy East's "rustic revue," songs by Eric Fulbrook and Alf Webb, and some excellent ringing by the Appleton Handbell Ringers, including a superb display of "lapping" with a touch of Stedman Caters. M. B.

SURREY ASSOCIATION FAVOUR POSTAL ADDRESSES

The committee of the Surrey Association has considered the redesignation of peals rung within the area administered by the Greater London Council and is in favour of the standardisation on a national basis of the descriptions of the localities in which peals are rung. They are not, however, in favour of introducing the new boroughs for Greater London peals "Although no formal decision was made, postal addresses seemed the acceptable method," writes Mr. W. Parrott, the hon. secretary.

BELLS AND THE P.C.C.

In a small parish on the Northants-Rutland border, the P.C.C. has informed the new Rector that the Council had made a "rule" that at no time shall the bells be rung for more than an hour.

Our correspondent asks "Has the P.C.C. the legal powers to decide how the organ shall be played, which hymns or psalms shall be sung or the length of the sermon? If not, why the bells?"

There are no houses near the church and the bells are not so noisy as to constitute a real nuisance. The last peal here was two years ago and, before that, in 1945 One of the three peals in the 1930's was notorious. On the very stroke of 5,040 changes down came the fifth rope as the conductor shouted "That is all." And certainly it was only just all!

RANG HIS SECOND PEAL AFTER 31 YEARS

When a person rings his first peal he does not think that he will have to wait 31 years to ring his second. This has happened to Mr. Jasper Newman of Old Whittington, Chesterfield.

Thirty-one years ago Jasper rang his first peal—Grandsire Doubles at Old Whittington—to celebrate the silver jubilee of the late King George V and Queen Mary. This was for the old Midland Counties Association. Since then the Midland Counties Association has been disbanded and Jasper is now vice-chairman of the Chesterfield District of the Derby Diocesan Association.

On Saturday, October 29th, he rang his second peal. This time it was Kent Treble Bob Minor, at Clay Cross, in memory of the victims of the Aberfan tragedy. This peal was also memorable for other members of the band. For two it was their first peal of Treble Bob Minor another two their first peal in the method, and for the conductor, Malcolm Phipps, it was his first peal in the method as conductor and also his 100th peal. M. Y.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MARKET WEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Cambridge S., Norwich S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St Clement's C.B. and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt

Linda Sherwood	Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall ..	4
Elizabeth Foster	2	George A. Dawson	5
*Peter J. Church	3	F Neville Pailing	Tenor

Conducted by F. Neville Pailing.
* First peal "inside" on six bells and most methods to a peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAWSWORTH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Fri., Nov. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt

Denis Heapy	Treble	Gerald Moorhouse	5
Brian Schofield	2	*Barry Corbishley	6
Christopher Jones	3	Harry W. Howard	7
Felicity Webber	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by G. Davies. Conducted by Barry Corbishley
* 25th peal in the method.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Joyce Grainger	Treble	Gerald Parsons	5
Norman Sherratt	2	*Geoffrey R Gardner ..	6
Felicity T. Webber	3	Richard C Brown	7
Harold Dowler	4	Paul Atkins	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Gardner
* First peal in the method.

PREES Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Double Oxford, two extents St Clement's and four extents Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt

*Olwen Evans	Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst ..	4
Christopher J. Jones ..	2	Geoffrey Green	5
Michael Thomson ..	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal in three methods
Rung as birthday compliments to E. V. Rodenhurst, W J. Chester of Helmdon (October 30th) and Henry Parker of Northwich (November 1st).

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

KESWICK, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Kentigern, Crosthwaite.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

John H. McTear	Treble	Robert F. Grisdale	5
*Mrs. B. Street	2	James Butterfield	6
Harry Byrom	3	Brian Street	7
Roger W. D. Wetenhall	4	Leslie Boumfrey	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Leslie Boumphrey
* First peal of Bob Major "inside."
Rung to mark the retirement of the Rt. Rev. Thomas Bloomer D.D., Lord Bishop of Carlisle for the past 20 years.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BULKINGTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

June Knight	Treble	Richard E Liggins	5
Percy Stone	2	Alfred J. Hinde	6
John W. T. Taylor	3	Hubert E. Ashley	7
Geoffrey Pratt	4	L. Michael Callow	Tenor

Composed by John R Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. Anthony Elson, past member of the local band.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BROADCLYST, Devon.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., Aug. 23, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt 25 lb. in E flat.

Jane Foster	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Rosamund M. Rawlings ..	2	Kenneth Newman	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	James A. D Woolford ..	7
Peter M. Wilkinson ..	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

BOVEY TRACEY, Devon.—At the Church of SS. Peter Paul and Thomas of Canterbury.
On Fri., Aug 26, 1966 in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr 26 lb in F sharp.

Joan Beresford . .	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Rosamund M Rawlings ..	2	Kenneth Newman	6
Ann E. Fellows	3	James A D. Woolford ..	7
Peter M. Wilkinson	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Anthony R Kench. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

EXMINSTER. Devon.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	Stanley G Ponting	5
Rosamund M Rawlings ..	2	*Clive G. Bryant	6
Martin F. Lock	3	Frederick W Wreford ..	7
Norman Mallett	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by Michael S Bruce Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Surprise Major

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ASHOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct 8 1966 in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,600 London, 1,280 Rutland 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, with 110 changes of method Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Vivienne M. Rigby	Treble	Roderick W Pipe	5
Diana M. Chapman ..	2	Peter Bridle	6
Elisabeth A G Bowden ..	3	Denis R Carlisle	7
B. Gillian Schofield	4	Robert C Kippin	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roderick W Pipe.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct 29. 1966. in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb in F sharp

F. Martin Stanway	Treble	Herbert E. Taylor	5
Henry Kirk	2	Timothy Wylie	6
Gladys Richardson	3	Alex Richardson	7
Eric Ellison	4	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Composed by E. H. Lewis Conducted by Brian J Woodruffe.
Arranged as a compliment to Mr. Isaac W. Smith a member of the local band, on completing 50 years as a Sunday service ringer.

CLAY CROSS Derbyshire.—At the Church of St Bartholomew.
On Sat., Oct 29, 1966 in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb in A

*Marjorie Yarnold	Treble	†Edward G Mould ..	4
*John D. Arkwell	2	†Timothy Wylie	5
*Jasper Newman	3	Malcolm P Phipps	Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm P. Phipps.
* First peal of Treble Bob Minor † First in the method The conductor's 100th peal and first in the method as conductor
Rung half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives in the Aberfan disaster.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966. in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt 1 qr. 15 lb in E.

*George E. Thoday	Treble	Joe E G Roast	6
†Josephine A. Quilter ..	2	David E. Rothera	7
Brian J. Howard	3	†Peter G. Brown	8
Ian R. Panton	4	Dennis A S Symonds .	9
Alfred J. House	5	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by C J. Sedgley (Circuit A-W). Conducted by J. E. G. Roast.
* 475th peal. † First of Royal in the method.

COGGESHALL. Essex.—At the Church of SS Peter ad Vincula.
On Sat., Oct 22, 1966. in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

Joe E G. Roast	Treble	George W Pipe	5
Joan Beresford	2	John Armstrong	6
Ian R Panton	3	Dennis A S. Symonds .	7
Patrick W. Saltmarsh ..	4	Dennis Beresford ..	Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK Essex.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct 29, 1966 in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Pitstow's. Tenor 16 cwt in F.

Marion R. Panton	Treble	Peter S. Bennett .. .	5
Josephine A. Quilter ..	2	Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	6
Yvonne A Murray	3	James L. Towler	7
Keith W. Brown	4	Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LEYTON, London, E.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb in A flat.

Charles A. Hughes .. Treble	*Colin G. Wright 5
*Frederick W. Ellis 2	Kenneth Warner 6
Frank V. Gant 3	*Dennis Ellisdon 7
*Roy D. Tomlin 4	Dennis A. Hewitt .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Dennis Ellisdon.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in memoriam of those who died in the two Great Wars.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle. On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1966 in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative and 1,312 of Bristol with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

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

Christopher W. Woolley Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
*Sara K. D. Woolley .. 2	Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 6
†Keith J. Walpole 3	Gerald Penney 7
Peter F. Windley 4	Roger Baldwin .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Gerald Penney

* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † First of four-spliced Surprise.

BENGEO, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb. in A.

Eric Edmondson .. .. Treble	*Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 5
Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 2	A Rowland Tysoe .. 6
*Keith J. Walpole 3	George W. Debenham .. 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Gerald Penney .. .. Tenor

Arranged by George W Debenham. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

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

CHENIES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge S., S. Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb in A flat.

D. Joseph Goodman .. Treble	Brian M. Barker 4
Augustin V. Good 2	Keith D. Waples 5
Walter Ayre 3	Peter W. Harper .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter W. Harper.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul. On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966. in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp

Lucile M. Corby .. .. Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis 5
John Pladdys 2	Edward J Jenner 6
Peter S. Muchlinski 3	D. Paul Smith 7
Judith M. Corby 4	Andrew J. Corby .. .. Tenor

Composed by W. Barton (C.C.C. 3). Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

FRITTENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,728 London, 1,152 each Cambridge and Superlative and 1,056 Bristol, with 122 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Tony Lewis .. .. .. Treble	Ralph Bird 5
Judith M. Corby 2	Ian H. Oram 6
D. Paul Smith 3	Peter M. Fleckney 7
Richard G. Crosland .. 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

Rung on the Feast of St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr.

SMARDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb in E.

Ian H. Oram .. .. .. Treble	*Anthony J. Leeves 4
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 2	Ralph Bird 5
Peter S. Muchlinski .. 3	Tony Lewis .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis

* First peal of Minor and in the method.

Rung in memoriam Edward S. Ruck, last serving founder member of the Kent County Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER, Lancashire.—At the Town Hall. On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 LINDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in B.

Christine Andrew .. .. Treble	J. Henry Fielden 7
Richard S. Starkie 2	Jeffrey Kershaw 8
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3	Neil Donovan 9
Derek Butterworth 4	John H. Fielden 10
Edward Jenkins 5	Stuart Armeson 11
W. Eric Critchley 6	Richard E. Price .. .. Tenor

Composed by Peter Border. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

FLIXTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael. On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13¼ cwt

William Riddle .. .. .. Treble	David Walker 5
Sidney Hough 2	Denis Mottershead 6
David Vincent 3	Jeffrey Brannan 7
Alan Sharples 4	Neil D. Lomas .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

Rung to mark the rededication of the church organ.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Wed., Nov. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Christine Andrew .. .. Treble	Derek Butterworth 5
James W. Belshaw 2	Peter J. Wycherley 6
Jeffrey Brannan 3	Edward Jenkins 7
Denis Latham 4	Neil Bennett .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by P. J. Wycherley. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James. On Sun., Oct. 23, 1966, int 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

*Kevan Dean (10) .. .. Treble	Roger Leigh 4
Douglas Deakin 2	Michael Bell 5
Raymond Helliwell .. 3	Anthony Helliwell .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memory of those who lost their lives at Aberfan.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin. On Mon., Oct. 31, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

Martin Green .. .. Treble	*†John A. Howard 7
*Howard C. Palmer 2	Shirley Burton 8
Derek M. Sawyer 3	††Frank H. Hicks 9
John M. Jelley 4	Martin L. Howe 10
Christopher T. Osenton 5	Brian S. Chapman 11
†Murray A. Coleman .. 6	William J. Root .. .. Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe Conducted by John M. Jelley.

* First peal on 12 bells. † Have completed peals of Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus ‡ First of Surprise Maximus.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BICKER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin. On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

William B. Dawson .. .. Treble	John Freeman 5
John P. Morriss 2	Walter Tomlinson 6
Philip H. Reynolds 3	Harold Gibson 7
Beryl N. Reed 4	Robert Howard .. .. .. Tenor

Composed by A. B. Carpenter. Conducted by John Freeman.

First peal of Oxford Bob Triples by all. Tenor 8 cwt.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BAGLAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catharine. On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents Plain Bob and 38 Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

Raymond J. Mayle .. .. Treble	D. Walford Davies 4
Thomas E. Hiddins 2	William T. Petty 5
D. R. Lynn Jones 3	Harold Preece .. .. .. Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe. On Sun., Oct. 30, 1966. in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 TURRAMURRA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Frederick R. Scott .. .. Treble	Henry J. Rossell 5
Anthony D. Sansom .. 2	J. Keith Ward 6
Charles Coles 3	David P. Hilling 7
Alan E. Bagworth 4	Alan R. Patterson .. .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 CHESHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

C. Edward Lankester	Treble	John Hill	5
Joan Beresford	2	G. William Critchley	6
Claudia A. Critchley	3	David P. Hilling	7
Alick Cutler	4	Dennis Knox	Tenor

Composed by W Harrison. Conducted by Dennis Knox.
First peal in the method for the Association and by all except the ringers of the fourth and tenor. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.
Rung in memory of William Hewett.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
LODDON, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Oct 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G

Frederick C. Gunton	Treble	Roger E. Peckham	5
Antony H. Roberts	2	J. Ian Margetts	6
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	Stephen F. High	7
Thomas J. Brock	4	J Barry Pickup	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
Rung as a belated 94th birthday compliment to Mr. R E. Browne, and as an engagement compliment to Judy Groome and Graham Townshend, all ringers at Loddon. Also a compliment to John Sampson of Kessingland and Eunice Pitcher on their marriage.

NORTON SUBCOURSE. Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret
On Sun., Nov. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In six methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Court, St. Clement's, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G

J. Barry Pickup	Treble	Godfrey G Walpole	4
*Diane Toone	2	Roger E. Peckham	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	Stephen F. High	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal "inside" in six methods.
Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 RICHMOND BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

Roy Woodruff	Treble	Geoffrey K. Dodd	6
Valerie Willard	2	George W. Holland	7
Reginald W. Rex	3	William Birmingham	8
Peter J. Heritage	4	Wilfrid G. Wilson	9
Sydney M. Bailey	5	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal of Royal in the method.
Rung for the Feast of All Saints.

RICHMOND BOB ROYAL
Notation: —10—10—18—10—50 l.h. 573920486 (2nds). Bob 4ths.

KIDLINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's six singles. Tenor 23¼ cwt.

Martin J. Turner	Treble	Frederick A. H. Wilkins	5
Walter F. Judge	2	John H. Napper	6
Edward R. Venn	3	Victor Griffin	7
John W. T. Hibbert	4	Edgar J. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
Rung half-muffled, remembering the 61 men of Kidlington who lost their lives in the two world wars.

NUTFIELD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Frances Oglesby	Treble	Ronald K. Russ	4
Robert J. Cooles	2	Noel R. Waite	5
Howard Oglesby	3	Michael W. Coleman	Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
COLD HIGHAM, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being extents of London Surprise, Single Oxford, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Barry E Saunders	Treble	Richard J. Danby	4
*Delia M Langton	2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden	3	Roger W. Smith	Tenor

Conducted by Roger W. Smith
* First peal "inside." First of Minor as conductor.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Single Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

J. Martin Thorley	Treble	Frank Taylor	4
Roger N. Scholes	2	J Charles Hudson	5
Janet E. Hubbard	3	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
Rung for the Fallen

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
LLANDILO, Carmarthenshire.—At the Church of St. Teilo.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being a 2,160 and four different extents.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in G sharp.

Edmund J. Morris	Treble	John F. I. Turney	4
Benjamin J. Williams	2	Gwyn I. Lewis	5
J. Arthur Hoare	3	Brian J. Woodruffe	Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal of Minor on the bells. First of Surprise Minor in the county and for the Guild.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALDBOURNE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In three methods on the back six, being ten extents of All Saints, ten of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E flat.

*Heather L. Jones	Treble	Allan G. Keen	4
Frederick J. Read	2	George A. Newman	5
T. Arthur Palmer	3	John Cuss	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Read.
* First peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr and Mrs. T. A Palmer on their 34th wedding anniversary.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	Treble	*Edwin A. Barnett	6
*Yvonne Edwards	2	*John S. Barnes	7
Joan Beresford	3	*Derek E. Sibson	8
*Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Roger Baldwin	9
*Peter M. Fleckney	5	*Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Bristol Surprise Royal. First of Bristol Surprise Royal for the Society.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHWELL, Notts.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

Peter A. Sharpe	Treble	Walter Tomlinson	7
George E. Feirn	2	Geoffrey Paul	8
Richard C. Stevens	3	Colin W. Reed	9
Beryl N. Reed	4	James W. Raithby	10
John Freeman	5	Geoffrey R. Parker	11
Harold Gibson	6	Frederick E. Collins	Tenor

Arranged by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by John Freeman.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

HARBY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966 in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Rushall, All Saints, Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Kennington, Plain Bob and Grandsire,

Tenor 7 cwt. 21 lb. in B flat.

*Christine L. J. Mills ..	Treble	F. William Midwinter ..	3
Maurice W. Harrison ..	2	R. Brian Mills	4
William L. Exton	Tenor		

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid. On Fri., Nov. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.

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

*Charles J. Copp	Treble	Margaret E. Chilton ..	4
Katharine Burchnall ..	2	F. William Midwinter ..	5
Grace Burchnall	3	William L. Exton	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* 75th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Charles J. Copp.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BURES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt.

*Barry S. Haywood	Treble	Leslie D. Mills	5
Mrs. Leslie Mills	2	*Brian G. C. Clampin ..	6
Evelyn R. M. Cansdale ..	3	*David W. Brooks	7
†David J. Reeve	4	Donald L. Mills	Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by Donald L. Mills.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

Rung as a welcome home to Miss Janet Spurgin on her return from Canada.

WILBY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

Robert E. Lester	Treble	Cecil W. Pipe	5
J. Barry Pickup	2	Leslie G. Brett	6
*Norman P. J. Cossey ..	3	Ernest G. Pearce	7
*Michael J. Howes	4	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal of Yorkshire "inside."

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HURSTPIERPOINT, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity. On Sun., Nov. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*Sheila A. Harfield	Treble	John R. Norris	5
Harry W. Brown	2	*Bernard J. Harfield ..	6
Stanley W. Brown	3	George Francis	7
Anthony M. Humphrey	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

* First peal. First on the bells for 18 years.

Rung in thanksgiving for a successful Christian Stewardship Renewal Campaign in this parish.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

L. Stilwell (R.F.A.)	Treble	F. S. Macey (R.A.S.C.) ..	5
T. E. Sone (R.A.M.C.) ..	2	F. I. Hairs (R.N.A.S.) ..	6
R. E. Lambert	3	H. E. Audsley (R. Sussex)	7
R. T. Lambert (K.O.R.R.)	4	F. J. Cullum (R.N.)	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by F. J. Cullum.

Rung half-muffled. All the band served in H.M. Forces in the 1914–18 War except the ringer of the 3rd, who replaced W. J. Rawlings, R.E., who met with an accident a few hours previously.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Fri., Oct. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt.

Jack C. Wimlet	Treble	*Philip Taylor	4
*Robert Crocker	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Frank R. Tonge	3	Terry R. Tarrant	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung by members of the Andover District as a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mrs. B. Dobson, local ringer for many years.

BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Wed., Nov. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

Frank R. Tonge	Treble	Philip Taylor	4
Michael S. Holbrook ..	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Paul G. Holmes	3	Reginald F. Crook	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

Quickest peal on the bells.

Rung to celebrate 50 years as a ringer by Charlie Ball, the local tower captain.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Oct. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Martin D. Fellows ..	Treble	John C. Eisel	5
M. Irene Ellsmore	2	Peter L. Bill	6
Arthur C. Berry	3	*Robert Edwards	7
*Martin W. Powell	4	Michael J. Fellows ..	Tenor

Composed by William Burton. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KIRKBURTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Hallows. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 832 each Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey and 768 Bristol, with 123 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Trevor Tarbatt	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
W. Eric Critchley	2	Ronald Ducker	6
Gibson Jackson	3	David Johnson	7
Richard E. Price	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

Rung fully muffled in memory of Mr. E. Burton, formerly a ringer at this church.

PONTEFRACT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Sedman H Steel	Treble	Derek J. Jones	5
R. Joy Watkin	2	Kenneth B. Sissons ..	6
Michael D. Staniforth ..	3	A. W. Alan Leggett ..	7
Alan E. Hartley	4	*Bert Sutton	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by A. W. Alan Leggett.

* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter. On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, viz.: (1, 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3, 4) Oxford T.B., (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt 4 lb. in F.

M. Susan Jackson	Treble	John Potts	4
Ronald H. Dove	2	Robin Brown	5
Allan Sheppard	3	*C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* 125th peal for the Association. Rung after meeting short for Major.

BRADFIELD, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas. On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*John Hiner	Treble	David Hunter	4
Geoffrey Pilkington ..	2	Peter Carbutt	5
Arthur Dunn-Birch ..	3	Michael King	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Carbutt.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close. On Tues., Nov. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

29-course block reduced. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	1–2	Roger Baldwin (cond.) ..	5–6
Christopher W. Woolley ..	3–4	Anthony R. Mann	7–8

First peal in the method on handbells.

Rung as a farewell to Heather and Tony Mann, who are emigrating to Australia.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At 354, Ashton Road. On Tues., Nov. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

Neil Bennett	1–2	Gerald Moorhouse	5–6
Robert B. Smith	3–4	*David F. Moore	7–8
†Derek Butterworth	9–10		

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal in the method on handbells. † First of Treble Bob Royal on handbells.

Rung after meeting short for Maximus as a wedding compliment to Malcolm A. Phillips and Muriel C. Hastings.

HALF PEAL

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 22nd, in the Ebsworth Hall, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: W. L. Exton 1—2, B. M. Buswell 3—4, R. E. Mills (cond.) 5—6.

DATE TOUCH

BATH.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Nov. 5th, 1,966 Stedman Triples (composed by J. Topp): E. Naylor (cond.) 1, S. A. Read 2, R. G. Beck 3, G. Salmon 4, A. P. Beck 5, D. H. Mackay 6, E. Chivers 7, E. J. Targett 8.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. D Maddock 1, F. J. Jackson 2, H. Bell 3, H. Johnson 4, L. E. Venables (cond.) 5, G. W Shanks 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Aberfan.

BATHEASTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. J. C. Cannon 1, A. Swatton 2, D. C. Hawkins 3, P. J. Devrell 4, J. E. Newman (cond.) 5, G. J. Taylet 6. Also on Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): M. B. Pidgeon 1, S. Cox 2, R. M. Stubbs 3, K. Harrison 4, J. E. Newman (cond.) 5, M. J. C. Cannon 6.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Oct. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. W. Rea 1, C. M. Meyer 2, Miss R. J Henderson 3, F. A. Benn 4, Miss R. J. Cotton 5, Miss S. C. Thexton 6, J. R. Pratt 7, R. J. Cooles (first of Major as cond.) 8. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A Robinson (first quarter) 1, Rosemary J. Cotton 2, R. Jean Henderson (first as cond.) 3, R. L. Jones 4, J. R Pratt 5, D J. Carter 6. To mark the appointment of the Vicar (the Rev. Neville Gill) as Rural Dean of Battersea.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. C Sinden 1, Rachel Sinden 2, A. Bourner 3, B. Marks 4, A. Berry 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Anthony Finn and Jacqueline Davies.

BURITON, HANTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles: Joanna Gollins 1, Mary White 2, K. Sansom 3, A. Reeves 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, R. Tipper 6.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Diane Wickens 1, A. W. King 2, L. Wilson 3 Carol Gosling 4, E. Brazier 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6. In memoriam Aberfan.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Hudson 1, Patricia Hill 2, Anne Pickering 3, J. W. Priest 4, R. Collins (cond.) 5, A. Flood 6, G. Coldman 7, K. Mumford 8. For Evening Eucharist.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, J. Walton 2, H. Hooper 3, P. England 4, S. Smith 5, J. Baker 6.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Ralles 1, G. C. King 2, Miss J. A. Pullen 3, Mrs. V. A. Copleston 4, D. E. Potter 5, P. J. Bloomfield 6, R. E. Copleston 7, J. Armstrong (cond.) 8. First quarter 1 and 5. First Bob Major for all except the conductor. Rung for the christening of Robert Giles Armstrong.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alison I. Walker 1, P. Mary Beach 2, F. G. Faulks (first in the method) 3, Helen M. Simpson 4, P. Nix 5, Caroline E. Tyler 6, D. J. Beach (first of Triples as cond.) 7, C. W. Hodgkinson 8. First of Triples 1, 4 and 6. To mark the dedication of the new vestry.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Hall (13, first quarter) 1, J. Mills 2, Mrs. F. E. Crosier 3, Miss A. Harlow (first "inside") 4, D. Mills 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

GUILDEN MORDEN, CAMBS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Sanderson 1, A. Mynott 2, F. Harper 3, D. Newjman 4, B. Horrell 5, W. Pye (first as cond.) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. N. Jennings 1, M. J. Harbord 2, D. Leach 3, F. K. Williamson 4, R. B. Walton 5, R. J. Corke 6, G. K. Williamson (cond.) 7, C. W. Chennell-White 8.

HAYES, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: July Camfield 1, Hilda J. Oakshett 2, Elizabeth E. McGibbon (first "inside") 3, M. H. O'Callaghan 4, J. W. Smith 5, D. Paul Smith (cond.) 6. For All Saints' Day.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynne Ferguson (first quarter) 1, Dorothea Robotham 2, Diane Gazeley 3, J. R. Goodenough 4, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 5, A. Warren 6. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Gazeley (first quarter) 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Pauline Gearing 3, D. Rothera 4, G. Ellis (cond.) 5, Ruth Foreman 6. Both for Parish Communion.

QUARTER PEALS

HESSLE, EAST YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hawtree (first quarter) 1, Miss E. Moss 2, R. Horton 3, K. Gatman 4, R. Hawtree 5, Rev. F. Ross (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Hawtree 1, Miss A. Thompson (first "inside") 2, Rev. F. Ross 3, M. Maughan (cond.) 4, R. Horton 5, K Gatman 6. Both for Patronal Festival.

HIGH HAM, Langport, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. E. Beale (cond.) 1, Mrs. D. Crocker 2, Miss M. J. Beale 3, C. Gratton 4, R. Parker 5. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reed.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Southwood (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Fox 2, E. R. Rapley 3, T. G. Fox (cond.) 4, D. Laker 5, J. Smith 6, M. Reed 7, L. Bourne 8. For Harvest Festival.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 19th, 1965, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles (on back six): Sheila A. Harfield 1, S. W. Brown 2, A. M. Humphrey 3, J. R. Norris 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Kathleen E. Forecast 1, A. M. Humphrey 2, S. W. Brown 3, P. Hepburn 4, J. R. Norris 5, Carol W. Hunt (first quarter) 6, H. W. Brown (cond.) 7, S. J. Osborne 8. 50th quarter together 3 and 5. An engagement compliment to Kathleen Forecast and David Anderson; and Carol Hunt and Kenneth Dulliford. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila A. Harfield 1, H. W. Brown 2, Ann E. Sharpe (first of Triples) 3, S. W. Brown 4, N. J. Wright 5, J. R. Norris (cond.) 6, B. J. Harfield 7, S. J. Osborne 8. For the opening of the Christian Stewardship Renewal Campaign. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Sheila A. Harfield 1, J. R. Norris 2, R. E. Peckham 3, M. C. Wooldridge 4, P. Hepburn 5, S. J. Osborne 6, H. W. Brown (cond.) 7, A. M. Humphrey 8. 50th quarter together 2 and 7. For Harvest Festival, and as a farewell compliment to Stephen Osborne, going to Barcombe.

LITLINGTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Mynott 1, F. Harper 2, B. Hurrell 3, P. W. Newman 4, W. Pye 5, J. G. Gibson (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 3 and 4. Rung half-muffled in memory of Fred Dickerson, church clerk and ringer of 48 years' standing.

LITTLE CHART, KENT.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): R. N. Bagshaw 1, J. L. Anderson 2, Rev. P. T. Robbins 3, D. H. M. Bradford (most methods) 4, P. J. Bagshaw (first as cond.) 5, B. Haley 6. For the wedding of Janet Skinner to Stuart Lonie.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Jean Sanderson 1, F. Harper 2, W. E. Pye 3, J. G. Gipson 4, H. S. Brown 5, S. Woodcock (cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Judith A. Southwood (first of Major) 1, A. R. Pink 2, R. M. Heyworth 3, S. F. Royal 4, H. J. Rossel 5, Elizabeth Stevinson 6, N. Alnatt 7, B. Wakefield (cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Tipper 1, D. Hatherley 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, A. Reeves 4, B. Walton 5, H. deCombe 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance service.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Anne Trinder (first of Treble Bob) 1, Josephine Harris 2, Hilary Muirhead 3, A. R. Agg 4, A. C. Harris 5, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 6.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Single Oxford Bob Major: Miss F. Lacey 1, Mrs. J. Finn 2, F. Lacey 3, W. Bains 4, D. Micklethwaite 5, M. Lings 6, H. Judd 7, F. Lord (cond.) 8. First in method for all except the conductor. A farewell to Mr. M. Rose, of Belton, in the Isle of Axholme, leaving for Derby, with band's best wishes.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Short 1, J. Thorley 2, A. Pamela Leigh (first of Surprise "inside") 3, H. Scott 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, G. W. Shanks 6, F. J. Jackson 7, G. Jackson 8.

TERLING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): Josephine A. Quilter 1, Yvonne A. Murray 2, P. J. Rothera 3, P. G. Brown (cond.) 4, K. J. Hesketh 5, J. L. Towler 6.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): W. F. Sear 1, Christine Smith 2, June Sinfield 3, R. J. Scott 4, R. Rowley 5, J. Sinfield (cond.) 6, F. J. Cook 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Jill Gordon 1, G. Avent 2, R. G. Bell 3, G. W. Seaman 4, R. G. Smith 5, R. D. Bell 6, S. J. Laud 7, B. B. Hullah 8, D. Laud (cond.) 9, W. G. Paul 10. A welcome to the new lecturer, Rev. David Mowbray.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Janet Gamble 1, Helen Gamble 2, D. Hewitt 3, D. Wright 4, P. Chapman 5, T. Coles 6, K. Warner 7, C. G. Wright (cond.) 8. In memory of the late Mrs. E. Holman. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Gamble 1, T. Coles 2, P. Chapman 3, D. Wright 4, K. Warner (cond.) 5, E. Holman 6, C. Wright 7, D. Hewitt 8.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Pamela Denney 1, C. N. Stephenson 2, L. Toseland 3, B. P. Morris (cond.) 4, Hilary Knight 5. Rung in memoriam Rev. C. R. Norcock, Rector of the parish, 1939-1953, and chairman of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Guild, 1945-1953.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Thornton 1, Penny Miller 2, B. Mosley 3, D. Crossland 4, P. Else (cond.) 5, W. Ratcliffe 6. Rung half-muffled with sympathy for Aberfan.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: W. P. Garner 1, J. Cooper 2, R. J. Carlton 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, —. Sharpe 6. Half-muffled after the funeral service of Edward S. Ruck.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): M. Burne 1, M. Bangham 2, Miss E. Zass 3, Mrs. D. Bishop 4, A. Bishop 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss C. Madge 1, Mrs. D. Bishop 2, Miss A. Mann 3, Miss L. Rawlings 4, A. Bishop 5, Miss E. Zass 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, M. Burne 8.



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BIRTH

HORSEMAN.—To Monica and Michael at St. Clement's, Clutton Hill, Clutton, Bristol, on November 15th, 1966, a sister (Susan Elizabeth) for Mark and Christopher. 390

DEATH

ALSOP.—On November 14th, 1966, at home, 12, Armoury Street, Ebbw Vale, Rachael Annie, aged 83, friend of Llandaff and Monmouth ringers. 376

PERSONAL

What's it all about, Jamie? Perhaps late of Birmingham but why so, nay not at all, at Salford. — A. Belshawt. 377

"The glory of young men is their strength; and the beauty of old men is the grey head." —Proverbs xx, 29.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DUKES.—The postal address of Fred E. Dukes, General Secretary, Irish Association, and Editor, "Irish Bell News" ("Irish Bell News," published quarterly at 3s. per annum), has been changed to: Meadow Cottage, White Cross, Drogheda, Co. Louth. Telephone (unchanged) Drogheda (STD. 041) 8848. 386

GALLEY.—The Rev. Giles Galley now resides at The Clergy House, Leeds Parish Church, Leeds 2. Dial OLE-2-22036. 380

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MISCELLANEOUS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The practice on December 6th will be at St. Michael's, Cornhill, NOT at St. Paul's Cathedral.—J. G. A Prior. 411

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—Owing to major repairs to fabric there will be no Sunday or practice ringing until further notice.—S. H.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS A PROBLEM? Why not headed notepaper? Special offer of 150 printed Duke size sheets with 50 matching envelopes, in box; 21s. incl. postage. — F. Lewis, 38, Boston Avenue, Reading. 207

COVENTRY ARCHDEACONRY. — Practice meeting, Monks Kirby, November 26th. Bells from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Please note change of date. 385

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE

The rehung ring of eight bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Birkenhead on Saturday, November 26th, 1966, at 3 p.m.

Names for tea essential to Mr. M Thomson, 48, Windsor Drive, Grappenhall, near Warrington, Lancs. All welcome.

J. C. Breese, Tower Captain. 295

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL.—The annual meeting of the Cathedral Society will be held at the Pilgrim Hut on Thursday, December 8th, at 7.45 p.m. 408

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guild members are asked to note the following dates:

March.—Guild Committee meeting (Reading).
April.—Guild Striking Competition.
July 1st.—Annual Festival at Oxford.
October—Autumn general meeting (Reading).

M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec.

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10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 3rd

Lockington (6)	14-3-0	1—3 p.m.
Castle Donington (6)	17-1-6	2—4 p.m.
Diseworth (6)	10-2-13	3—5 p.m.
Melbourne (6)	15-1-24	4—6 p.m.
Aston-on-Trent (6)	9-3-15	5—7 p.m.
Shardlow (6)	12-0-0	6—8 p.m.
Alvaston (6)	17-1-3	7—9 p.m.

All ringers will be welcome to come and help in our celebrations. 288

THE BELLS of St. Mary's, Felpham, are now open for ringing and the work just carried out, following the construction of the new ringing chamber three years ago, has altered them from a very difficult ring to a pleasant good going six. 412

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—There will be no practice on Wednesday, November 23rd. Normal 7.30 p.m. practice will be resumed as from Wednesday, November 30th. 370

"RINGING WORLDS" WANTED. — A compete set, in order to continue work on history of the Exercise and to complete work for the Records Committee. I need 1911 to 1946, but would buy a complete set. Details to F. T. Blagrove, 57, St. Andrew's Crescent, Windsor 313

THORVERTON.—On Saturday, December 3rd, rededication, on the completion of the rehanging and tuning, of Thorverton (Exeter) Parish Church bells Service 6 p.m. Tower open to visitors from 7 to 9 p.m. 369

MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Hyde, November 26th. Bells 3 Service 4.30 Tea 5. Names for tea to Miss A. C. Hardman, 129, Knott Lane, Hyde, Cheshire, before Friday, November 25th. — C K. Lewis, Sec. 327

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of ringers' war memorial at Evensong, 4 p.m., November 26th, in Chelmsford Cathedral. Tea in G.F.S. Hall, Cottage Place. Bells after tea Names for tea to P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road Writtle, Chelmsford (Tel. Writtle 491). 329

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, November 26th Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, Hants. (Aldershot 24968.)—Mrs. B. R Simpson, Dis Sec. 297

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch —Quarterly meeting at Castleacre on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to Mr W Houghton Castleacre, King's Lynn 327

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Chalfont St. Peter, Saturday, November 26th. Ringing 3.30 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs Swift, 26, Fieldway, Chalfont St. Peter. — Miss Hague. 265

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Lyme Regis Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 334

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Mansfield District and E. DERBYS and W. NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Warsop (6), Saturday, November 26th. Bells 3-9 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. T Rooke, 9, York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield, Notts.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 345

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District. —Annual District meeting at Stoke-by-Nayland, Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Guild committee meeting in church at 7 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. D Coltman, The Angel Inn, Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester. 319

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District. — Practice meeting, Saturday, November 26th, 6.30 p.m., at Buxhall (6).—H. W. H. L., Dis-Sec. 364

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—**Correction:** Quarterly meeting, **Heathfield**, Saturday November 26th. Bells 3.30 p.m. and 6.15-7 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting will be held either after tea or after ringing in the evening. Names for tea to me at 3, Arundel Close, Hawkswood, Hailsham.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 355

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Practice meeting at Ilkley (8) on Saturday, November 26th, 6 to 8 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich. All welcome.—Maurice Thurmott, Ringing Master. 271

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch —Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Taunton, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (12) 3 p.m Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, 41, George Street, Taunton 349

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—The Branch annual meeting will be held at Wraxall (8) on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 317

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Martock (8), Saturday, December 3rd. Service 4.30. **Numbers for tea, please**, to R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil, by November 30th. 392

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 3rd, Odell. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea .5 p.m. **Names essential** by Thursday.—C. Payne, 32, George Street, Clapham. Tel. Bedford 68379. 403

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Snitterfield, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after. Names for tea to Rev. J. B. Woodward-Court, The Vicarage, Snitterfield, Stratford-on-Avon (Tel. S-on-A 263).—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 398

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch. — Annual meeting, Withycombe Raleigh, Saturday, December 3rd Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea to F. Mack, 7, Bapton Road, Exmouth, by November 30th. 382

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Stokesay, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Hon. Sec., All Stretton, Salop. 401

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Rickmansworth (10) December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way. Tel. Rickmansworth 76755.—G. W. Seaman, Dis Sec. 402

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Offley (6), December 3rd, 6 p.m., also Norton (8), Thursday, December 1st. 7.30 p.m. This is a District practice; everyone welcome.—C M Orme, Dis. Sec. 278

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION —Rochester District. — By-meeting at Stockbury on Saturday, December 3rd Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Tomsett, Cowstead Farm, Stockbury, Sittingbourne, Kent, by previous Wednesday please.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. and after tea Cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. —Brian Tomlinson Branch Sec. 379

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, St. Annes-on-Sea, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) at 3 p.m.—H. A. Preston, Hon. Sec. 391

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Lancaster on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells available: St. Peter's, 2.30 to 5.30; Priory, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 407

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Meeting at St. Margaret's, Leicester, December 3rd. Bells (12) 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. No business. Coffee and biscuits will be available in the vestry after the service. Further ringing in evening. Everyone welcome.—Ron Hughes. 347

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Swineshead, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, November 28th.—P. J. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Meeting, Barrowby, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Nov. 28th, to the Rev. E. R. G. Harris, The Rectory, Barrowby, nr. Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 400

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, December 3rd. Barnes (8) 3 to 4 p.m.: St. Luke's, Chelsea (10) 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Mortlock (8) 3.15 to 4.30 p.m.; Putney (8) 4.30 p.m. and in evening. Service in St. Mary's, Putney, 5 p.m. Names for tea, in Parish Hall, to T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts, by December 1st. 353

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Stoke on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. G. Burton, Barn Cottage, Bagnall Road, Light Oaks, Stoke-on-Trent, by Wednesday previous.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 393

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Acle on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norwich, NOR 60 Z. No name no tea.—N. P. J. C. 396

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch. — Evening practice meeting, Witchampton (6), Saturday, December 3rd, 7–8.30 p.m.—J. A. Robertson. 325

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, December 3rd, St. James', Devizes. Bells (6) 3 p.m. St. John's (8) after 6 p.m. Names for tea by December 1st to Mr. A. Weeks, 1, Estcourt Terrace, Devizes.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Goole, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole, before November 30th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 388

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Handbell competition and nomination meeting, Thames Ditton, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Competition 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, other than competitors, to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, by previous Tuesday. Entries to N. Steere, 1, Prior Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. Thames Ditton bells in evening. Special methods: Beverley and Killamarsh. 399

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Annual general District meeting, Sketty, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea (5.15 p.m.), please, to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea, by November 26th. 337

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Stratton ringing festival, Saturday, December 3rd. All local towers open from 10 a.m. Service at Stratton 6 p.m. Book lunch and tea now from Phillips House, Church Street, Stratton.—H. Stacey. 397

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, December 3rd. Christchurch (12) 3–4.45, followed by meeting in belfry; Bournemouth (St. Peter's) (8) 7.15–8. Please make own tea arrangements.—L. F. Cobb, Sec. 378

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Annual meeting, Hallow (8), December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall. Also Grimley (6) from 7 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. J. Stanier, Branch Sec., 14, Canterbury Road, Worcester, not later than Wednesday, November 30th. 365

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Monthly practice, Bampton, Tuesday December 6th, 7 p.m. 387

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Surprise Major practice at Southam on December 10th, 6–9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Special methods for experts are Watford and Wembley for 10-spliced. Only Surprise will be rung. 381

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Prees on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and ringing after tea. A special request is made for names for teas to Mr. T. Hinks, 5, Harvern Gardens, Prees, Whitchurch, Salop, to be in by Saturday, December 3rd. — E. Morris Hon. Gen. Sec 383

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East.—Annual District meeting, Hintlesham (6), Saturday, December 10th. Ringing 2.30–4.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Ringing 7–9 p.m. **Members**, this is **your** meeting. Come and air your views and elect your officers. All wishing for tea please write to Mrs. Winifred Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich, Suffolk, no later than Wednesday, December 7th.—W. Lockwood, Sec. 389

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Pontefract on Saturday, December 10th. Ringing arrangements: All Saints' (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Giles', 4 until the service, which is at 4.30, and in the evening until 8.30. Tea will be at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Ropergate. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, December 7th, to Mr. J. H. Lenton, 2, Westfield Avenue, Pontefract.—R. J. Lumbley, Dis. Sec. 395

LATE NOTICES

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting at St. George's, Jesmond, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Murphy, 209, Osborne Road, Newcastle 2. 410

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Histon, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: St. Clement's and Annable's London. 409

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Evening meeting, Coleman's Hatch, Saturday, December 3rd, 6-9 p.m.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 406

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A.G.M. at Prestbury (8), Saturday, December 10th. Ringing 3 o'clock. Evensong 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting in Church Hall. Special methods: Oxford Bob Triples. Ringing afterwards at Bishop's Cleeve (8) from 7 to 8 p.m. Names to R. Dowdeswell, 23, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, by Tuesday, 6th. 414

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LISS, HANTS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): T. S. Bowles 1, K. A. Tipper 2, A. P. Reeves 3, Lesley Read (50th quarter) 4, D. M. Hughes (cond.) 5, F. A. Culliford 6. For Confirmation service.

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BELFRY REFORM IN 1966

By PHILIP A. CORBY.

THERE are ringers now of age who are without experience of the V2 rockets which were devised by the Germans to wreak damage to property and to disturb the morale of people living in London and the crowded south-east. The first one knew of those devilish monsters was a loud bang and, alas, the damage had already been done. The people who were subjected to these attacks over a period of many months assumed a stoical nonchalance that enabled them at the sound of the explosion to look up from the activity of the moment and make some such remark as 'There's another one" and immediately resume the task in hand.

The same endearing trait pervades the ringing Exercise today. Ringers seem to be a smug, comfortable, overfed, too easily satisfied collection of people, impervious to rockets and bangs and unwilling to rise to any challenge. however provocatively it may be expressed. Nevertheless, I refuse to be discouraged and I shall proceed undaunted to another saga in the diatribe I started some time ago.

Some eighty or ninety years ago the Exercise saw the first of the County and Diocesan Associations formed, as at least one Association puts it, "to promote belfry reform and encourage the good old English art of change ringing." The movement spread rapidly throughout the country and in many areas this was for the first time a means of bringing together ringers from various towers in a locality. Until that time organised ringing was in the hands of the great ringing societies in London, and of local societies of somewhat similar type in some provincial centres, operating with greatly varying degrees of efficiency and competence.

Ringers are perhaps still not noted for an over-close relationship with the Church, but even so one hears of behaviour in belfries of long ago that would hardly be in keeping with the standards that have generally been adopted in more recent years. In short we may conclude that the promotion of belfry reform has met with at least some success. Our adversary the devil is, however, ever watchful and we face a new peril of bad belfry behaviour which certainly warrants attention.

I refer, of course, to the worst excesses of "tower grabbing." Other correspondents have at different times put out in these columns commendable codes of behaviour for those who undertake the organisation of outings. There is, of course, little encouragement for those who write to "The Ringing World" to suppose that the readers take the slightest notice of the contents of any articles, however commendable.

Nevertheless, good advice has been given which, if followed, might spare unpleasantness and sometimes disgust to those who are in fact the hosts and beneficiaries of the tower grabbing and outing fiends. Let me say at once I see no great harm in knocking at the Vicar's door in a remote country parish to ask if a party of ringers who happen to be passing may have a short ring. Provided always, of course, that there are no local ringers who are likely to be upset by such a proceeding: provided always that behaviour in church or open belfry is quiet and orderly: provided always that the people who are ringing can competently manage what they undertake: provided always that the bells are rung to a touch of respectable length and not just scrambled up and down: provided always that everything is left as it is found: provided always that every member of the party finds a small coin to place in a collecting box. In such places people are often glad to hear the bells when there are no local ringers and they are only rung by chance at infrequent intervals.

As for formal outings, the queerest things do happen. You only have to be the captain of a tower for a few years to find out. Some parties arrive and the leader introduces himself to the person who has come to meet them. He may make some attempt to discover what his host is able to ring and not take no for an answer when the host declines to take part in a touch on the grounds that "I can ring here anytime." The correct response to this one is "Of course you can, but not usually with us, so do please join us in just one touch."

More often, alas, they barge into the tower talking amongst themselves without a word to the host except to say "Which is which?" They proceed to bash their way through various touches, blandly assuming that all is well and never apparently aware that their standard of performance may be well below that of the local band. Sometimes one has seen a visiting party ploughing through in a touch beyond their capabilities when several members of the local band have been sitting round the tower, never asked to strengthen the band or perhaps stand behind some of he weaker members. Yes, in matters of behaviour there is still scope for belfry reform.

But what of practical aspects of belfry reform? For a start there are many towers, perhaps the majority, where the bells are much too noisy outside Harold Cashmore once said that one of the miracles of the twentieth century was that we were allowed to ring bells for three hours at a stretch. Considering the volume of noise often to be heard he was indeed right. There is also plenty of scope in the matter of internal acoustics. In practically every major restoration in the last thirty years there has been an ad lib application of concrete to provide structural strength and stability to take the weight of the bells in the tower. Fortunately, the mediaeval builders were without this particular obsession, perhaps because reinforced concrete was unknown. You would not provide bare concrete floors and walls in the auditorium of a concert hall so that the orchestra could hear their instruments echoing three or four times over, so why put bells in a concrete drum? Several fine new rings of bells have been subjected to this treatment since the war and completely ruined for pleasurable ringing as a result.

What have the ringing Associations, or indeed the Central Council, done about this? Alas, many ringers seem to be so insensitive as to be unaware of the problem—they would happily pull away at a set of dustbins. Strangely enough ringers of a former generation objected to metal bell frames on the basis that the tone of the bells would be affected. This has proved to be an old wives' tale and like ball bearings metal frames are now not ever mentioned. The clever ones have sometimes omitted to find out in advance whether the bells are on plain bearings or ball bearings before launching off on their views and in most cases it is only the steeplekeeper who really knows which they are. Much ink has been spilled on these subjects but never a word about the demon concrete!

And if affairs in our own towers could sometimes benefit from a little investigation how do we stand in the affairs of our various Associations? Many of us, now past our first youth, continue happily with our long-established notions on what is good for our members. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service complete with the bells on Aaron's robe at 4.15, tea with the usual dry sandwiches and mothy cakes in an age when afternoon tea is no longer fashionable are youngsters like savouries rather than sweets, followed by a business meeting which is often a monotonous monologue by the district secretary with the Vicar putting in his corny funnies, or is sometimes a grand debate about nothing in particular between retired trade union official types. By 7 p.m. the business is over and there is further ringing of ghastly Grandsire Triples massacred by all the stay-benders in sight with never a word of advice or encouragement from those who should know better, interspersed with courses of Surprise rung by superior types with their noses in the air. Need we be entirely surprised if peals and tower grabbing expeditions are organised on meeting days?

Would we perhaps do better with organised practices possibly on week days or on Saturday evenings, starting at, say, 6.30 until 8.30 p.m., with concentrated ringing aimed to provide adequate practice for learners at all stages with competent assistance and supervision available. If we doubt the efficiency of this type of organisation let us glance with envy at the activities of the University Associations.

I hope I have now put out sufficient provocation to start the ink flowing, but I could always have another go at the Central Council!

Three Bishops at Bath and Wells First Dinner

THE first ever dinner of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held on November 12th at the Town Hall, Wells, when no less than 202 members and their wives and visitors enjoyed a splendid meal.

The Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren, of Exford, ably directed proceedings, and he was supported at the top table by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells (Dr. E. C. Henderson), the Bishop of Taunton (the Rt. Rev. F. H. West), Bishop D. J. Wilson, the Archdeacons of Bath and Wells, together with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. M. Heymann, and the permanent officials of the Association.

Following the loyal toast, Mr. Heymann proposed the toast of "The Church." He reminded members that the Church was much wider than the Church of England, and we should remember that we all worship God in our own way, irrespective of our various religious persuasions. He spoke of the change of heart amongst the various denominations today, compared with even ten years ago, instancing, in his ringing experience, the friendship in Limerick between the Catholic and Church of Ireland towers which kept the bells of both churches ringing. This was the sort of progress which we should remember and strive to emulate in our service to the Church.

In his reply, Dr. Henderson recounted briefly the histories of a number of his predecessors, whose portraits hung on the walls above the assembly, and he wondered how the Church looked to them today. Perhaps as an institution it did not take itself quite so seriously as it used to, which he thought was a good thing, but in other ways he felt it tended to get its priorities wrong and put the cart before the horse. Despite its shortcomings he loved the Church, and its heritage and ideals should be cherished and sustained at all costs.

THE EPISCOPAL SWANS

The Bishop hoped his swans would be invited to the next dinner, as they knew far more about ringing than he did. He felt we could well learn a lesson from them and try to remain calm and unruffled on the surface, whilst paddling like hell underneath!

The toast of "The Association" was proposed by Mr. E. C. Shepherd, who confided to the company that after living in the West Country for four years, he had now learnt the language of the locals! Reviewing the history of the Association, he spoke of the traditions resulting from 76 years of service, and of the ringers who had helped to build those traditions, ringers of the calibre of Joe Dyke, a stern man but a great teacher, and Major J. H. B. Hesse, a clever engineer and an authority on bells and bell frames, both of whom acted with a firm conviction of service to the Church.

Some say that ringers' work has little significance in these days, continued Mr. Shepherd, but do not be deceived. Ringing was but one of the many contributions to worship and as such our standards must be high. He had read the annual report, which he said contained both the successes and the failures, which one expects to find, but he felt that the Association was meeting the challenge and that its aims were there for us all to follow and support.

ONE FOUNDER MEMBER

In his reply, the general secretary, Mr. Gwilym Salmon, took up the theme of the last speaker, and referred to the service given by such past members as William Gigg, from Taunton, W. J. Prescott, of Bath, and Stephen Wood from "over the border" in Bristol. Today only one founder member was still with them, Mr. J. Pugsley, now over 90, of Minehead, whom they remembered with affection. Mr. Salmon spoke of the success of the affiliation scheme instituted by his predecessor Mr. (now the Rev.) David Hoare, which had resulted in a present membership of some 200 towers and 1,800 members.

Today earlier morning ringing was becoming more pronounced, due to the popularity of the Family Communion service, and this was a challenge they had to meet. The question of standards was being helped by the growing popularity of striking competitions, pioneered by the Chew Branch, which had now spread to Bath and Frome. He hoped other Branches would follow suit, and that they would all try to work towards the high standards which Mr. Shepherd had outlined previously.

The toast of "The Guests and Visitors" was proposed by the peal secretary, Mr. George Massey. In humorous vein he spoke of the galaxy of talent present, including, as he said, "a full house of Bishops"! He wondered if they all moved diagonally! In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd, Mr. Norman Knee from Warminster, Mr. Bill Coles (Hillingdon) and Mr. Philip Gray from Bristol were all cordially welcomed.

TOWER KEEPERS PRAISED

The Ven. J. du Boulay Lance, Archdeacon of Bath, replied, and thanked the Association for the invitation to the dinner. In an amusingly partisan speech he contrasted in various ways the superiority of Bath over Wells. He was, he said, fascinated by the language used by ringers (laughter) and, although he confessed himself unable to ring, he paid tribute to the way in which Somerset tower keepers looked after their belfries. It was obvious, from what he himself had seen in his own church inspections, that their work was a labour of love.

The speeches over, the company adjourned, and after a short interval the evening concluded with a showing of the Washington Film, followed by a most enjoyable selection of hymns and tunes by members of the talented Arscott family from Taunton. Their programme ended fittingly with "Auld Lang Syne" and "The Queen."

The excellent support given by members from all parts of the diocese, and their obvious enjoyment of the evening, was adequately summed up by the Master who, in thanking those responsible for the arrangements, expressed the hope that the dinner would become an annual event in the Association calendar. This sentiment was fully endorsed by all present. J. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A by-meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Ightham on November 12th. Ringing in various Doubles and Minor methods preceded a service, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Watkins. Later about 37 members sat down to an excellent tea, provided free of charge by the local ringers. The whole of Ightham band was elected into the Association at the business meeting.

Ringing continued after tea on the light ring of six until 8.45 p.m.

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10,032 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

23456	W	M	H
42635	—	—	
65234	6	S	—
36254	—	6	
23465	—	—	6

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OBITUARY

MR. G. H. CLAYDON, New Zealand

George Henry Claydon passed away on Nov. 12th, at the age of 81. George came to New Zealand in 1911 from Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham, where he rang at St. Martin's-in-the-Bull Ring. He arrived at Napier, in the North Island, but he could not resist the call of the bells and after a few weeks he came to Christchurch to ring on the only active ring of bells in New Zealand. His ability was soon recognised and he was appointed Master of the Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers; he was to fill the office many times over the years.

George Claydon was a true pioneer of change ringing and while others in England were ringing peals, he was laying the foundation, as it were, in the most southern part of the Empire. Over the years he trained many to ring, but setbacks, such as transfers, etc., were heart-breaking. He persevered and today his work in the past is bearing fruit in that the Christchurch Society is very strong and known throughout the Commonwealth.

George rang regularly at the Cathedral from 1911 till 1952, and then whenever he was able to. He loved handbells and at times a party would visit his home to ring a "touch" or two with him.

He was a former member of the Cathedral choir, also an organist of some standing. The years will pass, but George Claydon's efforts to foster change ringing in New Zealand were recognised in the 1940s when he was elected a life member of the Cathedral Society of Bellringers.

Those of us who have rung with him will always remember him with love and affection.

G. NELSON SLOAN.

MR. A. E. RICHARDS

With the death of Mr. Albert E. Richards, of Farndon, Cheshire, on October 5th, the Chester Diocesan Guild and the Chester Branch, in particular, lost a valued and esteemed member. During a long association with the Guild he had acted as Chester Branch treasurer, and in recent years was vice-president. He was also for many years organist and captain of the bellringers at Farndon.

Although his activities had been restricted in latter years, owing to failing health, he maintained his interest in ringers and ringing to the end.

He was a life member of the Guild, and will be remembered for his gentlemanly and courteous manner and his ever readiness to further the cause of the Exercise. It gave him particular pleasure to play the organ for the Guild services.

The funeral took place at Farndon on October 8th.

MR. W. STONE

With great regret his many friends heard of the sudden death of Bill Stone at Kidlington, Oxon, in his 90th year. He was the oldest member of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers, and rang many peals with such stalwarts of the past as the Rev. F. E. Robinson, J W Washbrook, and others.

Married to the daughter of the well known ringer, H. Judge, of Kidlington, he lived in Oxford and was a member of St. Giles' tower for many years His record of peals is unknown, but he always preferred the heavy end, and his name appears as the ringer of the tenor in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Christ Church, Oxford, in 1903.

Always willing to help the beginner, he will be remembered for the assistance he gave when Mr. H. Miles revived the Oxford University Society after the first world war.

He last rang at Kidlington in 1956, and a quarter peal was rung there as a tribute on the day of his funeral. J. R. C.

MR. H. LEWIS

The death of Mr. Harry Lewis, of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, on November 9th, is recorded with deep regret.

He was a life member of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and in latter years had been tower captain at St. Mary-within-the-Walls. Prior to this he had been a member of the Handbridge and Cathedral band.

Ill-health had prevented his taking an active part in ringing for a number of years, but he maintained his interest and, despite his illness, remained cheerful to the end.

The funeral service took place at St. Mary-within-the-Walls on November 14th, when the service was conducted by the Rt. Rev. E. Mercer, Bishop of Birkenhead (former Rector), assisted by the Rev. W. G. Hurlow, priest-in-charge.

MR. JOHN H. GARTSIDE

With the passing of Mr. John H. Gartside, the Church of St. Laurence, Chorley, and the Lancashire Association have lost a stalwart. He was approaching eighty years of age and had been a member of the St Laurence's band since taking up ringing about 1910, and had rung in 158 peals for the Lancashire Association. Usually in peal attempts he was to be found ringing the tenor, which he always handled comfortably and skilfully. He always appreciated and admired the very best striking in any method, and had a very good ear and sense of pitch. It was not unusual for him, when visiting a new tower, to listen first outside and estimate the weight, note and founder—usually quite accurately.

In addition to his interest in campanology he was an accomplished pianist, and it was a pleasure to hear his playing, by ear, marches, waltzes, classical music and tunes from the good old music hall days. The circus, too, held an attraction for him, and he would travel many miles to see a performance.

He was a plumber by trade and a bachelor, and appeared to be rather lonely over the last few years, having lost, in the space of a few months, his sister and brother-in-law, with whom he lived, and several staunch ringing friends, including the late Benjamin A. Knights, who had joined him in many peal attempts.

Until recently he had enjoyed good health: after taking part in a peal to mark his 73rd birthday, he told the conductor he felt more like 33 years of age than 73. He was one of the few remaining members in the Preston Branch of a generation who did much to improve the standard of ringing, and widen the variety of methods, at a time when travelling was not nearly so easy as it is now, and funds not so plentiful. L. W.

In and around Cumberland

Arranged by Kevin M. Price, a party of ringers from the Lake District rang on October 29th in eight towers in and around Cumberland. The day was not without misfortunes. The tenor rope broke at Orton, and at Shap ringing was difficult through there being one long length instead of a double rope beneath the sally Yorkshire tail-ends were met at Bampton, where the ropes were bound with cellotape!

Ringing was of a high standard on the glorious 18 cwt. eight at Penrith, but at Great Salkeld ringing hardly got beyond rounds because of a broken rope The four bells at Lazonby were regarded as the best of the day and on leaving the church a local shouted, "By gum! You certainly ring those bells well." It was at Thursby (6) that the best ringing of the day was achieved. Kent Treble Bob going well on the recently rehung bells

At the last tower, Aspatria (8) we were too tired to raise the bells properly However Plain Bob was rung, and the Vicar seemed duly impressed with our ringing. J. Whalley, Dorothy M. L. Nicholls and B. Maudsley are thanked for driving us. K. M. P.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

Nicholas Hawksmoor's Church of St. Alfege, Greenwich, dating from 1711, was the scene of the District's annual meeting on October 22nd. This church was damaged during the war but has since been carefully restored. The tower was added in 1730 and contains ten bells of which the front nine were recast in 1954, the 23¼ cwt. tenor of 1824 being retained. The whole ring, by Mears and Stainbank, was rehung in the old frame, making ringing of the front bells somewhat tricky.

The Association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C Morrison), who gave an address. He was assisted by Peter Simms at the organ, and the lesson was read by Ian Oram.

About 60 ringers and friends took tea in the famous Naval College, and this was followed by the business meeting, for which Mr. A. G. Hill, vice-president, was voted to the chair. Amongst the apologies was one from Arthur Richards, then in Farnborough Hospital awaiting an operation. The meeting sent a message wishing him a speedy recovery.

As usual, the secretary had prepared a printed report, which showed a slight decrease in membership, possibly accounted for by unpaid subscriptions. Mention was made of the success of the joint practices once a month, the first being held at Biggin Hill in August. Repair work had been completed at Eynsford and Foots Cray

Five resident one associate and four non-resident life members were elected, and the re-election of Miss Mary Andrews as District secretary was received with acclamation The office of District representative had been filled with distinction for many years by Mrs. Barnett and Miss Freda Cannon, but this year's meeting decided on a change to a couple of enthusiastic young members, Paul Smith and Tony Lewis, who relinquished the positions of Ringing Master and "Ringing World" correspondent in favour of Colin Tester and Ian Oram respectively. All the retiring officers were thanked for their hard work.

A lively discussion resulted from a suggestion that the Association had its own Master; the meeting felt that such an office was unnecessary, but recommended that a rule should be formulated for the election of a chairman for each annual general meeting and similar occasions. Provisional permission had been obtained for a meeting at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on January 28th.

A moment's silence was observed in memory of a life member, J A. G. Robertson, through whose efforts the bells at Lewisham were restored

The vote of thanks particularly mentioned Miss Freda Cannon. Further ringing from rounds to Cambridge Royal followed in the tower.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The attendance at the Calverley meeting on October 20th doubled the September attendance at Idle, although the belfries are only a few miles apart.

The bells were brought up in peal at 3 p.m and a short touch of well-struck Grandsire Triples started the afternoon's ringing. Plain and Little Bob, Kent, Double Norwich, Cambridge Major and Stedman Triples were rung. Some time was also given to rounds and call changes.

A very good tea was enjoyed in the nearby school, and after a short business meeting, members returned to the belfry until eight o'clock.

Next meeting: Ossett, on November 26th.

C. S. N.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN.

Eastern District

The Eastern District evening practice at St. Andrew's, Hertford on November 12th was well attended and ringing ranged from rounds and call changes to Stedman Triples and Kent T B. Major. New members elected were Peter Kirk, Peter Lee and Colin Lay, all from Hertingfordbury.

Next meeting: Bengeo (8), December 10th, 6.30 p.m. B. J. W. F.

Letters to the Editor

WHAT IS THE BRISTOL SOCIETY?

Dear Sir,—In recent months we have seen an increased number of peals accredited in "The Ringing World" to a nondescript body called "The Bristol Society." Obviously it cannot be a territorial society as the title suggests, as peals have been rung for it in Gloucestershire, Somerset and Loughborough as well as in Bristol. In one instance C. Barrie Dove's band rang a peal under its name at Loxton, Somerset. As far as I know only one member of that band had any connection with Bristol.

This raises another point: How were they elected? It might be of interest for prospective members to know who the elected officers are and how one may become a member. Therefore, if members are elected, what are the requirements of membership?

Unless an inaugural meeting has been held and a body of officers elected, can it be properly termed a "Society"? If this is not the case all peals accredited to it should now be termed "Non-Association." As a further point it seems questionable that two elected officials of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association have seen fit to ring peals for the "Society" in Gloucester and Bristol territory.

To some people one point may need clarifying: the Society of St. George's Youths is a Society, with an elected Ringing Master, on the lines of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths. Its centre is St. George's, Upper Cam, Glos.—Yours sincerely,

A. TUBB.

Berkeley, Glos.

RINGER-CHORISTER

Dear Sir,—With reference to the recent correspondence regarding ringer-chorister records, Mr. James Marriott, people's warden of St. Mary's, Launton, who is 82 years of age, has been a chorister here for 74 years, and a ringer for 69 years: he has seldom missed a service. Out of 10 ringers at Launton, seven are choristers; and we once had 14 choristers among 15 ringers. Among the ringers today we have two churchwardens, one lay reader, four members of the P.C.C., one verger and three servers, in addition to the seven choristers.—Yours truly,

FREDERICK SHARPE.

Launton. Oxfordshire.

"STRUGGLING BEGINNERS"

Dear Sir,—I am in complete sympathy with Mr. Michael King's letter on "Struggling Beginners."

When I was one of five beginners in an otherwise unmanned five-bell tower in Nottinghamshire we raised our standards from rounds and call changes to multi-Doubles methods quarter peals in a short time During these months and afterwards we were regular in attendance at Guild and Association meetings and several practice nights were also regularly attended to gain experience on higher numbers of bells.

We learned a great deal from these flourishing towers (and, indeed, we are grateful), which was to their advantage later when their own numbers diminished so that we were needed, to ring certain methods

Two years ago our five-bell tower suffered a loss of four members owing to departure to college. Throughout all this time help, though frequently promised, was almost nil Is this because it is a five-bell tower? Would it have been different with a six-bell tower?

As Mr. King said, "Help is needed"—and it is always appreciated.—Yours faithfully,

M J. KIRK.

Guildford

OFFICIAL VIEW ON EAST MORDEN CHURCH

Dear Sir,—East Morden Church is one of the towers covered by the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. As one of the Branch Ringing Masters, I would like to put forward the Branch's side of the controversy which has developed.

The facts as stated in Mr. Dalton's letter (October 7th) are largely correct.

Branch members were not very pleased to read in Belfry Gossip (September 16th) of the implied criticism that but for some encouragement East Morden bells would be ringing regularly, for the following reasons:

1. The bells were known to be in a bad state of repair, this being confirmed after a visit, at the Vicar's request, by Mr. R. W. Young, one of the appointed Diocesan belfry inspectors. The necessary repairs were arranged to be carried out by a local firm under his supervision.

2. At the time that the quarter peal was published Mr. Young stated quite definitely that the bells were not in a fit state to be rung—metal guide stays had to be replaced, bolts were missing on two bells, nuts from some of the other bolts, and one wheel was loose. The building work had not been completed. As far as I know Mr. Young then removed the ropes to prevent further ringing.

3. East Morden had already approached the Branch for assistance in teaching a band from scratch. This the Branch was considering to do when the bells were ringable, as had been done at Poole.

4. One local tower as long ago as last year offered to ring for service once a month, again when ringable.

It is not disputed that the various bands were given permission to ring: one visiting band were told that they could ring after this, if they brought their own ropes. Mr Young has tried to persuade the Vicar of the seriousness of the situation, but the Vicar either does not understand, or else prefers the sound of the bells to their safety.

I hope that this clarifies the situation.—Yours faithfully,

ROSS G. W. ROBERTSON.

Tarrant Keyneston, Dorset.

100 MAJOR METHODS PEAL

Dear Sir,—May I thank Mr. Feirn for his kind remarks and for pointing out that one method is missing from the report. To put the record straight, this method is Thornbury

It has been said and written many times that "ringing is a team effort" and this must be especially so in peals such as these, where it would be impossible to carry a passenger. I would like to thank all the members of the band for their help and enthusiasm throughout the series; it has been evident from the confident way in which they approached each new step that all the "homework" had been well and truly done. Especially would I mention Liz Bowden, who joined us as a reserve, and without complaint has rung treble or learned large numbers of methods to ring "inside" as required, and also Ted Venn, who has alternated between second and seventh as required

Finally, my thanks also to W. Eric Critchley, John Segar, Cyril S. Wratten and Shirley Burton for their help with compositions and methods.—Yours faithfully.

ANTHONY R PEAKE.

Swindon Wilts.

ST. KATHERINE'S SOCIETY'S APOLOGY

Dear Sir,—As Ringing Master of the St. Katherine's Society, may I, through your columns, apologise to Mr. Kennington, of St. James', Grimsby, for our remarks on the bells of St. James'.

When writing a report of a tour certain peculiarities of the towers visited tend to stick in your mind, and sometimes, as in this case, are inadvertently blown up to some extent in the write up, thus giving offensive criticism where none is intended. I know this, having experienced several such criticisms of my home tower.

I would in no way condemn St. James' bells, as they are a rather fine ten, although, to be perfectly honest, there is visible movement of the additional section of the frame housing bells Nos. 2 and 3, in relation to the rest of the frame. This was noticed by several members of the party, after having obtained permission to see the bells.

I agree with Mr. Kennington in that each bell of a ring normally has its own peculiarity, and, certainly, any reasonable ringer should be able to correct for it in a few pulls. The 2 and 3 at Grimsby are far from difficult. I must say that I have rung easier bells, but I have also handled bells infinitely worse.

May I, once again, apologise to Mr. Kennington for the adverse criticism and for any bad feelings resulting from it, and hope that my "statement of fact" is more acceptable.—Yours faithfully,

IAN V. J. SMITH,
Ringing Master, St. Katherine's Society and Nottingham University Society.

Beeston, Nottingham.

AUDIO VISUAL AIDS FOR INSTRUCTION

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr Jackson's excellent article, "Tuition of Beginners," there is one serious omission the lack of reference to the use of audio-visual aids in his "Instruction" 3, 4, 6 and 14. My film, "Ringers Required" was specifically made for these very purposes and, quite beside the use of it, I am sure it is not beyond the capabilities of the Education Committee to additionally prepare a set of different illustrated lectures on coloured slides, which might illustrate with written notes some of these points.

"Ringers Required" shows in 28 minutes a band of learners going through all the 14 points Mr. Jackson has listed, thus under his point 3 the film would succinctly and entertainingly show the recruits what lay before them. Why not use it? For those loath to venture forth with the necessary 30s., might I suggest, if they live within range of certain television stations, who will shortly be televising a 14-minute version of the film (see a forthcoming advertisement in "The Ringing World"), that they should look-in on these transmissions and make their own decision. The film is being provided as a service to the ringing fraternity and not for personal gain.—Yours sincerely. A. J. M. COLLINS.

Montreal.

RECORD PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES

Dear Sir,—Once again I took the opportunity of listening to the lovely bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, on Saturday, November 12th. I was fortunate this time to hear both start and finish. From my usual position one can hear the bells in perfect rhythm,

Starting off at 10.20 a.m., I returned about eight o'clock, by which time they were well towards the end, which came about 8.50 p.m., thus concluding a splendid peal by 12 enthusiastic campanologists. — Yours truly,

R H. MANSELL.

Handsworth

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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MORE LETTERS

CHARGES FOR QUARTER PEALS

Dear Sir,—I was appalled at "The Ringing World" Committee's suggestion that at some time sooner or later a charge may have to be made for all quarter peals inserted in the columns of "The Ringing World."

The people who participate in ringing quarter peals do not need a reminder from the committee or anyone else as to the financial position of "The Ringing World." The people who need reminding most are the peal ringers whose names appear in print regularly to the tune of two and three peals a week.

Taking the same issue on October 21st, I noted that there were 48 tower bell peals and seven peals "in hand," but donations were only received from ten peals (£1 18s.). In the quarter and half peal columns there were 93 and donations were received from 68 (£11 8s.).

If a charge were made at 6d. per person per rope (peals and quarters) and 6d per person per pair of handbells, this would have yielded £8 7s (tower) plus 14s. 6d. (hand) = £9 1s. 6d. for all peals published, and £15 19s. for all quarter and half peals published. The grand total would have been £25 0s 6d. against the 'Gratefully Acknowledged" £13 16s.

Let us remember that our aim first and foremost is to ring our bells to the glory of God and that peal ringing is another form of entertainment which should take second place. If every member of each peal band paid 6d per rope to local tower funds, 6d. per rope to local Association or Guild funds and 6d. per rope to "The Ringing World" it would still be a very cheap form of entertainment against a minimum of 10s at a theatre or 4s. to see a first-class Association football match.

This is a controversial issue which is bound to bring a wide variety of views both for and against. Whenever I participate in a quarter or peal attempt I usually try to encourage the band to make a small donation to "The Ringing World."

By all means introduce a levy if it will help in any way to keep the cost down, but let us have it on a fair and square basis—peals and quarters not just quarters.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN WARD.

Manchester Cathedral.

Note.—Another seven peals were rung by Associations making grants to "The Ringing World."—Ed.

REPLIES TO STEDMAN CRITICS

Dear Sir,—In reply to my two Stedman critics (Nov. 4th) I must thank Mr. Jackson for drawing attention to where the two singles are made. I was a bit careless there, to think it sufficiently understandable as it was.

As singles in Stedman touches usually appear perhaps it would have looked better entered as 7ths at a single and then 6ths at a single, followed by a further two bobs in 6-7 up, etc.

In reply to Mr. Pladdys, it is now such a long time ago since I first wrote my version of this touch that, who knows, perhaps I was that "grandfather" you mention and, in any case, "old as the hills" or not, the challenge is open to you. Let's see you produce a touch in any method or principle which produces these "three stars," Tittums, Whittingtons and Queens, in no more than 120 changes, and you can have as much Yorkshire pud with Yorkshire relish on as you like, as a reward!—Yours sincerely,

PERCY WHITAKER.

Otley, Yorks.

PEALS BY TIME AND NOT BY CHANGES

Dear Sir,—I happened quite by chance to be reading some "Ringing Worlds" in non-ringing company and the title style came under discussion. A unanimous comment was that the old style was far better and much more in keeping with the "art," and that if any change was to be made it should have gone to the opposite extreme and been ultra-modern whereas the new heading was a poor attempt at a compromise. Some said that the new style would be more in keeping with a racing gazette. I know that non-ringers' views are not really important in this matter, but they are certainly interesting.

The front page article of November 11th echoes some of the thoughts that have passed through my mind many times. While I would not go so far as to regard 720 as a peal I do think that 5,000 changes are too many. What about ringing a peal by time rather than by changes? If a peal had to be not less than two hours and not more than 2½ hours of true changes it would make for more skill in conducting, choosing a composition to suit not only the band but also the bells, altering the speed of ringing during the peal to make the chosen competition fit into the time allowance, etc. etc. But how does one break tradition?

Another point that has often occurred to me; in towers where the bells are loud enough for complaints to be reasonably justifiable, why cannot peals be rung with muffled bells always? After all, it would only be another form of sound control. Are there any other objections besides the tradition that muffled peals are for the dead?—Yours faithfully,

BARRY CORBISHLEY.

Macclesfield.

"REBELLIOUS" HAS A COLLEAGUE!

Dear Sir,—Well done, Rebellious! This is a brave attempt to live up to reality. The times have gone when the good old British Empire was at its height, and man travelled the countryside in a horse and coach. No one really worried about peal ringers, and with little else to do they must have appreciated the sound of the bells drifting across the village green.

Now in 1966, with the pink patches on the world map dwindling fast, people dislike the sound of church bells ringing for hours on end, shattering what little peace they get. Why, we have reached the point where a Newton-le-Willows television engineer phones up his M.P. every time he hears the bells ring.

However, is sound control the real answer, for we are defeating God's purpose in bell ringing merely to achieve our own ends? We don't like to admit it, but we are using church bells to gain status in the ringing fraternity, and pride in ourselves.

Let us face reality, and ask: "How many peals are rung to the Glory of God?" For every peal that is rung to the Glory of God there are many more that are rung just to see if a band can ring a certain method.

Is it not time we reconsidered the purpose of the peal? As a suggestion we might consider, as Christians, both God and our neighbour by asking ourselves before ringing a peal: "Is this peal really necessary?"—Yours faithfully,

C. J. EDEN.

West Kirby, Cheshire.

Theale Bell Restoration Fund

The ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Theale, Berks, are energetically working for their Bell Restoration Fund and have already raised over £200. The autumn sale they organised made a profit of £53 and a further £2 was realised by selling rags and woollens left over from the sale. They have also made a profit of £4 from the sale of Christmas cards.

BARKINGSIDE OUTING

New ventures are often pursued with an attitude of apprehension, and Barkingside's first ringing outing on the first Saturday in October, was no exception. Firstly, the tour was arranged at very short notice, when the Woodford ringers had to cancel their tour. Secondly, it was a difficult task to recruit sufficient outside ringers to help make the ringing a success. Thirdly the question of new towers, long draughts and heavy bells for young ringers had to be considered and finally, the old, old problem of navigation and the weather.

However we need not have worried, everything, except the weather, planned out well and all were safely delivered home, tired but happy after an enjoyable day.

Now what of the towers? Fyfield's lovely little six where the young members of the band felt quite at home and an all-ladies' band, with two local learners, rang some very well-struck call changes, probably the best ringing of the day.

Bury St. Edmunds and Mildenhall, where local enthusiasts welcomed us and tolerated our courses of Grandsire and call changes; what a pity we had not a band to do real justice to these two tens.

Ely, where we were greeted by a ringer from Darlington and, later, two of the locals: Cambridge and Stedman were rung here with their help.

And so to our last tower of the day, at St. Neots, the first arrivals trying to send the later ones away from St. Mary's, when only one rope was seen in the "ringing" room; however, a consultation in "Dove" and a trip to the Vicarage solved the mystery and gave us the opportunity to ring this fine heavy eight. Bob Triples went well here, and also the call changes for the learners.

A good day indeed, completed in traditional style with fish and chips and liquid refreshments on the way home.

Our thanks to the incumbents for letting us ring, to the locals for meeting us, to Woodford ringers for arranging the towers, to the four stalwarts from Walthamstow and last but not least the four drivers who successfully negotiated all roads to get us there and back safely.

CHIP.

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A NORTH CORNWALL TOUR

CORNWALL is said to be the land of the saints, but with great reality what was called a North Cornwall tour might well have been an All Saintstide tour for not only was it this season, but four of the five churches at which peals were attempted were in a parish with a saint's name.

The organiser was Alan Carveth and the first attempt was at St. Wenn on November 6th, when Denis Stevens stood in for one who obviously could not be there on a Sunday afternoon, but, alas, the conductor's rope started unravelling below the sally and parted when a peal of Doubles was about half way. An unfortunate beginning.

The band planned in two days to attempt peals at four towers at which no peal had ever been rung, and as far as is known only two had ever been attempted. They met at Padstow at 10 a.m. on Monday. The ringers here benefit from a bequest made to them by Nicholas Watts, who died on August 21st, 1632. He stipulated that twelve shillings a year be paid to the ringers to ring a muffled peal on the anniversary of his death. This is known as Watts Knell. The bells were cast by John Rudhall at Gloucester in 1798. Three and five have been recast. They were rehung by Aggett in 1922 and again by Taylors since the last war, and as the church and tower are an exception to the usual Cornish granite structure, being built of a softer stone, they have a character of their own. Bob Minor went without a hitch, and the peal was rung to mark the engagement of Evangeline Roberts, and by a strange coincidence a newspaper cutting of the Carbis Bay band of some years ago, including Evangeline as a teenage ringer, was pinned up in the tower.

After a snack lunch at a local we left for St. Minver. The spire could be seen about two miles away across the River Camel, but the journey is some ten miles by road. St. Minver has a good six, completely recast and restored by Taylors a few years ago. It was intended to ring mixed Minor, but two attempts lasting in all about three quarters of an hour convinced us that our luck was out. Whilst the rest were meditating, a remark by Ron Bould that he would call us a peal of Grandsire Doubles was taken as serious and we let him! There is no doubt that this was more appreciated in a village where ringing with the tenor behind is at least understood. A local ringer who had his head through the tower screen curtains for a considerable time of the latter part of the peal commented favourably and remarked on what he called "treble rest." St. Minver is a stronghold for competitive ringing.

The night was spent at the Cornish Arms, Pendoggett, some two miles away. The evening was convivial and prolonged, and at midnight we decided we had better go to bed.

The Tuesday morning peal was at St. Endellion, the only prebendal foundation remaining in Cornwall. The church is certainly well cared for and is very beautiful, and the six bells are truly delightful, having been completely recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. since the war. The decision of our conductor was Plain Bob, although we had been thinking of greater things, but how wise he was, for perfect striking and rhythm is everything in this part of Cornwall. The result was a well nigh perfect peal which equalled the day, for when we came out of the church we basked in sunshine, and in the branches of a tree over our seat there sat a tabby cat who had evidently enjoyed the peal as much as we had.

A snack lunch had been ordered at St. Kew Inn, where to our amazement the landlord's wife had made six Cornish pasties which, in length, were the complete diameter of a large dinner plate. Whether or not six ringers have ever been seen before seated at a table in a bar doing justice to piping hot pasties with knives and forks is doubtful. We rather feared for our afternoon attempt of five Doubles methods. St. Kew bells have been rehung by Taylors since the war, but the tower is tall and the draught long. Also, as at all the towers we visited, the rope ends were spliced in, but an adjustment can be made to give the exact length needed by applying the "Cornish roll" under the sally provided it has not got to pass through a guide. All ready, a successful peal was rung. At one stage the Vicar appeared through the curtains, but noting our concentration he departed to reappear to leave a note of welcome and comments to the effect that the ringing was "sounding fine." We valued this appreciation.

We broke up at St. Kew Arms, with special thanks to Alan. Already a reunion has been suggested.

REDEDICATION

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE

DURING a special service on November 11th the recently rehung bells at the church of St. John the Beverley, Whatton-in-the-Vale, the subject of a recent special article, were rededicated by the Archdeacon of Newark, the Ven. Brian Woodhams.

The service took the form of a shortened Evensong and, following the lesson, the Whatton ringers assembled beneath the tower. The Vicar prayed for the bells and for all who will ring on them, and the Archdeacon, at the request of the churchwarden, rededicated the bells and handed them over to the ringers' care and charge. The ringers then ascended the tower and rang the bells in rounds for two minutes.

In an address the Archdeacon spoke on the bells of the churches at which he had served, much to the enjoyment, and at times amusement, of the large congregation of villagers and ringers.

After the service the bells were open for general ringing, and many of the ringers, including Mr. H. Marcon, representing Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., took the opportunity of trying the bells. Satisfaction on the restoration and "go" of the bells was the general comment.

On Sunday evening, prior to the Remembrance Day Evensong, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung half-muffled by Mary D. Gaydon (first quarter) 1, Pamela C. Clarke 2, W. L. Exton (cond.) 3, J. D. Clarke 4, T. G. Goodwin 5, T. O. Greasley 6.

INSCRIPTION ALTERED

One interesting discovery during the cleaning of the bells was the inscription on the treble bell. A local village tale that "All Gave Me" meant that the new bell was made from the metal taken from the remaining five bells during tuning and removal of the canons was well and truly quashed.

It was discovered that the inscription had been altered by the filing away of the initial letters T. H. H., and the bell had been cast with the inscription "T. H. Hall Gave Me." When the bells were rehung and augmented in 1913, T. H. Hall was the local squire, who lived at Whatton Manor. From the list of donations it would appear that he headed the list with £20, but as the treble bell cost £55 someone must have decided this was not sufficient and had the inscription amended. Perhaps it was a good thing the name fitted!

W. L. E.

North Herts Half Day

At lunch-time on October 22nd ringers from North Herts, with friends from Saffron Walden and Melbourn enjoyed a quiet run through pleasant leafy lanes in autumn sunlight to Swaffham Prior. Over 30 people had assembled here during which time there had been much frantic searching for the key.

The tower of St. Cyriac's houses quite a pleasant ring of six, but the hanging leaves much to be desired. The non-ringers and those who suffer from a nervous disposition watched the masonry fall amid the ruined church below as 45 minutes' ringing flew by.

More friends arrived at Burwell, where there is a very light eight with an extra long draught, which presented difficulties to learners. However, Yorkshire and Stedman went very well. At Fordham, after an awful rise, the 16 cwt. six were rung to London and Norwich.

Tea was taken in the cars outside the church and when Soham was reached it was dark and raining. Seven more people awaited us here having met one short twice running for a peal attempt. Stedman and Cambridge Royal proved most enjoyable to performers and audience alike.

A short dash through heavy rain brought us to Chippenham, Cambs. It was here that the young element in the party thought that a visitor from the fiery world below had arrived. This turned out to be the verger lighting the fire below the aisle for Sunday service, so amongst the fragrance of wood smoke ended a pleasant half day's ringing. "The Rutland," Newmarket, was chosen for a short natter before a wet ride home.

Bromley Ringers' Tour

Dawn had barely broken when 13 Bromley ringers and two friends from Hayes left on October 1st in two cars and a Landrover for our first tower of the day, Radlett. Here on the lightest six yet cast by Mears we enjoyed a ring unmarred by the likely disaster of bent stays! At North Mymms, with the assistance of the tower captain, Tom Lock, we were able to achieve a course of Stedman Triples.

Our arrival at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, was greeted by torrential rain and only the bravest —or thirstiest—forsook the shelter of the cars to go to the pub at lunchtime. At St. Peter's the tenor went up wrong, but otherwise we managed quite well. A veil should be drawn over our performance at the Cathedral. At Wheathampstead 36 feet of unguided rope soon revealed the good handlers, but after the initial shock we enjoyed some of the best ringing of the day here.

At Sandridge we became embroiled with a wedding party but on disentangling ourselves had an enjoyable ring. Tea was by now top priority, and thanks go to Michael Foster for making the arrangements for a really excellent meal. Our last two towers for the day were at Hatfield, where we acquitted ourselves fairly well on the ten, and at Essendon, where the 10 cwt. six rounded the day off very pleasantly.

Our thanks go to Sheila Copping, who so ably made the arrangements, to our drivers, Michael O'Callaghan, Frank Gates and Richard Weam, and to all the incumbents and tower captains for allowing us to ring.

Highclere Bellringers' Festival

Sunday, November 20th, proved to be a red letter day for the Highclere ringers, for their fifth bellringers' Sunday. The 7.30 ringing for Holy Communion service consisted of two courses of Bob Major, the first by a local band for Sunday service for many years.

For the 10.30 ringing for Matins a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung with the help of a distinguished ringer on the tenor, Mr. A. P. Cannon, who made our day when he said it was better than the courses rung at Dorking. Considering we have only practised for a month in this method we felt this was indeed a compliment.

The method chosen for the afternoon was Plain Bob Triples and, for the first time since we have made the afternoon peal attempt, five of the local team were in the band.

A very good peal resulted with two of the band ringing their first on eight and three more their first of Plain Bob Triples, and we were pleased to have the help of three friends from Kingsclere who have given valuable help in eight bell ringing at many of our recent practices.

The service in the evening was very much in the hands of the ringers. The captain, Mr. G. Dodd, read the lesson, two others acted as sidesmen, handbells accompanied the singing of two of the hymns, these being played by two 14-year-olds and one 12-year-old—Philip Tailor, Keith Joiner and Peter Furness.

The Rector in his sermon praised the ringers for their ringing—it was obvious from his knowledge of the subject he had taken great pains over it—and the choir sang a special anthem.

G. D.

REMEMBRANCE DAY QUARTER PEALS

All rung on November 13th, 1966.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Jeffrey 1, Gaynor Wallace 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Amanda Powell 4, Carol Cousins (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Perrott (first Triples and method) 1, Felicity Hamilton (first Triples in method) 2, T. Skilton 3, Janet Crane 4, R. Ashmore 5, R. D. Mills 6, J. L. Hayns (cond.) 7, D. Barnes 8.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE. — 1,260 Doubles (four methods): G. Wilcox 1, G. A. Edwards 2, K. W. Eaton 3, J. R. Scott (cond.) 4, L. A. Perry 5, Iris Dykes (first quarter) 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS. — 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. G. Buck 1, Jill Orme (first in method) 2, E. M. Castledine 3, S. Hutton 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, C. A. S. Harwood 6, J. R. Castledine (cond.) 7, C. M. Orme 8.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. S. G. Harrison 1, J. J. Prentice 2, E. J. Lockwood 3, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, Dr. S. G. Harrison 6.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Francella (first quarter) 1, Mary Wilkinson (first "inside") 2, Valerie Jones 3, Barbara Shaw 4, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 5, R. Nash 6. First quarter by all local band.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Barton (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Fynes 2, C. Fynes 3, H. Wood 4, H. W. E. Franklin 5, R. A. Banner 6, W. L. Weller (cond.) 7, T. Banner 8.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Dingwall (first quarter) 1, D. Mills (cond.) 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, Miss J. Spurgin 4, Miss E. Canadale 5, B. Clampin 6, L. Mills 7, D. Brooks 8.

BURSTOW, SURREY. — 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Janet Sherlock 1, R. Padbury 2, Lynn Wilson 3, G. Sweet 4, D. Harding (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—1,260 St. Columb Doubles: Hilary I. Pitman (aged 12, first quarter) 1, Sandra M. Pitman 2, C. Longridge 3, B. W. Pocock 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, Janet A. Fawcett 6. First in method for all.

CHALGROVE, OXON. — 1,260 Doubles (four methods): L. Cooper 1, A. Nixey 2, C. Woodward 3, B. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, T. Hurst 6.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—1,260 Doubles (four methods): I Wickens (now conducted from every bell in tower) 1, Carol Gosling 2, D. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, A. J. Ede 5 A. W. King 6.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Shute 1, P. F. Romney 2, Miss M. Lush 3, R. H. Duke 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5, P. Herbert 6, E. H. Amey 7, R. H. J. Mears 8.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Beryl M. Hills 1, Anne M. Baldwin 2, Christine A. McGarrick 3, Lynn B. Hollingsbee 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, K. I. Davis 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 4.

CHESHUNT, MIDDX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Whitnall (first Triples) 1, Miss J. S. Young 2, Miss C. R. Cole 3, R. Durrant 4, E. T. Newnham 5, E. Pickett 6, A. J. Slade (cond.) 7, M. Hawkins 8. By Sunday service band.

CHISELDON, WILTS.—1,320 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Love (first quarter) 1, M. E. Stracey 2, F. Cook 3, C. Wilkins 4, I. G. Stracey 5, A. Wiltshire 6.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Jones (cond.) 1, N. Cotton 2, J. Roe 3, J. W. Cotton 4, D. Perry 5.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Cruickshank 1, A. Richardson 2, A. Warren (cond.) 3, I. Campbell 4, P. Taylor 5, L. Tubb 6, B. Watson 7, W. Harwin 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Butler (first of Triples) 1, A. S. Binfield 2, Pamela Court 3, A. C. Eastmead 4, P. C. Sinden (first of Triples "inside") 5, Rachel J. Sinden 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7 J. P. Wellard 8. Also in memoriam E. S. Ruck, last founder member of the K.C.A.C.R.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Shipp 1, E. Greenacre 2, M. Paul (first quarter) 3, E. A. Shipp 4, C. Tovell 5, R. Harrop (first as cond.) 6.

GREENWICH, LONDON.—1,259 Grandsire Caters: Gwendoline G. Meyer 1, Freda Cannon 2, Rosemary J. Cotton (first of Caters) 3, Sandra C. Thexton (first of Caters "inside") 4, C. J. N. Dalton 5, J. Paddys 6, L. C. Way 7, K. J. Rider 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, J. Daffern 10.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on middle six): W. E. A. Morris 1, Miss A. Munt 2, Mrs. J. M. Morris 3, Mrs. R. B. Davey 4, A. J. Davey 5, G. W. Henson 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, C. J. Higgins 8. And in memoriam Jessie Thoday.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G Blows 1, Patricia Hill 2, Anne Pickering 3, Judith Collins 4, G. Coldman 5, P. Henrey 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, J. F. M. Maybrey 8.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Porteus 1, Mrs. M. G. Gage 2, Miss P. Laycock 3, A. Martin 4, R. A. Gage (cond.) 5.

HORSELL, SURREY.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Judith Collins 1, Patricia Hill 2, Anne Pickering 3, J. Collyer 4, P. J. Privett (first in two methods as cond.) 5, K. Mumford 6. First in two methods 1, 2, 3 and 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Biggs (cond.) 1, Judith M. Soten 2, K. Gould 3, A. Newton 4, R. E. Barton 5, P. Newton 6, M. J. Best 7, Meryl Newton 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Ingram 1, C. E. Hill 2, W. T. Hill 3, J. J. Wallett 4, R G. Jones (cond.) 5.

LANE END, BUCKS. —1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): T. Wright (first quarter, aged 13) 1, S. Smith 2, K. Seymour (cond.) 3, C. Hagger 4, W. Avery 5, C. Meakes 6.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles (including Price's, Morris's and Pitman's twelve-scores): M. Peters 1, Marion L. Lidgey 2, H. Miles 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, F. M. Bowers 5, Marion Jones (first quarter) 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): B Butcher 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. Birch (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, R. Gemmell.

MARSTON, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Bing (first quarter) 1, R. H. Jones 2, M. R. Bolton (first "inside") 3, N. D. Deam 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5.

MARTIN, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Mundy 1, C. Kimber 2, N. Bush 3, D. Kerly (first on "inside" bell) 4, P Waterman (cond.) 5, Pauline Poore (first quarter) 6.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: P. Griffiths 1, P. Downer 2, W. Price 3, J. R. Williams 4, J. H. Jones (cond.) 5, C. Edgar 6. First for 1 and 6.

OCKHAM, SURREY. — 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): C. Slyfield 1, Janet Cleeve 2, D. Lodge 3, J. Collier 4, M. J. Kirk (100th quarter Doubles, cond.) 5.

OLD SWINFORD, WORCS. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Roden 1, R. Tandy 2, B. Sutton 3, B. Wootton 4, M. Clewes 5, J. Lawley 6, P. Bill (cond.) 7, A. Roden 8.

ORMESBY, YORKS.—1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Susan Roach 1, Enid Lawson 2, Mrs. L. Yates 3, Mrs. M. Lawson 4, T. M. Cox 5, J. Roach 6, P. Wishart 7, K. Lawson (cond.) 8.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Peggy Carr 1, T. Pritchard 2, F. Garland 3, W. Scudamore 4, R. Watts 5, T. Witts (cond.) 6, R. Cornock 7, F. Blowen 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Katherine Mayiott 1, Pat Doorn 2, R. F. Ewer 3, G. Dodds 4, W. Little 5, A. E. Ewer 6, G. Penney (cond.) 7, W. Nichols 8.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Starkey 1, Miss R. Stratford 2, M. E. Brown (cond.) 3, L. Watkins 4, J. Watkins 5, M. Vernon 6.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. C. Trend (first quarter) 1, Miss N. Barker 2, Miss V. G. Rees 3, A. L. Westwood 4, W. B. Cartwright 5, C. Davies 6, H. T. K. Haslam (first as cond.) 7, H. J. Turner 8.

SHERBORNE, GLOS.—1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Dixson 1, T. J. Hester 2, M. Collett 3, B. W Hall 4, D. K. Adkins 5, F. Reed (cond.) 6.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: P. Rumley 1, D. Taplin 2, W. Brown 3, L. Cooper 4, W. Lawrence 5, W. Munson 6, J. Swain (leading).

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (comp. C. H. Woodberry): M. J. Fellows (cond.) 1, J. Warr 2, P. J. Brown 3, D. H. Watson 4, R. Smith 5, G. Westwood 6, M. D. Fellows 7, A. D. Fellows 8.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Frances J. N. Brown 1, Claire E. N. Brown (first of Minor) 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, C. T. Brown 4, P. R. Keough 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Spliced Surprise Major record has been pushed a little further with a peal in 120 methods at Longney, Glos, in 2 hours and 48 minutes. Another great achievement.

Hythe, Kent, is losing a faithful servant by the departure of Mr. W. Bidnell. During his 44 years as a ringer, he has been tower secretary for 15 years.

Mr. Harry Badger writes that it was in 1926 that he rang his first peal of Double Norwich with the late George Pullinger at Bishopstoke, and not almost 50 years ago as mentioned on page 759.

We are asked to state that the handbell ringing at the Lancashire Association dinner (page 757) was by Nick Newby and his two sons, Nick junior and Cliff.

From Fordingbridge, Hants, we learn that a memorial quarter peal has been rung regretting the loss of the silhouette outlines of church spires, etc., that formerly adorned "The Ringing World's" front page.

The peal of Doubles rung in two methods at Steep, Hants, included three ringers of the service band—treble, 14-year-old Janet Wilson; tenor, John White (13), ringing their first peals! with Mrs. Ann Hall on the 3rd, ringing her second peal. All three performed very creditably.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

At the business meeting of the Society on November 8th at the "Rising Sun," Carter Lane, E.C.4, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Master: Mr. A. J. Frost; secretary: Mr. J. G. A. Prior; treasurer: Mr. C. G. J. Watts; senior steward: Mr. P. A. Corby. junior steward: Mr. A. N. Stubbs; trustees: Messrs. J. F. Smallwood and J. A. Waugh. Mr. W. T. Cook was elected librarian.

POLICE TRIBUTE

A band of ringers, all police officers in Somerset, rang a commemorative peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells of East Coker Parish Church on November 16th. It was their tribute to P.C. Nathaniel Cox, on the 90th anniversary of his murder by poachers. The peal, preceded by a short service, conducted by the Rev. George E. Mullard, was organised by Mr. Gilbert W. Rendell, of Hardington Mandeville. After the service, a floral spray was laid on Nathaniel Cox's grave by Inspector F. T. Sandy, of Yeovil, in the presence and on behalf of the police officers. Addressing his congregation of police officers, Rev. Mullard said: "It is a hazardous life that you lead, and I believe maximum protection should be afforded the policeman at all times," and he called attention to the forthcoming trial in London of three men accused of killing three police officers.

SOMERSET RINGERS THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SEVERN

Portbury ringers and friends took advantage of the new Severn Bridge on October 1st to visit the Newport-Chepstow area. Ringing started on the tuneful six at Penhow, where the congregation enter the church through the rope-circle. Over the bill at Magor, we found the six "go" very heavily and it is impossible to hear the bells unless the trap-door in the roof is raised.

All the other towers visited had octaves. At Caldicot restoration work was in progress, and the splendid tone of Caerleon's bells impressed those accustomed to treat such light bells with suspicion. Our best striking was on the majestic Warner octave at All Saints', Newport. Machen bells sound harsh in the hazardous ringing chamber, and at Marshfield the bells unfortunately cannot be heard distinctly inside and our striking did not do justice to the bells. Our thanks to incumbents and those who met us. "W."

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY WEDDING

Mr. Malcolm Phillips, a well known member of Liverpool University Ringing Society, was married to Miss Muriel Hastings at Wigton Congregational Church, Cumberland, on October 29th. The bride also attended Liverpool University, and, although not a ringer, it can be said that they met through the University Ringing Society.

Several ringing friends made the long journey to Wigton for the occasion and a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Carlisle Cathedral prior to the wedding.

The bride wore a full length gown of brocade with a short veil, and was attended by her sister Dorothy. The reception for some 50 guests was held at the Skinburness Hotel, a picturesque hotel on the Solway Firth. The couple will live at King's Norton, Birmingham, where the bridegroom is employed.

RING OF SIX STEEL BELLS RESTORED

Burton-on-Trent, with its variety of five rings, can now add a usable ring of six steel bells at Horninglow. These Naylor-Vickers bells were installed soon after the church was opened in 1866, the two trebles being added later. They fell into disuse between the wars, but in recent years a great local effort has been made to rehang the bells on ball bearings, repair the fittings and strengthen the frame.

This task has been mainly carried out by Mr Kenneth Forbes, and the work on the tenor was just completed in time for the church's centenary. The bells go extremely well and have a distinctive though not unpleasant tone when heard outside the tower though the treble is not exactly in scale. The noise in the ringing chamber is great, making conducting difficult. It is hoped to remedy this defect in the future.

The centenary was commemorated by a quarter peal on the bells, in which Mr. John Scattergood, the present captain, who has been training the local band, rang the tenor. This quarter was the first in the tower for over 40 years, and the only one in living memory. The local men who have undertaken this task deserve congratulating on a very good job.

ANOTHER DAY TO REMEMBER

Congratulations to Martin Turner on his ringing the treble to a peal of Stedman Triples at Kidlington on November 12th. Martin is only 14 years of age and learned to handle a bell at Wolvercote under the guidance of Wilf Godwin. This was about 18 months ago. He has now accomplished several Doubles and Minor methods and is adept at extending these methods to Triples and Major when he visits an eight-bell tower, which is quite often, as his grandfather is Walter F. Judge, who conducted his peal. It was Martin's first peal, a previous attempt at Kirtlington on October 22nd failing in the eleventh part through the tenor rope breaking. His parents are shortly moving to Standlake, near Witney, Oxon, but he will still be able to continue ringing in Oxford as he is a pupil at Magdalen College School. E. J. S

SURPRISE ON RECORD

Andrew G Craddock, of Newcastle on Tyne, had a surprise when he purchased the Kinks' latest single record "Dead End Street" (Pye 7N 17222). On playing the "flip" side he heard rounds on six rung very distinctly as an introduction to the song "Big Black Smoke." The rounds were also rung at the end!

Perhaps (suggests Andrew) Ray Davies, who is one of Tin Pan Alley's leading song writers, and also lead singer for the Kinks, has had some association with bell ringing. He wrote both sides of this disc.

GREMLINS DEFIED

While spending a week-end with Mr. Arthur G Mason, one of his Australian buddies, the Rev. M. C. C. Melville rang his first peal of Stedman Triples at Erith (page 746). Luck seems to have been with him to add elusive Stedman to his collection, as the following week a band met for a peal of London, rang six changes, and down came the sixth rope! This was the first time in living memory that a rope had broken in a peal attempt at Erith. "So the gremlins, or whatever it is which causes peals to fail, did their best, but did not quite succeed," comments our correspondent.

RINGING FOR "THE ARCHERS"

Ringers from Evesham, Pershore and Worcester went on November 13th, at short notice, to ring the bells at Hanbury for a B.B.C. recording for the "Archers" programme.

The ringing will possibly be heard shortly, when the theme of the programme will be concerned with recruiting some new bellringers at "Ambridge." Good touches of Yorkshire and Stedman Triples were rung, followed by a fall in peal and the minute bell. There was also a microphone in the ringing chamber, and we were asked simply to discuss the ringing as we would normally.

Hanbury church and bells have been used before for the "Archers" programme. The bells are a very nice Taylor eight (tenor 12¼ cwt.).

CHORISTER-RINGER RECORD

At Frome there is a ringer with an even longer record of double service than Mr Gascoigne of North Muskham, reported in the issue of October 14th. He is Mr. W. H. Mills, born in 1882, who was a choirboy from the age of nine and a ringer from 15 at Marston Bigot, two miles from Frome, which he still visits on alternate Sunday mornings to ring and sing.

He joined St. John's ringers at Frome in 1914 and continues to ring regularly each Saturday practice and Sunday evening. Mr. Mills rang for the relief of Kimberley, Ladysmith and Mafeking, for the death of Queen Victoria and for all national events since then.

Before 1912 the five at Marston, in an old elm frame were in very bad repair: the new treble and steel frame made it a lovely light six much enjoyed by scores of ringers since then.

Mr. Mills served in France and Italy in the 1914–18 War, and hopes to celebrate his diamond wedding on Boxing Day this year.
E. D. O.

SEVENTH GRANTLEY HALL COURSE

The seventh annual week-end course at Grantley Hall, Ripon, Yorks, on November 11th–13th, was perhaps the most successful ever held, with 35 ringers present and a further 17 unable to secure a place. Lecturers were Messrs. F. Sharpe, W. F. Moreton, N. Chaddock and E. Hudson. Mr V. Bottomley, secretary of the Central Council, and new Yorkshire Association president, was present on the first evening to welcome students. A full report will be available in due course.

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF RINGING

The recent quarter peal rung at Frittenden, Kent, was to celebrate Mr. G. Grant's 60 years of ringing. Although retired, George has continued his membership of the thriving band at Headcorn, where he was captain for a number of years. His efforts in maintaining a strong Sunday service band over the past years have resulted in rapid progress.

CAPTAIN'S 1,000th ATTENDANCE

Mr. Derek P. Jones has made his 1,000th ringing attendance at Church Gresley, Derbyshire, having been in charge of the ringing since the bells were installed nearly eight years ago. The occasion was marked by a quarter peal in 11 methods and a presentation from the band by Mr. David Parry (vice-captain), of "Shell Guide to Britain."

WRATTEN'S WRINGERS' WREUNION

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

RICKMANSWORTH, Herts.—At the Church of St Mary the Virgin
On Sat., Nov 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt 20 lb in D

George E. Thoday	Treble	Cyril A. Whatten	6
Walter Ayre	2	Antony R Kench	7
Diana M Chapman ..	3	D. John Hunt	8
Gillian M Hunt	4	*George T Cousins	9
Richard W Sweet	5	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W Pipe Conducted by D. John Hunt
* First peal of Royal in the method.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St Peter.
On Sat., Nov 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 ALBANIAN SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. in D

Richard W Sweet	Treble	George T. Cousins	6
Gillian M. Hunt	2	Alan J. Carveth	7
Diana M Chapman	3	Peter Bridle	8
George E. Thoday	4	Antony R Kench	9
Cyril A. Wratten	5	D John Hunt	Tenor

Arranged by John R. Mayne. Conducted by Cyril A Wratten
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of the fourth and tenor.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Nov. 13, 1966 in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb. in E

George E. Thoday	Treble	Cyril A. Wratten	5
*Diana M. Chapman ..	2	D John Hunt	6
Gillian M. Hunt	3	Antony R. Kench	7
George T Cousins	4	*Peter Bridle	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Anthony R Kench
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

A NORTH CORNWALL TOUR

ALL PEALS RUNG FOR THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

PADSTOW, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Petrock.
On Mon., Nov 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents called differently. Tenor 10 cwt

Alan Carveth	Treble	John C. Mitchelmore ..	4
Rev. A. S. Roberts	2	Derek A. Trethewey ..	5
Graham F Dunstan ..	3	D Roy Bould	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.
First peal on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Evangeline Roberts and Robert C. Wilson on their engagement.

ST. MINVER, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Menefrida.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt

D. Roy Bould	Treble	Alan Carveth	4
Graham F Dunstan	2	Derek A. Trethewey ..	5
Rev. A. S. Roberts	3	John C. Mitchelmore ..	Tenor

Conducted by D Roy Bould.
First peal on the bells.

ST. ENDELLION, Cornwall.—At the Collegiate Church of St Endellienta.
On Tues. Nov. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents called differently Tenor 8 cwt

Alan Carveth	Treble	Graham F. Dunstan ..	4
Derek A. Trethewey ..	2	Rev A. S. Roberts	5
John C. Mitchelmore ..	3	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.
First peal on the bells.

ST. KEW, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. James the Great
On Tues., Nov. 8 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of Stedman, six Reverse Canterbury, eight Plain Bob, six April Day and 20 Grandsire Tenor 12 cwt

D. Roy Bould	Treble	Rev A. S. Roberts	4
Graham F. Dunstan ..	2	John C. Mitchelmore ..	5
Alan Carveth	3	Derek A. Trethewey ..	Tenor

Jointly conducted by Alan Carveth and D. Roy Bould.
First peal on the bells.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MINEHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of SS Michael and Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 19 1966 in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 25 lb

Edward J. Chivers	Treble	George Prescott	6
Eric Naylor	2	Walter S. Rice	7
Marjorie Legg	3	Gwilym Salmon	8
Victor G Roberts	4	Ronald D Short	9
Sheila Y Hallett	5	Sidney G. Smith	Tenor

Composed by P. C. Wright. Conducted by George Prescott.
First in the method by all the band

WELLS, Somerset.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat Nov 19, 1966 in 4 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 56 cwt 42 lb in B

David P Hilling	Treble	Thomas H Francis ..	6
Brian Bladon	2	*Peter Bridle	7
Richard W Sweet	3	Alan Carveth	8
Cyril A. Wratten	4	Victor Griffin	9
Michael J Thomas	5	Robert C Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* 200th peal.

LONG SUTTON, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat Nov 19, 1966 in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In four methods being one extent of London, and two each of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr 22 lb.

Eric C. Wadman	Treble	Rev. C J. B Marshall ..	4
*Max Heymann	2	Ronald G. Beck	5
*Derek S. Beaufoy	3	Trevor A Cross	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross
* First peal of Surprise Minor in four methods. First of Surprise Minor in four methods as conductor.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

LLANDAFF, Glamorgan.—At the Cathedral Church of SS Peter and Paul.
On Wed., Nov 9 1966 in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr

Elisabeth A G. Bowden	Treble	Nicholas W H Simon ..	6
Diane M Chapman ..	2	Michael G R Zobel ..	7
*Mandi McCallion	3	Tudor P. Edwards	8
Gillian M Brearley ..	4	Patrick J Bird	9
*Susanna Poppleston ..	5	John T Parsons	Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler Conducted by Nicholas W H Simon
* First peal of Caters. 50th tower bell peal as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

HODNET, Shropshire.—At the Church of St Luke.
On Sat Nov 19 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 24 lb. in F.

*Brian Schofield	Treble	*Stuart W Bracegirdle ..	5
Michael Thomson	2	Harold Worrall	6
Edward V Rodenhurst ..	3	Christopher J Jones ..	7
Victor Neal	4	Harry W Howard	Tenor

Composed by N J Pipstow Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal of Little Bob Major

HANDLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat Nov 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford T.B., Single Oxford Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and two extents of Kent T.B and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

*Leon A. Perry	Treble	*Geoffrey A. Edwards ..	4
A. Doreen Edwards ..	2	*John R. Scott	5
*Keith W Eaton	3	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R Morton.
* First peal of five Minor methods.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BREASTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov 19, 1966 in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Tenor 7¼ cwt.

David W. Parkin	Treble	David W. Camm	4
Bernard Greasley	2	†Gordon Faulks	5
*Linda Greasley	3	David J. Marshall	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE DEVON ASSOCIATION OF CALL CHANGE RINGERS
WEST DOWN, Devonshire.—At the Church of St. Calixtus.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr 3 lb. in A flat.

Brian R. White	Treble	Derek Jewell	4
William Hibbert	2	Francis A. White	5
John W. T. Hibbert	3	*Mervyn Phillips	Tenor

Conducted by Brian R White
* First scientific peal at the first attempt. First scientific peal on the bells and for the Association
Rung in memoriam William Phillips.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,824 Bristol, 1,536 Cambridge, 960 Superlative and 768 London with 101 changes of method.
Tenor 15 cwt 10 lb. in F sharp.

George E. Thoday	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
*Josephine A. Quilter	2	Joe E. G. Roast	6
Ian R. Panton	3	†Peter G. Brown	7
Frank B. Lufkin	4	†James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by H. G Cashmore. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of four spliced. † 75th peal together.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Yvonne A. Murray	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
George E. Thoday	2	Peter G. Brown	6
*Josephine A. Quilter	3	Joe E. G. Roast	7
Frank B. Lufkin	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of Bristol.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
BENHILTON, Surrey.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966 in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E

Julia A. Fellows	Treble	Martyn L. J. Jordan	5
Sara K. D. Woolley	2	Keith J. Walpole	6
Gillian M. Brearley	3	Martyn W Harbott	7
Michael Ling	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights Conducted by Gerald Penney.

EGHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb in F.

Joyce A. Parsons	Treble	Norman Summerhayes	5
*Alan D. Flood	2	David E. Parsons	6
†Walter A. Peck	3	Douglas M. Boniface	7
‡Stephen R. Elliott	4	John Hill	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by John Hill.
* First peal of Treble Bob Maor. † First in the method. ‡ First peal.
Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. Norman G. E. Issberner, M.A., on the day following his institution and induction.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., Nov. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 1,760 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire and 1,600 of Lincolnshire, with 84 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Michael H. O'Callaghan	Treble	Andrew J. Corby	5
*Tony Lewis	2	Stanley Jenner	6
Ann Jenner	3	D. Paul Smith	7
Judith M. Corby	4	Ian H. Oram	Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* First peal of Spliced Major "inside." First of spliced as conductor.
Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

HALLING, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Single Oxford Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*Marilyn J. Chidwick	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	4
†Phyllis R. Chidwick	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	5
Martin L. Howe	3	Christopher T. Osenton	Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal. † First "inside."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HALIFAX, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John Baptist.
On Sat., Nov 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

Philip J. Crossthwaite	Treble	*Geoffrey Cheetham	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	Jeffrey Kershaw	8
Derek Butterworth	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	9
Richard S. Starkie	4	J. Barry Pickup	10
Richard J. Parker	5	John H. Fielden	11
J. Colin Ashworth	6	Edward Jenkins	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* First peal of Maximus.

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less.
On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

*Jeffery Simcox	Treble	*Richard Palmer	5
Patricia Gardner	2	Frank Stead	6
Christopher L. Watson	3	Roger Barnes	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	4	Dennis H. McCormick	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Barnes.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. The conductor has now "circled the tower" to peals.
Rung for the 66th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

WESTHOUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat. Nov 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Albert Greenhalgh	Treble	James E. Andrews	5
*R. Keith Lister	2	James Cunliffe	6
†Roy Jolley	3	Geoffrey Fothergill	7
‡John Illingworth	4	Thomas W. Smith	Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Geoffrey Fothergill.
* First peal in method "inside." † First of Major. ‡ First peal.
First peal of Major at this tower by the local Sunday service band.
Rung in recognition of the 18th birthday of H.R.H. Charles, Prince of Wales, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas W. Smith.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

Nicholas M. Newby	Treble	Kevin M. Price	4
*Sarah E. Newby	2	*Brian Maudsley	5
†Dorothy L. M. Nicholls	3	Nicholas M. Newby, jun.	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas M. Newby.
* First peal. † First on tower bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr 13 lb in B.

Gordon H. Lane	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
*Roland Beniston	2	Martin Green	7
Richard J. Clifton	3	G. Ronald Edwards	8
Samuel J. Haines	4	Howard C. Palmer	9
Arthur E. Rowley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First of Surprise Royal "inside" at first attempt.

ENDERBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LANGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

R. Kingsley Mason	Treble	W. Ernest Rawson	5
Malcolm E. Wade	2	William A. Lacey	6
Martin Green	3	Roland H. Cook	7
Howard C. Palmer	4	Samuel J. Haines	Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Middleton. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
Rung as a compliment to Malcolm E. Wade and Janet Williams, on their engagement.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
PINCHBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb in E.

Joan Gilbert	Treble	*Denis Woods	5
*Janet E. Hubbard	2	Alan G. Payne	6
Frank Taylor	3	Cyril R. Burrell	7
*R. Arthur Goldsmith	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal of Superlative.
Rung as a farewell to the conductor on his departure from R.A.F. Coningsby.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*Amos Ingall	Treble	John F. Pearson	4
William R. Parker	2	Ronald Applewhite ..	5
Philip C. Pitchford	3	*Louis Willders	Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.
* 125th peal together.
Rung for the Feast of All Saints. Also in memoriam Ald. W. E. Young, J.P., who for over 40 years served Branston in various capacities. R.I.P.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 UPPINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

*H. George Hart	Treble	*Claudia A. Critchley ..	5
*Elsie K. Hart	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Joan Beresford	3	John Hill	7
Alick Cutler	4	*David P. Hilling	Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne. Conducted by John Hill.
* First peal in the method.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Roland Beniston	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Samuel J. Haines	2	Gordon H. Lane	7
Richard J Clifton	3	Howard C. Palmer	8
Martin Green	4	G. Ronald Edwards	9
Arthur E. Rowley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Arranged by John R Mayne Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat. Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

*Sidney Marshall	Treble	Rev. Giles C. Galley ..	6
*Shelagh Collins	2	Claude Cousins	7
*Edward Howes	3	Leslie W. Houghton	8
Wallace Cousins	4	Rev. M. C. C. Melville ..	9
*Kevin S. Hohl	5	Norman V. Harding	Tenor

Composed by John S. Goldsmith. Conducted by Norman V. Harding.
* First peal of Plain Bob Royal.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Giles C. Galley, who shortly leaves King's Lynn to take up a new appointment at Leeds.

SWAFFHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Nov. 13, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 107 lb. in E.
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 107 lb. in E.

Edward Howes	Treble	George P. Adams	5
Kevin S. Hohl	2	Claude Cousins	6
Wallace Cousins	3	*Norman V. Harding ..	7
Shelagh Collins	4	*Leslie W. Houghton ..	Tenor

Conducted by Norman V. Harding.
* 50th peal together
Rung with the bells half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WEST WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5136 GRANDSIRE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Roy E. Barton	Treble	John Young	5
E. Dennis Poole	2	Anthony K. Fortin	6
George E. Bonham	3	Walter Lee	7
Joyce I. Barton	4	David A. Cornwall	Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin and D. W. Friend.
Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
First peal of Major in the method by all the band.

HINTON WALDRIST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being 720 each of Grandsire, Longparish, St. Quintin, St. Helen, Newborough, Daffodil, St. Lucy.
Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 19 lb.

C. Richard Miles	Treble	Leonard R. Porter	3
Roy H. Jones	2	John A. H. Betts	4
		David Floyd	Tenor

Conducted by Leonard R. Porter.

ROUSHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Leonard and James.
On Tues., Nov. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: 1 Cambridge, 2 Beverley, 3 Surfleet, 4 Kent, 5 Plain Bob, 6 Double Bob, 7 St. Clement's.
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

Ernest G. Jones	Treble	Christopher C. Clarke ..	4
Diana Reeves	2	Robert A. Reeves	5
Ronald K. Russ	3	Edward R. Venn	Tenor

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat.

J. Edward Cawser	Treble	J. Martin Thorley	6
Beryl E. Cawser	2	John M. Jelley	7
Monica M. Jelley	3	Brian S. Chapman	8
B. Stedman Payne	4	Russell S. Morris	9
*Alan Evans	5	E. Alan Jacques	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method and of Surprise Royal.

KETTERING, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Murray A. Coleman ..	Treble	Richard J. Cowley	6
*Frank E. Coales	2	Kevan J. Chapman	7
Sheila J. Staley	3	Brian Austin	8
*Christopher N. Stephenson	4	John G. Mitchell	9
Philip Bosworth	5	Arthur Gibbs	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John G. Mitchell.
* First peal of Royal. First as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. S. J. Loasby on his 50 years' service as organist to the town.

THE POLICE GUILD OF RINGERS
EAST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt.

P.C. Gilbert G. Davies	Treble	Ex.-S.C. Trevor E. Marks	5
S.C. Sgt. Harry J. Sanger	2	S.C. Sgt. Gilbert W. Rendell	6
Ex.-P.S. Vincent Hemmings	3	Insp. Frederick T. Sandy	7
*S.C. Anthony J. Alderman	4	Ex.-S.C. Sidney W. White	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick T. Sandy.
* First peal.
Rung as a tribute to the memory of P.C. Nathaniel Cox, of East Coker, brutally murdered by poachers on November 16th, 1876.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
BUCKFASTLEIGH, Devon.—At the Benedictine Abbey Church of St. Mary
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5103 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

Ann E. Fellows	Treble	*Andrew J. Strathdee ..	7
*Margaret A. Bould	2	Ronald F. Diserens	8
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	9
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Edmund Malin	10
Thomas H. Francis	5	Dennis Beresford	11
Walter H. Dobbie	6	James A. D. Woolford ..	Tenor

Composed by Michael V. Chilcott. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques.
In memoriam George Pullinger, a respected member of this Society.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.
On Sat., Nov. 19th, 1966 in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Peter Beresford	Treble	James A. D. Woolford ..	6
Joan Beresford	2	John S. Barnes	7
Sheila M. Dobbie	3	Derek E. Sibson	8
Walter H. Dobbie	4	Edmund Malin	9
Ronald J. Sharp	5	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Dennis Beresford

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SPONDON. Derbyshire —At the Church of St. Werburgh
On Mon., Nov 7, 1966. in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G

*Trevor Kirkman	Treble	Reginald Stretton	4
†Arthur Newell	2	‡David Oliver	5
†Neil Handley	3	Graham-Fisher	Tenor

Conducted by David Oliver
* First peal of Minor. † First of Kent. ‡ 25th peal this year.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966. in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Alan R. Andrews	Treble	Frank H. Pike	5
*Martin H. Whittell	2	Neville F. Whittell	6
W. Keith Whittell	3	Edward E. Davey	7
Jennifer M. Andrews ..	4	Ronald W. Steward	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews
* First peal of Major Rung half-muffled

SAXMUNDHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Nov 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A flat.

*Andrew Ellis	Treble	Adrian Knights	4
Vernon Bedford	2	Peter Bedford	5
Jack Pilgrim	3	Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Bedford.
* First peal (aged 12).
Rung half-muffled for Remembrance; also for those who lost their lives in the Aberfan disaster.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON. Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Harold N. Pitstow	Treble	Frank E. Darby	7
Michael V. Chilcott ..	2	*Norman G. T. Steere ..	8
Roydon Davies	3	Michael J. Uphill	9
R. James Cook	4	Alan E. Bagworth	10
Richard C. Stevens	5	William H. Jackson ..	11
*Kevin Taber	6	Alan R. Patterson	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Richard C. Stevens.
* First peal on twelve bells. Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SALEHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 12. 1966. in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's 12-part (6th obs.). Tenor 16 cwt 2 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Christine M Baldock ..	Treble	Frederick J. Lambert ..	5
Janet M. Percy	2	John R. Norris	6
Amette E. Bradbury ..	3	Alan R. Baldock	7
*J. Michael Swift	4	†Charles R. Percy	Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.
* First peal of Triples "inside." † First peal.

HAMMERWOOD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Wed., Nov. 2, 1966. in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four 120's of Stedman. St. Simon. St. Nicholas, St. Martin, Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury, and five 120's of Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt 1 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

Charlotte M. Harris ..	Treble	Derek Slater	3
*Gillian R. Parsons	2	Frank H. Hicks	4
John A. Howard	Tenor		

Conducted by John A. Howard.
* First peal of Doubles.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

STEEP, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints,
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 25 extents of Grandsire and 17 of Plain Bob.

*Janet P. Wilson (14) ..	Treble	Ramon A. Stone	4
Betty J. Daysh	2	Charles E. Bassett	5
Ann M. Hall	3	*John S. White (13) ..	Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.
* First peal and first attempt. Tenor 6 cwt. 13 lb.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., June 25, 1966 in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Miss A. Baldwin	Treble	J. L. Riley	5
Miss L. Jones	2	†M. G. Dodson	6
*G. Cooper.	3	†G. J. Jones	7
Miss O. A. Marshall ..	4	John Robinson	Tenor

Composed by John R Pritchard. Conducted by John Robinson.
* First peal of Major. † First peal

LEEDS Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 4 lb. in F.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	Philip J. Crosthwaite ..	5
Jane A. Carruthers	2	*Robin Brown	6
M. Susan Jackson	3	*C. Barrie Dove	7
R. Joy Watkin	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church, Upper Armley.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

Ronald H. Dove	Treble	*Ronald J. Snack	5
*Rodney Smith	2	James W. Belshaw	6
Arnold Cole	3	Maurice F. Edwards ..	7
P. John Hall	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major Fastest peal on the bells.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

P. John Hall	Treble	*James W. Belshaw	4
Kenneth B. Sissons	2	*Ronald J. Snack	5
Maurice F. Edwards ..	3	C Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor 100th peal as conductor for the Association.

KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Nov. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise. (2, 3) St. Clement's, (4, 5) Southrepps. (6, 7) Plain Bob Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Michael J. Denton	Treble	C. Barrie Dove	4
James S. Webb	2	P. John Hall	5
James W. Belshaw	3	Maurice F. Edwards ..	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Mon., Nov. 14 1966. in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Gerald Penney	1–2	*Martyn L. J. Jordan ..	7–8
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	3–4	Roger Baldwin	9–10
Julia A. Fellows	5–6	Robert E. Hardy	11–12

Arranged and Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* 100th peal. Tenor size 15 in C.
Rung as a welcome to Alistair Green, born on November 6th, 1966.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ORPINGTON, Kent.—At 21, Fairbank Avenue.
On Fri., Nov. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in G.

Herbert E. Audsley	1–2	Christopher T. Osenton ..	5–6
Bernard F L. Groves ..	3–4	W. Arthur Riddington ..	7–8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1966, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents: (1) Grandsire, (2) College Little Bob, (3) Single Court Bob, (4) Spliced Double Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Windsor Single Bob II, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor size 15 in C.

Joseph Whalley	1–2	Mary W. Whalley	3–4
Kevin M Price (cond.) ..	5–6		

First peal in seven methods by all First peal on the bells.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY HEATH, Hertfordshire.—At 39, Titian Avenue.
On Fri., Nov. 18, 1966. in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor size 15 in C.

Margaret D. Woolley (Oxford)	1–2
Christopher W. Woolley (Cambridge, cond.)	3–4
*Vivian Nutton (Cambridge)	5–6
Roger Baldwin (Nottingham)	7–8

* First peal of Surprise Major on handbells.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. P. Foster (first Triples in method) 1, T. Skilton (first Triples in method) 2, Sally Parrott 3, A. Elsmore 4, R. Heyworth 5, J. Helder (first Triples "inside") 6, R. D. Mills (first Triples as cond.) 7, Adrienne Gibson 8. Also on Nov. 5th, 1,344 Bob Major: K. Burgess (first Major) 1, Jill Oakshott (first Major "inside") 2 Janet Crane 3, J. L. Hayns 4, P. Munday 5, J. C. Davidge (first Major) 6, T. Skilton (first Major as cond.) 7, R D. Mills 8.

ALKHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 12th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: A. Binstead (first quarter) 1, R Birch (cond.) 2, K. Butler 3, B. Butcher 4. First known quarter by Harvey Grammar School, Folkestone.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Nov 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: St. J Perry (first quarter) 1. Mrs. S. G. Harrison 2, R. E. Lester (cond.) 3, D. Derrick 4, Dr. S. G. Harrison 5, E. I. Lockwood 6. For christening of Catherine Anne, daughter of St. J. and Janet Perry.

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. Hillman 1, Miss D. Robotham 2, A. Swatton 3, P. J. Devrell 4, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 5, B Sarll 6. Rung to celebrate the granting of the Charter to the new Bath Technological University.

BERRINGTON, SALOP.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Bromley 1, I. E. Allmand 2, S. Donnelly 3, C. H. Allmand 4, W. H. Lloyd (cond.) 5, K. Rowney 6. First quarter for all except conductor.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, Mary Wells 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, P Corderoy 5, Claude Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, Cecil Corderoy 8. Half-muffled in affectionate remembrance of Charles W. Dall, village schoolmaster and church worker, whose funeral took place this day.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Whiting 1, Barbara Butterworth 2, J. F. W. Allen 3, P. R Godfrey 4, R. F. Baker 5, P. S. Abbott (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe, on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Hancock 1, N. Hancock 2, Jenifer Murrell 3, W. Abraham 4, S. Badman 5, D. Helliwell 6, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 7, S. Gillet 8. First of Triples 1, 3 and 8. Rung for St. Mary Redcliffe Old Boys' Society annual service.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): J. Roe 1, W. F. Woodward 2, N. Cotton 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Perry (first in 11 methods) 5. For weddings of Ivan Nayles and Susan Starling, and Darryl Morris and Lynn Hazell, also on the occasion of the conductor's 1,000th ringing attendance at this tower. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): A. Adkins 1, N. Cotton 2, J. W. Cotton 3, D. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Perry 5.

COLCHESTER (Shrub End), ESSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Schafie 1, D. Wheat 2, D. Cobb 3, R. Stephenson 4, A. Semken (cond.) 5, K. Good 6.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): T. Gregory 1, D. Floyd 2, Mrs. P. Pimm 3, N. I. Bridges 4, C. G. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): C. R. Miles 1, J. Strawford 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, C. I. J. Pearce 4, L. R. Porter (first on eight) 5, F. H. Whipp 6, J. P. Coad (first on eight) 7, F. C. Carter 8. A compliment to Mr. J. Allen Stevens (churchwarden) and Mrs. Stevens on the birth of a daughter.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Morgan (first quarter) 1, W. Reece 2, F. Oakley 3, Howard Meek 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. A 70th birthday compliment to the ringer of 2.

GREAT COXWELL, BERKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Miles 1, J. Strawford 2, L. R. Porter 3, J. P. Coad 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5, Believed to be the first quarter on the bells for 20 years.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Nov. 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Gee (first quarter) 1, Carolyn Tubbs 2, R. Green 3, J. Collier 4, M. J. Kirk 5, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 6.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Nov 6th, 1,320 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob): W. J. Ridgman 1, G. Barnard 2, E. W. Brown 3, B. Horrell 4, A. E. Ling (cond.) 5.

HEAVITREE, Exeter, DEVON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,264 London Surprise Major: Jane Foster 1, Joan Beresford 2, Ann E. Fellows 3, N. Mallett 4, S. G. Ponting 5, J. A. D. Woolford 6, P. Beresford 7, D. Beresford (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Oct. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Foley 1, Mrs. L. James 2, J. Kemp 3, Gwynneth James 4, S. James (cond.) 5, P. M. F. Searles 6. For installation of Rev R. H. Gill as an Hon. Canon of St. Albans Abbey.

HERTFORD.—At the Church of All Saints, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. L E. James 1, Gwynneth James 2, J Thorp 3, S. James 4, P. Owen (first in method) 5, P. M. F. Searles 6, J Kemp (cond.) 7, B. Foley 8. For those who lost their lives at Aberfan. Also on Nov 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Bagguley (first quarter) 1, Mrs. L. E. James 2, P. M F. Searles 3, J. Kemp 4, S. James (cond.) 5, D Digby 6.

HEVERSHAM, WESTMORLAND.—On Nov. 5th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Handley 1, Diana J. Handley 2, W. Bolton 3, E. Boumphrey 4, R. Palmer (first in method) 5, E. Bennett (cond.) 6.

HORNINGLOW, Burton-on-Trent, STAFFS. — On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. P. Jones (cond.) 1, W. Leach 2, G. Roobottom 3, J. W. Cotton 4, J. K. Smith 5, J. Scattergood (first quarter) 6. First quarter for over 40 years on these steel bells, whose denovation was recently completed. For 100th anniversary of the church.

HORSPATH, OXON.—On Nov. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Wilsher 1, P. M. Bradford 2, S. K. Thompson 3, P. J. Daniel 4, J. P. Coad 5, R. E. Burberry (cond.) 6. O.U.S.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. A. Cornwall 1, Joyce Barton 2, M. J. Best 3, A. Newton 4, P. Newton 5, R. E. Barton (first of Stedman) 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, K. Gould 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. M. Barker 1, P. Brentnall (first "inside") 2, D. A. Bedford 3, G. Spratt 4, K. D. Waples (cond.) 5, D J. Goodman 6.

LLANGARRON, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Monica Greenway (first quarter) 1, Ann Butcher 2, I. J. Webb 3, R. A. Brewer 4, R. I. Brewer (cond.) 5, A. Brewer 6.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Gillian M. Greene 1, D. O. Haslam 2, Rev. J. H. Greene 3, Charlotte M. Harris 4, R. D. Smith 5, D. A. Kirk (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2, 3 and 5. First quarter on the new six.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, on Oct. 30th, 1,250 Cambridge S. Minor: R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 1, Audrey Alexander 2, A. D. Elsmore 3, J. Q. Pladdys 4, D. L. Cawley 5, M. W. Coleman 6. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,248 London S. Minor: D. L. Cawley 1, B. R. Douglas (cond.) 2, R. R. Churchill 3, R. E. J. Baker 4, M. W. Coleman 5, D. T. H. Robertson 6.

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LONGPARISH, HANTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Mrs. B. Dodson 1, C. Smith 2, M. Goss 3, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 4, F. Tonge 5, Sylvia Dodd 6. A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Mrs. B. Dodson.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rev. J. Towler 1, G. W Howlett 2, A. E. Crowe 3, L. M. Raphael 4, R. W. R. Coates 5, D. E. Carr 6, H. Meadows 7, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 8. In memory of the victims of the Aberfan disaster.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Turner 1, G. W. Rendell 2, T. E. Marks 3, D. S. Beaufoy 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, T. A. Cross 6, F. G. Sandy (cond.) 7, A W. Dyer 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Frederick A. Strickland, died November 4th, aged 84, life-long member of this tower.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Oct 30th, 1,260 Wollaton Doubles: M. R. Bolton 1, L. R. Porter 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. First in method for all the band.

MILTON, BERKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Nicholas (first on a working bell) 1, D. R. Baxter 2, C. W. Temperton (first "inside") 3, E. C. Turner 4, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 5, R. D. Hutchfield 6. By Culham College Ringing Society to commemorate the signing of the Armistice 48 years ago this day.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. A. Raithby 1, P. Raithby 2, J. J. Laverack 3, A E. Chilton 4, Miss M. E. Chilton 5, F. G. Hooper 6, H. Stevenson 7, P. Wakefield 8, J. W. Raithby (cond.) 9, H. Mabbott 10. First of Caters 1 and 10. For the sixth night of Gofer.

OKEFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET. — On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Minor (two methods): T. Bleathman 1, Ben Ridout 2, F. Hilliar 3, R. Ridout 4, Bert Ridout 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Mr. W. Trevett and Miss N. Goddard.

RAINFORD, LANCS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. P. A. Goulding 1, J. Lunham 2, J. Dunbavin 3, J. R. Ridley 4, M. Snape 5, D. R. Jones 6, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 7, G. K. Austin 8. In memory of those who lost their lives in the Aberfan disaster.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Double Grandsire Triples: J. O. Coleman 1, J Hartless 2, D. Wilson 3, A. W. Fry 4, J. L. Claughton 5, W. E. Cheater 6, W. T. Perrins 7, L. T. Perrins 8. First in the method for all.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Vernon 1, J. Vernon 2, C. M. Sturgess 3, J. Watkins 4, M. Vernon 5, W. Johnson 6, A. M. Lindsey 7, M. E. Brown (cond.) 8.

THORNHAUGH, Peterborough, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,240 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Ward (first quarter) 1, W. Culpin 2, G. Davis 3, F. Sismey 4, A. Waller (first as cond.) 5.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 Grandsire Cinques: D. E. Cobb (cond.) 1, A. J. Slade 2, E. T. Newnham 3, June Whitcher 4, M. C. Austin 5, R. Durrant 6, I. L. Dear 7, D. G. Yeo 8, J. Brain 9, H. H. N. Duncan 10, R. J. Chapman 11, L. Derrick 12. For Matins.

WILLESDEN, MIDDX. — On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Bird 1, Elsie Lankester 2, Valerie E. Ware 3, C. E. Lankester 4, D. T. C. Smith 5, Alick Cutler 6, E. H. Kilby (cond.) 7, L. B. J. Hinkley 8.

WINWICK, HUNTS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. P. A. Smith 1, B. Branston 2, G. Davis 3, R. W. Yeomans 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5. A compliment to Mr. Frank Afford (former ringer) and his wife, on their golden wedding anniversary. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. A. Smith.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Laker 1, E. Knapp 2, C. Ridgeway 3, A. Laker 4, F. Butchers 5, A. Stoner 6. In memoriam G. Brackpool, late ringer of Turner's Hill and Worth.

WROUGHTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. M. Court 1, R. Clothier 2, C. Wilkins 3, F. Cook 4, M. E. Stracey (cond.) 5, A. Syers 6. A compliment to Mr. W. Ricketts, a local ringer, on his 88th birthday.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: N. T. Burgess (13, first quarter) 1, A. F. Boyce 2, A. T. Harrison 3, P. Bower 4, D. Bird 5, R. Lubbock 6. In memoriam Alfred S. Goddard, churchwarden and hon. member of Norwich Association.

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ANNUAL DINNER,
February 11th, 1967.
Please note the date. Details later.
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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Guild members are asked to note the following dates:
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April.—Guild Striking Competition.
July 1st.—Annual Festival at Oxford.
October—Autumn general meeting (Reading).
M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec.

ST. MARGARET'S, LOWESTOFT.—A brass tablet in memory of Albert Coleman, a former Ringing Master, will be dedicated during evening service on Sunday, December 4th. Ringing at 5.30 p.m., also after the service. 427

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Snitterfield, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after. Names for tea to Rev. J. B. Woodward-Court, The Vicarage, Snitterfield, Stratford-on-Avon (Tel. S-on-A 263).—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 398

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ringing meeting at St. George's, Jesmond, on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss K. Murphy, 209, Osborne Road, Newcastle 2. 410

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Histon, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing until 8.30 p.m. Special methods: St. Clement's and Annable's London 409

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary Redcliffe on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Tea at Redcliffe Community Centre, Guinea Street, with meeting to follow. Service 4.15 p.m.—D. J. Hunt, Hon. Sec. 445

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Rickmansworth (10) December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way. Tel. Rickmansworth 76755.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 402

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting. Offley (6), December 3rd, 6 p.m., also Norton (8), Thursday, December 1st, 7.30 p.m. This is a District practice; everyone welcome.—C. M. Orme, Dis. Sec. 278

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting at Stockbury on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Tomsett, Cowstead Farm, Stockbury, Sittingbourne, Kent, please.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Annual general meeting at Standish on Saturday, December 3rd. 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Benpham, 1, Adelphi Street, Standish, nr. Wigan.—K. F. Wilson, Sec. 456

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Meeting, Barrowby, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. E. R. G. Harris, The Rectory, Barrowby, nr. Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 400

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Saturday, December 3rd. Barnes (8) 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Luke's, Chelsea (10) 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Mortlock (8) 3.15 to 4.30 p.m.; Putney (8) 4.30 p.m. and in evening. Service in St. Mary's, Putney, 5 p.m. Names for tea, in Parish Hall, to T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. 353

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Acle on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, South Walsham Road, Acle, Norwich, NOR 60 Z. No name no tea.—N. P. J. C. 396

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Loughton, December 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Alderman, 28, Abbey Road, Old Bradwell, Wolverton. 415

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting, Kelmarsh, Saturday, December 3rd, 5.30 p.m. start. Service 6.30 p.m. 454

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting on December 3rd at Thrybergh (6), 3-5 p.m. Eastwood (8) (Rotherham) 630-8.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at Thrybergh. Please bring own food. All welcome.—Andrew King, Hon. Sec. 417

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Aspley, Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (6) 3.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Seagrave, 7, Melbourne Road, Aspley, Nottingham. 418

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Evening meeting, Coleman's Hatch, Saturday, December 3rd, 6-9 p.m. —Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 406

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, December 3rd. Christchurch (12) 3-4.45, followed by meeting in belfry; Bournemouth (St. Peter's) (8) 7.15–8. Please make own tea arrangements.—L. F. Cobb, Sec. 378

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, on December 6th at 8.15 p.m. Practices: December 6th and 13th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; December 20th, St. Lawrence Jewry. No practice on December 27th.—J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12 446

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Kewstoke (6), Saturday, December 10th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 440

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Annual general meeting at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, December 10th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to E. R. Tyndale-Biscoe, Burnells Gardens, Dunster, T.N. 346, by Tuesday, 6th. 455

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Next meeting at Newent, Glos, on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Meeting 5.45 p.m. Notify before December 3rd for tea.—F. E. Wilson, Branch Sec. 444

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The Branch A.G.M. will be held on Saturday, December 10th, in Gloucester. Cathedral (10) 2.30 to 3.50 p.m. Own tea arrangements, please. Service at St. Mary-de-Crypt at 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Crypt (8) available after business. All welcome.—P. Clarkson, Branch Sec. 469

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting, Epsom (St. Martin's), December 10th. Bells 3 p.m., followed by service, tea and meeting. Names for tea to Miss J. Oakshott, 114, Manor Green Road, Epsom.—M. M. 439

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ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting at Llanbadarn Fawr (Aberystwyth) on Saturday, December 10th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Lloyd, "Laburnum," Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 421

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A.G.M., Sturminster Newton, Saturday, December 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Childe Okeford bells available. Visitors welcome. Names to M. M. Godlev, Yetminster, Sherborne, by Tuesday, 6th. Phone Yetminster 332. 433

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Prees on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for teas must be in by December 3rd to Mr. T. Hinks, 5, Harvern Gardens, Prees, near Whitchurch.—E. Morris. 384

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Fittleworth on Saturday, December 10th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Swan Hotel at 5 o'clock for those who notify the undersigned by Wednesday, December 7th. Bells after tea. —R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. 460

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Pontefract on Saturday, December 10th. Ringing arrangements: All Saints' (8), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Giles', 4 until the service, which is at 4.30, and in the evening until 8.30. Tea will be at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Ropergate. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, December 7th, to Mr. J. H. Lenton, 2, Westfield Avenue, Pontefract. —R. J. Lumbley, Dis. Sec. 395

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening practice meeting at Hillingdon, Monday, December 12th. Ringing 7.45 to 9.30 p.m. All welcome.—W. S. Deason. 372

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Amblecote, Stourbridge, on Saturday, December 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Names for tea to R. Edwards, 139, Cinder Bank, Netherton, Dudley, by previous Wednesday, please. Ringing after meeting. 467

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ON THE END OF A BELL ROPE

The ringing chamber buzzed with conversation. Suddenly an enthusiastic voice rose above the murmur: "Band for Grandsire Doubles, please! Yes, you on the treble, Amaryllis. Derek, you're calling."

I took my place behind the treble's green sally, took the tail in my left hand and waited for the others to go to their places. Rosemary stood behind me, saying, "I'll keep you right." The others were ready.

"Look to, treble's going, she's gone."

I was aware of my voice sounding loudly in the sudden silence. Then the bells' voices came bouncing down the scale from treble to tenor. I wondered casually why the sally was wet.

"Tenors behind!" called Derek. The order of the bells changed slightly and I felt happy, but nervous.

"Go, Grandsire Doubles!" I heard Derek's voice again and Rosemary muttered in my ear: "Second takes you . . . . don't let her drop. That's right . . . over fourth now." She stopped speaking and I fixed my attention on the flickering green sallies.

"You're pulling too hard. Now lead." Rosemary's voice was calm, but I was beginning to panic.

"Oh, help!" I thought. "I'm behind . . . check her in . . . that's it. Ow! I'm pulling my arms off!"

"Single!" called Derek and I realised that Rosemary was speaking. "Let it stay longer on the balance. You do not need half that strength."

"Slow down," I told myself. "I'm sure to be wrong. . . Oh, I'm supposed to be leading." Derek had called a bob and Rosemary went on telling me where my places were. Soon I got more into my stride. My bell control grew better. I went on, handstroke, backstroke, again and again. My bell moved to the back and checked in towards lead, on and on. In a minute I was sorry to hear:

"That's all!" then a few minutes later: "Stand."

Treble swung easily up, over the balance and stayed. Rosemary smiled and moved off. I knotted the tail and felt sorry for people who did not ring.

AMARYLLIS BELL-RICHARDS.

OUR COVER PICTURE

Our cover picture shows the great church of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, from the Market Place. Entirely rebuilt and finished in 1455, it is remarkable for the excellent quality of its exterior and is one of the prides of East Anglia.

The fine western tower contains one of the notable rings of 12 in the country, with a tenor of 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C. It may be of note, too, that the ringers' jug or "gotch" is itself of dignified proportions, holding 36 pints!

"Mancroft" is justly famous for its performances and its ringers. The first true peal ever recorded was rung in this tower—"Grandsir' Bob Triples" on May 2nd, 1715, by the Norwich Scholars in 3 hours 18 minutes. The names of John Garthon and the rest of the Society who took part are recorded on a richly ornamented circular panel. Above, two angels with floral bouquets hold an elaborate crown. There is also an inscription: "Practice Makes Perfect."

Many famous ringers have been connected with this tower. The first true peal of Stedman Triples was conducted by Thomas Melchior, of the St. Peter's band. Later came Samuel Thurston who introduced a number of first peals to the Exercise. He rang the tenor to Norwich Court Bob Maximus on July 4th, 1825, and conducted the first peals of Superlative and London Surprise Major.

Within a decade or two was Henry Hubbard, whose compositions are still popular. Indeed, this interest in composition has been exemplified by many contemporary Norwich ringers. One calls to mind J. Armiger Trollope, the previous editor of "The Ringing World" and probably the historian of the Exercise whose research into London ringing and the history of early ringing societies embrace many volumes of manuscript largely unpublished. Another Norwich son was George H. Cross, who for a number of years was the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Of those with us today we honour J. Nolan Golden, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the ringer of more than 1,000 peals, and finally the present president of the Central Council, Canon Gilbert Thurlow, who in the past delved into the history of Norwich churches. Now from the quietness and seclusion of the Cathedral Close, in those rare occasions that he can retreat from the demands of a busy world, he can enjoy the majesty of the bells of St. Peter's.

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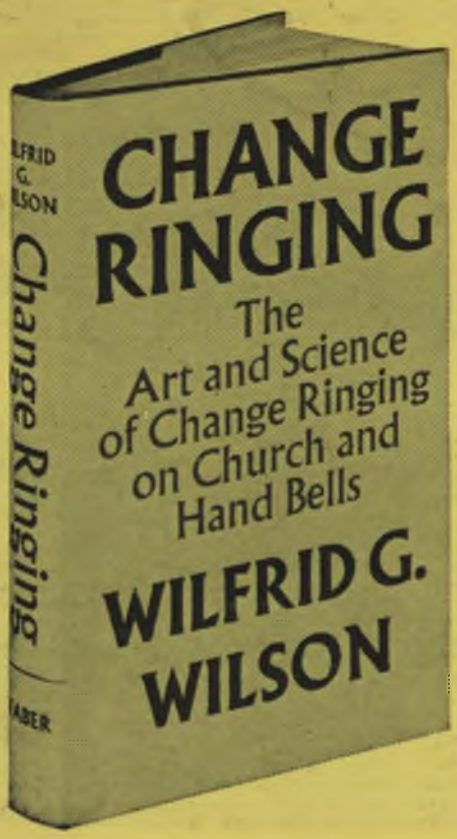
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Stedman Cinques Record Back in Birmingham



Left to right: Peter Border, Bob Smith, Alan Ainsworth, Basil Jones, Andrew Stubbs, David Purnell, Michael Fellows (completely hidden), Norman Goodman, Clifford Barron, John Anderson, Martin Fellows, John Eisel.

THERE was much jubilation in Birmingham on the night of Saturday, November 12th. A record peal of 15,699 Stedman Cinques had just been successfully completed on the bells of St Philip's Cathedral, and so recaptured for the St. Martin's Guild the record which they had lost to the Oxford Guild in 1946.

Before 1946, the record had belonged to the St Martin's Guild for 65 years, commencing with a peal of 9,238 changes at St. Martin's in 1881. This peal was composed by Henry Johnson, who took part in it on his 72nd birthday. It was later improved upon in 1901 with a peal of 11,111 changes, again at St. Martin's.

During this era Stedman Cinques had enjoyed a very special place in Birmingham ringing—firstly under the leadership of Henry Johnson and John Carter and later under Albert Walker, so the Guild could perhaps have been excused if they had thought that the record was theirs by divine right! However, it was eventually wrested from them by Walter Judge and his band who rang 12,663 changes at Christ Church, Oxford.

The task of organising the peal belonged to Alan Ainsworth who must have found his job considerably easier than his predecessors did. In the two previous records the band had been drawn from many parts of the country, and one notes that Mr. Judge carried out an "... almost ceaseless correspondence to get his band together." The present band included nine who were regular ringers at the Cathedral, and of the remaining three, Basil Jones and Bob Smith came from Cheshire and Andrew Stubbs from London.

INTEREST IN THE START

It was a typical grey November morning as the band assembled outside the tower, but everyone seemed to be in good spirits. The official meeting time was 9.30 a.m., since it was not possible to start until after 9.45 a.m. owing to a service. The Master of the Guild, Mr. Richard Ingram, was present to offer the band his greetings and best wishes, and a number of University ringers had come along also to hear the start. Frank Haynes had specially travelled up from Cambridge to listen to the peal—and also to check that the umpires were doing their job! The band lined up for photographs and then, with the umpires, ascended the tower to begin the serious business of the day.

The bells had first to be raised and then tried in rounds for the ropes to be adjusted, so that it was not until 10.15 a.m. that everything was ready. Since it was desirable that the peal should be finished by about 9.15 p.m., this meant that the peal had to be restricted to 16,491 changes (see "R.W.", p. 719). After one minute's rounds, the bells went into changes at 10.19 a.m., the band standing as follows: Alan Ainsworth treble, Andrew Stubbs 2, Norman Goodman 3, Martin Fellows 4, John Eisel 5, Basil Jones 6, David Purnell 7, Bob Smith 8, Michael Fellows 9, Clifford Barron 10, John Anderson 11, Peter Border tenor.

The opening course, which brought the bells into the Tittums, was rung very confidently in a time of just over 5¼ minutes. The ringing had not quite settled down at this stage, but by the third course a good beat had started to develop, and this was to be a feature of much of the remainder of the peal. The pace was gradually increasing and at the end of the first hour the courses were being rung in just under 5¼ minutes. At this point a turning course brought the bells into the 8790E position, but it had no effect on the bright and lively ringing. After a further seven courses, another turning course was called to bring the bells back into the Tittums, this time the fifth replacing the sixth in fifth's place.

TURNING COURSES AT HOURLY INTERVALS

It should perhaps be mentioned here that this type of composition, with turning courses at hourly intervals, had specifically been requested by the band. The reason for this was that they were all experienced Surprise Maximus ringers, and they felt that a change of position every hour would help to maintain interest and concentration. This, of course, presented difficulties for the composer, and threatened to make things awkward for the conductor too. However, it was unanimously agreed that John Chilcott had done a first-class job in producing a composition that conformed to these specifications and at the same time kept the back bells in interesting and musical positions. Moreover, he had done much to ease the burden for the conductor by making all turning courses virtually identical, and by making it possible to bring the bells round in a very short time from any position.

It might be considered by some that it was an error of judgment to request such a composition, entailing as it did an upheaval of the back bells, and slightly unfamiliar coursing orders. However, the band were vindicated by the actual result, because although the Tittums and Handstrokes were rung with just that little bit more confidence, the variations had no appreciable effect on the rhythm and striking, and the parts provided the band with a good yardstick for following the progress of the peal.

One notable feature of the peal was the way in which the speed varied, following very closely the pattern of the record peal of Cambridge Maximus last year. As on that occasion, the speed increased at first and then, around lunchtime, began to ease up. The slowest ringing of all (apart from the first course) again occurred in the early afternoon, corresponding to the period at which the band perhaps realised how much lay ahead, even though one peal had already been completed. There were a few very slight trips at this point, but they amounted to no more than misdodges and were corrected by the ringers concerned in no more than a whole-pull.

SECOND WIND

As the afternoon progressed and the band began to get their second wind so the speed increased again, and then steadied at just over 5¼ minutes per course. The ringing throughout the day had been excellent, and by teatime it was still of a very high standard, and everyone appeared to be in a good frame of mind. The only sustenance taken had been boiled sweets, and this mainly by those on the front end. It was on one such occasion that Norman found a sweet tantalisingly out of reach, to the great amusement of the others.

At 6.49 p.m. the Oxford record was passed, and 20 minutes later the length of the false peal at Southwark was exceeded, so that new ground was now being broken. It was noticeable, however, that fatigue was taking its effect because the trips, although still of a minor nature, became rather more frequent. A contributory factor was the poor ventilation of the tower, which had been a problem all day, owing to the heating in the church below. The only means of lowering the temperature was by opening the window behind the front bells, causing those nearby to shiver whilst those on the back bells were still too warm.

Certainly conditions were not ideal, and they affected one member of the band sufficiently for him to ask the conductor to shorten the peal (18 courses had still to be rung). Alan immediately omitted the next three bobs at "19," these being the last three in the penultimate part. This now meant that the Maximus record (16,368) could not be beaten, and it was therefore sensible to omit both sets of three bobs at "19" in the last part, even though the ringer was now looking better.

A FINE FINISH

The effect of this, quite naturally, was to disturb the ringing somewhat, so that for a time it departed from its previous high standard, though it must be stressed that it was still very acceptable. However, when Alan announced at the beginning of the last part, that only seven courses were left, the band pulled themselves together once again and the last few courses were rung in fine style. The final course took only five minutes and eight seconds, and the bells came triumphantly into rounds at 8.49 p.m. The 15,699 changes had taken exactly 10¼ hours.

The peal attracted a number of visitors during the day, but it was disappointing to note that these were nearly all locals, or former Birmingham ringers such as Frank Haynes, Stan Mason and Susan and Philip Rothera. John Chilcott had also heard most of the peal, taking a keen interest in the ringing and in the musical qualities of his composition. In any event, the ringers were eagerly greeted with well-deserved congratulations by the crowd who had gathered outside at the end, and were escorted down to "The Troc" for some much-needed refreshments.

The three umpires—George Fearn, Stephen Ivin and myself—are unanimous in stating that this peal was a very fine performance, and one that, on all counts, far exceeded the minimum requirements for a new record. All the band rang exceptionally well, but special mention

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An Astounding Peal of Doubles

GREAT WISHFORD, situated some three miles from Wilton and six from Salisbury, has one of the most unusual rope circles in the country. This ring of five has musical properties, but is difficult to hear in the belfry.

The bells were examined in 1965 by the writer, who found that they were as difficult to ring as reputed to be, and a full peal would be an achievement. But a quarter peal had been rung there, a performance of which the band could be justly proud.

We ascertained that the quarter peal band had no real intention of trying again and then made an application for the peal attempt to the Rev. Hurst Bannister, a ringer and former Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and also to Mr. E. Hayes, the captain of both the Wishford and Wilton towers. Permission was readily granted.

An experienced band of Doubles ringers from North Hampshire and Dorking was organised, and it was also decided to attempt a peal of Minor on the tricky six at Wilton, which if successful would be the first of Minor on the bells.

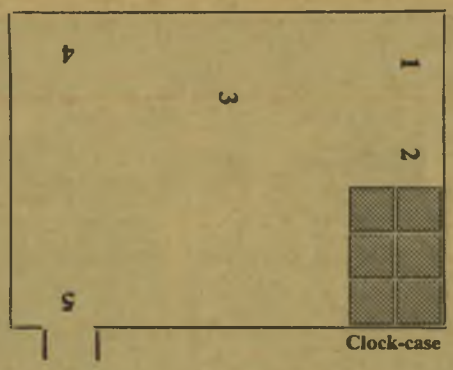
CONCRETE BLOCKS AND PLANKS

We arrived at the tower at 1.15 p.m. on November 19th, complete with concrete blocks and short planks with the intention of making a platform for A. P. C., who was to ring the tenor, so that he could face the other ringers. Our efforts were in vain, as we found his head would not fit in the doorway. He could thus make no use of the platform, but faced down the stairs with his back to the other ringers!

The ropes are placed as follows: treble and second ringers face the wall: No. 3 is in the middle of the room: with No. 4 pushed up in the corner and the tenor ringer is obliged to look down the steps. The ringing room is 8ft. 6in. square, out of which about two square yards is taken by a clock case, with its attendant pendulum, weights and wires.

The bells are as follows: Treble, 2, 3 and 5, James Burrough, Devizes, 1751: 4. Mears and Stainbank, 1887. According to "The Church Bells of Wiltshire" the tenor weighs 14 cwt.

The peal started just before 2 p.m. and a fast pace was set by the tenor ringer. At the halfway a change was made to Grandsire but, with the extra dodging, the pace began to tell and a change back to Plain Bob for



the last 11 extents produced the best ringing when the conductor's advice on "steadying them up" was taken by the fit tenor man.

Congratulations were extended to the band by Mr. Haines, and his hospitable cup of tea was much appreciated, before dashing to Wilton for a 5.45 p.m. start for the first of Minor on the bells.

Ringing here with the long draught is not easy but, with six extents behind us, our tenor man again put on the pressure in the last 720 and we were all set to record a peal in 2 hours and 35 minutes. With only two leads to go and the last single to call, down came the fourth rope and our bid for fame by ringing peals on two of the most difficult rings of bells in Wiltshire in one day was over.

However, we are grateful to Mr. Haines and the Wilton ringers for the chance to try and will remember for many years the first peal on the difficult bells at Wishford, which can truly be described as "man's bells."

G. D.

STEDMAN CINQUES RECORD—continued

must be made of Alan Ainsworth's faultless handling of the peal throughout. The back bells also deserve praise for the way in which they maintained a very good rhythm, which was essential for the success of the peal. Bob Smith added yet another record to his very impressive list, and Andrew Stubbs, whose first long-length it was, rang as if he did this sort of thing every Saturday.

I have no wish to attempt to compare the quality of this peal with that of the Oxford peal and, in any case, I have no bapsis for so doing. However, for those who wish to judge the peal for themselves, a tape-recording was taken of the ringing at various times throughout the day, and it is proposed to make a record from this, details of which will be published later. It is being financed by individuals connected with the peal, but surely it is a venture which it would be well worth while for the Central Council to undertake in the future, since it is a unique means for preserving ringing history, and one which is far more effective than any written account.

RODERICK W. PIPE.

THE LADIES' GUILD
South Wales District

The South Wales District held its autumn meeting at Ross-on-Wye on October 22nd. The lovely ring of eight bells drew a crowd of ringers from places as far apart as Bristol and Swansea. Mr. Jack Webb, tower master at Ross, was early in the tower to welcome visitors, and the bells were well used until service time. This was taken by the Rev. H. P. Clay, curate at Ross, and afterwards the company gathered in the Central Café for tea. Thanks to the curate, organist and to Mr. Webb were expressed by Mrs. C. Coles, Miss Sarah Byford and Miss Sally Guest.

Five new members were elected, viz.: Mrs. A. Paton and daughter Susan, of Mitcheldean. Mrs. Beaven, Miss Monica Greenway and Miss Anne Butcher, all of Ross-on-Wye.

During the evening an outing arranged by Mr. Leslie Weller joined in the ringing activities. Brisk business was done over the sale of badges and the payment of subscriptions. Members decided to try to hold the annual District meeting at Aberavon on January 28th next.

HEREFORD GUILD

The autumn meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Broseley on November 5th. Ringing was under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. A. Jones, who saw to it that the encouraging number of young ringers present had every opportunity. The service was taken and the address given by the Rev. F. Pope (curate). A good tea was enjoyed at the Foresters Arms.

DISPUTE OVER BRISTOL UNIVERSITY PEAL

An unusual course adopted by the Master (Mr. Nicholas W. H. Simon) in requesting that a peal rung for the University of Bristol Society should not be published has caused divided opinions among local ringers. The peal, one of Grandsire Caters, was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on November 5th, conducted by Mr. John Parsons.

Shortly after we received the report, Mr. Nicholas W. H. Simon (the Master) wrote asking the Editor to withhold publication as complaints had been made to Mr. Albert Tyler, captain of the tower. "Several good ringers heard the peal and all have pronounced the ringing to be the worst they have ever heard," he wrote.

We notified Mr. Parsons of the Master's complaint and in his reply he stated that the Master's opinions were entirely without foundation. At the committee meeting on November 2nd the Master told them that he would be unable to ring in the peal attempt. The committee decided that the attempt should go ahead as it would enable two of the band to ring their first peal. On November 3rd the Master agreed that Mr. Parsons should conduct the peal and on November 6th he complimented the band on its performance.

In refuting the objection Mr. Parsons stated that as the Master gave him the responsibility of conducting the peal it remained his prerogative to decide the validity of the peal.

On November 18th we received a letter from the Master stating that the committee of the University Society had declined to recognise the ringing on November 5th as constituting a peal on the grounds that it was well below the standard expected by the Society — and the Exercise in general—of a peal.

Mr. Parsons' reaction was, with the support of six members of the Society, to call an extraordinary general meeting at which the matter could be discussed by all members.

His view was: "In the absence of concrete evidence to prove the falseness of the peal, only the conductor shall have the right to withdraw the peal, and that it is his integrity and standing as a ringer which is at stake and not the standing of the Association."

The extraordinary general meeting of the Society was held on November 25th, when the following motion was put:

> "This Society considers, following the best traditions of the Exercise, that in any peal rung for the Society the decision as to its quality shall remain the privilege of the conductor, and that any subsequent decision to the contrary may only be made at a properly constituted general meeting, having due regard to the conditions required by the Central Council, and after having heard the evidence of all interested parties."

The motion was passed and back-dated to October.

Informing the Editor of this decision, Mr. Parsons concludes: "At present, therefore, the peal rung at St Stephen's, Bristol, stands as a peal, and until I receive any written objection (which I do not expect to receive) the report of the peal lies in your hands just like any other peal report."

CORRECTION

The composition of 5,080 Yorkshire Surprise Royal, composed by G. Ronald Edwards, which was published in the issue of the "R.W." for 28/10/66 on page 717, should have "a bob at home" at the 6th course-end—to bring up 1432587690. This was inadvertently omitted when submitted.

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WARSOP
THE CHAMPIONS



Presentation of the Oswy Street Cup by its donor, Benjamin Street, to the conductor of the Warsop band, Herbert T. Rooke. In the picture from left to right: G. Challans, F. Cooke, B. Street, D. Whetton, F. Flint, H. T. Rooke, J. Rooke and Harold Chant (who judged the contest).

Warsop rang 360 Oxford Treble Bob and their performance was described by the judge as a pleasure to listen to. They had 50 faults, 10 less than their nearest rivals —Shelford. This is the first time the cup has come to Nottinghamshire, although Oswy Street, a fine ringer, did much of his ringing around Retford.

[By courtesy of "Retford and Gainsborough Times."

Record Attendance at E. Berks and S. Bucks Dinner

THERE was a record attendance of 154, despite the organising committee having to decline several late requests for tickets, at the fifth annual dinner and dance of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford D.G., held at the Beech Tree Hotel, Beaconsfield.

An excellent meal was followed by short, lighthearted speeches, under the genial chairmanship of the Rev. S A. C. Dickens (new Branch chairman). Welcoming the Branch president, the Bishop of Buckingham (the Rt. Rev. C. Pepys) and Mrs. Pepys, he expressed the hope that they would "let their hair down" and enjoy the evening. There were also words of welcome to the Guild Master (Canon C. Elliot Wigg) and Mrs. Wigg, Rev. Michael Ware (Boyne Hill) Mr W. Butler (former Branch secretary) and Mrs. Butler, and friends of the London County Association and the Middlesex County Association, among whom were Mr. Wilfrid Wilson (L.C.A.) and Mrs Wilson, Mr. John Hill (Master, S.W. Middlesex) and Mrs. Hill, Mr. F. Goodfellow (treasurer, Middlesex County Association) and Mrs. Goodfellow. Apologies were received from Miss M. Cross and Mr F Sharp.

The chairman called for a few words from the president who said it was a complete surprise being asked to speak; he thought he had "got away with it" for once; he went on to say how much he appreciated the work of the ringers, and what a joy it was to hear the bells when he visited churches.

The Master was then invited to present the Guild and the Branch striking competition certificates to the successful towers. He congratulated the winning teams, and said he had very happy associations with the Beaconsfield and Wycombe Districts, for he had done much of his earlier ringing in this area He then presented the third award for the Guild competition to St. Peter's, Burnham. They also won the Branch six-bell competition certificate with St. Michael's and All Angels, Hughenden, second. Hughenden also received the certificate for first award for the Branch eight-bell competition He thanked Mr. Ernest Gosling for designing and writing the lettering on the certificates.

OVATION AND FLOWERS FOR MISS HAGUE

Mrs. Dickins then presented a bouquet to Miss Doreen Hague, the popular Branch secretary, who received such prolonged and tremendous applause that Mrs. Dickins' words were completely inaudible They were: "From your colleagues on the organising committee, in appreciation for the enormous amount of work and for your enthusiasm that has made this dinner and dance such a success."

Rev. Michael Ware submitted the toast: "Our Bell Ringers." He had delved into the adverse ringing activities in the 16th century, when bellringers in country parishes were noted for their inebriation, and to say a man was a ringer was tantamount to calling him a drunkard; they used their belfry as a club house. So ringing before church was just a convenient way of meeting before going off to a public house for the rest of the day.

A feud between the parson and the ringers over the ownership of the belfry key was frequently the case, but not many clergy were so stupid as the one who changed the lock of the tower door, so stopping ringing altogether, but making the whole village so resentful that churchgoing was at a very low ebb, until the incumbent capitulated. Now all that had changed and a ringer was a highly-respected member of society

"I believe," continued Mr. Ware, "that there is still a divided opinion about bellringers and churchgoing. Some ringers attend church regularly, others don't But today we have our Diocesan Guilds which attract members from all walks of life bound together by a common bond of skill and knowledge. They are dedicated men and women who render invaluable service to the Church."

Mr. William Butler in his reply took up Mr. Ware's point about ringers and their church attendance How often did the clergy visit the belfry, he asked,—sometimes? Was it a case of "East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet"? At his church they had a new curate who visited the belfry every Sunday morning and said Office prayers. This had made a world of difference in the relationship of the ringers and the church.

The bells had been passed down by their forefathers and it was up to this generation to take care of them and to pass them on to the coming generation in good condition. It was also their duty to teach new ringers, as we had been taught in the past.

"About ringing," he said "I am sure that most of us give of our best ringing on Sundays, but do we consider the local residents on practice nights? If not, we should, for bells can be very noisy."

With the speeches over the dining room cleared: young and not so young enjoyed dancing until almost midnight.

One thing is obvious, that with the ever-growing popularity of this annual event larger accommodation will be required next year.

E. E. G.

EAST ARDSLEY, LEEDS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B.): M. White 1, C. Dalley 2, P. Lockwood 3, C. S. Naylor 4, A. Clifton 5, I. North 6.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The meeting of the Newark District at Sutton-on-Trent on November 19th was well attended, with several visitors, including Mr. George Foster, of Bromley, formerly of Southwell, with his son and friend. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon R. T. Keal, who afterwards joined everyone for tea in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting Mrs. Kathleen Holmes, of Balderton, was elected a ringing member, and Miss Sheila Copping, of Bromley, a non-resident life member. The District chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, reported on the progress of the new band at Southwell Minster, whilst asking for support from anyone who had time to help with the teaching. He also mentioned the forthcoming visit of the Central Council to the Guild in 1967.

Ringing on the eight bells was under the competent guidance of Mr. Peter Wakefield, the District Ringing Master, and the newly redecorated ringing room provided a warm and cosy welcome. B. N. R.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Despite the fact Staverton has only three bells, the Cheltenham Branch held its meeting there, the home of its secretary, the Rev. J. B. T. Homfray, on October 26th, and there was an attendance of over 50!

Miss Frances Fairbanks and girls from Cleeve School gave a short recital of songs and carols. This was followed by a touch of Spliced Major by the Cheltenham band and a brief explanation of the differences by the conductor, Mr C. A. Wratten

Handbel' instruction on plain hunting and Plain Bob was given to half of the company and the remainder were introduced to tune ringing. The event was so successful that the Branch officials are wondering about another similar meeting.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

The Biggleswade District paid its annual visit to Maulden on December 12th Despite the threatening weather, over 30 people sat down to tea, provided by the local ladies. Mr. P. Mehew took the chair at the business meeting, and the secretary (Mr. K Fleming) asked for the District's support at the December meeting, to be held on the 10th at Northill, and justify the warm welcome which the Vicar (Rev. C. E. Jones) extended The Ringing Master (Mr. R. Sharp) catered for all tastes and the bells were lowered in peal at 8.30 p.m., to bring another meeting successfully to a close.

L. E.

Letters to the Editor

FROM GERMANY

Dear Sir,—In adopting a new design for the title block of "The Ringing World," you were doubtless prepared for criticism, for it could not be expected that one design should meet with the approval of all readers. Yet even allowing for a reasonable difference of opinion, the letters published on the subject on page 756 are completely unworthy of the signatures appearing beneath them.

I cannot see how a style which is similar to, if not better than, the headings of the better English newspapers is, at the same time, a style "suitable for a supermarket's list of cheap offers," which gives the journal the "appearance of a cut-price, third-rate parish magazine." The greater prominence of the words "Official Journal of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers" more than compensates for the loss of the rather undistinguished etching of Canterbury Cathedral, and the "bells" which were part of the former background were by no means fitting for the journal of a fraternity which squirms at the ignorance of the general public. That Jack Goldsmith's name has been removed from the front page may seem inexcusable to his friends, but it would probably be more important to John Sparkes Goldsmith to know that the work he began was being continued by a living Exercise and not hindered by prejudice.

The new design may not be perfect, and the old certainly was not, but the unreasoned outbursts of Messrs. Hairs and Birmingham against simplicity and dignity are ill-founded and in bad taste. It appears that we require standards for critics of printing as well as of composition.—Yours faithfully,

D. E. HOUSE.

Lübeck, Germany.

DON'T TAKE CRITICISM TOO MUCH TO HEART

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the howls of protest already received against "The Ringing World" Committee's attempts to improve our journal.

It is perhaps significant that a similar protest arose when supermarkets (to quote one analogy used) first came into being, but it must be admitted that they continue to flourish whether we like it or not. Perhaps the only criticism that can be levied at the moment is that the space so saved has not yet been utilized to the full; this no doubt will soon follow.

With all due respect to the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, I can't see that any harm has been done. I have only been a subscriber to "The Ringing World" for the past 15 years and, apart from the articles which I have read in "The Ringing World," I have no personal knowledge of the gentleman. In any case, is it not the new readers we are attempting to attract to our journal?

The present committee was elected by the members of the Central Council after much debate, and as such deserve our full support, in this a most difficult task. It is only right that they should be kept informed of public reaction, but to me this seems at present to be extremely onesided. I hope they will not take this criticism too deeply to heart, but will continue to attempt to improve both the journal and the circulation.

If they try and fail they will be forgiven, but if they do not try they will be condemned and rightly so.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. EXTON.

Whatton, Nottingham.

BELLS AND THE P.C.C.

Dear Sir,—I should like to correct the inaccurate statements in the carping contribution to Belfry Gossip on November 25th as it so obviously concerned my church at Harringworth.

This small parish on the Northants-Rutland border happens to have a tower which was recently examined by the church architect. The tower is not unsafe, but is in need of repair, and the necessary church repairs are being attended to. Until the tower is repaired the architect, who has not forbidden ringing, has recommended to the P.C.C. that ringing be confined to about an hour at a time and the new Rector and P.C.C. have accepted this as a sensible arrangement. This ensures that the band in this parish of Harringworth and the Rutland Branch can continue their weekly practices and training of learners.

Far from there being no houses near the church there is the old Rectory (not occupied by the present Rector), the Manor House, at least ten cottages, the inn and the village shop all clustering within a hundred yards of the church. Not one of these inhabitants has ever complained of bell ringing.

If the Belfry Gossip correspondent would like to contact me I shall be only too pleased to arrange for him to be taught both ringing and manners in any of our practices, which we hope to continue until our tower is repaired, by which time our learners hope to ring peals in their own tower.—Yours faithfully,

A. C. SCHOLES,
Tower Captain.

Note.—We trust our correspondent will contact Mr. Scholes direct and make amends.—Ed.

PEAL RINGING

Dear Sir,—I cannot agree with the following paragraph that appeared on page 769:

"As far as 'The Ringing World' is concerned the reason that peals take up four times as much room as quarter peals is that striking is usually four time as good!"

A quarter peal has many advantages over peals and I am convinced that better striking takes place—the band settle down quicker and ring at a far better speed. From my experience the speed in a peal alters considerably due to the fact that it takes longer to settle down and tiredness creeps in towards the end.

Evening peals are a sheer waste of time and effort unless a 5 p.m. start can be made. I can well remember rushing home from work to ring a peal one hot summer's evening. The peal was lost due to the time rush.

Personally, I think peals "a bore" and quarter peals very enjoyable because I find the standard of ringing is better and tempers do not get frayed—something I cannot tolerate anywhere, never mind in the belfry.—Yours sincerely,

ANDREW KING.

Wentworth, Yorks.

COMMENTS ON FRONT PAGE

Congratulation on new "Mast Head"—vast improvement, long overdue.—W. D. N. Foote, Brackne'l

Completely horrified. Looks unbelievably antiquated like some cheap trade journal of the 1870's. . . . Made me seriously debate the worth of another year's subscription.—Tony Clayton, Balham.

New "Ringing World" headpiece a great improvement.—R. W. Sherriff, Leamington Spa.

"UNJUSTIFIED CRITICISM"

Dear Sir,—I would like to congratulate Mr. David McLean, by means of your columns, on his excellent and very accurate report of the St. Katherine's Society tour of 1966. Obviously a lot of work went into the preparation of this account and I was therefore most dismayed to read Mr. Kennington's unwarranted attack on it.

Mr. Kennington states it is beyond him that a touring party can make a criticism about the handling characteristics of bells after only one hour's ringing. I am sure members of the Society will acknowledge the superior skill of Grimsby's 9- and 10-year-olds in handling the two bells in question, but how much easier things might have been for us if Mr. Kennington had had a proficient steeple-keeper; someone well versed in the subject of frame movement, perhaps? I do not profess to having any bell hanging qualifications to my credit, but in my capacity as a layman it struck me as being a little odd that I could unscrew one of the nuts securing a key frame timber with my fingers!

Ringers are notorious for exaggeration, I admit, and one often reads two very conflicting reports about the same thing, but if frame movement can escalate from 1/64" to ¼" (which it was when I measured it) in one week, one shudders to think what it might be now, some two months later, and cannot share Mr. Kennington's complacency. Perhaps I am another stupid, ill-informed St. Katherine's Society ringer, but how long does one have to ring at a tower before forming an opinion about the "go" of the bells? A plain course of Grandsire Caters at St. James', Grimsby, was enough for me to do this.

The comment about these bells was, in my humble opinion, completely justified and I suggest Mr. Kennington takes it a little more seriously and does something about it. In conclusion I hope next year's report will be as good, if not better than this one, and that we do not get adverse publicity from people who obviously operate on a different wavelength from us.—Yours sincerely,

D. PAUL SMITH.

Hayes, Bromley, Kent.

IS THERE A STAVERTON SURPRISE MINOR?

Dear Sir,—It was a most pleasant surprise, when reading in the peal columns recently, to find a peal of **Staverton Surprise Royal** rung at Daventry. We at Staverton had no idea of such a plot or that Mr. Speed had composed such a method.

We are indeed honoured and flattered and congratulate the experts on their achievement, especially the composer and the conductor, in what must have been a fine performance. I would like to know if the method can readily be adapted to Minor and a true extent of 720 changes obtained. If so, it may well be that a peal of **Staverton Surprise Minor** may be rung on our bells in the not too distant future.—Yours faithfully,

STANLEY F. WEBB.

Staverton, Daventry, Northants.

APPROPRIATE METHODS

Dear Sir,—Now that a peal may be regarded as a "sacred cow" (vide the leading article, November 11th), may we expect to see an increase in the number of peals rung of the following Surprise Major methods: Jersey, Guernsey, Alderney, Devon and Hereford.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. PINK.

Oxford.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

MORE LETTERS

CORRESPONDENCE REVIVES MEMORIES

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the letter by my old friend, C. M. Williams, concerning Mr. Pladdys' composition of Bob Major. I have no recollection of showing Bob Douglas this particular composition, although I have shown him several, including some of my own

I think that splitting the tenors for 15 courses simply to produce Queens and Whittingtons is rather pointless as these 468 courses are very musical in themselves; as well as the back-stroke 468's, there there are "internal" ones, halfway through the fourth lead, for instance. In any case, I think that 45 courses, 5,040 Bob Major, with the tenors together, are more monotonous.

Meanwhile, it is only over the last few years that eight-bell peals, of Bob Major or anything else, have had the tenors parted at all. Mr Pladdys' peal, and others like it, have, I think, a better claim to originality than some of these "compositions" of Surprise Major and Royal, and certainly than the 120 Stedman Triples; I would put it stronger than Mr. Pladdys, and question the originality of any touch of 120 Stedman Triples.

I agree entirely with Charlie's comment about the six consecutive bobs Wrong. From the footnote to the composition, it would seem that the composer aimed to produce the full six courses with the tenors together and 46 reversed (supposedly very musical, but it's a matter of opinion). This was the shortest way to do it, I should say, bearing in mind that he was also trying to cram in all the 7468's, 2468's, etc., etc., into the 5,088 changes. On the whole, it's not a bad peal, although, as Charlie Williams rightly says, being a one-part has disadvantages from the conductor's point of view.

I am sorry to come up against Charlie in this matter, but I think that Mr. Pladdys' comment about the Stedman Triples was fair; several of my own compositions of Bob Major are on the same plan as his, and they are as reasonable as any. Incidentally, I have many happy memories of ringing with Charlie, John "Perce" Lott and Jack Euston, on that grand old ring at St. Margaret's, Westminster, after the war. Charlie had to give up active ringing last year because of trouble with his hearing, and I know I speak for all the ringers in this area when I say how much he is missed in ringing circles. We wish him all the best in his retirement, and thank him for the endless time and effort he has given for the progress of our art.—Yours sincerely,

A. R. ELEANOR SPRIGGS (Mrs.).

Chelsea, S.W

POOR QUALITY PEALS

Dear Sir,—While reading the recent articles in the "R.W." about peal ringing, the following thoughts have occurred to me.

With reference to Mr. Stevens' remark that a band will put up with bad ringing for 1,260 changes but not for 5,000 it does not seem valid when every week numbers of peals of very poor quality are rung and recorded. I know this is true as I have been unfortunate to be in some such attempts

Also, I wonder, how many of the "regular" peal ringers are regular instructors or helpers at their local practice, and ring each Sunday at their parish church before attending the service?

I am not against peal ringing, but I feel that peals in church towers should only be rung for special church festivals and suitable local celebrations.

And finally, if church bells are to be rung, it should be to the glory of God; if this is not the case then they should not be rung at all.—Yours sincerely,

Duxford, Cambs I. G. STRACEY.

WRATTEN'S WRINGERS' WREUNION

THE fourth W.W.W was held on the week-end of November 12th–13th in Hertfordshire, an area which to some of the more rustic members of the party was alarmingly near the big smoke. The party consisted of Peter Bridle, Di Chapman, George Cousins, John and Gill Hunt, Tony Kench, Richard Sweet, George Thoday and Cyril and Margery Wratten, all of whom could be found happily reuniting away in The Bell at Hemel Hempstead on the Friday evening.

Miraculously the whole band managed to get to Rickmansworth by 9 the next morning for the first peal. After only half persuading Walter Ayre that ringing Surprise with singles is not a sign of juvenile delinquency, we set off to ring Roddy Pipe's excellent composition of Cambridge Royal with 12 courses of 6587's, 6578's, 5687's and 5678's. Afterwards someone muttered "Too much music," but I don't think it was Walter.

After Chinese nosh for some and beer for others in Watford, we went off to St Peter's, St. Albans, where the guest ringer was Alan Carveth, and the method, appropriately, Albanian. This good old-style ten has a distinction that must be fairly rare, of having once been a twelve until the trebles were sold in 1881. Anyone looking at the visitors book there now will find that Gill forgot she had got married and thought she was still a Hussey. George Debenham let us in before and out after, complete with stopwatch, and joined us for a drink before we eventually got to The Swan at Wheathampstead for a social evening that inevitably included darts and Richard's reminiscences.

On Sunday morning most of the party managed to grab St Albans Abbey before the day's peal, which was Belgrave at Hemel Hempstead, half-muffled, for Remembrance Sunday A very late Chinese lunch followed to the accompaniment of what must have been the Chinese top ten before the Red Guard got at it. Most of us were content to relax, but not George Thoday, who spent his usual hour and a half documenting the peal, giving out little gems of information from time to time such as "That's 492,000 changes I've rung this year so far," and "You've now moved up to being my 26th leading peal ringer." There then came what was for some a hair-raising sortie into the horrors of London traffic for a quarter peal for Evensong at St Giles', Cripplegate, before departing.

Thus ended another W.W.W., and we would like to thank all those who met us, gave us permission to ring, bought us drinks, and otherwise contributed to a most enjoyable week-end. Wratten's Wringers have now rung 63 peals in four years, including 34 different Surprise Major methods, and are still going strong. We look forward to next year's peal week, which will be based, for a change, in Hereford A. R. K.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The calibre of the Northern District may be judged from the meeting at Sible Hedingham on November 5th, when methods rung included Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise, Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples and Little Bob Major.

The Rev. G. Howard Davies conducted the service and the Rev. E. A. Burdon preached An excellent tea was enjoyed at the White Lion, and Miss Elizabeth Campbell and Mr David Poulter, both of Wethersfield, were elected members.

Next meeting: A.G.M., Halstead, January 7th, 1967.

HANDBELL TUNE RINGERS' RALLY AT NORBURY

On October 8th a very successful rally and "get together" of handbell tune ringers was held at Norbury Church School, Stockport. In all, 14 bands with 717 bells and approximately 140 ringers took part, and the proceedings were opened by the Vicar, after which each band played one piece. Bands ringing were:—

All Saints' Church, Marple; Ashton-under-Lyne Girls' Grammar School; Ealing, London; Ecclesfield, near Sheffield; Hunshelf Secondary Modern School, Yorkshire; Kingsbury Parish Church, Warwicks; Norbury Parish Church, Stockport; Silverdale, Lancashire; Skipton Parish Church, Yorkshire; The St. Mary Ringers, Loughborough; St. Thomas's Church, Moorside, Oldham; Thurlstone, Yorkshire; Warburton Lymm, Cheshire.

Following a break for discussion, an excellent tea was served by Norbury ladies, after which ringing continued until about 8.30 p.m. Altogether 49 pieces of all kinds were played, ranging from 'Jug Rock" to "The Heavens are Telling." It was most interesting and instructive to watch and to listen to the various bands, each with their own method and style of ringing and with their own ideas as to which music was most suitable for the occasion. The day was rounded off by the Norbury ringers' rendering of the hymn tune "Sovereignty."

This gathering, which was in no sense a competitive one, would be the first meeting of so many tune ringers since the last competition was held at Belle Vue, Manchester, in 1925. Great credit is due to the organiser, Mr. Wm. Hartley, and his band at Norbury, and also the ladies who provided such a first-class tea.

Another rally has been arranged for Saturday, October 7th, 1967, at Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School, Lancashire, and anyone interested can obtain details from Mr. J. P. Partington 56, Clay Lane, Rochdale, Lancs; telephone Rochdale 43534

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

A successful quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Sherburn-in-Elmet with Tadcaster on November 19th. On a penetratingly cold, damp November day, over 30 members turned up to keep themselves warm ringing the eight bells at Sherburn from rounds through standard methods to Cambridge.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the volunteer organist being Miss Rosemary Bailey, fiancée of Rev. F. Ross. A buffet tea had been arranged by the local ladies, which was to be praised later by the Association's president, Mr. Vernon Bottomley. He recommended this arrangement for future meetings, and it was generally agreed it made for much more informal mixing of members

Four new members were elected to the Association—Michael Hawtree, Hessle; Jane Carruthers and Michael Balchin, York; Maris Stephenson, Sutton-on-Hull.

The District's vice-president urged that officers and committee members should set an example and attend meetings 100 per cent. He invited the members to make suggestions to improve meetings and ringing generally.

Evening ringing took place on the lovely eight at Tadcaster — with apologies to the Western District for encroachment. It is hoped to hold the February meeting at York.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,280 Spliced Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Yorkshire S. Major: Ann P Bond 1, Julia A Fellows 2, Susan E. Williams 3, H Collings 4, A. V. Good 5, E. Edmondson 6, W Ayre 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8. First of 3-spliced for 3, 4, 5.

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A STORY FOR RINGERS

UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

By "FIFTH OBSERVATION"

AN atmosphere of wet mackintosh pervaded the cramped little ringing chamber. In this atmosphere sat four assorted ringers, who were waiting for two more. Each was whiling away the time in a different manner; Bob, the amateur artist, was constructing a winter landscape (to be entitled "Frozen River") in his mind's eye; Ernie, the veteran, with veteran unconcern, was immersed in a crumpled copy of the local rag which had travelled with him in his overcoat pocket from Abbotscray; Dick, the conductor, was writing down columns of figures in a red notebook; and Phil, the novice, was making cat's cradles from a length of string he'd discovered on the floor, and wishing to goodness that Tibby and Chris would buck up before it was too late to start altogether.

Outside the rain teemed down in grey unremitting streams; every so often a capricious little wind would fling a handful of drops eastward to beat a resounding tattoo on the ringing chamber window; the dull light of the afternoon was already fading from the sky.

Lanky Dick unwound himself abruptly from his sitting posture. "C'mon," he yawned, "let's do something, for heaven's sake... We'll get the bells up individually. Phil, raise the treble."

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The rain teemed down in grey unremitting streams; James Tibbald, insurance agent, Triples expert, tower captain of St. 'Burga's, shuddered as he withdrew his head from under the bonnet. Through the windscreen he made a despairing face at Christopher Catchpole; who, sensing that something was required of him, emerged with some reluctance from the warmth of the car.

"Not found anything, then?" he said, turning up his collar.

"Can **you** see anything?" rejoined Tibby, and returned his gaze to the engine.

To Chris, who worked in the dispensary of Knapton's the Chemists of Abbotscray, an engine was simply an engine. He looked blankly at it.

"No."

"D'you know what to look **for?**" snapped Tibby; the rain was finding its way, slowly but surely, down the back of his neck.

"No," admitted the unhappy Chris.

"Then go and find a telephone box and ring the Golden Hawk."

Chris groaned. "Supposing there isn't one? We're at least two miles away from ...."

"There are such things as private houses with private telephones," replied Tibby implacably.

"But where....?"

"Go," said Tibby.

Chris went.

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Bing-bing-bing! said the treble.

"I say, I don't like this bell," said Phil, endeavouring to set it. "It's sort of fine-set at hand. Look, I can set it at back as easy as easy, but at hand it—oops! See what I mean? It bounces."

Dick had raised the fifth and was knotting the tail-end.

"Catchin' sally too low," he replied automatically.

"I am **not,**" declared Phil. "Am I, Bob?"

Bob, on the edge of his "Frozen River," was miles away. Dick crossed to the the treble, removed the rope from Phil, set the bell with maddening accuracy in one stroke, and withered its erstwhile manipulator with a glance.

Ernie turned a page of the local rag. "Ave ter go fer a peal o' Minimus," he remarked to the band at large, "or go 'ome."

Phil was seized with a new hope. **"Can't** we go for Minimus?" he asked—"on the back four?"

The look of disgust on Dick's face was sufficient response.

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Chris came back. He looked as one newly emerged from a cross-Channel swim; soaked, but triumphant.

"I've 'phoned," he called, as soon as he was within hailing distance of the car, and broke into a victorious canter, shaking the rain from his eyes as he came.

Tibby leapt from the driver's seat. "You got through? Well done! How?"

"Farm," panted Chris. "Very obliging. Sending a Land Rover—to pick us up—and G.H. are sending a truck—for the car—in about an hour, they said. Can't think why they've got to be so long over it. I couldn't have been more exact with my directions..."

"I'm practically sure," broke in Tibby portentously, "that I've hit on the reason for this—er—technical hitch. While you'd gone I took a good look at the fuel-pump, and— We're being fetched, did you say? You clever boy! When?"

"As soon as the farmer gets back from town," Chris replied.

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Bob was examining sixteenth century brasses in the chancel; Phil was rendering "Fight the good fight" very badly on the harmonium; Ernie and Dick were not to be seen—the latter being up among the bells, the former being en route on his motor-scooter for the Thatched Cottage, Carside, where cheap meat teas were to be had.

Outside, the rain spattered in sharp handfuls from the darkening sky. A little wind, stronger than of late, sighed through the branches of the Vicarage elms, and brought with it the penetrating and unmistakable tones of a powerful internal combustion engine breasting an incline. The whine approached, steadied, dropped to a purr; there was an iron clang, loud cheerful converse, an engagement of gears; footsteps in the porch.

Phil abandoned the "Good Fight." "Bob!" he called as the door opened. "They're here!"

Four panting people negotiated the spiral staircase in impatient procession and erupted, one by one, into the ringing chamber.

The ringing chamber was untenanted.

"Where's Dick?"

"Where's Ernie?"

"I'll bet they're upstairs," said Tibby, peeling off his mackintosh, flinging it upon the nearest bench with a gallant gesture and making for the belfry staircase.

Tibby going up met Dick coming down. "Oof!" said Dick. "Dick!" said Tibby. "Quick," and retraced his steps to the ringing chamber, Dick following hard on his heels.

They found Chris relating the saga of the technical hitch to a suitably impressed audience of two. "So there's a couple of chaps from the farm keeping an eye on the car," he was saying, "until such time as G.H. condescend to..."

"For heaven's sake," snapped Dick, "where Ernie?"

Tibby, Chris and Dick looked accusingly at Bob and Phil, who looked at each other.

"Sloped off, I suppose, while we weren't looking," volunteered Bob, after a moment.

"That wouldn't be difficult," remarked Dick tartly

Chris felt very weary. He sat down heavily on Tibby's mackintosh.

"Well, what do we do? Wait?"

Phil was scarlet with suppressed emotion.

"Doubles?" he said in a small voice; "—on the back five...?"

Tibby raised an eyebrow at Dick, who nodded. "Time for a quarter," he announced. "Plain Bob 'n' Grandsire. Phil, take the second. The rest fill in."

The quarter peal was duly accomplished in forty-three minutes. Not an intrinsically distinguished quarter peal; the Exercise has been on many occasions known to produce better struck Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. But it was Phil's first of Doubles, Bob's first in two methods and Dick's two-hundredth tower for a quarter; so it was a satisfied if weary band which packed itself into Dick's little four-seater for the journey home. And Ernie? He coasted in from the Thatched Cottage to find the quarter well under way; so he turned about on his axis and spent a convivial evening at the Plough and Harrow, Carside, where splendid pints were to be had.

All characters and places are fictitious—
The Author.

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OBITUARY

IN MEMORIAM
MR. GEORGE PULLINGER

At noon on Saturday, November 19th, the ashes of the late George Pullinger were laid to rest in the "Garden of Rest" at the Parish Church, Willingdon, where he had spent the last seven years as a ringer and churchman. He was 74 years of age. The Vicar, the Rev. W. Greenfield, officiated at the committal service, which was private.

This was followed at 1.30 p.m. by a memorial service and for this the bells were rung open, in accordance with deceased's wish. The Vicar officiated, assisted by the Rev. A. N. Olwen, and Charles Percy was the crucifer. It was regretted that Canon K. W. H. Felstead was unable to attend.

Psalm 23 was sung to the tune of Crimond, and also the Ringers' Hymn. The lesson was read by Mr. R. W. R. Percy.

The Vicar based his address on the words of the psalmist: "The Lord ordereth a good man's going and maketh his ways acceptable to himself."

"Many of you present this afternoon," he said, "will have known George Pullinger in many capacities; and as you reflect on the words of the psalmist you, from your own deep knowledge of his character and personality, will be able even more than I to appreciate just how these words are true of the life he lived.

"He was at heart a countryman manifesting in his character all the steadfastness and stability which we have learned to associate with people reared in a rural setting. He was a good and kind and gentle husband, too . . . how gentle, how understanding, how unselfish were his goings in this field of human experience!

"He saw clearly that the future of the craft which he loved so well was to be preserved in the hands of the young. In his gruff way, with a twinkle in his eye, and his lovely Hampshire accent, which he never lost, he would teach the young ringers the way they ought to go. . . Yes, the Lord ordered this good man's going."

Ringers present at the service included the Master of the Sussex C.A. and Mrs. Johnson, the hon. general secretary and Mrs. Betty Percy (vice-president, Ladies' Guild, Sussex District), Mr. F. I. Hairs (Past Master) and Mrs. E. L. Hairs (hon. secretary, Northern Division), Mr. S. E. Armstrong (Past Master and vice-president) and Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. G. M. Fitzhugh (hon. secretary, Eastern Division), Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Baldock, Messrs T. Barlow, C. Brettel, F. Dallaway, H. Hobden, B. Linacre.

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An in memoriam peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Hailsham by eight members of the Ladies' Guild, Sussex District.

Mrs. Pullinger wishes to thank all the ringers and friends for their attendance, and for the letters of sympathy from those unable to attend, especially Nolan Golden, G. E. Fearn and Canon K. W. H. Felstead.

HIS PEALS

Bob Minor 5, Grandsire Doubles 1, Grandsire Triples 15, Stedman Triples 17, Bob Major 14, Kent Treble Bob Major 5, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 22, Cambridge Surprise Major 19, Superlative Surprise Major 10, London Surprise Major 11, Bristol Surprise Major 5, Grandsire Caters 2, Stedman Caters 6, Bob Royal 4, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1.—Total 140.

Peals rung with George Williams 112, at North Stoneham 54, at Bishopstoke 22, for the Winchester Diocesan Guild 75, the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild 53, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths 5, the Bath and Wells Association 3, the Salisbury Diocesan Guild 2, the Oxford Diocesan Guild 1, the Sussex County Association 1.

PERCIVAL CYRIL RICHARDS

The news of the sudden death of Percy Richards, of Wollaston, Stourbridge, on November 14th at the age of 68, came as a great shock to his colleagues at St. Martin's, Birmingham. He had been a member of St. Martin's Sunday band for 15 years, and was present for the morning ringing on November 13th. In the early hours of the following morning he died from a sudden attack of thrombosis.

Percy commenced to ring on the six bells at Wollaston some 40 years ago, and had rung about 60 peals, mostly for the Worcestershire and Districts Association. In Wollaston churchyard a stone in the shape of a bell, inscribed to the memory of Percy's father, records that he had been a ringer at that church for 25 years.

The cremation took place at Stourbridge Cemetery on November 17th and, in addition to the family, the funeral service was attended by Mr. Charles Stinton, representing Wollaston ringers, Mr. Bernard C. Ashford (Worcestershire and Districts Association) and Mr. George E. Fearn (St. Martin's Guild).

Percy leaves a widow, a daughter, and a son Charles, an accomplished ringer who now lives at Isleworth, to whom the St. Martin's ringers extend their deep sympathy.

MR. ERNEST BARTRAM

Ringers in the Melton District were shocked to hear of the sudden death on November 19th at his home, 9, Oxford Drive, Melton Mowbray, Leics, of Mr. Ernest Bartram. He was 70 years of age.

He had a long connection with St. Mary's Church, having rung there for 42 years, and although he had not been able to take part in any actual ringing for several years he was still very interested in ringing activities and looked forward each week to "The Ringing World."

In his younger days he had taken part in many peals and over 50 of these were rung for the Midland Counties Association. He rang frequently with the late Mr. F. H. Dexter, of Leicester Cathedral.

During the war Melton bells were lowered and put in the churchyard for safety. He raised the fund for their rehanging on ball bearings and for two to be recast.

A large congregation attended the funeral service at the Parish Church on November 23rd. The interment was in Thorpe Road Cemetery. In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of Plain Bob Caters was rung.

Leicester Ringers in Shropshire

On one of those fleeting, glorious October days the Leire, Leics, band visited Shropshire for their annual outing.

Broseley was reached almost on time but the Grandsire Triples was somewhat marred by the treble ringer's conviction that it was Treble Bob. Other methods were rung satisfactorily. The eight at Much Wenlock were in some respects the best bells of the day, but at Church Stretton neither the bells nor the ringing were memorable.

After a short lunch-break came Stanton Lacey (6), where from a good rise we went straight into Cambridge. A good standard was maintained here.

The 139 steps to Ludlow's ringing chamber left some "fair bellowed"—but it was worth it. How well the magnificent bells match the grandeur of this church. Grandsire, Stedman and Kent went reasonably well. Fortified by steaks, we crossed the Clee Hills to Cleobury Mortimer (a pleasant six). Mist provided navigation difficulties on the homeward journey. Special thanks are due to David Simpson for his flawless arrangements. C. S

STONELEIGH, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. J. Hancox 1, N. J. L. Fardon (aged 12) 2, F. E. Grant 3, E. L. Fardon 4, Gillian A. Williamson 5, P. K. Williamson (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The rededication of Wittersham, Kent, bells, fixed for December 11th, has been postponed because the floor of the ringing chamber requires attention.

In the report of the memorial service for Mr. W. H. Hewett, the ringer of handbells 7-8 was Mr. M. Oakshett and not Mr. John Euston as was inadvertently stated on page 771.

The ten bells of East Retford were rung in rounds by pupils and staff of the King Edward VI Grammar School prior to the Founders' Day Service on November 16th. Touches of Doubles and Minor were also rung.

John R. Southey, of Aldenham, made a very creditable introduction to peal ringing at St. Mary's, Putney, on November 19th. He rang an "inside" bell to Lincolnshire Surprise Major "splendidly throughout," to quote the conductor.

The ringers in the peal at Wincanton on November 12th were pleased to associate it with the wedding of Miss Pauline Chilcott, daughter of the tower captain of Wincanton, and Mr Guy Busk, who were married the same day at Stoke Trister.

Approaching a local school for recruits for Croydon Parish Church belfry, Mr. R. C. Stevens had requests from no less than 13 pupils who wished to start ringing. These together with his other learners give him 20 recruits.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

THROUGH MARGARET'S EYES

Margaret Goodyer writes her impressions of English ringing in "Ringing Towers" under the heading "A visiting Australian lady ringer." She states:

"Ringing standards varied of course just as they do here, but mostly the striking was good. It was disconcerting to make a clip and find seven pairs of eyes raised despairingly heavenward so that you were flummoxed and made a few more clashes; whereupon the conductor stood the team.

"I went to one tower where methods ranged from Bob Doubles to Bob Minor. Calls came when the treble was at the back, which made it a fascinating memory game to keep in mind till the treble lead that you'd to make a bob. The dialect made it fascinating for me to guess whether to 'Bob.' 'Single' or 'Stand.'

"I sat in St. Paul's Cathedral one Sunday afternoon listening to faultless Stedman Cinques rung effortlessly. Afterwards in a Lyons tea shop, a well known College Youth, sitting with furled umbrella resting between his knees, muttered, 'Poor ringing today. Very rough. Pity you couldn't hear better.' If there could be better ringing, I've yet to hear it."

PETER BOND GOING TO GREAT YARMOUTH

The Rev. Peter N. Bond, who is at present chaplain to the Missions to Seamen at Tilbury, is expecting to move to Great Yarmouth at the beginning of February to be priest-in-charge of St. James Church. Peter will be the third ringing parson at Great Yarmouth in recent years — Gilbert Thurlow was rector of St Nicholas' and largely responsible for the restoration of the bells, and Giles Galley served his title there.

OXFORDSHIRE SILVER WEDDING

The bells of St. Nicholas', Piddington, Oxon, did not ring out when Rev. C. Edwards married Hilda Busby and Ernest G. ("Son") Jones from Ludgershall on November 22nd, 1941, due to the wartime ban. The occasion of their silver wedding was time to make amends and a quarter of Doubles in eleven methods was rung there on the exact day. Ringing with "Son" were his brother-in-law, Len Busby, and the Piddington captain, Jim Eustace. Chris Clarke was the conductor.

Afterwards, "Son" and Hilda (who also rings) entertained the band, with family and friends, to a sumptuous supper at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Chris Taylor. It was very fitting that "Son's" best man, Harry Butler, should again be present on this occasion to propose the silver wedding toast. The band join with him in wishing "Son" and Hilda all the best for the next 25, and express their thanks for a most enjoyable evening

A "PIGGY BANK" FOR HAROLD

At a coffee evening organised by East Retford ringers recently, the "skittling for a pig" competition was won by the District chairman, Mr. Harold Denman. The pig was a rather large "piggy bank" stuffed with sweets Other prizes were mainly won by N. Notts ringers, even though half of those attending were from the congregation. Rev L. R Harris, Vicar of Sturton-le-Steeple (also a ringer), won the darts competition and then entertained the company with folk-songs to his own guitar accompaniment. Over £17 was raised, and other efforts are planned in the near future for restoration work.

A YORKSHIRE CENTENARY

The quarter peal of Superlative recently rung at Longwood, Yorks, was for a special service to mark the centenary of the foundation of the parish. During the service the Rural Dean of Huddersfield dedicated the new parish centre

Unfortunately, one of the band, Brian Ellis, was struck down with a stomach ulcer a few days before the service, but to the delight of all concerned his place was taken by Mr. Frank Linfoot, of Elland. Frank's presence was particularly pleasing since without his kind but unobtrusive help at practices during the last three years the Longwood ringers would never have been able to venture into the realms of Surprise.

The best wish of the band along with hopes for a speedy recovery go to Brian.

I. R.

AUSTRALIAN NEWS

From the current issue of "Ringing Towers" we learn that Sue Wright, a Sydney ringer, very popular with the Great Adventure II party, was married on November 14th to John Nydam. They have opened a hairdressing salon at Earlewood.

The birth of a son to Sandra and Ralph Clark, also of Sydney on November 11th is another happy announcement.

Philip Tubbs, of Winchester Cathedral, while conducting a quarter of Stedman Doubles on the back six of Adelaide Cathedral called the bells round after half-an-hour, because two bells had crossed over He is on a business trip and has also rung at Perth.

Clare Masefield returns home shortly from Perth to Kidlington, Oxford.

Charles Towers and family have left Perth and taken a farm at Corrigan.

The three ringing Goodyers, with William Watson, Clare Masefield and Carolyn Lee, spent a week in Queensland during the August holidays. A broken rope put paid to a quarter of Bob Doubles at Maryborough.

A HEREFORD WORTHY

"The Hereford Evening News" of November 24th had a feature article concerning the record of Mr. Harry Johnson (73) as ringer and chorister.

Of his 65 years as a ringer, Mr. Johnson has been ringing for 35 years at St. Nicholas Church, Hereford. He has been a chorister for one year longer Harry started his working life as a railwayman at Abergavenny, but learned to handle a bell at his native village of Allensmore, Herefordshire.

Apart from his ringing activities he works on two allotments in his spare time and plays bowls and skittles.

EAST RETFORD BELLS

Knowledgeable ringers in the area and beyond are at a loss to understand how the writer of a recent article should describe East Retford bells as "fine The back eight were cast in 1835 by T. Mears and the two trebles added in 1890 by J Taylor. The note of the treble is more than an octave above the eighth, and a well-known Lincolnshire conductor has described the bells as "nothing special"

At the last quinquennial inspection it was discovered that a great deal of restoration work to the fabric of the church was essential. An appeal for £15,000 was accordingly launched; this sum includes the recasting of the bells. After one year, £8,000 of the total has been raised or promised.

WINTER SPORTS IN DEVON

The traditional type of Devon ringing competition is essentially a summer affair Half the fun consists of propping up the churchyard wall and listening to the other people with confident scorn or gloomy admiration, and nobody wants to do that in pitch-darkness and heavy drizzle with a force 7 gale behind it, which is what one generally gets on Saturday evenings in Devon during winter.

The winter knock-out cup was established a few years ago to fill the half of the year during which the big competitions are impossible, and it works like this.

Devon is divided into three areas—North, East and South—to save travelling during the preliminary rounds. In each area the bands are drawn against each other, and it is then up to the captains of the towers drawn together to arrange for a date and a time; each team supplying one judge On the appointed evening, the visitors come with their judge, have one practice, and then ring off against the home team, the winners going on to the next round. By early spring there are three teams left, one from each area, and these three meet in a cup final to settle the competition and the destination of the cup.

This year 35 bands are entered; one advantage of this type of competition is that it encourages the less expert. Nobody wants to be thrashed into the ground by West Alvington with 150 people listening outside, but it's not so bad in private. For all that, every area has some strong talent: the South, biggest and most numerous of the three, has West Alvington Plymstock, Yealmpton and Widecombe among its entries, and the two bands from Meavy have been doing some very good ringing lately as well: the East has Talaton, Down St. Mary, Kenn and Witheridge among its ten bands: and the North has the redoubtable West Down, Swymbridge (Derek Jewell didn't sound too happy to hear that Combe Martin had drawn them in Round 1) and Pilton among its twelve It certainly looks like being a very interesting winter in Devon With all this to keep us at home, who'd want to go ski-ing?

J. G. M. S.

SHOREHAM BELLS NO PART OF COMMUTERS' PROTEST

Mr. E. A Barnett, as a vice-president of the Kent County Association, protested to "The Daily Telegraph" over the suggestion in their report that Shoreham bells were being rung in support of the commuters' demonstration against the decision (later reconsidered) not to stop trains there

Shoreham bells were being rung for the Monday practice, and Mr Barnett concludes "the report is a reflection on both the incumbent and the ringers of Shoreham and implies a lack of responsibility and of appreciation of the purpose for which bells are installed"

"The Daily Telegraph" in an apology stated that the story was supplied by a local correspondent who is usually very reliable He knew the bells were being rung during a normal practice session and he intended to make this clear in the story which he telephoned, but it was late at night, he had a lot of work to do and forgot to include it.

QUICK WORK

Barry Dye, of Swanwick, who rang his first quarter on October 30th at South Wingfield, rang a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor at the meeting of the East Derbyshire and West Notts Association at Blackwell on November 19th.

THE "ROYAL" PEAL TOUR

Rung for the ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St John the Divine.
On Sat., Sept 24, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt in E

Frank E Darby	Treble	Geoffrey R Parker	6
*Clifford Skidmore	2	Clifford A Barron	7
Jack L Millhouse	3	David J Purnell	8
D John Hunt	4	J Alan Ainsworth	9
Eric N Harrison	5	Stephen J Ivin	Tenor

Conducted by Stephen J Ivin

* First peal of London Royal

Rung in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the ordination of Rev W. Basil Williams, Vicar of this church

MELTON MOWBRAY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Thurs Sept. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt 48 lb in D

D. John Hunt	Treble	Clifford A Barron	6
Clifford Skidmore	2	Geoffrey R Parker	7
J. Alan Ainsworth	3	Jack L Millhouse	8
George E Fearn	4	David J. Purnell	9
Frank E Darby	5	John A Anderson	Tenor

Composed by Frank E Darby. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron

CHILVERS COTON Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints
On Fri Sept 30 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 13 cwt 52 lb in F sharp

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	George E Fearn	6
Frank E Darby	2	Jack L Millhouse	7
Peter Border	3	Clifford A Barron	8
Clifford Skidmore	4	D John Hunt	9
Geoffrey R Parker	5	David J Purnell	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross
On Fri. Sept 30 1966 in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt 95 lb in E flat

John A Anderson	Treble	D John Hunt	6
Clifford Skidmore	2	Peter Border	7
Jack L Millhouse	3	Geoffrey R Parker	8
Frank E Darby	4	J. Alan Ainsworth	9
David J Purnell	5	Clifford A Barron	Tenor

Composed by J Henry Fielden Conducted by Jack L Millhouse

DUFFIELD Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Sat Oct 1 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt 67 lb in E

Clifford Skidmore	Treble	David J Purnell	6
Gillian M Hussey	2	Clifford A Barron	7
Frank E Darby	3	J Alan Ainsworth	8
Jack L Millhouse	4	John A Anderson	9
Geoffrey R. Parker	5	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Composed by Frank E Darby Conducted by Clifford A Barron

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat Oct. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt 1 lb in D flat

Jack L Millhouse	Treble	Geoffrey R Parker	6
Gillian M Hussey	2	David J Purnell	7
Clifford Skidmore	3	Clifford A Barron	8
Frank E Darby	4	John A Anderson	9
D. John Hunt	5	J Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by R W Pipe (87s) Conducted by Clifford A Barron

Rung for the YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RIPON, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of SS Peter and Wilfrid
On Mon Sept 26 1966 in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt 24 lb in E flat

Clifford Skidmore	Treble	Eric N. Harrison	6
Geoffrey R Parker	2	David J Purnell	7
Jack L Millhouse	3	Clifford A Barron	8
Frank E Darby	4	John A Anderson	9
D. John Hunt	5	J Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W Pipe Conducted by J Alan Ainsworth

PONTEFRACT Yorkshire.—At the Church of St Giles.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt 9 lb in E

David J. Purnell	Treble	Clifford A. Barron	6
Frank E Darby	2	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Clifford Skidmore	3	Eric N Harrison	8
Jack L Millhouse	4	D John Hunt	9
Geoffrey R. Parker	5	George E Fearn	Tenor

Composed by W Eric Critchley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

SELBY, Yorkshire.—At the Abbey Church of SS Mary and Germanus
On Tues Sept 27 1966 in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5000 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt 76 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	Eric N Harrison	6
Clifford Skidmore	2	D John Hunt	7
Jack L Millhouse	3	David J Purnell	8
Geoffrey R Parker	4	John A Anderson	9
Frank E. Darby	5	Clifford A Barron	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed Conducted by Jack L Millhouse

WHITBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Tues. Sept. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt 11 lb in E

Frank E. Darby	Treble	D John Hunt	6
Clifford Skidmore	2	J Alan Ainsworth	7
Jack L Millhouse	3	Eric N Harrison	8
Geoffrey R Parker	4	David J Purnell	9
Clifford A Barron	5	George E Fearn	Tenor

Composed by R W Pipe (87s). Conducted by J Alan Ainsworth.

ROTHERHAM Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 34½ cwt in C sharp

George E. Fearn	Treble	Eric N Harrison	6
Jack L Millhouse	2	J Alan Ainsworth	7
Clifford Skidmore	3	David J Purnell	8
Frank E Darby	4	John A Anderson	9
D. John Hunt	5	Clifford A Barron	Tenor

Composed by R W Pipe (87s). Conducted by J Alan Ainsworth.

Rung for the LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St Botolph.
On Sat. Sept. 24 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt 38 lb in E flat

Jack L Millhouse	Treble	Eric N Harrison	6
Clifford Skidmore	2	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Geoffrey R Parker	3	Clifford A Barron	8
Frank E Darby	4	D John Hunt	9
David J Purnell	5	John A. Anderson	Tenor

Composed by R W Pipe (87s) Conducted by J Alan Ainsworth.

GREAT GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St James.
On Sun Sept 25, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt 5 lb

John A. Anderson	Treble	Geoffrey R Parker	6
Clifford Skidmore	2	Eric N Harrison	7
*Jack L Millhouse	3	D John Hunt	8
Frank E. Darby	4	David J Purnell	9
Michael W Crowder	5	Clifford A Barron	Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* 1,200th peal.

GRANTHAM Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.
On Thurs Sept. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt 39 lb in C sharp

Jack L. Millhouse	Treble	Eric N Harrison	6
Clifford Skidmore	2	Geoffrey R Parker	7
Frank E Darby	3	D John Hunt	8
John A Anderson	4	Clifford A Barron	9
David J Purnell	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W Pipe Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WINCANTON, Somerset.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov 12, 1966 in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt

Ronald G Beck	Treble	Bryan Stirland	5
*Adrian P Beck	2	Rev C J. B Marshall	6
*Christopher Jenkins	3	David McKay	7
†Philip Jones	4	†Edward J Chivers	Tenor

Composed by J Topp Conducted by Edward J Chivers.

* First peal of Major † First of London Surprise Major

COMPTON BISHOP Somerset.—At the Church of St Andrew.
On Sat Nov 12 1966 in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Plain Bob, St. Simon's and ten extents of Grandsire Tenor 14 cwt.

Harold Hooper	Treble	George Prescott	4
Marjorie Legg	2	*Sidney Smith	5
John Walton	3	Peter England	Tenor

Conducted by Marjorie Legg.

* 50th peal

Rung during the opening of the church bazaar.

THE BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St Stephen the Martyr.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E

*Maureen Simons	Treble	†Peter Kingscote	6
†Helen F. Roberts	2	†John Milton	7
Gillian M. Brearley ..	3	John T. Parsons	8
*Christine M. Webb ..	4	Michael A. Gilbey	9
*Elizabeth M. Emmett ..	5	*F. John Keddie	Tenor

Composed by W Hudson. Conducted by John T. Parsons.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal. First in the method and on ten bells as conductor. First peal of Caters for the Society by an all-resident band.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ELY, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat. Nov 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt 25 lb in E.

William A. Theobald ..	Treble	Philip J. Rothera	5
Kenneth J. Hesketh ..	2	Andrew N. Stubbs	6
Donald F. Murfet	3	Anthony R. Kench	7
John G. Gipson	4	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Sat Nov. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr 22 lb. in G.

William A. Theobald ..	Treble	Andrew N. Stubbs	5
Wilfred Williams	2	Donald F. Murfet	6
Susan Rothera	3	Anthony R. Kench	7
Philip J. Rothera	4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Anthony R. Kench.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence
On Sun. Nov 20 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 120 methods, comprising 96 changes each of Aldenham, Benington, Claybrooke, Maulden, Minsmere Ramsey, Scawthorpe and Vauxhall, 64 changes each of Apsley, Bristol, Cherwell, Cray, Deben, Dublin, Eastcote, Ickleton, Jersey, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Northolt, Painswick, Radlett, Richmond, Rutland, Superlative, Thorne, Warwickshire, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, 32 changes each of Acton, Banwell, Barnsbury, Bedfont, Bicester, Biddenden, Bitton, Brislington, Calne, Cambridge, Campsall, Chester, Chippenham, Colerne, Conisbrough Cuckfield, Dartford, Dawlish, Derwent, Dorchester, Drayton, Drogheda, Dursley, Eastbury, Elford, Falmouth, Fordham Framley, Frankley, Grendon, Hanbury, Harlow, Haselbech, Hendon, Highgate, Hitchin, Houghton-le-Spring, Hungerford, Ilfracombe, Jedburgh, Kettering, Lambourn, Langley, Launceston, Leckhampton, Lincoln, Liskeard, Llanfair P.G., London, Lundy, Lydney, Malmesbury, New Gloucester, Northleach, Northwood, Olney, Olveston, Ospringe, Otley, Prestbury, Pudsey, Pyrford, Quinton, Reverse Dublin, Ruardean, Shenley, Shoreditch, Shrivenham, Southwell, Stockport, Stoke Stow, Stratton, Tetbury, Thornbury, Tiverton, Tring, Trowbridge, Twerton, Twyford, Umberslade, Uxbridge, Watford, Wedmore, Wootton, Wraxall, Xavier and Yatton, and 24 changes of Herefordshire Little, with 158 changes of method.
Tenor 11 cwt.

Diane M. Chapman ..	Treble	James R. Taylor	5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden ..	2	Anthony R. Peake	6
Michael J. Hobbs	3	Edward R. Venn	7
Brian Bladon	4	Peter Bridle	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
The greatest number of Surprise and Major methods yet rung to a peal.

Calne: x 36 x 14 x 1258 x 16 x 12 x 58 12. 36. 12. 3 f.
Drogheda: x 56 x 14 56 x 58. 36 x 14 x 1458 x 14 x 1. mx.
Hungerford: x 58 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 58 x 1236 x 5. b.
Launceston: x 38 x 16 x 56 x 38 x 14 x 38 x 1456 x 7. b.
Lundy: x 38 x 16 x 56 x 38 x 14 x 38 14 x 12. 7. b.
Shrivenham: 38 x 38 16 x 58 x 16. 34 x 14. 38 x 14. 36. 7. f.
Stratton: x 36 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 14 x 38. 56 x 36. 7 b.
Tiverton: x 38 x 16 x 56 x 38 x 34 x 58. 16 x 16. 7. b.
Wedmore: x 58 x 14 x 12 x 38 x 14 x 58. 14. 36 x 5. f.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Tues., Nov 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Carlisle, Wells, London, York, Beverley Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. 103 lb. in A.

*Judith M. Vince	Treble	†Peter G. Smart	4
†Angela J. Smart	2	Robert C. Kippin	5
G. Kenneth Williamson	3	Douglas A. R. May ..	Tenor

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.
* First peal. † First of Surprise Minor in seven methods.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt

Andrew W. R. Wilby ..	Treble	John E. Ewer	5
Katherine S. Maylott ..	2	Stanley Huckle	6
Julia A. Fellows	3	George W. Debenham ..	7
Keith J. Walpole	4	Gerald Penney	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
First peal on eight as conductor

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat Nov 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5080 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*Michael H. O'Callaghan	Treble	D. Paul Smith	6
*Tony Lewis	2	Doris E. Colgate	7
Margaret E. Fort	3	Ian H Oram	8
Ann Jenner	4	Ralph Bird	9
Thomas Cullingworth ..	5	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by G Ronald Edwards. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of Royal.

LITTLE CHART. Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Holy Rood.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr 21 lb. in B.

*Sandra J. Gunner	Treble	Harry H. Usborne	4
William R. Manser ..	2	Colin J. E. Wyld	5
†Mrs. Pamela J. Usborne	3	Alastair D. Macfadyen ..	Tenor

Conducted by Alastair D. Macfadyen.
* First peal. † First peal "inside."

THE LADIES' GUILD and THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HAILSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (6th obs.) Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G.

*E. Sybil M. Tonkin ..	Treble	Christine M. Baldock ..	5
Valerie Mepham	2	Janet M. Percy	6
Amette E. Bradbury ..	3	Betty Percy	7
Kathleen A. Rivett ..	4	Rosemary Earl	Tenor

Conducted by Janet M. Percy.
* First peal of Triples First of Triples as conductor.
Rung in memoriam George Pullinger.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)
SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less.
On Sun, Nov. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

Joseph Clayton	Treble	*Jeffery Simcox	4
Roger Barnes	2	Dennis H. McCormick ..	5
Patricia Gardner	3	Peter Gardner	Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.
* First peal attempt. Rung on the front six.
Rung fully muffled for Remembrance Sunday, and in memory of Rev. J. E. Gregory a former Vicar of this parish.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5216 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Cecilia J. Bland	Treble	Anthony K. Fortin ..	5
Ian G. Campbell	2	David E. Rothera	6
*Alison M. Mann	3	C. Martin Press	7
†John R. Southey	4	*Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. † First peal.

MUCH HADHAM Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WELWYN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in G.

Ronald J. Snack	Treble	George E. Bonham	5
Anthony K. Fortin	2	George E. Thoday	6
Ralph Bird	3	David P. Hilling	7
Ian H. Oram	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
First peal in the method by all.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HARROW WEALD Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Nov. 22. 1966. in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb in A.

Elsie K. Hart	Treble	H. George Hart	5
*Brenda P. Redfearn	2	*David Redfearn	6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	3	John R. Mayne	7
Sara K. D. Woolley	4	John Hill	Tenor

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of Stedman

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F

Frank Sutton	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Janet Dagley	2	Henry Tooke	6
William Clover	3	H. William Barrett	7
Wilfred G. Saunders	4	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES, Oxon.—At the Abbey Church of SS Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Harold W. Dunsden	Treble	Harry E. Wells	5
*Cyril Woodward	2	William J. Irving	6
Angela M Ayres	3	J Anthony Beaumont	7
Andrew J. Howes	4	Robert B. Blond	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Robert B. Blond
* First of Plain Bob on an "inside" bell. Andrew Howes has now "circled the tower."

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Anna K. Sadowska	Treble	Frank W. Lewis	5
Helen N. Diserens	2	Ronald F. Diserens	6
Maurice G. Ingram	3	Noel J. Diserens	7
Reginald W. Rex	4	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by James W Washbrook Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal of London as conductor.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.
On Thurs. Nov 17, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LUSITANIA SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Terence J. Hester	Treble	Peter J. Heritage	5
*Christopher C. Clarke	2	Frank Reed	6
D. Kay Adkins	3	Charles Coles	7
Brian W. Hall	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by John R Ketteringham. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* 50th different Surprise Major method rung to a peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D.

*Jacqueline Downing	Treble	William A. Yates	6
Peter J. Heritage	2	Christopher C. Clarke	7
James Linnell	3	William Birmingham	8
George F. Roome	4	George W. Holland	9
*Walter G. Knight	5	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by F. H Dexter. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Royal.

IRCHESTER, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Katherine of Alexandria.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1966 in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

William J. Chester	Treble	Graham C. Paul	5
Malcolm J. V. Chown	2	Alan A. Paul	6
Barry E. Saunders	3	Charles E. Truman	7
Roger W. Smith	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
Rung to mark the 38th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Hendry, of Burton Latimer, Northants.

WEEDON BEC, Northamptonshire.—At the Royal Foundation Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Barrie Hendry	Treble	*Stanley M. Ruddlesden	5
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden	2	Barry E. Saunders	6
Roger W. Smith	3	Alan A. Paul	7
Charles E. Truman	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* First peal in the method.
Rung immediately after the wedding of Brenda Frances Nightingale to Terry Seymour Garn—both members of the local band.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

Shirley E. Ruddlesden	Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown	5
Roger W. Smith	2	Alan A. Paul	6
Charles E. Truman	3	Graham C. Paul	7
Barry E. Saunders	4	Barrie Hendry	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

CASTLE ASHBY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr 24 lb. in E flat.

Richard J. Danby	Treble	Michael R. Harvey	3
*Michael Amos	2	Stanley M. Ruddlesden	4

Barrie Hendry Tenor
Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
* First peal.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Sat., Nov. 12. 1966, in 10 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 15699 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Andrew N. Stubbs	2	Robert B. Smith	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	Michael J. Fellows	9
Martin D. Fellows	4	Clifford A. Barron	10
John C. Eisel	5	John A. Anderson	11
Basil Jones	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
Umpires: Roderick W. Pipe, Stephen J. Ivin and George E. Fearn.
This is the longest peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung.

TICKHILL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

John A. Anderson	Treble	Peter J. Stretton	5
Raymond Aldington	2	*Eric Spence	6
Stephen W. Barton	3	John N. Lindon	7
Peter D. Warren	4	Clifford A. Barron	Tenor

Arranged by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* First peal on eight.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT WISHFORD, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 31 extents of Plain Bob (four callings), and 11 extents of Grandsire (10 callings) Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Denby P. Murduck ..	Treble	Geoffrey K. Dodd	3
Philip Murduck	2	Reginald F. Crook	4
		A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
The first peal on the bells.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

MANSFIELD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 12. 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

George Challans	Treble	†David Whetton	5
Herbert T. Rooke	2	†Eric J. Stirland	6
*Richard Spencer	3	†Brynley A. Richards ..	7
†Miss Linda Shaw	4	Douglas H. Rooke	Tenor

Composed by S H. Wood. Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal on eight. † First of Little Bob.

GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Brian M. Buswell	Treble	†Donald J. Beach	5
*P. Mary Beach	2	‡Peter Nix	6
*R. Brian Mills	3	William L. Exton	7
†David Stainsby	4	Walter Nichols	Tenor

Conducted by Brian M. Buswell.
* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Triples. ‡ First of Stedman on tower bells. The 100th peal on the bells.

SWINDERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., Nov. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in ten methods/variations, viz.: Four extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, and six of Plain Bob Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in B.

F. William Midwinter ..	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
Robert D. Marsh	2	Maurice W. Harrison ..	4
		Margaret E. Chilton ..	Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.
The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower" to peals.
Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Drury on her 83rd birthday.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat Nov. 19. 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Ernest G. Pearce	Treble	*David E. Culham	6
*Adrian G. Semken	2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	7
*Vivien A. P. Cross ..	3	Stephen D. Humphrey ..	8
Neil V. Avis	4	Cecil W. Pipe	9
Brian J. Vaughan	5	†Michael J. Howes	Tenor

Composed by James Motts. Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.
* First peal of Royal. † First of Plain Royal.

LONG MELFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of Holy Trinity.
On Sat. Nov 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb.

Mrs. Leslie Mills	Treble	John A. Underwood ..	5
*David J. Reeve	2	*Alan R. Elliott	6
Samuel J. Twitchett ..	3	Leslie D. Mills	7
Evelyn R. M. Cansdale ..	4	Donald L. Mills	Tenor

Composed by E. Timbrell. Conducted by Donald L. Mills.
* First peal in the method.

ERISWELL Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents each of Grandsire, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb. in D.

Raymond J. Fordham ..	Treble	Roger J. Palmer	3
Janet I. Rogers	2	John A. Underwood ..	4
		Robin H. Rogers	Tenor

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Charlotte M. Harris ..	Treble	Derek Slater	4
David D. Smith	2	Frank H. Hicks	5
*Gillian R. Parsons	3	John A. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by John A. Howard.
* First peal of Minor and completes family from Minor to Maximus.

HAMMERWOOD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Stephen.
On Mon., Nov. 14 1966. in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Consisting of 42 six-scores (ten callings).
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

*Gillian R. Parsons	Treble	†Derek Slater	3
*Ernest J. Ladd	2	*John A Howard	4
		Frank H. Hicks	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First of Stedman. The ringers of 1 and 2 have now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

WEST HOATHLY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Consisting of one Morris' 240 and 40 six scores (ten callings).
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*Hilary A. Thick	Treble	Arthur J. Hart	4
†Derek Slater	2	Frank H. Hicks	5
†Janet E. Blake	3	‡Douglas J. Hoad	Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles. ‡ First on six bells. First in method on the bells.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in C.

Denby P. Murduck ..	Treble	†Peter Furness	5
*Robert Crocker	2	†Bradley Murduck	6
Philip Murduck	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
†Philip Tailor	4	*Charles Taylor	Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal on eight bells † First of Plain Bob Triples.
Rung for the annual bellringers' service.

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Wed Nov 23 1966. in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PINK'S DOUBLES
Tenor 7 cwt.

Robert Crocker	Treble	Terry Tarrant	4
Geoffrey K. Dodd	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Frank R. Tonge	3	Philip Tailor	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
The first peal in the method. Quickest on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DONCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966. in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30½ cwt

A. Pamela Leigh	Treble	Gibson Jackson	5
Marguerite Battram	2	G William Shanks	6
James Thorley	3	Ernest J Padgett	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	Frederick J. Jackson ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
First peal of Surprise by the local band.

COLSTON BASSETT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966. in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr 4 lb. in D.

David Nichols	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	J Henry Fielden	6
M. Susan Jackson	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Kathleen M. Higgins ..	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Union, University Road, Edgbaston.
On Wed. Nov 2 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in C.

Rupert A. Clarke .. .. 1—2 | Richard J. Parker .. .. 5—6
John R. Insley .. .. .. 3—4 | Graham C. Paul .. .. 7—8
James R. White .. .. 9—10

Arranged by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
COVENTRY.—At 68, Warwick Avenue.
On Mon., Nov. 21 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Geoffrey Pratt .. .. .. 1—2 | Hubert E. Ashley .. .. 5—6
Frank W. Perrens .. .. 3—4 | *Ernest J. Gower .. .. 7—8
Hubert G. Summers .. 9—10

Composed by J. E Groves. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.
* First handbell peal of Stedman and Caters.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HALLING, Kent.—At 12, Formby Terrace.
On Tues., Nov. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 15 in C.

Christopher T. Osenton .. 1-2 | *Frank J. Matthews 5-6
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3-4 | Edward J. Beer 7-8
Stuart Sandford 9-10

Composed by Y. Green Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal "in hand."

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.
On Tues., Nov. 15, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

Stuart Sandford .. .. .. 1-2 Christopher T Osenton .. 5-6
Edward J Beer .. .. .. 3-4 Cyril S. Jarrett 7-8
*Ronald Constant 9-10

Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal on ten bells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.
On Wed., Nov 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Gwen I. Bloomfield .. 1—2 | Jack Bray .. .. 5—6
George E. Feirn .. .. 3—4 | C. Aubrey Harrison .. .. 7—8

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by George E. Feirn.
* First peal of Little Bob "in hand"

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Edgbaston.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 12 in G

John R. Insley .. .. .. 1—2 | Graham C. Paul .. .. 5—6
Richard J. Parker .. .. 3—4 | James Insley .. .. .. 7—8

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
KEYWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At 5, Meadow Drive.
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1966, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 11 in G sharp.

*William L. Exton .. .. 1-2 | †Brian M. Buswell 3-4
*R. Brian Mills (cond.) .. 5-6

* First peal of Minor "in hand." † First of Plain Bob Minor "in hand."

QUARTER PEALS

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor ("in hand"): J. R. Rowson (first "in hand") 1—2, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 3—4, M. C. E. Hodge 5—6. Also on Nov. 18th, 1,280 St. Simon's Doubles: C. I. Rowson (cond.) 1, D. C. Henderson (first quarter) 2, L. P. Halling 3, J. R. Rowson 4, A. K. P. Poole 5, C. A. Alford (first quarter) 6. Both by the Abingdon School Campanological Society.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Sept. 13th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. C. Prior 1, Kaye W. Lynas 2, J. O. Goulter (first of Plain Bob "inside") 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, Enid L. Roberts 5, R. S. Jolly 6, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 7, D. J. Bleby 8. Arranged for the visit of Enid Roberts.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. M. Orme 1, R. Pettit (first "inside") 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, D. Salisbury 4, R. J. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, J. S. Dear 6.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—On Nov. 14th, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Taylor 1, Margaret G. Taylor 2, J. J. Hill 3, H. E. Balaam 4, A. Taylor 5, J. Weaver 6, D. R. Reed (cond.) 7, B. G. Freeman 8. To celebrate the eighteenth birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

CASTLE BROMWICH, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Deebank 1, D. Main (first of Minor) 2, Mrs. B. Park 3, Miss M. Hutchings 4, N. Edwards 5, Rev. D. Sansum (cond.) 6.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Nov. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): M. Thompson 1, R. Hayes 2, Cherryll Cheseman 3, R. Everest (cond.) 4, P. Everest 5, M. Adams 6, N. Butcher 7, W. Bear 8. First quarter 1 and 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Starbuck 1, K. Taber 2, N. Thomson 3, C. G. Barnes 4, R. C. Stevens 5, N. S. Bagworth 6, K. Game 7, A. Brown 8. After an ill-fated peal attempt. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. M. Foster 1, Miss C. Snelling 2, N. G. T. Steere 3, R. Davies 4, K. Taber 5, R. C. Stevens 6, F. E. Collins 7, I. M. Parry 8. Rung strictly silent and non-conducted on the back eight for Evensong.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on the Sunday next before Advent, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on the heavy eight): T. H. Wilson 1, Helen Hubert 2, Gillian Lewis 3, H. W. Jones 4, C. J. Reede 5, P. W. Brown 6, Dr. C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, W. T. Farrell 8. A silver wedding compliment to the Very Rev. Dean Armstrong and Mrs. Armstrong.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Horsford 1, M. Sprackling 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Miss J. K. Murphy 4, L. M. Callow 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Evelyn M. Hicks 1, Gillian R. Parsons 2, Janet E. Blake 3, Charlotte M. Harris 4, D. Slater 5, M. P. Howard 6, F. H. Hicks 7, J. A. Howard (cond.) 8.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Terry 1, F. Pack 2, Mrs. D. Nicholson 3, F. C. Farnsworth 4, D. W. Grimwood 5, J. B. Keeler (first of Triples "inside") 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, G. Nicholson 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Terry, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

FELKIRK, YORKS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Chant 1, A. Cole 2, C. B. Dove (cond.) 3, R. H. Dove 4, J. Potts 5, R. Brown 6. After an unsuccessful peal attempt.

GREENWICH, KENT.—At the Church of St. Alfege, on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Rawlings 1, J. Dafters 2, E. Jones 3, Miss F. Cannon 4, S. A. Nicholls 5, D. Gebbett 6, P. W. Cave (cond.) 7, T. Culver 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank Hersey Sewell, churchwarden for over 30 years, also of Mrs. T. Culver, wife of the ringer of 8.

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 2,040 Doubles (three methods): Hilary A. Thick (first quarter) 1, Charlotte M. Harris 2, Janet E. Blake 3, D. Slater 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5. Rung after the wedding of Diana J. Butcher and David Fletcher, ringers of East Grinstead.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. N. Lindon 1, P. M. Evans 2, Mrs. M. P. Barron 3, S. W. Barton 4, H. H. Fearn 5, C. A. Barron (cond.) 6, R. Aldington 7, J. A. Ainsworth 8.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Rule 1, W. Chandler 2, L. Lilley 3, E. Flitton 4, D. Lilley 5, R. Grigg 6, G. Lilley (cond.) 7, L. Flitton 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 4th.

KEELE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jacqueline Quickfall (first quarter) 1, Susan Webber 2, Felicity Webber 3, P. Kimber 4, P. Gay (cond.) 5. By the Keele University Society.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. B. Crowder 1, W. Granger 2, J. Machell 3, D. Gebbett 4, G. Clarke 5, P. Royds-Jones 6, D. Hollis (cond.) 7, M. Tunnicliffe 8. First in method 3, 6 and 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Nov 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Milnes (first quarter) 1, E. B. Crowder 2, Miss F. Cannon 3, P. Royds-Jones (cond.) 4, M. Tunnicliffe 5, D. Hollis 6, D. Gebbett 7.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Louise Evans 1, Christine Wilkins 2, N. Cox 3, R. Snack (cond.) 4, A. Fortin 5, D. Whitlock 6. Rung half-muffled in remembrance of Dr. Helen Davidson.

LONGWOOD, YORKS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: I. Roberts (cond.) 1, D. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, F. Linfoot 4, R. Hoyle 5, A. Charlesworth 6, R. Coverley 7, K. Wilson 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Nov. 20th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): R. Birch 1, B. Butcher 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, R. Gemmell 6.

PIDDINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): J. W. Eustace 1, R. K. Russ 2, E. G. Jones 3, L. A. Busby 4, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 5. A silver wedding compliment to the ringer of third.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Beauchamp (first quarter) 1, Stephanie Green (first quarter "inside") 2, H. Rumens 3, N. Skelton 4, W. T. Perrins 5, K. Jones 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, F. E. Manns 8.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 20th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Olive L. Rogers 1, D. Boniface 2, J. W. F. Rea 3, M. J. Uphill 4, M. T. Sprackling 5, W. G. Wilson 6, C. M. Meger 7, J. W. Smith (cond.) 8, H. W. Rogers 9, K. J. Rider 10. For Nave Evensong.

THORNBURY, GLOS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Bell (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Sturdy 2, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 3, G. T. Collins 4, S. Poole 5, D. Voss 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. C. Exell 8. For Evensong.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Elizabeth Duncan 1, R. Durrant 2, June Whitcher 3, R. J. Chapman 4, I. L. Dear 5, D. Hawkins 6, D. E. Cobb 7, H. H. N. Duncan 8, A. J. Slade (cond.) 9, M. C. Austin 10. Rung before Matins, to mark the christening this day of Sarah Louise, daughter of Bob and Jane Chapman and god-daughter of Elizabeth and Harold Duncan.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY QUARTER PEALS (November 13th)

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Stevenson (cond.) 1, J. Britchford 2, Josephine Pole 3, P. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles 5, P. Venn 6.

HEAVITREE EXETER.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. G. Bryant 1, M. F. Lock 2, J. C. Mitchelmore 3, J. N. Longridge 4, F. Wreford 5, G. E. Mudge 6, G. Skinner 7, D. R. Bould (cond.) 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Hort (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Bird 2, H. Colcombe 3, Miss D. Colcombe 4, P. Henry 5, J. King 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, J. Bailey 8.

KEELE, STAFFS.—1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. Robinson (cond.) 1, Susan Webber 2, Felicity Webber 3, P. Kimber 4, P. Gay 5, H. Wonham 6. By Keele University Society.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Barratt 1, Barbara Sawden 2, D. Walters 3, J. Lightfoot 4, G. M. Cox 5, G. J. Lightfoot (cond.) 6.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, Susan Cantwell 2, A. Cantwell (cond.) 3, B. Miles 4, V. Clifton 5, P. Trinder 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): C. F. Neal 1, C. A. Gray 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, E. C. Steele 5, J. M. Steele (cond.) 6, D. Grove 7.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Binsted 1, Susan Harrison 2, Christine Baldock (first Plain Bob as cond.) 3, L. Tapp 4, A. Baldock (50th Doubles) 5, W. Binsted 6.

ALBURY, HERTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. S. Kent 1, Mrs. L. G. Goodman 2, P. Glazebrook 3, P. Chappell 4, G. C. Goodman (cond.) 5. A farewell to Mr E. How, ringer, and to mark the treble ringer's 40 years a chorister and 30 years a ringer at this church.

BOBBING, KENT.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Croalle 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 3, S. V. Rayfield 4, K. Williamson (first on working bell) 5. Birthday compliments to Mrs. M. Croalle, Mr. S. V. Rayfield, Mr. F. J. Cheal and Andrew Finch, of Rainham.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Head 1, Marion Kemp 2, J. Riddleston 3, Stella Rice 4, Catherine Powell 5, M. Bew (cond.) 6, R. I. Vaughn 7, D. Snowsell 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Paul S. Kenrick and Hilary Thorne, who were married at Woollavington, Sussex, the previous day.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Stedman, 720 Grandsire): E. J. Rowe 1, W. A. Theobald 2, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 3, L. Hawkins 4, N. G. Knee 5, R. Holly 6.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Smith 1, A. E. W. Baines (first "inside") 2, B. M. Baines 3, A. W. Fuller (cond.) 4, A. J. Butcher 5, W. J. Sale 6. For Patronal Festival.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Dixon 1, C. Catchpole 2, J. Catchpole 3, F. Sutton 4, O. Claxton 5, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 6. For engagement of John S. Barnes to Miss Anne Parish.

ELING, HANTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, J. Hartless 2, Elizabeth A. Banks 3, W. R. Gilks 4, D. C. Jackson 5, R. Allinson (first as cond. of Surprise Minor) 6. First of Surprise 3 and 4.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 11th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: R. G. Beck 1, A. P. Beck 2, C. Jenkins (first in method) 3, P. Jones 4, B. Stirland 5, H. J. Sanger 6, D. McKay 7, E. J. Chivers (cond.) 8.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs Main (first quarter) 1, Mrs. I. L. Wake 2, Susan Main 3, P. Wills 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, W. Bristow 6. For Evensong.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Daniels 1, C. R. Lovett 2, E. G. Pearce 3, M. J. Howes 4, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 5, F. J. Crapnell 6, C. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, S. E. Pipe 8. Also on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Pearce 1, C. Woodard 2, C. R. Lovett 3, M. J. Howes 4, A. Munnings 5, K. Whittel 6, C. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, R. J. Munnings 8. Rung half-muffled as a farewell to Rev. W. H. Groom, whose funeral was the previous day.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ransom 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, W. Papworth 3, C. L. Goodger 4, L. Cowley 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to James V. Reed and Judy A. Davey, of Godmanchester.

QUARTER PEALS

HYTHE, KENT.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Brooks 1, R. Birch, jun. 2, Mrs. Wratten 3, Miss R. Sindin 4, E. Sills 5, W. Bidnell 6, A. Berry (cond.) 7, H. Porter 8. A farewell to Mr. W. Bidnell, who is leaving the district after 44 years' ringing, coupled with 15 years as secretary of the local band.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob), with 7, 6, 8 covering: Carole Mears 1, Marion Hunt 2, T. W. Harris (first quarter as cond.) 3, R. M. Virgin 4, J. W. Owen 5, D. J. Buckland 6, A. G. Lloyd 7, R. Hillman 8. First quarter 1 and 7.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 18th: M. J. Turner 1, W. F. Judge 2, P. A. Brand 3, J. R. Chaundy 4, E. J. Smith 5, B. R. White 6, F. A. White 7, T. P. Franklin 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. Stone, on the day of the funeral.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. Harrop 1, Shelagh R. Collins 2, E. Howes 3, R. Newson 4, O. Claxton 5, W. Cousins 6, L. W. Houghton 7, C. Tovell 8, C. Cousins 9, N. V. Harding (cond.) 10. In honour of the 18th birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles. Also on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: N. V. Harding 1, W. W. Cousins 2, O. P. Claxton 3, Miss S. R. Collins (cond.) 4, R. J. Harrop 5, R. Newson 6, C. Tovell 7, L. W. Houghton 8, C. Cousins 9, G. C. Galley 10. A farewell to the senior curate, the Rev. G. C. Galley, on the eve of his departure for Leeds to take up a similar appointment at the Parish Church.

MAIDEN NEWTON, DORSET.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss I. J. Cordier 1, Mrs. H. L. Slade (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Godley 3, Miss M. Lush 4, Miss B. Marsh 5, Miss B. J. Dyke 6. Believed to be the first quarter by a Dorchester Branch all-ladies' band.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pauline Hilliard (first quarter) 1, R. Lee 2, W. Moore 3, P. H. Langton 4, A. Palmer 5, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 6. For Morning Prayer.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Slatford 1, R. Purnell 2, E. Shepherd 3, R. Johnston 4, D. Massey 5, N. Knee 6, L. Hitchins 7, E. Hitchins 8.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. Clamp 1, D. Young 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, H. Clayton 4, R. Looker 5, J. Day 6, O. Homewood 7, R. Manton (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and a birthday and wedding compliment to the conductor. Also on Nov. 23rd, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: D. Young 1, W. Clamp 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, R. Preston 4, H. Clayton 5, O. Homewood 6, R. Looker 7, J. Day 8, R. Manton (cond.) 9, S. Smith 10. First in the method for all the band. First on 10 bells 1, 2, 6 and 7. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ernest Bartram, ringer for 42 years and one time tower captain.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. F. Bailey (cond.) 1, Pamela Cadman (first quarter) 2, Janet Dagley 3, Angela M. Wright 4, P. M. Adcock 5, M. Cubitt 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Oct. 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. H. Mackie 1, Miss V. C. A. Rodrigues 2, S. F. Royal (cond.) 3, P. J. Daniel 4, J. P. Coad 5, R. Wharton 6. Also on Oct. 30th, 1,296 Spliced Beverley and Surfleet Surprise Minor: A. P. Foster 1, J. P. Coad 2, R. A. Yeates 3, P. J. Daniel 4, S. F. Royal 5, B. Wakefield (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (eleven methods): P. J. Crane 1, Miss E. M. Barber 2, S. F. Royal (cond.) 3, P. J. Daniel 4, P. J. Coad 5. All by O.U.S.C.R.

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. S. Pryor (first away from cover) 1, Barbara J. Duck 2, D. Stephens 3, A. Locke 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, C. D. Dunstan 6. For method ringing practice.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Wake 1, Mrs. I. L. Wake 2, Susan Main 3, Mrs. J. Fines 4, C. B. Fines 5, H. W. Franklin 6, R. Wake (cond.) 7, P. Wills 8. First of Triples for 2, 3 and 8. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda I. Wilkinson (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. J. Fines 2, C. B. Fines 3, R. Cox 4, R. Banner 5, J. Hills 6, R. Wake (cond.) 7, P. Wills 8.

PIMPERNE, DORSET.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. H. J. Mears 1, Miss M. Lush 2, J. W. Marshall 3, E. H. Amey 4, T. F. Collins (cond.) 5.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court and St. Clement's): H. A. Smart 1, W. E. Pearce 2, R. S. Price 3, L. J. Malings 4, B. A. Williams 5, D. J. Llewellyn (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. A. Smart 1, R. S. Price 2, D. J. Llewellyn 3, W. E. Pearce 4, L. J. Malings 5, B. A. Williams (first as cond.) 6.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Massam (cond.) 1, R. Brown 2, I. North 3, Patricia M. Lockwood 4, A. Newbould 5, A. Clifton 6, E. G. Cox 7, E. Spencer 8.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jacqueline Quickfall 1, Christina Salengre 2, I. Tandy 3, P. Gay (cond.) 4, P. Kimber 5, Susan Webber 6. By the University of Keele Society.

SOUTHILL, BEDS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss J. Cook 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, A. Smith 3, C. J. Blain 4, J. R. Hough (cond.) 5, A. J. Davey 6.

STOCKBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,280 Spliced Plain Minor (four methods): Gladys D. Northway 1, L. D. Smith 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, Elizabeth A. Banks 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, R. Allinson 6. Rung during the centenary celebrations at the Parish Church of St. Peter.

STOULTON, WORCS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Jopp 1, R. Porter 2, A. Jopp (cond.) 3, Mrs. A. A. Jopp 4, A. A. Jopp 5, A. W. Porter (first quarter) 6. For Matins.

STOWTING, KENT.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Judith Brooks 1, Myrtle J. Butcher 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, B. Butcher 4, R. Birch (cond.) 5, Elizabeth Todd 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Bisatt 1, H. Heard 2, E. Nunn 3, H. Trewin 4, C. Sangwin 5, R. Savoury (cond.) 6, H. Stacey 7, R. C. Cann 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Miss Joyce Bailey, who died on November 20th.

SUTTERTON, LINCS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. H. Reynolds 1, R. Freeston 2, H. Barsley 3, J. P. Morriss 4, W. E. Clarke 5, R. Stephenson 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, H. Taylor 8. For the institution and licensing of the Rev. J. M. Warwick as priest-in-charge.

WALKDEN, LANCS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Forsyth (first of Triples on treble) 1, J. Andrews 2, G. Fothergill 3, J. Illingworth (first quarter) 4, T. W. Smith 5, J. Thornley 6, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 7, A. Greenhalgh 8. In memory of the life and work of Annie McDermott (nee Potter).

WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Penelope Adams 1, E. J. Gower 2, Mrs. D. Randall 3, Clare F. Dolphin 4, E. Holdsworth (cond.) 5, P. C. Randall 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, R. H. Randall 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1 and 3. Rung on the 19th anniversary of the wedding of H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

WELLINGTON, HERFFORDS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. Powell 1, P. D. Sell 2, R. Godsall 3, T. Wood 4, A. T. Wingate 5, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Taylor 1, J. W. Belshaw 2, W. Birmingham, jun. 3, C. L. D. Munday 4, C. M. Moyley (first as cond.) 5, E. S. Harrison 6. Rung by the Manchester University Guild as a 21st birthday compliment to Graham Long.

WITCHAMPTON, DORSET.—On Nov. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. H. J. Mears, sen. 1, J. W. Marshall 2, Miss M. Lush 3, T. F. Collins 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, R. J. Mears, jun. (first quarter) 6.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Gunter 1, H. Young 2, F. Eggleton 3, G. Maidment 4, G. Sparks (cond.) 5, W. Nurcombe 6, F. Casley 7, A. Gale 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. W. Hartnell, the wife of a ringer at St. Andrew's, Wiveliscombe.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—At All Saints', on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss S. Hope (first quarter) 1, W. Parker (first in method) 2, K. R. Goddard 3, Miss S. Cameron (first in method) 4, H. E. Mitchell 5, W. J. Pearce 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, K. C. Begrie 8. For Harvest Festival.

Christmas Greetings

May the happiness of peace and goodwill be in the hearts of all ringers and readers this Christmas and throughout 1967. — From the Editor and Staff of "The Ringing World."

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To all ringing friends everywhere, at home, abroad, the lot. Sorry no cards or correspondence but a merry Christmas and happy New Year is the sincere wish of JIM BENNETT, Grundisburgh. 484

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. BISHOP wish all their ringing friends a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year 491

The Rev. PETER N. BOND sends sincere good wishes for a happy and holy Christmas to all ringing friends, especially fellow Cumberlands and Clerical Guild members. 480

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To all our ringing pals, wherever you are, a happy Christmas and prosperous 1967. May your Sunday ringing be a great help to the Church and yourself. The Bridge is open, chaps.—N.S.T.G., Somerset. 477

To all ringing friends, best wishes for Christmas and the coming year. — Mr. and Mrs CHAS. J. SEDGLEY, 61, Belvedere Road. Ipswich. 485

Sincere Christmas greetings and a bright 1967 to our Editor and those connected with our paper, together with season's greetings to all ringers everywhere.—WILLIAM SHEPHERD, 22, Chapel Grove, Addlestone. 504

This is to wish all my ringing friends a very merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year, and the best of health to enjoy more ringing.—EVELYN STEEL.

To all our ringing friends "everywhere", including New Mexico, California, Southern Rhodesia, our "Ringing World" — I wish some people would leave it alone—the Editor, Mr. White, and staff: our warmest greetings and good wishes for a very happy Christmas, a pleasant and profitable New and succeeding years; also our grateful thanks for the many happy times and years. Good ringing.—Frank and Ada STENSON. 438

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PERSONAL

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MEETINGS

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY
The December meeting will be held at Thornhill, near Dewsbury, on Saturday, December 10th. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Wood, 58, Valley Road, Thornhill. Ringing from 2.30–9 p.m Methods for the day will be Duke of York and Double Court. 507

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, December 17th, Bray Bells 3.30 p.m Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, December 13th, to Miss Hague 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 478

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LATE NOTICE

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Neston, December 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. **Tea free** for those notifying by Wednesday previous.—Alexander J Martin 28 Glenmore Road, Oxton, Birkenhead. 517

OBITUARY

MR. F. W. LACK

With great regret the many friends of Mr. Frank W. Lack, of Great Staughton, Hunts, heard of his death, which occurred at his home on November 29th. He had been in failing health for the last few months, and his end came peacefully, at the age of 78 years.

The funeral took place at Great Staughton on December 3rd. H.S.P.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

It was a wet November afternoon when ringers from 19 towers assembled at Burmarsh. Ringing started at 3 p.m., and the church was full for the service, conducted by the Rev. N. G. O'Connor, assisted by the Rev J M. Murrell. Those who braved the perilous bridge over the marsh dyke were rewarded by a splendid tea, entirely home made by the ladies of the Burmarsh band.

The Vicar took the chair at the short business meeting, at which the guests were welcomed, apologies read and programme cards for 1967 distributed. Mr John R Cooper voiced the thanks of the meeting to all the clergy and the Burmarsh band for their warm hospitality throughout the day

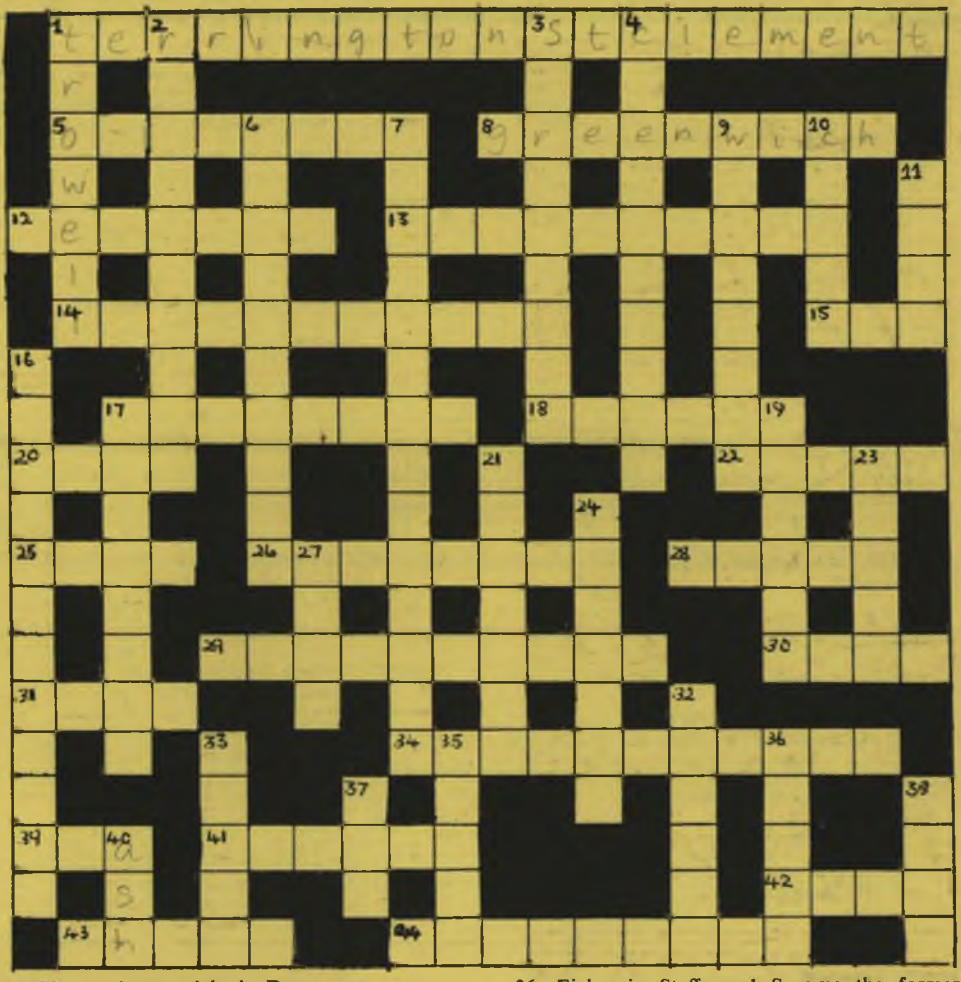
Ringing continued at Burmarsh while other intrepid ringers visited Ivychurch. The bells have been silent for 20 years and those who visited this tower were sorry they could not express their opinions of the bells to Mr. D. L Cawley, whose work had made them available. R. J. S.

LATE NEWS

Recordings of Hanbury, Worcs, bells will be heard in the Archer programme on Friday, December 9th, 6.45 p.m Light Programme; Monday, December 12th, at 1.30 p.m. on the Home Service, and Monday, December 12th, at 6.45 p.m. on the Light Programme.

OUR CROSSWORD FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. Ronald H. Dove, with his unrivalled knowledge of English towers, composed this crossword during his travels. A voucher of 10s. for periodical advertised in "The Ringing World" will be sent for the first correct solution opened on Saturday, December 31st.



CLUES—ACROSS

1. "Fenchurch St. Paul" in Dorothy L. Sayers' "The Nine Tailors."
5. A Gloucestershire 8 bell tower near Bristol.
8. The "Cutty Sark" is anchored near this 10 bell tower.
12. A Lancashire 6 bell tower on the River Lune near the Westmorland and Yorkshire borders.
13. A Gillett ten in the Black Country popular for peals.
14. John Wycliffe was once Vicar of this Leicestershire parish.
15. A near unringable Northamptonshire five.
17. A Somerset five on the Devon border.
18. A Cheshire 8 bell tower not far from the second of the seven wonders of Wales.
20. The ringers at this West Riding 8 bell tower should not live up to its name.
22. A heavy Somerset 8.
25. A Somerset six; ringers find these useful in getting to their towers.
26. The only ring in Co. Louth.
28. Another Somerset six; pronounced like something which is swallowed.
29. Believed to be the tower from which "The curfew tolls the knell of parting day."
30. An Australian five increased to six in recent years.
34. This Buckinghamshire five and a Wiltshire six have the same spelling but for one letter.
39. A six in Lincs and a five in Wilts but only one is ringable.
41. The heaviest eight in Shropshire.
42. The scene of record lengths.
43. A light Staffordshire six.
44. An unringable Bedfordshire five.

DOWN

1. A Nottingham tower or a misspelt garden tool.
3. Worcestershire six, between the Vale of Evesham and the Malvern Hills.
4. A Kentish 6 bell tower.
6. Where J. W. Parker of "Parker's Twelve-Part" rang.
7. Mention of this Buckinghamshire 8 appeared on the front page of the first "Ringing World."
9. This Kent six lies close to the Medway.
10. A Radnorshire 5 bell tower.
11. A Flintshire six.
16. This Staffordshire 8 bell tower has always been a Worcestershire Association tower.
17. A Lincolnshire 8 with prominent ground floor ringing.
21. A 12 cwt. eight in Devon.
23. The first complete ring of 13 ever cast and the first to be sent by rail.
24. An eight increased to ten in recent years.
27. One of the few 5 bell towers in Yorkshire.
32. This Yorkshire ten was recast from a "Grimthorpe" eight.
33. A Somerset six; f for h gives the kind of peal that ringers detest.
35. Dorset six in the suburbs of a popular resort.
36. Eights in Staffs and Surrey; the former close by a noted stately home.
37. The Cathedral has no ring of bells but a church in the precincts has a ring of 8.
38. A Gloucestershire 6; single handed Cambridge Maximus at Liverpool fills us lesser mortals with this.
40. Sixes in Surrey and Somerset, a six and an eight in Kent; material almost universally used in a particular bell fitting.

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GAMES FOR RINGERS' PARTIES

By D. A. B.

1. **Completion of Limericks.** A year or two ago this produced this effort from one of the teams competing.

A ringer named Christopher Cox
Stands only five feet in his socks.
When the tail end is short
It is clear that he ought
To put two feet of Cox on a box!

Last lines are required for the following:

A ringer who's far from retiring,
To London Surprise is aspiring,
But he gets in a fix
When he's done 6-5-6

In Stedman a ringer called Joe
Dodged in 4-5 and should have been "slow,"
But he did the daft trick
Of going in "quick,"

A would-be young ringer named Flo,
Pulled the sally but didn't let go.
With a yell of despair
She went up in the air,

2. **Happy Handbell Families.** This is a simple variation on "Happy Families," where instead of making out cards for the normal family — Mr. Smith, Mrs. Smith and Baby Smith — one makes out cards for handbell bands: Bob Minor 1-2, Bob Minor 3-4 and Bob Minor 5-6. The game is played in the usual way with the players exchanging cards face downwards as they mill round in the middle until the whistle is blown. Then everybody shouts to find the partners for their own cards. When a set is made up the three players must sit on each other's knees in the correct order, the 5-6 on the bottom and the 1-2 on the top. The last team to do so is eliminated. Use of methods with similar-sounding names adds to the confusion. Examples are Double Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, etc.

3. **Who does What?** A tape-recorder is required for this one. Choose six people to form a band for Minor. Record each of them reading the instructions detailing the other five ringers to their bells, something like this: "We will ring a course of Cambridge Minor. I will ring the treble, Joe Smith will ring the second, Mary Brown the third, and so on." Each ringer substitutes I for his or her name when giving the instructions. The other people have to write down the band and the way it is placed. Too simple? Well, try recording at 3½ i.p.s. and playing back at 7½ i.p.s.

4. **Filling the Holes.** A tape-recorder is also required for this. Recordings are made beforehand with "holes" in, and contestants in teams equipped with handbells try their hand at filling the holes. Care should be taken to use the same set of bells for recording and filling and also to make sure that the tape-recorder has been warmed up to run at the correct speed. Simple exercises are rounds on eight with one bell missing in turn in each whole pull, starting with an 8 and working up to 1. There will thus be a whole pull to be filled in by each bell in turn. There are obvious variations for the teams. One person can have all eight bells on a table, four persons a pair each, etc.

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BELLS — TRUE AND FALSE

By GILBERT THURLOW

AN article being widely distributed describes one of the various forms of electric bell imitations, such as are being advertised today by their makers.

An advertiser must put up the best case he can for his products. Equally, purchasers must be wise as serpents in assessing advertisers' words. We are all used to "goods of quality," "Mine washes whiter," and so forth. Not everyone is so accustomed to assessing the claims of experts, especially where church furnishings are concerned. Here, claims to cheapness and saving of trouble can tempt the unwary.

The advertisement before me, for what are, oddly, called church bells (without "quotes")—although plainly they are not the objects which for a thousand years have been thus called—makes three statements which call for comment:

"The advantages are . . . it is not essential to have a large tower for a ring of eight bells as would be required for cast bells."

But a large tower is NOT required for a proper ringing peal of real bells. They do not need a tower at all. It is easy to erect such a ring on any subsoil strong enough to support a church, and they can be got into a space as small as 11 feet square by about 22 feet high.

"The price (of electric bells) is reasonable," BUT, if you want to imitate the sound of real bells cheaply, this can be done for a mere fraction of the MINIMUM price quoted in the advertisement.

You can easily ring REAL handbells into a microphone connected to speakers outside. All you need is a set of handbells, which many churches and people possess already, a microphone and speakers which any competent local man would willingly erect —and perhaps give to the church—and three or four people willing to share the simple and exciting task of ringing the handbells together. A co-operative local effort like this is much more fun than spending hundreds of pounds on an electric installation.

"Only one performer is needed. One seldom finds a team of ringers on new estates or even in the older churches."

How dull is the first statement! How incorrect the second! Worship is a family affair. Its essence is the team. How dull would be a P.C.C of one! Or a choir or congregation or youth group of one! How dull one lonely man trying to imitate the team work of the belfry.

As to the second statement—one has only to read the annual reports of the diocesan and other ringers' guilds to see that the numbers ringing today are as great as ever they were, and often far greater than ever before.

Many ringers live on estates and ring in estate churches where these have bells, or commute to the city (just as for work or business), where the bells are there instead. Decline in village ringers is part of the decline of the village, but here also the belfry is often as full of life as ever it was.

Quite the most important matter in this is the human side. A church is a place of life in a community. Virtually everything in church could be electronically imitated—anthems could be sung by King's Chapel choir, a sermon by an Archbishop could be preached, prayers could be sung by Peter Pears and lessons read by John Gielgud, in any church every day; stipends and costs of organists, organs, choirs, clergy, could be eliminated—how incredibly dull, how unthinkable, the result would be.

And who, having read such articles as Giles Hunt's on new life at Holt, in the September "Churchman," could wish for an electronic belfry! We need churches which give people MORE to do, not less. How are we to attract teenagers to church? Give them something worthy to do! Let them ring REAL bells, with the art, science, sport, the exciting effort of worthwhile team work, which this brings.

You only need enter church after church with its healthy band of ringers of all ages and types, to see Christianity in action, compared with which the substitute is a miserable parody.

[From "The Norwich Churchman"

BELFRY BOUTIQUE

By LIZ QUIRK

AFTER several mishaps and some fairly severe financial blows due to thoughtless buying it occurred to me to pass on a few tips to those ladies who have not yet done a lot of ringing —especially ringing in strange towers.

Firstly, although it may sound a little obvious, when ringing away from home try to bear in mind the type of ringing event on which you are to embark. The clothes which you might wear for a practice or "tower-grab" could prove fairly unsuitable for a meeting which embodies a service. Secondly, when buying new clothes always test them for ringing by reaching up at backstroke, and also by performing any odd (i.e. peculiar) movements which you know to be part of your ringing style. Clothes should not need to have belts or zips unfastened for ringing. If you think that the shop assistant will find all this bordering on insanity—do not worry, she will! Do not, however, "explain" why you are doing this, experience has taught that anything you say will only alarm her further. All this is worthwhile for, if you have an instructor like mine, it will be far easier to bear than to hear later, in the tower: "Get your arms up at backstroke and do not ring with bent elbows!" followed by quite deafening ripping sounds.

You must bear in mind when visiting other towers the possibility that you may have to climb ladders, crawl through tunnels or tread very uneven steps to reach the ringing chamber. So, you think, that narrows the choice to flat heeled shoes and slacks. However, if there is to be a service or the bells are a ground floor ring these may not be so suitable. Where there is to be a service it is usually desirable to have head and arms covered. A large bag could hold quite a few spares—fold away slippers, head scarf, cardigan; and if you feel conspicuous remember a model carries such a bag of accessories with her! Shoes need attention as many churches and halls have beautiful floors which could be ruined by pointed or metal heels.

Certain clothes are not suitable wear for any belfry, but test whether yours leave a bare midriff, rise alarmingly at backstroke or show great expanses of petticoat. No trews should be too tight regardless of the dimensions of the wearer and on the question of suitability it may be wise to remember the words of the poet, Ogden Nash:

> "So clothe your lower limbs in pants,
> Yours are the limbs, my sweeting,
> Sure, you look fine as you advance—
> Have you seen yourself retreating?"

So if the pants fit, wear them! When ringing peals make sure nothing is tight or rubbing, particularly anything with short sleeves or sleeveless. Do not wear your best or fine woollens as the friction will ruin them. Before ringing remove any jewellery which might clank loudly or any which might hang you (long, heavy chains round the neck, for instance).

Some towers at meetings, etc., smell awful. This is rarely, if ever, the fault of any ladies present. The ladies could help though by getting to work on their menfolk and dispelling any idea that it is manly to smell unpleasant. To quote the aforementioned poet: "A little talcum is always walcum." Very strong or exotic perfume (for the ladies, of course!) is out of place in the belfry. Finally, looking gorgeous and feeling comfortable it only remains for us to polish up the ringing.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The bells of St Mary's Church, Taunton, were made good use of at the annual general meeting of the Taunton Branch on December 3rd. The Vicar (the Rev. D. Morey), who is also chairman of the Branch, conducted the Guild service and gave an encouraging address on "What is right with the Church."

Tea followed in the Corfield Hall and was enjoyed by some 60 members and friends, including some from over the Devon border. The Vicar presided over the business meeting, at which the present Branch officers were re-elected en bloc for another year, with grateful thanks for their services.

Mr. R. Arscott was elected as Assistant Ringing Master and it was decided that the qualifying rule for the election of new performing members should be more strictly adhered to in future.

Creech (St. Michael's), Lyng and West Monkton, Wellington and Milverton were suggested as places for meeting next year, subject to the approval of the respective incumbents.

E. S. P.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

Only half of the District towers were represented at the nomination meeting held at Aldershot on November 26th. A service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. Dart, who is a ringer, and a high tea was provided.

The Guild Master, Mr. P. Smart, was in the chair for the business meeting at which three new members were elected. Nominations for which there is no contest were: District Master, Mr. T. Page; secretary, Mrs. B. Simpson; assistant secretary and treasurer, Mr. K. Williamson; auditor, Mr. W. Viggers; committee member, Mr. M. Church. There were two nominations for Assistant Master—Mrs. J. Kippin and Mr. M. Church.

As the monthly advanced Major practices were not being too well patronised, it was decided that the next would be a Minor practice.

It was agreed to curtail evening ringing at the nomination meeting next year and introduce a social evening.

R. B.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The N.W. Branch held its annual meeting on November 19th at Bridgerule and visitors were present from Westleigh, Barnstable, Stratton and Shebbear College.

The Vicar (the Rev. S A. Piggott) conducted the service and his address concerned church bells of Devon and Cornwall. Mr. and Mrs. W. Vinnicombe provided a splendid cooked meal for the company.

Silent tributes were paid at the start of the business meeting to the memory of Mr. S. Stacey and the Rev. W. H. R. Smale, who had died during the past year. The report of the secretary, which reviewed a successful year, was adopted. All officers were re-elected. It was agreed to support a gift day from the Branch to be held at Exeter Cathedral in the near future.

The chairman, the Rev. J. Shepheard-Walwyn, proposed the vote of thanks and methods rung in the evening were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich.

R. P.

BORN 1866 STILL GOING STRONG!



MR. ROBERT E. YENDALL, the oldest resident of Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne, celebrated his 100th birthday on November 28th and to commemorate this unique occasion a peal of 5,056 Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung on the bells of the Parish Church of SS. James and Basil, Fenham.

Mr. Yendall was born in the parish of St. David's, Exeter, in 1866, but came to Newcastle with his family at an early age. He entered the G.P.O. in 1880 as a boy messenger and retired in 1927 after more than 40 years' service. He has always been keen on music and the sound of bells has featured largely in this interest. Although never a tower bell ringer, he has revelled in handbell tune ringing and has organised several such teams in the area. While in the G.P.O. he formed a team among local officials and in later years he has trained groups from the local Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club and from the Nuns Moor Veterans' Club. This latter team comprised his "boys" (all over 70 years of age!) and it was presented on Tyne-Tees Television on several occasions.

During the 1939–45 War, when nearly all of the ringers at Fenham were on active service, Mr. Yendall undertook the duties of chiming the bells for Sunday services, and he thus ensured a continuity of belfry service there. He is still very active and sings regularly with the veterans' choir, visiting places as far afield as Edinburgh and Harrogate for concerts and outings. Mr. Yendall's recipe for long life is to "keep yourself busy."

On the evening of November 28th there was a representative family gathering, except for one daughter in Australia, at Mr. Yendall's bungalow residence. A mass of congratulatory messages was displayed, including telegrams from H.M. the Queen, the Postmaster-General and the Minister of Social Security. A surprise item was "Happy Birthday to You" on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. K. Arthur, and the whole company joined in singing these words of felicitation to a Grand Old Man.

K. A.

LUTON DISTRICT'S STRIKING CONTEST

The Luton District held its annual striking contest at Caddington on November 26th, when the mounting interest in such events was reflected by eight bands competing and a total attendance of around 60.

From 3 until 4 p.m. the bells were open for general practice, and the competition was concluded by 5 p.m., when a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Clendon), was "entered into" with nicely controlled enthusiasm.

Tea in the Parish Hall was followed by the great event of the day—the judges (Miss V. Willard and Mr. H. Whitney) presenting their findings.

Totternhoe, who have made rather a habit of "lifting" the Newing Trophy, were declared the winners, with Husborne Crawley (14 points behind) a good second, and Westoning an even better third, only one point separating the second and third teams.

After thanking the judges, the District chairman congratulated Totternhoe on once again winning the trophy It was a delight and an education to hear rounds struck with such elegance and precision, though he hoped that competitors would become even keener in the future; the more the joy and satisfaction of really good striking was realised the better for ringing as a whole.

The thanks of all concerned are due to Mr. R. R. Churchill, who again organised this event.

OBITUARY

NORTHAMPTON DEATHS

During the past month the Peterborough Diocesan Guild has lost two of its old members—Mr. Reg Cowley of St. Edmund's and, on November 24th, Mr. W. R. Parker of St. Peter's, Northampton.

The secretary of Northampton Branch, Mr. J. C Dean, was taken ill during the dark days of the last war and died indirectly as the result of gas in World War I. Mr. Reg Cowley took on the job to get things going again and was very successful. Although not a brilliant ringer, he was good and safe on the treble and helped at St. Peter's very often after the war.

Mr. W. R. Parker served St. Peter's for some years as a sidesman and for over 50 years as a ringer. Always on time and a very reliable ringer, he was respected and esteemed by all who came in contact with him. The bells of St. Peter's were rung half-muffled by a combined band of St. Peter's and All Saints' ringers on Monday evening, November 28th, the day of the funeral.

LADIES' GUILD

Despite the dull weather, the Ladies' Guild (Kent Branch) held an enjoyable meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend on November 19th. The service was conducted by the Rev. K. Stuart and the collection, which amounted to £2 0s. 6d., was in aid of the Tower Fund.

An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Mitchell and her helpers. Mrs. Mitchell thanked the gentlemen for their support and asked them to encourage any lady ringers who they knew to join the Ladies' Guild. They then returned to the tower for further ringing while the ladies held their business meeting.

Six new members were elected and arrangements for the A.G.M. at Lincoln were given out. After votes of thanks, surplus food was sold, adding 10s. to the Tower Fund.

The ladies then joined the gentlemen in the tower, and ringing continued until 8 p.m. under the guidance of Miss J. Hayward.

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A Ring of Five in Northern Italy

WHILE on a working holiday in Italy this summer I was offered the opportunity of ringing the bells in the local church—a ringable and well-tuned ring of five, in better condition than a great many of our bells in England. This was at Rivoli Veronese, a village steeped in history, being the site of major battles by Frederick Barbarossa and Napoleon Bonaparte. Rivoli is quite a small place—not on most maps of Italy, population about a thousand— but has nevertheless got a band of half a dozen or so skilled ringers, of average age about 35. They practise on Fridays for about an hour and a half and are to be heard ringing bells at all times of the day and night.

The bells were cast in Verona about 1900, with a tenor of about 12 cwt. and are hung in a metal frame for ringing in the English fashion—with headstocks, wooden wheels, ball bearings; all the bits and pieces that go to make the fittings of an English bell except for stay and slider, which they have probably never heard of and would regard as an unnecessary and breakable complication.

Like many Italian bells, they are hung in openings in the side of the tower: 1, 2, 3, 5 round the outside, with the fourth in the middle of the tower. The difference between these and other Italian bells is that these are rung full circle in changes (of a primitive and melodious nature), whereas Italian bells are generally rung only half up, and individually. The ropes have no sallies, are so long that they lie entwined on the floor even when the bells are up at backstroke, and are just as easy to control as the conventional English rope—being fairly thick and soft.

Ringing commenced with the bells down; they were raised individually or in peal, then brought together to ring "alla scala," i.e. "rounds." This is sometimes varied by occasional firing, superbly accomplished, and then the conductor ("il maestro") begins to call a method, such as "Ave Maria," or, as some people would call it, a tune. The bells all slow down, from 30 changes a minute to sixty strokes a minute, and bells are rung only when one's number is called by the conductor thus: 1-2-3-2-2-4-5-1-5-3-1-2-4 (which is a random sequence invented by me merely as an illustration). Frequently two bells are called to ring at the same time, or one bell to ring twice in succession, which to an Englishman appears exceedingly difficult especially in the case of the tenor, but is regarded as quite easy by the ringers. At other times a bell might not sound for as much as one minute, for which period it has to be kept balanced, without the assistance of a stay. Then, at the end of a tune, one returns to rounds, drops the bells a little, and lets go, allowing the bells to drop themselves. This nevertheless in a very orderly fashion, because the tail-end of the rope is on the floor and keeps the rope straight.

I did not inquire whether such ringing was common in Italy—I like to think that it is not, and do not suppose that these ringers would be likely to know the answer. Nevertheless, it would seem likely that there are several such towers of ringable bells in Italy, unmentioned by Dove, which might well offer material for an interesting ringing tour. It was fascinating to see that the English are not the only people to ring their bells full circle with rope and wheel, to see the skill with which the ringers controlled their bells, delightful to listen to such beautifully struck and melodious changes, and a great privilege to be invited to ring.

ROY DYCKHOFF.

King's College, Cambridge.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Dye 1, F. W. Knowles 2, V. Cox 3, A. Smithson 4, E. J. Sterland (cond.) 5, W. Swain 6. For Confirmation.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Southern District

The District members made a rare appearance at Kirkthorpe on November 19th and the six bells were rung to a range of methods from rounds to London Minor during the afternoon. Members then went to Wakefield, where the more than ample tea prepared by Mr. W F Moreton was nobly tackled!

Two items came under discussion at the meeting—the clash of dates with the Eastern District and the idea of an evening practice. Members were asked to give their local District Committee members their views in time for the committee meeting in early January.

Ringing was continued on various combinations provided by the Cathedral's 14 bells. Numbers grew somewhat by "deserters" from the Eastern District's meeting, which seemed to emphasise the need for a revision of the meeting dates. M. K.

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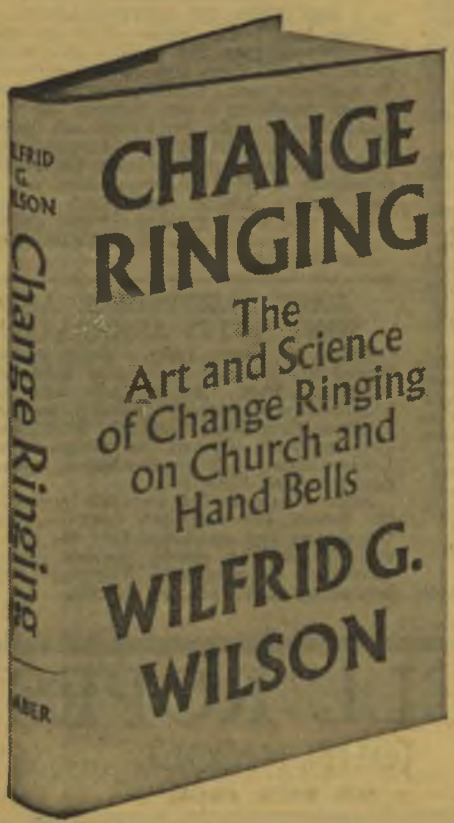
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Letters to the Editor

THE BRISTOL SOCIETY

Dear Sir,—In answer to A. Tubb's letter "What is the Bristol Society?" I am one of who has rung a peal for "the Society."

As I understand the situation, the Bristol Society is a group of fair-minded ringers, living mainly in the Gloucester and Bristol Association's territory, who object to paying a peal booking fee to the Gloucester and Bristol Association when, in fact, official peal booking by the Association has been discontinued. This surely is a reasonable attitude, and not ringing peals for the Gloucester and Bristol Association merely a democratic way of registering disapproval of what is obviously an unfair system.

I know of no other Guild which extorts a peal booking fee and then fails to report the peals in a Guild peal book.—Yours faithfully.

PAUL J. RIGBY.

Atherstone, Warks.

THE BLANK SPACE

Dear Sir,—It would appear from recent correspondence that not all of your readers have been "hoodwinked" into accepting the "blank space" now current under "The Ringing World" In fact, am I right in assuming that so far you have not received any appraisal for this change?

I myself am not averse to change provided a better alternative is found, but to my mind the committee who have recommended this present layout show as much imagination as the "blank space."

In view of the fact that one wishes to increase the circulation of "The Ringing World," one would have thought a serious effort would have been made to make the front page more attractive than it was before, but it seems the reverse has now taken place.

If the committee does not have a better design to submit for publication, then a competition ought to be held and if this proves unfruitful a return to the original design is obviously indicated.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. RICHARDS,
Des., R.C.A.
(Designer of the Royal College of Art.)

PLADDYS SEEKS IDENTITY OF CORRESPONDENTS

Dear Sir—At the outset, let me state that no one in this area has ever heard of either "C M Williams" or "Nellie Spriggs"; if this lady exists and is prepared to produce concrete evidence that my composition is not original, I should be interested to hear. Otherwise, also "Mr. Williams'" arguments are not worth being taken seriously if he is not prepared to disclose his true identity.

Many people like ringing peals of Bob Major with the tenors parted in this way. On the two occasions that I have conducted a peal of Bob Major on this plan the band seemed quite satisfied. Having the 6th in 7ths place for part of the way does something to relieve the sheer monotony of 78 coming behind again and again. Next, I cannot see why six consecutive bobs Wrong should be reserved for handbell ringing. Why should this be any worse than six consecutive bobs Home? Since I particularly wanted the six courses with 46 reversed, there was no shorter way, within the 5,088 changes, bearing in mind that I also wanted all the 2468's, 7468's, etc.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN PLADDYS.

King's College, London.

WAIT FOR THE FINISHED ARTICLE

Dear Sir,—I suppose that we are bound to have no end of gloomful complaint when anybody tries to change anything, and I dare say that it is quite useless to go on asking people to give "The Ringing World" Committee a chance.

Many of the people who have written to you complaining about the new heading were at Bath; all of them had a chance of knowing that a new heading is not to be the only change that is to be tried. In fact as far as I can remember the plan was that the new heading was to be accompanied by a photograph on the front page, and all Associations have been asked to help by sending prints for this purpose. Can't the complainers wait to see the finished article before they clamour for the mixture as before?

However, I can't help thinking that it might have been a good idea to bring out a completely new front page when the photographs were available, rather than change it piecemeal. I believe that with a picture the new heading will be far more attractive than the old; on a page of unrelieved print it is good still, but not notably better.

If you are determined to shoot the pianist, gentlemen, by all means do so, but let him at least play more than one note. At present he's hardly finished adjusting his music-stool —Yours faithfully.

JOHN G. M. SCOTT.

Newton St. Cyres, Exeter.

TUTORS' HANDBOOK

Dear Sir.—There is one quite important aspect of a ringer's development which I think probably needs some comment, and that is his awareness. Most of this, in the early stages of change ringing, is occupied in picking up ropesight. When his repertoire is methods begins to develop, it is very helpful if the learner can further cultivate his awareness so that his actual **"method ringing"** is based very largely on it. Not only does this give him a good sense of rhythm, but any method, however high its tortuosity, no longer seems anything like so formidable as it would when learned purely by the more empirical blue-line process. In this respect, Minor ringing and conducting has a greater basic value than is probably realised by many people.

I believe the above can also be helpful, later on, in enabling the learner to clear the hurdle between methods which are in common use and more advanced ones which are not so frequent. His approach to his learning is just as important as the content, however; that is why I think it is important to start putting over the foregoing at as early a stage as possible. Hence my submitting this for consideration both by the committee concerned and by readers in general.

Finally, what I have tried to describe above may be a considerable way from representing the ultimate in development of awareness and dexterity in this general field. After all, two of the essential characteristics of the true jazzmen (early 20th century) were (a) not being able to read a note; (b) a coherent, ensemble ability for **composing** their music actually concurrent with playing it.—Yours faithfully,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Reference: "Jazz" by Rex Harris, chapters 1 to 6 inclusive. Pelican Books.)

POINTS ABOUT MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—As I have attended 43 Association meetings in four and a half years, I consider myself qualified to comment on P. A. Corby's remarks. My attendances have been confined to the Leicester, Derby, Midland Counties, Coventry, Dudley and Districts and Staffordshire Associations and the St. Martin's Guild of whilch the last-mentioned appears to maintain the highest standard. I think this is attributable to two facts— that meetings are held quarterly, with interest and attendance far greater, and that the Guild has a weekly practice night, which has always been of a very high standard as regards instruction and help in method ringing and striking. This is due in no small part to the excellent help given by the present Ringing Master, Alan Ainsworth, who has followed the late Mr. John Pinfold so ably.

In commenting on meetings held by the other Associations mentioned, I would like to state that in answer to P. A. Corby the teas provided are always very welcome, very cheap or free, and of a very high standard. The attendance, punctuality and supervision of ringing often leave much to be desired. Perhaps one reason is that committee meetings are held during ringing by some Associations and the Ringing Master is either not present at the beginning of the ringing to welcome visitors and ascertain what can be rung or, if present, does not exercise his authority. I would add that at some meetings I have been, as a visitor, made very welcome, but at others my husband and I have been the only ringers present for the first half-hour

My final comment relates to people who cannot handle a bell in rounds without assistance. I consider it is the responsibility of their own tower to instruct them in this; if they do attend meetings they should confine their activities to observing more competent ringers. I am always willing to assist method learners in any way and found Grandsire Doubles with J. Martin Thorley's eldest daughter (aged 10) on the treble at Thurlaston recently a pleasure. I hope when my children reach the age of 10 their striking and bell handling is of that standard.—Yours faithfully,

VIVIENNE M. RIGBY.

Atherstone, Warks.

RECORDS OF ATTENDANCES

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see the bit of gossip on page 792 about someone having attended 1,000 times and marked the occasion by a quarter peal. I have never kept a record, but as nearly as I can estimate my 1,000th could have been the day I took part in ringing for the funeral of William Lampard, whose total attendances at Winchester Cathedral, we calculated at the time, were about ten times that figure. Maybe some more interesting records will come to light.—Yours faithfully,

W. O. HAYTHORNE

Southampton.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION

About 30 ringers from a dozen towers attended the monthly meeting at Blackwell on November 19th. The methods rung in the afternoon and evening included touches of London, Cambridge, Norwich, Woodbine and Double Court. One of the younger members, Leslie Crafts, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, called his first touch of Plain Bob.

After a welcome tea, provided by the ladies, the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Stappard, thanked the ringers and mentioned that his new baby daughter in the nearby rectory had slept throughout the afternoon! The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. F. Adcock.

E. J. S.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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MORE LETTERS

CALLING POSITIONS IN DOUBLE NORWICH

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Beech's letter, I offer the following explanation. The calling positions employed for Double Norwich are In (I), Fifths (5), Home (H), and Out (O). These refer to the position of the tenor when the bob is made, and correspond to W, B, M and H in Bob Major and other second's place methods. The reason for not adhering to the traditional notation is that the system numbering the lead applies only to methods having the same lead-head as Double Norwich: although the same calling positions are employed in all eighth's place major methods, these do not always fall in the same order. Hence the numbering must be amended if it is desired to use a given composition for a method with a lead-head other than that for which it was originally intended.

We may illustrate this for second's place methods using Howlett's peal. In addition to methods such as Bob Major with lead-head 13527486, this peal can also be used for plain Major methods with lead-head 16482735 (e.g. Hereward Bob) and 18674523 (e.g. Ashbourne College Bob). In all these methods the calling positions are at W, M and H, and the composition can be used for all the methods when written out under these headings.

Should one choose to call the bobs by the number of the lead, it would be found that in Bob Major the calling positions were at leads 1, 6 and 7; in Hereward at leads 3, 4 and 7 and in Ashbourne at leads 2, 5 and 7. Using this notation, then, it would be necessary to set out the composition in three different ways, one for each of the different methods.

There have been a number of letters in the past regarding the use of "X" for single bobs. I think it is true to say that it is now the accepted convention that this symbol is used for calls which alter the length of the course; in this case, calling a bob at the fifth lead of the course causes the immediate appearance of a course end two leads early.—Yours faithfully,

R. D. BRADLEY.

London, N.

HIS AMBITION—THE PERFECT PEAL

Dear Sir,—The recent comments on peal ringing have been most interesting and on reflection I can only conclude that the "peal" means different things to different people.

For me, the ambition is to ring the perfect peal, which makes it a sort of distant objective, so that all peals are only stepping stones to the zenith of perfection, which is "the" peal. If this peal should be accomplished by a band I had trained and rung with Sunday by Sunday the pleasure it would give would be even greater.

Ideas of perfection vary. Some years ago, attending a Devon Association eight-bell competition, I listened to a 20-minute call change "peal" and thought the top ringing was perfect. The judges awarded faults which averaged out at 14. Commenting on the particular "peal," the spokesman for the judges said all 14 faults were incurred on the rise and fall and the top ringing was perfect. If the same judges were to score no faults on one of our peals, making allowances only for open handstroke leads, then for me it would be a perfect peal. On these terms a perfect peal would indeed be a zenith. Some months ago we rang three courses of Stedman Triples and on the above standard incurred some 10 faults. Although this ringing was the best we had ever accomplished, it would have given 200 faults to peal length!—Yours sincerely,

D. J. ROBERTS.

Torquay.

Devon Association of Ringers

ANNUAL MEETING

"RINGING is a dying art," croak the Jeremiahs. But it's hardly true in Devon, where at the Devon Association of Ringers annual meeting the secretary, Mr Edgar Cole, reported an increase of 17 towers affiliated, bringing the total to 86. Another tower was added during the meeting.

The Association, which covers the call-change ringing fraternity in Devon, met under its president, Mr. Oatway, and the chairman, Herbert Pidler, who is one of its representatives on the Central Council. During the last few years attendance at this meeting has increased enormously, and there was a fine crowd representing some of the famous bands in the county, and including some of the art's most colourful characters. Harry Dockings from Down St. Mary was there: Mervyn Phillips from West Down had plenty to say, always worth saying but not invariably popular—was it his Welsh blood or was it the triumph of ringing the tenor to the Association's first peal. I wonder? There was the apparently indestructible Bill Miners, whose loss of a leg has not the slightest bit discouraged him from climbing to Widecombe belfry; Arthur Tapper from Yealmpton, John Hine from Plymstock, and too many more to name them all. And, as always with call change ringers, the whole gathering seethed with enthusiasm.

One of the chief tasks of the meeting was the arrangement of the D.A.'s competitions for next year: one eight-bell, to be held at Newton St. Cyres on April 22nd, and the three six-bells, Landkey on May 13th, Stoke Fleming on May 27th, and the final at Ilfracombe on June 10th. This last brought up an animated argument about the rights of holding a six-bell competition on the back six of an eight, but it was decided in the end that it would be a pity to lay down the law against it, for many back sixes can produce passing fine music.

Another suggestion struck at a very long-standing rule of the Association—that a tower affiliated as an eight-bell tower may not enter in six-bell competitions, and vice versa. It seemed almost as though some of the eight-bell people were afraid that West Down would come along with eight men and clean up the eight-bell shield: so Ivor Hookway, of West Down, thought anyway, and said they ought to be ashamed of themselves, but the old rule remains. It isn't so rigid as it sounds, as the D.A. only controls the two county-wide competitions, and its rules do not govern the host of invitation and deanery events which fill up the rest of the calendar, nor does this rule apply to the winter knock-out cup.

Another lively discussion concerned the suggestion that a sub-committee be set up to draft rules for judging the Association's competitions. This was carried, and a strong committee it is, with Messrs. Pidler, Miners, Hine, Tapper and Tom Wright, who was suggested to Mervyn Phillips "because everybody knows that Tom trains his own judges already very successfully!"

One of the Association's weaknesses (in some people's opinion) was revealed by a question from a member from Colaton Raleigh. There, he said, they had a keen new band, eager to get out and around, but in the Aylesbeare Deanery the Association was dead, and there was nothing for them. But the Association has no control or even influence over the Aylesbeare Deanery or any other Deanery Association: they are quite distinct bodies; and with no machinery at its hand the Association was not able to help. Still, it set people thinking, and maybe the news will filter back to the Aylesbeare area by roundabout sources and something may result in the end. With a subscription of 5s. per tower the Association doesn't come heavily on its members for financial support, and if an instruction fund could supply the travelling expenses, there's ample keenness to supply the man-power to instruct and stiffen areas where things have got into low water.

In response to the Exeter Cathedral appeal, the Association agreed to unite with the Guild in an effort by all the ringers in the diocese to collect money which will be brought to a special service at the Cathedral. This kind of co-operation, commonplace today, would have been almost unimaginable twenty years ago, when call change ringers and "scientific" kept themselves in very separate compartments divided by a party-wall of suspicion and pride. Now, it is not at all unusual to see Devon ringers wearing the badges of both bodies; several towers are affiliated to both and more than one method ringing band is entered in the knock-out cup. Of all this happy rapprochement the West Down peal is a delightful symbol; and I have it on the authority of the West Down band (and there is none better) that it was a fine piece of striking.

J. G. M. S.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

Even the wet and cold afternoon, plus all the various colds going around didn't dampen the enthusiasm too much for the meeting at Sandridge on November 19th. A very high percentage of the turnout in the afternoon were learners, and ringing on the rough six was kept mainly at a basic stage, occasionally rising to London and Norwich. The odd-struck treble caused a lot of trouble throughout the day. The Vicar, at the service, appeared to have some strong preformed impressions about ringers in general!

Tea in the Church Hall was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. Geoffrey Dodds in the chair. A silence of sympathy was observed for John Wells, of Kimpton, who had died since the last meeting.

New members elected were Miss Thelma West (South Mymms), and Stephen Healing (Essendon), both as full members.

The secretary, Mr. Roger Brown, asked for more support for the District dinner, which will take place on December 3rd at St. Michael's Manor, St. Albans.

A lengthy discussion followed a request from the Tewin band to change Districts and join the Eastern District. This was mainly due to transport being easier to Eastern District meetings. They also felt they were not getting as much satisfaction from the St. Albans District as they could from the Eastern District. The Ringing Master, Mr. Gerald Penney, said in future he would like to be told of any complaints or suggestions. The matter was adjourned until the next meeting at Harpenden on December 17th.

The Ringing Master asked for it to be put on record that there was a very warm welcome from the St. Peter's ringers at the last District practice of this year on November 7th. The votes of thanks especially mentioned Mr. Trevor Hawkins, of Sandridge, for playing the organ and the local ringers for the tea. Numbers increased slightly in the evening and ringing continued until 8.15 p.m.

J. A. F.

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Southern Ringers Tour Scotland

EIGHT members of the group departed from Wareham, Dorset, at 7 p.m. on August 20th with the intention of camping that same night in Kidderminster. This was not to be! The brakes failed on the "minibus" before 50 miles had been covered. Fortunately Mr. T. (Terry) Swatton travelled with us. We "limped" to Brinkworth, Wilts, with no brakes, where Terry carried out repairs whilst his mother produced tea and biscuits. At 1 a.m., Sunday, he announced that the vehicle was ready for a test run, during which the water pump failed. We were, by this time, resigned to the fact that we would be unable to carry on until at least midday Sunday when it was hoped the repairs would be completed. Not content with repairs to the "minibus" Terry also arranged for ringing at Brinkworth Church (6) for morning service. His wife also entertained us to coffee and even offered to cook us a lunch (Knights of the Road of the Highest Order).

Repairs completed we were "on the road" again at 2 p.m. Two more ringers, complete with cooking utensils, were "collected" at Stafford at 6 p.m. The long journey north then began. The light was failing towards 8 p.m. and the tents were pitched just off the M.6, near Sandbach, Cheshire. This was to be the last rain to fall on us for eleven days.

The weather improved early on Monday, and breakfast was cooked at 6.15 a.m. and journey continued at 9 a.m. Lunch was taken at Penrith, where extra sleeping "comforts" (i.e Lilos and inflatable pillows) were bought by some of the party. The municipal camp site at Edinburgh was reached at 7 p.m., where we joined up with three more ringers, making the party complete, consisting of Graham, Mary and Ruth Elmes and John Blackwood (Wareham, Dorset), John Longridge (Okeford Fitzpaine), Jeffrey Claughton and Lewis Cobb (Ringwood), Christopher Dalton (Leigh), George Bonham and Bob Bellamy (St. Neots), Philip Mehew (Stotfold), with Frank and Jennifer Beech (Stafford) completing the party.

DISAPPOINTMENT

The ringing side of the holiday began on Tuesday, 23rd, when the first call was at Fettes College to ring on the 2¼ cwt. ring of five. This was followed by an hour on the glorious bells of St. Cuthbert's. Two holiday makers from Oxford joined us, where methods up to Yorkshire were rung. As the Edinburgh Festival was taking place at the same time we were unable to ring at St. Mary's Cathedral, which was a great disappointment.

Repairs to the seventh bell at St. James', Leith, prevented any ringing so the afternoon was spent in the swimming pool at Portobello before having a grand "cook-up" in camp. (In passing, we would mention that conditions are not the best in the municipal camp site—overcrowding and rather soft, damp ground!) A 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung on handbells by Frank and Jenny Beech, plus John Longridge, to pass the time.

Wednesday morning (24th) saw us at Alloa, having used the new Forth Road Bridge to save time. The bells are difficult to listen to inside the belfry; however, the standard methods and a very good course of Bristol were rung.

Following a liquid lunch ringing took place at Dunblane Cathedral, where some excellent striking was heard in methods up to Bristol. Many local inhabitants were outside to listen and meet the ringers. They were most impressed. The evening and night were spent at Arnie Farm, near Strathyre, following a meal and singsong round the "camp fire."

DUNDEE

Fog had descended by the time we arose on Thursday morning, but it did not deter Graham and Bob from climbing a mountain before breakfast. Having broken camp at 10 a.m. a start was made for Dundee. After touring the town we eventually found St. Paul's Cathedral, where the first course of London was rung. Following lunch ringing took place in "the old steeple," but the striking was not of the highest standard. A newspaper reporter visited the tower during the ringing to find out what was going on and made many notes. Camp was made by a river at Ballinluig, where Frank showed his cooking skill by making pancakes for supper.

Friday was a very warm, sunny day, which was spent in rather a lazy way. Canoe races were taking place at Aberfeldy Rapids, which we watched for part of the morning before heading for Loch Tunnel, to have a "photo" session and a drink. The afternoon was spent swimming in a stream near Pitlochry and catching up with the "washing." Following tea the journey was to Braemar, via the Devil's Elbow. The day was rounded off with a singsong in the local hotel, with Lew at the piano. Camp was made on the edge of the golf course.

MOUNTAINEERING

The sun was very bright when we woke on Saturday to head further north. The whole party climbed to the top of the Cairngorm (4,084 ft.) during the afternoon before partaking of a grand meal in the Aviemore Hotel, where there was some disagreement with the management over prices, but it ended reasonably friendly. Camp was finally made by a forest track about ten miles from Inverness.

It was very cold on Sunday morning. Nevertheless breakfast was taken before heading for Inverness, where we were due to attempt a quarter peal before morning service at the Cathedral. Stedman Triples just would not "go" and the attempt failed after about twenty minutes. The remaining time was spent ringing from call changes, including the local ringers, to Yorkshire Surprise Major.

Halfway now and it was time to head more towards home. Sunday afternoon saw us travelling along the banks of Loch Ness. The "monster" did not oblige us with a call when Mary and John Longridge went for a swim in the Loch. A good camping site was found near Fort Augustus, and the day was rounded off with a good "cook-up" by Graham, football and handbells.

We left camp at 10.30 on Monday, 29th, to head for Inveraray, via Glencoe and Glen Orchy. Unfortunately low cloud and "Scotch mist" spoilt any chances of good views. That evening we inspected the bells at Inveraray and decided we would have to work on them the following day.

PEAL ATTEMPT

Tuesday, 30th, was "the great day" in our minds as we were to attempt a peal on the ten at Inveraray. We started work early in the morning with cleaning out the tower, sorting and fitting bellropes, etc. It was decided, owing to the condition of the floor, to ring in the room immediately below the bells. It took some time to get accustomed to the poor light and noise from the bells. However, by lunchtime we were ready to start. The attempt of Plain Bob Royal came to grief when the rope boss above Graham Elmes fell out, cutting his hand and making the bell get out of control and causing the ringing to suffer. The noise was so great, the ringers could not hear the conductor's voice and there was no alternative than to set the bells.

General ringing continued for another hour before removing ropes. It is a pity that these beautiful bells are allowed to stay in the tower, which is now falling apart. One member of the band remarked that there would be room in his home tower for them, to which one of the local inhabitants replied that he wished we would "take them on."

Ringing completed we headed to Loch Lomond, where the tents were pitched on a farm near Tarbert. Our lost peal was forgotten when the girls served up an excellent curry for supper. Glasgow Cathedral was the first tower visited on Wednesday, August 31st. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung before heading for Paisley. We were due to attempt a peal but as some of the band were unable to find the church on time we had to make do with a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. After fighting the dense traffic of Glasgow's rush hour, camp was made just south of Hamilton.

LAST EVENING

The following morning we found ourselves surrounded by a herd of cows. Following breakfast the tents, etc., were loaded and a start was made for Ambleside; we arrived at 5.30 p.m. One and a half hours on the glorious eight took place in various methods, including Surprise Major. Unfortunately a broken rope and the tenor completely drying up marred the evening. As it was our last evening as a complete party, we spent the later hours of the evening in "The Royal Oak" with much merriment.

The night was extremely wet and uncomfortable. The camp site was flooded in the morning causing us to "break" camp at 6 a.m. without breakfast. After lunch at Stafford ringing took place on the ten bells, including Caters.

All ringing and farewells completed, the Hampshire and Dorset contingent headed for home, Wareham being reached by 11.30 p.m. It was very pleasant to sleep on a bed with a solid roof over our heads.

This report would not be complete without expressing sincere thanks to John Blackwood and Ruth Elmes, who made the arrangements. John's estimation was so accurate in that the mileage on paper before leaving was 1,640 and in fact the miles recorded on the vehicle was 1,642. The route was planned by John Blackwood and Lewis Cobb, who was the driver.

Should anyone in the future consider attempting a similar tour we would advise them to: (a) obtain towers for ringing well in advance: (b) keep away from official camping advertised; (c) most essential, keep luggage and clothes, etc., to an absolute minimum.

L. F. C.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough District A.G.M.

At the annual meeting of the Marlborough District at Marlborough on November 19th youth predominated in the good attendance. The afternoon ringing was at St. Mary's Church, under the direction of the Ringing Master (the Rev. R. Keeley), and he conducted the service, with the new Rector (Rev. J. Walsh) reading the lesson and giving the address.

Mr. George Newman presided at the business meeting, and the new Rector, in acknowledging his welcome, said although he had learned to ring he had not seriously practised the art. He wished the Branch continuing success.

Several encouraging features were mentioned by the honorary secretary (Mr. T. A. Palmer), in his annual report. Twelve monthly meetings had been held, a representative party attended the Guild festival and the annual outing had been well supported. The Ringing Master's report showed that steady advances had been made in change ringing and a number of peals had been accomplished. A Branch peal of Grandsire Doubles had been rung at Aldbourne. There were still towers where, for various reasons, ringing was in abeyance or very infrequent, but these difficulties could no doubt be overcome in time.

The chairman, honorary secretary and vice-chairman (Mr. F. Read) were re-elected. Because of uncertainty as to future commitments Rev. R. Keeley would not accept the Ringing Mastership, but agreed to continue on the Guild Committee. Mr. F. Read is the new Ringing Master.

Six new members were elected from Aldbourne, Chisledon and Collingbourne Kingston. Concluding the meeting, the chairman thanked everyone for support throughout the year and those responsible for that meeting, and tea prepared by the ladies. Ringing was then resumed at St. Mary's.

W. A. E.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: D. Young 1, W. Clamp 2, Mrs. D. Day 3, H. Clayton 4, O. Homewood 5, R. Preston 6, R. Looker 7, J. Day 8, R. Manton (cond.) 9, S. Smith 10. For Advent Sunday.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 30



PETER HOLDEN,
The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

THE Oxford Guild contributes once again to this series by the introduction of a young member of the Witney and Woodstock Branch. Peter Holden was born at Sunderland on October 16th, 1947. His family moved to Oxfordshire, and he eventually went to Witney Grammar School, taking his "A" levels this year, and passing in four subjects. He is now a student apprentice at the G.E.C., Birmingham, prior to reading Mechanical Engineering at London University next year.

Peter was taught to ring at the Parish Church of Northleigh by Ted Patching, the secretary of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Guild. At the age of 15 he rang his first peal. This was when he rang the treble to a peal of Plain Bob Minor at Great Barrington, Gloucester, on May 5th, 1952, which was conducted by Mr. D. Kay Adkins.

It was a great blow to the Northleigh band when Peter left as he was an unfailing Sunday service ringer. He was not only missed for his ringing but for the immense amount of time he spent in the belfry over the years helping others, and also helping to keep the tower, bells and ropes in good repair. Both his father and sister are ringers, and it is interesting to note that his sister has entered campanology as her hobby for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Peter's hard work and study in the art have earned for him a total of 45 peals during the three years following his first peal. Perhaps when this modest youngster reaches his century he will be prepared to send to "The Ringing World" details of the peals he has taken part in.

A noteworthy record for one so young, and one which includes four peals which he has conducted. His first as conductor was a peal of Plain Bob Minor rung at Northleigh on January 30th, 1965, with the bells half-muffled in memory of Sir Winston Churchill. Peter is also a keen and proficient handbell ringer, and enjoys both tune and method ringing.

Congratulations to you, Peter, and credit to all those who have helped you to build up such a fine record. NORVING.

Taysom's Travellers in Wiltshire

THIS year it was not possible for Taysom's Travellers to visit Devon, but on October 15th we spent a day in some of the rural parts of Wiltshire. Ringers from Warmley, Frampton Cotterell, Twerton and Batheaston took part.

The day started at Potterne, where we were shown a Saxon font that was discovered when the church was restored in 1872; also of interest was a set of handbells presented to the church by Charles Burden, who was a College Youth and a member of St. Paul's Cathedral band. The tower here is very large and could house a ring of 12 quite easily; instead there is a pleasant 17 cwt. six in E, rehung on ball bearings in the existing massive oak frame by Taylor and Co. about five years ago.

Durrington has a very interesting ring, as it was augmented to six in 1953 by Mears and Stainbank, but had been a five since 1660. The present fifth is the oldest—1602, by Wallis of Salisbury, the second and third 1617 by the same founder, while the fourth is 1654 and the tenor 1660, both cast by Lott of Warminster. The weight of the tenor (not given in "Dove") is 11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

At Upavon we encountered our first ground-floor ring, a lovely-toned six hung on plain bearings in a large tower, where there would be plenty of room for more. On to Collingbourne Ducis, with another ground-floor ring of six with a long draught of rope. Although the light ones are a little springy and the back ones are near the wall, the bells are a very pleasant ring.

We enjoyed our ring at Burbage in an upstair chamber overlooking a lovely church. The five were rehung earlier this year by local labour and go very well, but the scale of the bells is most odd. For example, the fourth is in A, while the tenor, although given as 14 cwt. in G, is in fact G sharp. The ringer of the tenor is out of sight behind the clock case to the treble and second, while the ringer of the fourth has a 6in. high radiator to contend with as it is directly beneath the rope. The alternatives are to stand behind it and stand a fair chance of losing the sally, stand in front and hit your nose, stand on it (which is uncomfortable), or do as your humble scribe did and stand one foot behind and one foot in front and finish with cramp in both legs.

The scenery in Savernake Forest was beautiful with the differently-coloured leaves. The Church of St. Katherine is situated in a lovely setting, although it has not many houses around to keep it company. The bells are worth a visit, being a musical five that go very well indeed. The last ring was at East Kennett. Here we found a sweet miniature five (tenor 4½ cwt. in C) hung in a miniature tower with spire and rung from an equally miniature ringing room. A couple of years ago these bells were given a good overhaul and the ropes are new, so it is a great pity that the local ringers have now fizzled out and these little bells are again unrung. The bearings are dry and handling is a trifle hard, but nothing that a drop of oil will not put right. Anyway, these bells gave us a happy ending to a happy day.

Sincere thanks to all who met us and made us so welcome. A. F. L.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The election of new officers of the Oxford University Society took place at the annual general meeting on November 29th. The results were as follows: Master, Roger E. Burbery (Hertford College); secretaries, Stephen F. Royal (Exeter College) and Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues (Somerville College); treasurer, Stephen K. Thompson (Hertford College); steeplekeepers, Philip J. Daniel (St. Catherine's College) and Richard J. Wilsher (Lincoln College).

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A peal has been rung for the restoration of the tower of St. Michael's, Bristol. There are six new gargoyles and one is a likeness of the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Vyvyan-Jones!

Two ringers were asked this question while standing outside a Cambridgeshire church one Sunday morning: "Are you coming to our next service or are you bellringers?" Is this significant?

In West Herts a programme for the development of Surprise Major is proving very successful. A first fruit is a quarter peal of Rutland at Hemel Hempstead on November 27th.

After a peal attempt at Ely on November 19th a pair a gloves bearing the name William F. Mock was found in the belfry. They can be reclaimed from Brian Hullah, 42, Chapel Street, Ely, Cambs.

According to Mr. G. S. Valentine there are now only two ringers who served in the 1914-18 war now left in the Northampton band. They are Mr. W. Austin (aged 81) and Mr. Valentine (73).

Should results prove satisfactory, Aldbourne Village, Wiltshire, will be shown to viewers in Holland by the Dutch Television Service on Christmas Day. The film presents a typical English village with its bells ringing and people going to church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

BATS IN THE BELFRY
An S.O.S. from the London Zoo

Many ringers must wish there was some way of reducing the bat population, which is just now settling down into winter quarters.

The Council for the Care of Churches has been asked by a member of the staff of the Wellcome Institute of Comparative Physiology to make known the fact that they are faced with an acute shortage of study material. They have recently undertaken a programme of work on the behaviour and reproductive physiology of British bats, and in order to meet this need would be glad to visit any church in the Home Counties to collect specimens.

As their object would be to make a clean sweep of all the bats in the churches visited, this would seem to be a most favourable offer, advantageous to the ringers, the Zoo and the bats, because we understand that the purpose of the inquiry is scientific observation.

Ringers should telephone or write to: Mr. Paul Racey, Wellcome Institute of Comparative Physiology, Regents Park, London, N.W.1. Primrose 3333.

GOLDEN WEDDING AT SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE

The many friends of Mr. George Poyntz, of Saxlingham Nethergate, will join in congratulating him on his golden wedding, which was celebrated on November 24th. George was made a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1909 and has rung in 65 peals for the Association

In the late 1940's he suffered from severe osteoarthritis of his hips, and in 1952 underwent operations for the fitting of artificial hips. He was one of the early people to have this operation, which was at that time still very much in the experimental period. Despite his disability he continued regular ringing and in 1955 rang two further peals. George's main trouble at the moment is that of getting into the belfry, but when he can get there he still rings the tenor, perched precariously on a stool, and he still knows how to strike his bell.

His golden wedding was celebrated with a peal of Plain Bob Major. For one of the local ringers it was his first peal, and for the present Ringing Master (Mr. T. R. Simmons) it was his 100th.

Thanks to the generosity of George, the remainder of the evening was spent in traditional style in the Prince of Wales.

WHAT A FIRST PEAL!

The majority of first peals are of Doubles, Minor or Triples. Not so for Caroline Mackie of Wellesbourne Hastings, Warwicks, who is in her last year at Cheltenham Ladies' College. Caroline has been ringing just over a year and rang her first peal at the first attempt at Kingham, Oxon, on November 26th. It was Spliced Plain Major in three methods (Plain Bob, Gainsborough Little Bob and Little Bob) with 176 changes of method, and she rang the third. The conductor, Mr C. A. Wratten, reporting on this very promising start, writes that Caroline made scarcely a trip throughout.

FIRST PEAL AT 73

The peal recently rung at St. Bride's Major, Glamorgan, gave members of the local band great pleasure on completion as it was Bill Gibbons' first peal at the age of 73 years. Throughout the peal he struck his bell well.

Bill, a call change ringer from Saltash, joined the Bridgend band a few years ago, where he is a regular service ringer.

BEHIND A PEAL

Mr. D. J. Roberts, of Torquay, sends us these reasons for a peal:

1. A most satisfying way of spending three hours.
2. A desire to surmount difficult physical conditions.
3. A desire to surmount difficult mental processes.
4. The joy of effecting mathematical permutations.
5. The rewarding aspect of team spirit and comradeship.
6. To proclaim the important festivals and anniversaries of the Church.
7. To proclaim important secular festivals and anniversaries.
8. To complete 100 peals in a year.
9. To complete 2,000 peals in a lifetime
10. To improve the standard of ringing.
11. The culmination of many practices.
12. To show strength of the Exercise or Guild.

TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR CROSSWORD

Inadvertently the author omitted from the Christmas Crossword on page 819 three clues. The missing words are:—

2 down, Revelstoke.
19 down, Semley.
31 across, York.

21 YEARS AT ST. MARY REDCLIFFE

The recent peal of Stedman Cinques rung by a College Youths band at St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, was rung to mark Mr. Emlyn Hancock's 21 years' association with Redcliffe tower. Fred made contact with Redcliffe when the bells were restored after the war, and was instrumental in forming the Redcliffe Guild. Following the peal, members of the band were entertained to tea by Fred and Mrs Hancock, and all would like to thank them for a most enjoyable day.

UNLUCKY 13 AGAIN

Four attempts were necessary to enable Les H. and Raymond F. Arscott, of Taunton, to ring their 13th peal together. Success came from a five methods Doubles peal at High Ham on November 26th. The unsuccessful attempts were Stedman Triples, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Minor in four methods.

100th PEAL TOGETHER

The peal at Leigh, Surrey, on November 26th, was the 100th together for Mr. A. P. Cannon and Mr. G. K. Dodd, their first together being at Amesbury, Wilts, in December, 1948, this being Mr. Dodd's first peal. Amongst their peals together have been several "first on the bells" at towers which were previously regarded as unringable.

MISAPPREHENSION

The Editor's attention has been drawn to a misapprehension that Mr. G. W. Pipe spent 92 hours on designing the front page cover. Probably this arose from the wording in the Editorial, "Planning for the Future," in the issue of October 21st. The word "these" applied to Mr. Pipe's work in the preparation of the report and the inquiries necessary, as well as the design for the heading. To those who took the same view the Editor expresses his regrets.

In order that ringers shall have an old-fashioned Christmas the convener has asked the Editor to revert to the old heading for the issue of December 23rd! The heading will be again discussed at "The Ringing World" Committee meeting in January.

NINETEEN TOWERS TO COMMEMORATE GUY FAWKES

THERE are four members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild at the Rutland High School. They normally attend on Saturday mornings, but November 5th was their half-term and so a full day of tower grabbing had been arranged for them to commemorate, as the official programme stated, "that other great native of York—Guy Fawkes." The only known native of York living and ringing in Rutland is the secretary of the Rutland Branch of the Peterborough Guild and mother of one of the four High School girls

The first tower on our list was at Medbourne in Leicestershire, where we started off very modestly just after nine o'clock with rounds, Plain and Original Minor. Our next tower was at Ashley in Northants, where the rest of the dedicated grabbers joined us—Gerald Reynolds with a contingent from Cannock, Robert Woodward up from Somerset, and Colin Banton from Derby, the latter making up a Minor band of exiled Yorkists—three of each sex and five with the same name. The next three towers completed our stay in Northants—Weston-by-Welland (a delightful little five), Brampton Ash, where, despite an unsettable tenor, we managed recognisable Bob Minor, and Dingley, the church in a private park with a reputed difficult five, when ten-year-old Katharine (probably the smallest girl at Rutland High School) competently trebled a course of Grandsire. Back into Leicestershire for the rest of the day's towers the last three before lunch being Great Bowden, where we struggled with London on the nice-toned six, Lubenham, where we rang some well-struck Stedman Doubles, and Husbands Bosworth, the penultimate five of the day.

Lunch was taken in various forms at Lutterworth and here we had our first eight-bell ringing of the day. The delightful bells lend themselves to good striking and we think that we did justice to them—the only disappointed ringer being our youngest grabber, Penelope (nine) who found the sallies just that bit too high. Then followed eight successive sixes—at Bitteswell and Leire, both light and handy sets of bells, Broughton Astley, heavy and deep-toned but easy to handle (we rang some good St. Clement's here), Croft, another very easy-running set, Narborough, where Paddy justified her top-billing by ringing the 21 cwt. tenor (at her age!) and keeping the third rope on the wheel, Whetstone, Countesthorpe (another set of bells which are easy to ring well: we obliged with well-struck Single Oxford and Grandsire Minor) and Great Glen, reached only just in time by Robert's carload, who seemed to have found the only gated road within sight of the city of Leicester.

Then we set off back in the direction of Rutland, calling at Billesdon and Skeffington en route. Billesdon bells are very easy to ring but quite difficult to strike properly because of the uncomfortable rope circle—the front five are sandwiched together—but we succeeded in ringing some creditable Bob Major as well as rounds. We found Skeffington to have an even better five than Caldecote, where most of the Rutland learners are being introduced to change ringing. This made a grand total of 19 towers in the day, of which three of the High School girls (Christine, Cynthia and Patsy) scored 18, and the fourth (Katharine (by far the smallest) scored 17, although she rang changes in quite a few. On returning to Rutland the bulk of the party headed for the School House in Lyddington for food and fireworks.

J. M. T.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Redcliffe
On Sat Nov. 12 1966, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt 2 qr. 21 lb in B.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Charles Quartley	7
Emlyn F Hancock	2	Nicholas W. H. Simon	8
Albert M. Tyler	3	Brynley Shackleton	9
John T. Parsons	4	Patrick J. Bird	10
John Worth	5	Ralph G Edwards	11
Frank Mack	6	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Tudor P Edwards

PAINSWICK, Gloucestershire. At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat Nov 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26¼ cwt.

Albert M. Tyler	Treble	David J. Llewellyn	7
Raymond G. Cousins	2	Christopher H. Rogers	8
William A. Theobald	3	Alan R. Patterson	9
Arthur H. Reed	4	Philip A. F. Chalk	10
Antony R. Kench	5	John Anderson	11
Alan F. Thirst	6	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Albert M Tyler
Rung the mark the successful conclusion of the Franciscan Mission to Painswick November 14th-28th, 1966

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ASHWICK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Nov 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
In fourteen methods, in the following extents: (1) Sandiacre, Northumberland Carlisle, (2) London, Wells, Cunecastre, (3 and 4) Cambridge, Primrose Ipswich, Norfolk, (5) Beverley, Surfleet, (6) York, Durham (7) London, Wells with 82 changes of method
Tenor 7 cwt.

Eric C. Wadman	Treble	David K Adnett	4
Ronald G. Beck	2	Adrian P Beck	5
Edward J Chivers	3	Robert E Beck	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck.
First peal in fourteen methods by all except the ringer of 2nd.
Rung by the band of St. John the Baptist Church, Chilcompton

HIGH HAM Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In five methods, being eight extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob six each of Clifford's Pleasure and April Day and 14 of Grandsire. Tenor 20 cwt

*†Les H. Arscott	Treble	Keith E. Beale	3
Marian J. Beale	2	Robert Parker	4

†Raymond F. Arscott Tenor
Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.
* First peal on treble. † 13th peal together, at the 4th attempt First peal in five methods for all the band.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Biggleswade District.)
EATON SOCON, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary
On Sat Nov 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb in F.

Geoffrey Mayes	Treble	Alan Smith	5
Sheila I. Smith	2	Keith H. Fleming	6
Anthony H. Smith	3	Bryan Sims	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Philip Mehew
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung by a resident Biggleswade District band

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CONGLETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula.
On Sat., Nov 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

Christine Johnson	Treble	Harold Dowler	5
Norman Sherratt	2	Gerald Parsons	6
T. Felicity Webber	3	Raymond J Ballard	7
David Midgley	4	Roy Worrall	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin Conducted by Norman Sherratt

DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat, Nov 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt

Christopher J. Jones	Treble	Brian Schofield	4
John E Brough	2	*Stuart W Bracegirdle	5
*Frank R. Morton	3	†Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal in seven methods. † 375th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

CHILVERS COTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat Nov 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr 24 lb in F sharp

James Draycott	Treble	J. Edward Cawser	6
*Sheila Parsons	2	*Norman W Attaway	7
Alfred Ballard	3	Brian S Chapman	8
Beryl E. Cawser	4	Russell S Morris	9
*Alan Evans	5	J. Martin Thorley	Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LOUGHBOROUGH Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat. Nov 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30½ cwt. in D flat.

John K. Smith	Treble	Edmund Shuttleworth	6
*Clive Thrower	2	Peter T. Dale	7
Gordon A. Halls	3	Denis R. Carlisle	8
*John S. Dean	4	Gordon H. Lane	9
Denis A Frith	5	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by David W. Friend.
* First peal of Surprise Royal

ECKINGTON Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.
On Sat. Nov 12. 1966 in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5088 ECKINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt in E

John W. Morley	Treble	Denis R. Carlisle	5
Burley P Morris	2	David W Parkin	6
John K Smith	3	Gordon A Halls	7
John S. Dean	4	David W. Friend	Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Gordon A Halls.

ECKINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR
x 38 x 14 x 1258 x 36 x 14 x 38 56 x 36. 18 I.e. 14263857.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

DEAN PRIOR Devon.—At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr.
On Sat Nov 26, 1966 in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt in G.

Rev. W. Paschal Dowling	Treble	John C. Michelmore	4
*Keith E. Fursdon	2	George E. Mudge	5
Robert A. Southwood	3	D. Roy Bould	Tenor

Conducted by D. Roy Bould
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr A L Bennett, to whom thanks were expressed for his hospitality afterwards.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GALLEYWOOD, Essex.—At the Church of St Michael and All Angels
On Thurs., Nov 10, 1966 in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt

Frank V Gant	Treble	George W Cecil	5
*Joan Peacock	2	John W. Stephenson	6
*Christopher C M Pain	3	Alfred J House	7
†John McDonald	4	Andrew J Salisbury	Tenor

Composed by J W Washbrook Conducted by Andrew J Salisbury.
* First peal in the method † First peal of Major
Rung in memory of George W Faulkner, of Barking, life member of the Essex Association

GREAT BARDFIELD Essex.—At the Church of St Mary.
On Sat Nov 26. 1966 in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt in F sharp.

Keith Brown	Treble	Philip J Rothera	5
*Josephine A. Quilter	2	Dennis A S. Symonds	6
James L Towler	3	†Joe E. G. Roast	7
Christopher K. Cooper	4	Peter G Brown	Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Joe E. G Roast.
* 25th peal and first of London † 25th peal of London
Rung for the birth of a son (Michael John) to Mr and Mrs. B. J. Howard.

GREAT TEY Essex.—At the Church of St Barnabas.
On Sat Nov 26. 1966 in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt

John Avis	Treble	Neil V. Avis	5
*Lesley Ward	2	Michael Bew	6
Frank B Lufkin	3	Alan R. Andrews	7
*Peter G. Pitt	4	Walter Arnold	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed. Nov 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being 720 each of Double Court Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St Clement's Bob, Oxford T B., Double Oxford Bob, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Alfred E. Honeywood ..	Treble	Stephan D. Humphrey ..	4
Frank G. Oliver	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Neil V. Avis	3	Peter G. Pitt	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KINGHAM Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5032 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In three methods, comprising 4,160 Plain Bob, 504 Gainsborough Little Bob and 368 Little Bob, with 176 changes of method.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Ivor Goulter	Treble	†Edric J. Ovens	5
Margery A. Wratten ..	2	Leonard Edwards	6
*Caroline Mackie	3	William A. Farmer ..	7
Peter Baker	4	Cyril A. Wratten	Tenor

Composed by N J. Pitstow. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal at first attempt. † First on eight. First of Spliced Major by all except treble and tenor.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat. Nov 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Howard Oglesby	Treble	Robert A. Reeves	5
Diana Reeves	2	Ronald K. Russ	6
A. Terence Collins	3	Maurice A. New	7
Christopher C. Clarke ..	4	Michael W. Coleman ..	Tenor

Composed by R. F B Speed. Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
Rung by members of the Society of Raving Ringers as a farewell to Heather and Anthony Mann, who are emigrating to Australia.

RUARDEAN, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist
On Sun., Nov. 27, 1966. in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Wilfred Williams	Treble	Eric J. Hitchens	5
A. Leslie Barry	2	*Patrick H. Allen	6
Tudor P. Edwards	3	Alan R. Patterson	7
William A. Theobald ..	4	David J. Llewellyn ..	Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Stedman. Believed to be the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

DYRHAM Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat. Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Christopher Gibbs	Treble	Anthony W. Gibbs ..	4
William Lampard	2	Henry Taysom	5
Derek M. Smith	3	*Reginald H Driver ..	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.
* First peal. First peal in the method for all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD. Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.
On Sun., Nov. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

A. Patrick Cannon	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	6
*Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	2	Frederick Scott	7
J. Keith Ward	3	Brian J. Luff	8
Malcolm M. Powell ..	4	David P. Hilling	9
Alan E. Bagworth	5	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Royal at conductor.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CODDINGTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues. Nov 1. 1966. in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Reverse Canterbury Bob, Single Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*S. Barnaby Bell	Treble	E. Charles Biggs	4
C. William Nutt	2	James Ward	5
Leonard J. Walters ..	3	John Clements	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal.
Rung on All Saints' Day to mark the centenary year of the bells being cast. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

MATHON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Nov 11, 1966. in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

E. Charles Biggs	Treble	Leonard J. Walters	4
*†James Ranford	2	*Jack Cale	5
James Ward	3	John Clements	Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal of Minor 'inside" † 25th peal.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DROGHEDA Co. Louth.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 methods, two extents each of Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old, Dedworth, Buttercup, Primrose, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. Columb, Wallflower, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Grandsire, Newborough, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and Fortune.
Tenor 22 cwt. 18 lb in E flat.

*George McGregor	Treble	Colin A. Lewis	4
Geraldine G. Winnett ..	2	Frederick E. Dukes	5
Peter W. Brown	3	David H. T. Taylor ..	Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for Sean T. O'Kelly, former President of this State, buried this day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE. Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966 in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

Harold W. Evans	Treble	Michael H. O'Callaghan ..	5
John Pladdys	2	D. Paul Smith	6
Richard Hayes	3	Philip A. Corby	7
Judith M. Corby	4	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

ELTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 10 cwt.

Edward J Coode	Treble	†Geoffrey Clarke	5
*Mrs. Celia Sims	2	†Philip R. Clarke	6
Mrs. Brenda Coode ..	3	‡Robin E. Clarke	7
Kenneth D. Small	4	Frederick J. Hurrell ..	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Clarke.
* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First "inside." First in the method as conductor. First peal by an all local band.
Rung as a welcome to Rev Clifford Lacy, who was inducted Vicar on November 7th.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WALKDEN, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sun., Nov. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

David Forsythe	Treble	Thomas W. Smith	5
*James Andrews	2	Joseph Thornley	6
Geoffrey Fothergill	3	John Ashcroft	7
Fred W. Brownlow	4	Albert Greenhalgh	Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life and work of Mrs Annie McDermott (née Potter), who died on Easter Day, 1966, and whose family had been connected with this tower for over 80 years.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966. in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite ..	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	6
Tudor P Edwards	2	Edward Jenkins	7
Jeffrey Kershaw	3	John H. Fielden	8
Richard S. Starkie	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	9
Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	5	Derek Butterworth	Tenor

Composed by A. M. Tyler. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung after meeting short for Stedman Cinques.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EWERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Nov 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

John Walden	Treble	George E. Feirn	6
Mary C. Poyner	2	Peter A. Sharp	7
Jack L. Millhouse	3	Geoffrey R. Parker	8
Beryl N. Reed	4	William L. Exton	9
Edward W. Colley	5	Michael W. Crowder ..	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Royal by all the band except ringers of 3 and 8, and for the Guild. Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1966 in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Ronald Chafer	Treble	Jack Bray	5
*Roger Hippesley	2	John Hall	6
Gwen I. Bloomfield ..	3	Frank G. Bloomfield ..	7
*Harry Baldwin	4	Philip Barnes	Tenor

Composed by E. H. Lewis. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Nov 12, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 10 different callings. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Philip C. Pitchford	Treble	Frederick G. Hooper ..	4
Paul Raithby	2	Frederick Derry	5
J. Edward Brown	3	William B. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.
Rung half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Sunday. Also as a tribute to the conductor's parents.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
On Sat., Nov 26, 1966. in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 six-scores Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*A. William Gibbons ..	Treble	Raymond J. Mayle	4
Thomas E. Hiddins ..	2	D. Walford Davies	5
William T. Petty	3	Harold Preece	Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.
* First peal (aged 73 years)

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

SOUTH MYMMS Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., Nov. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in 51 methods: (1) Bangor, Grantham, Sleaford, Chester-le-Street, Orsett, Upshire, Stotfold, Pulham, South Mymms, Yaxham, Eadburgebyrig, Drumcree, Sandiacre and Netherwood, (2) Dronfield, Retford, Minehead, Spalding, Purleigh, Quendon, Kenwood, Bloomsbury, Archway, Euston, St. Pancras, Highbury, Lincoln, Coldstream Redbourn and Brampton, (3) London and Wells, (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull, Bourne, King Edward and Queen Mary, (5) Northumberland and Carlisle, (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, York and Durham, (7) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, with 105 changes in method.
Tenor 12 cwt.

Audrey R. Alexander ..	Treble	Timothy G. Pett	4
Robin R. Churchill	2	Michael W. Coleman ..	5
Roger D. Bailey	3	Robert E. J. Dennis ..	Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.
Most methods to a peal by all, on the bells and for the Society. Extents 1, 2 and 4 are now rung for the first time.

New methods:
Stotfold: 34 x 56.14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 56 lh 12G
Pulham: 34 x 56.14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 56 lh 12G
South Mymms: 34 x 56.14 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.56 lh 12G
Yaxham: 34 x 56.14 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.56 lh 12G
Eadburgebyrig: 34 x 56.14 x 12 x 1236 x 12 x 56 lh 12G
Drumcree: 34 x 56 14 x 12 x 1236 x 34 x 56 lh 12G
Kenwood: 36 x 36.14 x 56 x 36 x 12 x 56 lh 12H
Bloomsbury: 36 x 36.14 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 56 lh 12H
Archway: 36 x 36.14 x 56 x 36.12 x 12.56 lh 12H.
Euston: 36 x 36.14 x 56 x 36.12 x 34.56 lh 12H
St. Pancras: 36 x 36.14 x 56 x 1236 x 12 x 56 lh 12H
Highbury: 36 x 36.14 x 56 x 1236 x 34 x 56 lh 12H
Queen Mary: x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 36 lh 16 165243

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SALFORD. Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 26. 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt

*Christopher M. Movley	Treble	A. Stephen Taylor	5
Roger L. Coley	2	John W. Gander	6
Brian A. Tomlinson ..	3	Alan S. Burbidge	7
Peter Bellamy-Knights ..	4	E. Andrew Harrison ..	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Alan S. Burbidge.
* First peal.
An engagement compliment to Dr. David J. Baker and Miss Norma Coom.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM ROYAL, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods comprising 1,760 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, and 1.600 of Lincolnshire, with 84 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Sara K. D. Woolley ..	Treble	David E. Rothera	5
Frederick R. Scott	2	Keith J. Walpole	6
Ian G. Campbell	3	Robert E. Hardy	7
J. Keith Ward	4	Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Jonathan S. N. Porter.
First peal of spliced on the bells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISS, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966. in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

J. Barry Pickup	Treble	Richard A. Hunt	5
Edwin R. Goate	2	J Ian Margetts	6
Norman P. J. Cossey ..	3	Ralph W. Bickers	7
H. William Barrett	4	Trevor N. J. Bailey	Tenor

Composed by Frank C W. Knight. Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE. Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 WYCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt 3 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

Frederick R. Scott	Treble	Maurice G. Ingram	5
J. Keith Ward	2	Jonathan S. N. Porter ..	6
Robert M. Ashman	3	Dennis Knox	7
Derek Francis	4	Sydney M. Bailey	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.
The first peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the birth of Ian Michael, third son of the conductor, born Monday, November 21st.

WYCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR.
x 38 x 14 x 58 x 36 x 12 x 38 x 16 x 38

LITTLE MISSENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sun., Oct. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 43 methods, viz., (1) Stedman, (2) St. Richard, (3) St. Remigius, (4) Horsley, (5) Church Gresley, (6) St. Werburgh, (7) St. Ambrose, (8) St. Ninian, (9) St. Osmond, (10) Somerville, (11) Elford, (12) St. Albans, (13) Eynsham, (14) St. Simon, (15) Nuffield, (16) Shareshill, (17) St. Nicholas, (18) Lapley, (19) St. Giles, (20) Magdalen, (21) Austrey, (22) St. Paul, (23) St. Leonard's, (24) St. Martin's, (25) Wadham, (26) Ryton, (27) Winchendon Place, (28) St. John, (29) St. Miles, (30) Campion, (31) Little Aston, (32) Reverse Canterbury, (33) Clifford's Pleasure, (34) Southrepps, (35) Wychbold, (36) Hudibras, (37) Seighford, (38) Kennington, (39) April Day, (40) Plain Bob, (41) Dedworth, (42) Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt.

Diane Presdee	Treble	Ronald Snack	4
Anthony Fortin	2	John Hall	5
Barrie Dove	3	Nigel Cox	Tenor

Conducted by Barrie Dove.
Rung with the compliments of the band to Carol Lowes and Maurice Appleby, on their engagement.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
FULMER, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Tues., Nov, 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent of Oxford T.B., one of Kent T.B., two of Cambridge Surprise, one of St. Clement's, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Peter T. Dale	Treble	William Birmingham ..	4
Christopher J. Royal ..	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
Ronald K. Russ	3	Anthony K. Fortin	Tenor

Conducted by Anthony K. Fortin.
First peal in more than one method as conductor.
Rung to mark the forthcoming christening of the conductor's god-child, Helen Cooper, at Great Shelford, Cambs, on Sunday, November 13th.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb.

Nigel J. Cox	Treble	Peter T. Dale	4
Anthony K. Fortin	2	Ronald K. Russ	5
Christopher J. Royal ..	3	Ronald J. Snack	Tenor

Conducted by Ronald J. Snack.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Brenda Arnott.

CHESHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being one extent of St Clement's, and three each of Southrepps and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 5 lb. in F

Diane Presdee	Treble	*Roger Mitchell	4
Nicholas R. White	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
P. John Hall	3	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal in more than one method.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Mon., Nov 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Bob, Childwall, Thelwall, Kent, Oxford and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

Frederick W. Soden ..	Treble	Peter Pearce	4
*Terence J. Hester	2	Frank Reed	5
Brian W. Hall	3	D. Kay Adkins	Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal in seven methods "inside."

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Sun., Nov 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5002 ROTHERSTHORPE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Stanley F. Webb	Treble	Barry E. Saunders	6
Anne B. Speed	2	Graham C. Paul	7
Richard F. B. Speed ..	3	Alan A. Paul	8
Patrick I. Chapman	4	Barrie Hendry	9
Roger W. Smith	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard F B. Speed.

ROTHERSTHORPE SURPRISE ROYAL.
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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
TOTTENHAM. Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Mon., Nov 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 14 methods, comprising 640 each of Bristol and Rutland, and 320 each of Cambridge Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.

Mikaela Erik	Treble	John S. Barnes	5
Yvonne Edwards	2	Edwin A. Barnett	6
Joan Beresford	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
Sheila M. Dobbie	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by John R Mayne. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
The most methods rung to a peal of Spliced Surprise Major by all the band except the ringer of the third. First peal of 14 Spliced Surprise Major for the Society.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit.
On Sat., Nov 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 30 cwt 3 qr. 24 lb. in D

Mikaela Erik	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin ..	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Roger Baldwin	3	John S. Barnes	7
Peter M. Fleckney	4	Dennis Beresford	Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM —At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Nov 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Michael J. Fellows	2	Edward W. Colley	8
*Alan Carveth	3	Norman J. Goodman ..	9
George E. Fearn	4	Peter J. Stretton	10
John C Eisel	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
SALISBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Nov 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Rev. Roger Keeley ..	Treble	Jeffrey L Claughton ..	5
I. Ann Abrahams	2	John Hartless	6
*Peter J. Bushell	3	Lewis F. Cobb	7
Michael B. Tyers	4	Ronald N. Marlow	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal of Surprise Major. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

BRADFORD ABBAS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Nov. 23, 1966 in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods, being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr 21 lb. in F.

William E. Turner	Treble	Gilbert W. Rendell ..	4
*Derek S. Beaufoy	2	Frederick G. Sandy ..	5
Trevor E. Marks	3	*Trevor A. Cross	Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross
* 25th peal together The conductor's 500th peal.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
MUCH WENLOCK Shropshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
On Sat. Nov. 19, 1966 in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
Tenor 16 cwt 8 lb. in E.

Ernest F. Wilcox	Treble	Jennifer M. Beech	5
Edward R. Fairbrother ..	2	George E. Morrall	6
Ruth A. E. Fairbrother ..	3	Ian Friend	7
Frederic R. Wiggin	4	Frank Beech	Tenor

Composed by J. Nicholls. Conducted by Frank Beech.
First peal of Kent Major by all except the ringer of the treble.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
NETHERTON Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 3,600 Plain Bob and 1,440 Cambridge, with 90 changes of method Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Christine Slater	Treble	†Elizabeth Timmins ..	5
*Edward R. Fairbrother ..	2	Ian Friend	6
Philip R. Johnson	3	Richard B. Dorrington ..	7
Richard J. Warrilow ..	4	Philip G. K. Davies ..	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal of spliced † 25th peal

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTH COLLINGHAM. Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St John the Baptist.
On Tues., Nov 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5319 DOUBLES
Being 44 extents and 39 changes in 27 methods, viz.: St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund Staunton, Rugby, Slapton S.C., Merton, Caunton, Braywood Welford, St Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Remigius, Longford Hascombe, Thornborough, Huntley, Norwell, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe Plain, Boxford Candlesby, Reverse Canterbury, Dorton, Raveningham and Grandsire, with 74 changes of method
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr 10 lb. in A

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	Simon Humphrey	3
David Oliver	2	Maurice W. Harrison ..	4
		George A. Dawson	Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
50th peal as conductor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
LEIGH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966 in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt 2 qr. in A

David P. Hilling	Treble	*Ian Wickens	4
*Malcolm M. Powell ..	2	Geoffrey K Dodd	5
†Roy D. Mills	3	A Patrick Cannon ..	Tenor

Conducted by A Patrick Cannon
* First peal of Minor in seven methods. † First of Minor.
The conductor has now rung 1,000 different bells to peals.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWES, Sussex.—At the Church of St John-the-Baptist, Southover. On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5183 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt 1 qr. 20 lb in E.

*Phyllis R. Chidwick	Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves	6
Olive D. Tester	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	7
Christopher T. Osenton	3	Colin A. Tester	8
Alexander Waddington	4	†Ernest J. Ladd	9
Joan A. Howard	5	Martin L. Howe	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal on ten bells. † Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary de Haura. On Mon., Nov. 14, 1966, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	Stanley G. Ponting	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	George Francis	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Derek E. Sibson	7
James M. Hills	4	W. Leslie Weller	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

Rung to mark the 18th birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicolas. On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr.

Audrey R. Alexander	Treble	Alan D. Elsmore	4
Roger D. Bailey	2	Timothy G. Pett	5
Robin R. Churchill	3	Robert E. J. Dennis	Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Colin J. Butler	Treble	*Derek C. Jackson	6
David J. Forder	2	†Robert A. Partridge	7
Margaret E. Chapman	3	Maurice J. Butler	8
Michael J. Thomas	4	Tom Chapman	9
Peter J. Joyce	5	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal of London Royal. † First peal of Royal and of London.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HAMPTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew. On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 12 cwt.

Vivien Barnes	Treble	Joseph D. Johnson	5
Mrs. J. Thomas	2	Leonard Mills	6
William J. Newman	3	Joseph E. Newman	7
Gordon Brown	4	*Maurice E. Newman	Tenor

Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

* First peal on tower bells.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. Woods, inducted to the parish the previous Sunday. Also a compliment to Mr. L. Mills on completing 25 years as a chorister at this church.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Sheffield and District Society.)

ECCLESFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary. On Mon., Nov. 21, 1966, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Richard J. Tibbetts	Treble	John S. Seagar	5
Iris M. E. Lemare	2	David Nichols	6
Kathleen M. Higgins	3	Fred Jackson	7
Neil Donovan	4	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Composed by W. H. Barber. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

NORTHOWRAM, Halifax, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew. On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Arthur Rogers	Treble	Kenneth B. Sissons	5
M. Susan Jackson	2	John Robinson	6
David Smith	3	John S. Seagar	7
Alan Sheppard	4	J. Henry Fielden	Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

PONTEFRACT Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints. On Sat., Nov 19 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 125-7 and 130-133 inc.).

Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Terrence W. Brighton	Treble	Trevor Tarbatt	4
Susan Mitchell	2	Christopher J. Groome	5
Jennifer E. Pearce	3	A. Colin Banton	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

First peal of Oxford T.B. Minor for all.

Rung after meeting short for Major. In memoriam Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, died November 16th, 1885

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 27th, 1,320 Double Oxford Bob Minor: I. Wiltshire 1, E. G. H. Godfrey 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Carol Cousins 4, Amanda Powell 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also 1,440 Norfolk Surprise Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 1, Wendy Wallace 2, Carol Cousins 3, I. Oram 4, C. H. Macve 5, T. Lewis 6. For Confirmation service.

ASH, SURREY.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Kent): Judith M. Vince 1, Joan V. Reyner 2, M. W. Brown 3, M. E Denyer 4, P. G. Sherwood 5, P. G. Smart (cond.) 6. Also on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. Rance (first quarter) 1, Angela J. Smart 2, J. P. Ladd (first in two methods) 3, P. G. Smart (cond.) 4, P. J. Ostley 5, M. E. Denyer 6. Both for Evensong.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Doreen Metcalfe 1, P. N. Mounsey 2, Linda Wilkinson 3, S. G. Pick 4, H. Poyner (cond.) 5, Mary C. Poyner 6. Longest length of Surprise for all except 5 and 6.

BERROW, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods/var.): R. Jones 1, J. Coombs 2, G. Davis 3, S. Lewis 4, J. Walton (cond.) 5, C. Avery 6. First in 11 methods var. 1, 3 and 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. P. Snoswell 1, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 2, D. L. Nibbs 3, T. G. Williams 4, J. Hills 5, M. Loveday 6, A. W. Bond 7, R. H. Newton 8. A birthday compliment to Marion Kemp and Angela Williams.

CADOXTON, Neath, GLAM.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Doubles: D. J. Lewis 1, A. R. Lewis 2, G. I. Lewis 3, B. Williams 4, A. Boyce 5, D. Culpan 6.

CHIGWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Walker (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Perry 2, P. Dickinson (first "inside") 3, Miss J. Darby (first "inside") 4, Miss C. Neville (first as cond.) 5, T. Willis 6

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. P. J. Privett 1, A. D. Flood 2, Patricia Hill 3, Anne Pickering 4, Judith Collins 5, J. Collier (50th quarter) 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, K. Mumford 8.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. R. J. Berry 1, W. F. Cowley 2, H. N. Pratley 3, A. W. Ivings 4, W. H. Minnear 5, W. Ivings 6, C. C. Clarke (cond.) 7, J. F. Butlin (first quarter) 8. For morning service.

EALING, MIDDX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. M. Felton (cond.) 1, H. W. Rogers 2, A. M Stacey 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, M. Sprackling 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. G Draper 1, Rosemary J. Kemp 2, Cmdr. J. Merritt R.N. 3, F. E. Fagg 4, Renee Sturgess 5, J. A. G. Ball 6, R. K. Hawkins 7, S. A. Scott 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, J. W. Stevenson 10. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Harwin 1, A. Richardson 2, A. Warren 3, I. Campbell 4, B. Watson 5, L. Tubb (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: G. Marsh 1, R. Marsh 2, Ruth Blackshaw 3, D. Surman 4, M. Harrison 5, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

GUILDFORD SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. W. Rogers 1, Miss A. M. Mann 2, D. Hewitt 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, D. Brown 5, J. B. Cooke 6, J. Smith 7, W. E. Wilson (cond.) 8, C. Richards 9, C. H. Rogers 10. For Evensong.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Erin Triples: M. F. Lock 1, F. Wills 2, C. Bryant 3, B. Thompson 4, G. Skinner 5, N. Mallett 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, P. Colton 8. First in method for all and in the city of Exeter.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Faulkes (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Davenport 2, R. Hayward 3, A. Ballard (cond.) 4, T. Wykes (first "inside") 5, G. Brandrick 6. Rung prior to the Confirmation of Mr. T. Wykes.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Ellis 1, R. Cassidy 2, J. Pilgrim 3, S. Bedford 4, V. Bedford (first as cond.) 5, J. Rampley (first quarter) 6.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. B. Crowder 1, P. Royd-Jones 2, J. Dafters 3, Miss F. Cannon 4, D. Gebbett 5, D. Randall 6, D Hollis (cond.) 7, M. Tunnicliffe 8. To mark the 80th birthday of E. B. Crowder.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,440 Cambridge and London Surprise: Jean Sanderson 1, F. Harper 2, J. G. Gipson 3, J. Rank 4, S. Woodcock 5, D F. Murfet (cond.) 6. For Frank Harper's birthday.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Hardwidge 1, J. Brain (cond.) 2, Monica Kortright (first quarter "inside") 3, L. Derrick 4, C. Kortright 5, L. Childs 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Cross', on Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Daniel 1, R. A. Kempton 2, J. E. Stredder (first quarter) 3, P. J. Crane 4, S. K. Thompson 5, S. F. Royal (cond.) 6. For St. Catherine's Day Evensong by O.U.S.C.R.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Woodcock 1, D. F. Murfet 2, R. D. Bellamy 3, G. E. Bonham 4, G. Pearson 5, J. G. Gipson 6, K. J. Hesketh (cond.) 7, J. S. Walker 8. Half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday.

THORLEY HERTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,440 Kent Bob Minor: K. Westwood 1, R. Hayden 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, A. Richardson 6. For morning service.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Fox (first quarter, age 12) 1, W. Cousins 2, J. Fox (cond.) 3, R. Newson 4, W. Wiskin 5, C. Cousins 6. For the Patronal Festival.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—At St. John Baptist, on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Moore 1, R. J. Fox (cond.) 2, T. Marks 3, D. Beaufoy 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, F. Sandy 6, J. J. Setter 7, G. Gaylard 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Rev. R. D. Knight, curate.

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TOMLINSON.—In lasting memory of Norman, the beloved husband of Phœbe, who fell asleep December 16th, 1963. "Tho' lost to sight, to memory dear." 534

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BOUMPHREY.—As from January 1st, the address of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Boumphrey will be: Bishop Willis College, P.O. Box 150, Iganga, Uganda. 521

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PERSONAL

"Be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."—Hebrews xiii, 5

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MISCELLANEOUS

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CARILLON RECITALS

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Christmas Greetings

Good ringing, singing, feasting and fun to all fellow ringers, and especially Central Council members and those who elect them.—GILBERT THURLOW. 535

We wish all our friends a merry Christmas, with good health and happiness in 1967.—DAVID, FRANCES, GEORGE and HILDA MASSEY, of Hurst, Spring Gardens, Frome, Somerset, and MRS. D. E. MASSEY, of 66, Vale Road, Claygate, Surrey. 538

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Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. —E. T. PAUL FIELD, 17, Stonehill, Stoke-sub-Hamdon. 543

Wishing all my ringing friends, for 60 years, a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. —GEORGE R. FINCH, 4 Bungalow, Marlesford. 550

Wishing all our ringing friends a very merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year, and the best of health to enjoy more ringing.—HERBERT and ELLEN MINGAY. 545

Greetings to all ringing friends. Sincere wishes for a happy Christmas, and prosperity, good health and good ringing in 1967.—From J. FRANK SMALLWOOD, 5, Stanton Close, Darley Dale. Telephone 2584. 549

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Would everyone please note that Mr. D. John Hunt has relinquished the post of Branch secretary The new secretary, to whom all communications regarding Bristol ringing should be addressed, is: Mrs Anne Burcher, 166, Thingwall Park, Fishponds, Bristol. 533

LOST, STOLEN OR STRAYED.—The first peal book of the Oxford Society, with a first entry dated 1733, has been missing since early 1964. Extensive inquiries have not revealed its whereabouts. Will anyone having infomation please contact P. Walker, 152, Headley Way, Headington, Oxford. 527

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

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will be held on
Saturday, February 4th, 1967
at
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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, December 17th, Bray. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Names for tea to Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 478

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Joint Meeting at Warsop

The Mansfield District meeting at Warsop on November 26th was joint with the East Derbyshire and West Notts Association. The attendance was good and those present sampled the hospitality and variety one would expect from this popular tower. Variety in the ringing: methods from Grandsire and Plain Bob to London and Wells Surprise were rung during the afternoon and evening, when the ringing chamber was, at times, uncomfortably full; hospitality: in the church service, when the Rev. David Leaning welcomed everyone before delivering an extremely well chosen "Eve of Advent" address, and at tea, where approximately 45 people enjoyed the excellent meal prepared by the ladies.

A further welcome was extended by the District chairman to the E. Derbys and W. Notts members, and to the visitors and friends from neighbouring Districts and Associations. Following the business meeting, thanks were expressed all round, before the company adjourned to the tower where ringing continued until 9 p.m.

Next meeting: District annual, Mansfield, January 28th, 1967. D. J. B.

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BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): Joan C. McLean 1, E. Sybil M. Tonkin 2, S. Brooks 3, D. R. McLean (cond.) 4, A. Turner 5, S. J. Osborne 6. First in three methods 1, 2, 4 and 6.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—At St. Mary's, on Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Elizabeth A. Ewan (first quarter) 1, Joan Gray 2, G. W. Randall 3, R. Ducker 4, F. N. Pailing 5, J. M. Brook (first of Triples) 6, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 7, A. E. Shingles (first on eight) 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son (Mark) to ringer of 8.

BROMHAM, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Gummer 1, W. Ludlow 2, J. Hughes (first "inside") 3, J. Abbott 4, S. Cottle (cond.) 5, M. Arnold 6.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Grindle 1, Mrs. A. Bruten 2, T. Stephens 3, R. Stephens 4, Rev. I. J. Richards 5, B. Werry 6, J. Alsop (cond.) 7, D. Bruten 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. R. A. Alsop (aged 83), friend of Llandaff and Monmouth ringers.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,376 Rutland S. Major: W. Ayre 1, Susan E. Williams 2, B. M. Barker 3, A. V. Good 4, K. D. Waples 5, R. E. Sheppard 6, P. W. Harper 7, A. R. Kench (cond.) 8. First in the method for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. A farewell to Susan Williams, who is shortly going to work in Switzerland.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss J. Peacock 1, C. E. Wright 2, F. V. Gant (cond.) 3, G. W. Cecil 4, C. M. M. Pain 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, J. Macdonald 7, A. J. Salisbury 8.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Sheila A. Harfield 1, H. W. Brown 2, A. M. Humphrey 3, P. Hepburn (first of Triples) 4, M. C. Wooldridge 5, J. R. Norris (cond.) 6, B. J. Harfield 7, R. J. Trier 8. A 94th birthday compliment to Harry Richardson, and a 22nd birthday compliment to Pauline Hood, both members of the local band.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Payne 1, Mrs. M. Meredith 2, J. W. Felce 3, R. Old 4, D. Trueman 5, S. Earl (cond.) 6. For the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, married at this church on November 29th, 1906.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—On Nov. 20th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Ruth E. Havard 1, Gwen Bidgood 2, Ann Pilgrim 3, Mary Pryor 4, Hazel Arrowsmith 5, F. W. Corney 6, P. S. Reading 7, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 8, M. Pilgrim 9, C. Aldridge 10. First of Caters 3 and 7. For Evensong.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Parish Church, on Nov 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: L. W. Stevens (cond.) 1, R. Martin 2, Mary Edwards 3, M. Stevens 4, E. C Weaver 5, R. M. Wilson 6, J. Lacey 7, H. Marcon 8, H. W. Myatt 9, T. Harris 10. For Patronal Festival, and with birthday compliments to H. W. Myatt. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,368 Grandsire Caters: T. Harris 1, J. Saddington 2, Celia Harris 3, M. Stevens 4, Mary Edwards 5, R. M. Wilson 6, J. Lacey 7, J. Tickle 8, L. W. Stevens (cond.) 9, E. Briggs 10. Rung for the final service of All Saints' Festival

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on Nov. 20th, 1,440 Spliced S. Minor (22 methods): D. L. Crawley 1, R. R. Churchill 2, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 3, T. G. Pett 4, M. W. Coleman 5, R. E. J. Dennis 6. By U.L.S.C.R.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Whitby 1, Audrey Hopkins 2, K. Wood 3, C. Sams (cond.) 4, W. Aley 5, G. Blake 6. Rung half-muffled for Mrs. Read, mother of the Vicar, interred the previous day. Also on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Duncan 1, C. Sams 2, E. Newnham 3, W. Aley 4, R. Durrant 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6. For the dedication of a plaque in memory of Sir Hereward Wake, late Lord of the Manor of Nazeing.

NEATH, GLAM.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Morris 1, A. R. Lewis 2, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 3, H. Boyce 4, R. Hosking 5, B. Williams 6. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Lewis 1, Susan Harben 2, E. Morris 3, G. I. Lewis 4, H. Boyce (cond.) 5, R. Hosking 6.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Cheryl Chorlton (first quarter) 1, Kay Murphy (first "inside") 2, J. G. White 3, M. Lincoln 4, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 5, P. R. Martin 6. For Evensong.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Vivien Barnes 1, J. D. Johnson (cand.) 2, Mrs. P. Harris 3, Mrs. J. Thomas 4, M. J. Newman 5, H. Plumb 6, R. Harris 7, P. Harris 8, J. E. Newman 9, T. W. Lewis 10. In memoriam John Thomas, on the Hinton band's annual visit to Painswick.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Holmes (first quarter) 1, P. Clewett 2, Judith Holmes 3, D. Trueman 4, D. Isaacs (first of Minor "inside") 5, B. Frost (cond.) 6. To the Glory of God and to mark the wedding of ringers 1 and 3.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Michael's Church, on Nov. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Deborah N. Maggs 1, Joy F. Butler 2, C. J. Butler 3, Mrs. T. H. Francis 4, R. Allison 5, R. A. Partridge 6, T. H. Francis 7, M. J. Thomas (cond.) 8. First of Cambridge 1, 2, 3 and 5.

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Aldgate 1, C. Pearson 2, K. Hall (cond.) 3, M. Platt 4, L. Wilson 5, N. Hards 6. In memory of Mr. H. Hinchliffe, a ringer for 30 years.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, C. A. Gray 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. M. Steele (cond.) 5, E. C. Steele 6, D. Grove 7. For the inaugural service of the 63rd Hackney Scout Troop, and Harvest Festival.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles R. W. Forbes 1, E. C. Oliver (first "inside") 2, Miss E. M. Haynes (cond.) 3, Miss S. J. Wight 4, Miss J. Gray 5, N. W. Castle 6. For Harvest Festival service, and a compliment to Miss Pat Teal, on her engagement to Mr. Michael Rhodes.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. G. Wright (cond.) 1, D. A. Wright 2, Miss H. Gamble 3, K. Warner 4, D. A. Hewitt 5, E. Holman 6, P. D. Chapman 7, T. Coles 8. A birthday compliment to Miss Patricia A. Nicholls.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Claire E. N. Brown 1, Frances J. N. Brown 2, Ruth A. Elmes 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, P. R. Keough 5, G. W. Elmes 6, J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 7, R. W. Young 8. Rung half-muffled for the tragedy at Aberfan.

WESTMINSTER, LONDON.—At St. Gabriel's, on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. L. Jones 1, R. Jean Henderson (first of Triples as cond.) 2, Paula Healing 3, Rosemary J. Cotton 4, C. J. Brown 5, J. W. Euston 6, J. R. Pratt 7, A. J. Taylor 8. For Evensong.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles Miss M. A. Sutton 1, M. Presland 2, W. A. R. Chamberlain 3, A. K. Peck 4, R. D. Bellamy (cond.) 5, D. Lloyd 6. To welcome Victoria Stallard, born Nov. 19th, 1966.

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"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"

By the Rev. P. M. FREEMAN

I HAVE to confess to a certain impatience with those who sigh regretfully over the approach of Christmas because "it won't be the same now that the children are grown up —after all, Christmas is the children's time, isn't it?" True, my children are not yet grown up, and we can still pretend with pillow cases hung over the end of the bed, with glasses of milk and mince pies placed in the hearth. Then comes the opening of the presents and the five of us sharing the pleasure of all the surprises. Will Christmas lose its meaning when the pillow cases are left in the drawer and there is no glass of milk for the white-bearded traveller to drink? Surely, most of what happens at Christmas is a by-product, to be enjoyed and remembered certainly; but the reason for the celebrations remains constant for young and old alike—Jesus, the Son of God, is born in Bethlehem.

Maybe this is what we have forgotten—that Jesus was born there. I know that when we stop and think about it, we remember; but one of the complaints of recent years has been that people "cash in" on the Christmas festival. There is so much advertising, so much pressure upon us to buy this, that and the other, that the central figure of Christmas has been pushed into the background. Surely this points the contrast between what Jesus stands for and what the world stands for so very often—between Jesus who gives His life for the world and the world which wants "to cash in:"

For all of us, when we are caught up in the enjoyments of Christmas Day, there is a temptation to forget that He, who was born at Bethlehem, grew up to be mocked, humiliated, betrayed, deserted and nailed to the cross. What happened to Jesus was utter and miserable failure when judged by the standards that human beings usually adopt. Even though we may be well aware of the danger of forgetting Jesus, even though we shall go to our parish churches to celebrate His birth, we too can push Him into the background because we over-sentimentalise the story, because the story is so familiar that we have forgotten to look closely at what happened in Bethlehem, because we forget that the child who lies in the manger will one day hang upon a cross.

The other temptation that presents itself is to push the world into the background, to be so caught up in the "eat, drink and be merry" atmosphere that we delude ourselves into thinking that the world is not such a bad place after all. It is easy to forget that there are people still living in refugee camps, that men, women and children are being killed and maimed in war, that children are starving, that human frailty, cruelty and thoughtlessness cause pain and suffering to millions. It is this world into which Christ is born; it is this world which crucifies Him.

So we stand and watch at the stable door. There we see the child, Jesus; born in conditions of poverty, destined to grow up in obscurity until he challenges the attitudes and standards of the world in which He lived; and so, He is crucified. And already, at Bethlehem, we can see foreshadowed in the coming of the shepherds and the Wise Men the words of Jesus to His followers: "My kingdom is not of this world." "The way I do things," He seems to say to us, "is not the same as the way the world does them." Jesus, born in humility, comes to serve His fellow men, to help them whenever they need help and, in the end, to die for them. All this He does in a world which praises achievement and success, which applauds the realisation of ambition and rewards merit.

What does Jesus ask of those who come to worship Him? See the shepherds come—humble, simple men, who knew the responsibility of caring. That was their job, to care for the sheep; yet in the midst of doing it, they were alert to hear the angels' song: "Glory to God in highest heaven, and on earth His peace for men on whom His favour rests." They were not too busy to hear. Yet how often God can be excluded from life because of lack of time or busy-ness or because we can convince ourselves that there are some areas of life into which God need not be admitted. Perhaps the shepherds remind us always to be aware of the nearness and the compassion of God for the whole of our lives.

Then the Wise Men approach, having travelled hundreds of miles across the waste desert-land; and they stand before the manger and offer their gifts. I had never realised quite so clearly before that, at the end of their search, the Wise Men do not ask for anything—they give. "When they opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts." How often we draw near to Jesus, not to give, but to ask, to receive, to find comfort. Perhaps the Wise Men received much from their experience at Bethlehem, but they set out on their journey in order to give.

As we hear the familiar story of Our Lord's birth at this Christmastide, as we listen once more to the message of the angels, see God Himself coming in Jesus to share our lives; see the shepherds, aware of God seeking them out in the very midst of their working lives; see the Wise Men, journeying because they want to offer themselves to God. See all this and know that God comes to us so that we might give ourselves to the task of making a reality the message of the angels: "Glory to God in highest heaven and on earth, His peace."

REHALLOWING of SHEFFIELD CATHDERAL BELLS

By Herbert O. Chaddock

THE Diocese of Sheffield was formed in 1914 out of the large Diocese of York, and the Parish Church of St. Peter, Sheffield, was chosen to serve as its Cathedral.

The Old Church, as it was called, very much blackened with five centuries of industrial smoke, and rather gloomy inside, was not quite the pride of the city as its Cathedral should be.

In 1935 the Provost (the late Dr. A. C. E. Jarvis) effected certain restorations and renewals. The Shrewsbury Chapel, built by the fourth Earl in the 15th century, was handed down to the successors, the Dukes of Norfolk, and in 1933 handed over to the Vicar and churchwardens, was restored and became the Lady Chapel. The St. Katherine's Chapel was restored, along with other minor improvements, and on February 25th, 1937, the new Bishop's Throne was dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The completion of these works introduced more beauty and light into the church and was an inducement to proceed further.

NEW NAVE AND ADDITIONAL TOWER

At a meeting of the Cathedral Council the Provost was given permission to secure the necessary funds to embark upon the enlargement in accordance with the designs of Sir Charles Nicholson. This meant pulling down the old nave and building a new one at right-angles running north to south, and included a new additional tower and spire in line with the old one, and on the west side of the new nave.

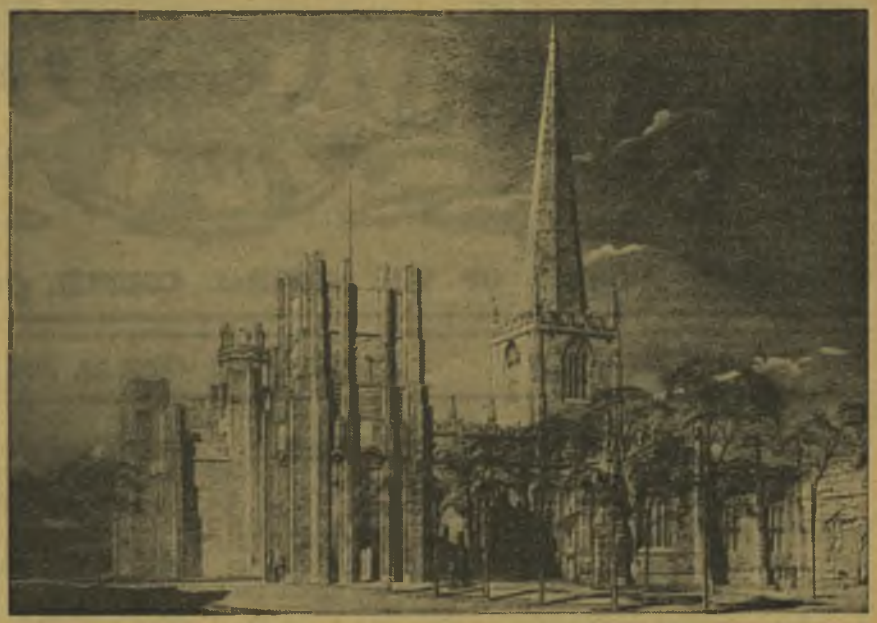
The Provost had only £360 in hand but by April, 1937, the foundation stones were laid, one by the late Princess Royal and one by Miss Fanny Tozer, who gave the beautiful Chapter House in memory of her father. The sacristy, song school and vestries were completed and the new Chapel of the Holy Spirit partly built, but on the outbreak of war in 1939 work had to be suspended.

Although the city received considerable damage from enemy action, the Cathedral was virtually undamaged. So much other essential building was necessary at the cessation of hostilities that work on the Cathedral was delayed. However, by June, 1948, the Chapel of the Holy Spirit was completed and consecrated, a day of great joy to Dr. Jarvis, who was now seeing his plans taking shape. He decided to retire and leave the completion to a younger man.

After much consideration the authorities under the new Provost, the Very Rev. J. Howard Cruse, decided, owing to the higher costs and other factors, reluctantly to abandon the original scheme and adopted the design submitted by Messrs. Ansell and Bailey, architects, of Guildford. All the previous work had been ably carried out by Messrs. Longdens, of Sheffield, and they were given the contract to complete the work, which was begun in August, 1963.

RINGERS' VANTAGE POINTS

We, the ringers, from our vantage points on the roofs, watched the process of building in our weekly visits with great interest for the next three years. The west end of the church was pulled down and the nave extended, a beautiful lantern tower being incorporated in the roof. A new tower at the south-west corner was also built, its base providing a fine exterior, and also an interior porch and entrance.



A new Church Hall has also been provided at the north-west corner, directly connected to the church. Owing to the slope of the land the rear of the hall roof is at ground level and the roof itself made into a garden.

LIGHTNESS AND BEAUTY

The new building is of Derbyshire stone; all the old exterior stonework has been cleaned Work on the interior included the whole being cleaned and renovated, and the floor repaired. The oak pews, pulpit and furnishing pickled and finished in a honey shade, together with the extra windows and modern lighting, transformed the interior to one of colour, lightness and beauty. The maintenance of the churchyard, which is of natural stone paving, with expanses of turf, has been taken over by the City Parks Department, who do a fine job and can be relied upon to add some colour and neatness in the spring.

As the building neared completion it was found that £50,000 was required for it to be free from debt. However, Sir Stuart Goodwin, a local industrialist, promised half the sum if the rest could be found within six weeks. An appeal was made in the city and to all the parishes in the diocese, who at a special service brought their gifts which, together with other donations, produced the required sum.

THE REHALLOWING

Tuesday, November 15th, was chosen for the day of rehallowing, and a great service had been arranged, with Princess Margaret as the guest of honour. The ringers had instructions to do their part, but a few days before the great day it was found that one of the strap bolts, holding the 11th bell to its stock, was broken, making it unsafe to ring. However, an appeal was made to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who quickly supplied a new fitting and sent Mr. W. Theobald, who, with the manual assistance of one of the ringers, soon had things put right.

Ringing took place before the service to welcome the processions of Clergy, University, Civic, the 342-years-old Company of Cutlers and a congregation of 1,450, and the Princess. The ringers were reserved excellent seats, where they could see and take part in a beautiful and impressive service. The Bishop of Sheffield (the Right Rev. John Taylor) knocked three times with his pastoral staff on the outside of the great south-west door before being admitted by the Provost, and later marked part of the new stonework with a cross of consecration.

The sermon was delivered by the Archbishop of York (Dr. Coggan). Towards the close of the service the ringers returned to the tower and attempted a peal of Bob Royal, which was brought round after a little over three hours' good ringing, owing to a shift course.

EARLY HISTORY

The shaft of the "Sheffield Cross," now in the British Museum, provides definite evidence that Christianity had been established here by the ninth century, and it is thought that the complete Cross stood on the site of the present Cathedral. There is no mention of a church in Sheffield in the Domesday Book. Early in the 12th century William de Lovetot, the first of his family, succeeded to the Manor. He founded the Priory of Worksop and built a sturdy Norman church in Sheffield.

During the Barons' War the town and castle were burned down and Lovetot's descendant, Thomas de Furnival, complained: "They have burned my house and taken away my goods and done other great damage." The Norman church was replaced by an Early English one and dedicated by Wickwane, Archbishop of York about the year 1280. This stood until the 15th century, when it was destroyed and a new Perpendicular style church was built. A few of the stones from the two ancient churches are embedded in the chancel walls. This church was cruciform in shape, with its tower and spire rising from massive central piers, and contained seven altars. During the passing years it has been altered and enlarged, but the tower and chancel are still part of the original building.

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THE BELLS

The first account book of the church burgesses, 1557–1573, refers to a little bell and later to "Ye Sanctas Bell," also the 1st, 2nd and 3rd bells. A 4th bell was given by Gilbert, the seventh Earl of Shrewsbury, in 1606.

A new ring was set up in 1689, but how many bells there were is not known, probably five or six, as the Cutlers' Company contributed one bell, cast by Houmfrey Wilkinson of Lincoln. There were eight tunable bells in 1764, but the tenor weight is unknown, probably about 33 cwt.

In 1799 a new ring of ten bells (tenor 30 cwt.) was hung in the tower, but these must have been unsatisfactory as in 1804 they were replaced by another ten (tenor 41 cwt.) by Thomas Mears of Whitechapel. Two trebles were added in 1868. In 1922 all the bells were returned to Whitechapel, the 7th and 10th found to be cracked and were recast, the remainder being returned and all hung on ball or roller bearings. The frame, sound and sturdy, is of timber.

About six years ago the tenor bell was fitted with a new balanced clapper and staple, also much of the louvred openings in the tower were covered with suitable material by some of the local company, resulting in a great improvement in the sound of the bells. It is hoped that in the near future a more modern set of clappers will be fitted and other necessary work done to the bells, which all go very well, and, if perhaps a little old-fashioned, are to us a joy to ring.

And so, after 1,000 years of Christian worship on this site, one cannot help but think how fortunate we are today to go Sunday by Sunday and ring to the glory of God, and on most Sundays attend Evensong in such a beautiful church, where we know our efforts are appreciated

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ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 4th, 1,320 Bourne Surprise Minor: Gaynor Wallace 1, Amanda Powell 2, C. H. Macve 3, Wendy Wallace 4, R. Rayfield 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Matins.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

By E. A. BARNETT

A prize of 10s. for nearest correct solution opened on January 6th, 1967. Address envelope: "Quiz" Editor, "The Ringing World," c/o Seven Corners Press Ltd., Onslow Street, Guildford.

SECTION 1—RINGERS

1. Who was the first ringer to accomplish 1,000 peals?
2. Who "had taken much delight in ringing but my conscience beginning to be tender, I thought such practice was but vain, and therefore forced myself to leave it . . ."?
3. Name two present-day Diocesan Bishops who have rung peals.
4. Who were the first husband and wife to ring a peal together?
5. Who conducted the first peal on 12 bells, and what was the method?

SECTION 2—COMPOSERS

1. Two pioneers of Spliced Minor composition used the pseudonyms of "Minormania" and "The Mad Hatter." Who were they?
2. Who is the only lady to have a peal composition of hers rung?
3. Who composed (a) Duffield, (b) Forward?
4. Who composed the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major and what were the methods?
5. Who first included a single in a composition in a Treble Bob hunt method?

SECTION 3—PEALS AND PEAL ATTEMPTS

1. What is the longest false peal rung?
2. Where was the first peal rung on nine bells?
3. A peal of Cinques and one of Maximus have been rung by bands of the same Christian name. What is it?
4. Where was the extent of Bob Major first rung?
5. Where and in what year was the first peal of Surprise Royal rung?

SECTION 4—MISCELLANEOUS

1. Who was Harvey Reeves?
2. How many editors has "The Ringing World" had?
3. John Powell Powell installed a ring of 12 bells at his own expense. Where?
4. Name the weekly journals other than "The Ringing World" which have been devoted exclusively to ringing.
5. Augmentations from eight to twelve are not unusual. Name two towers where the bells have been reduced from twelve to eight.

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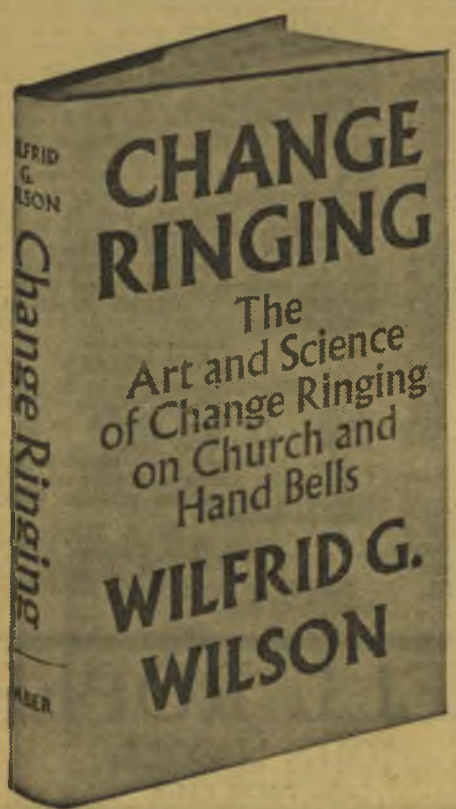
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Letters to the Editor

WHO DECIDES QUALITY OF PEAL?

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Stracey's letter (December 9th), who shall decide whether a peal is of too poor a quality to be recorded, and on what criterion shall their judgment be based? Am I right in thinking that the prerogative remains with the conductor?

The Central Council Handbook gives "conditions required for peals" in which no reference whatsoever is made to standards of striking. It does state that "any objection which may be taken to a peal shall be raised in writing to the conductor and the Association." Suppose, then, that the conductor still refuses to withdraw what others consider to be a substandard performance. It would appear that the decision must be taken by the accredited Association, especially as in another section of the Handbook we read "that the attention of Associations be called to the desirability of accurate striking."

How, then, is an Association to decide? Is it to take the word of one of its members against another? Is a "court" to be set up where judgment will be pronounced? If so, by whom? The thought horrifies me. I can see no simple solution but to accept the conductor's word and to let his reputation stand or fall by it.

Is there a precedent where a peal has been refused by an Association on the grounds of poor striking alone? If so I, for one, should be interested to hear of it and to know the general circumstances. If not, then can we accuse the Associations of complicity in the very poor quality performances referred to by Mr. Stracey?—Yours sincerely,

P. J. BIRD.

Kingswood, Bristol.

ROPE SPLICING

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Lt.-Col. Jerram for his interest in my article on rope maintenance. I did develop this method of finishing a long splice myself, based to some extent on the usual method, as given in the "Admiralty Manual of Seamanship," but I would emphasise that I claim no originality for it. To do so would be as hazardous as to claim authorship of a simple peal of Bob Major. This method of tucking must surely have been used elsewhere.

With regard to the security of this splice, I have done quite a number of them during the past 15 years, and I have not served any of them. In fact every rope at Wilmslow at present has one, and I can say that I have never known one to pull out.

I would also like to say that the method given for replacing a tail-end, by the use of two eye splices, was given to me by Peter Laflin, of St. George's, Stockport. He, I believe, brought it to this part of the country from Suffolk.—Yours faithfully,

NEIL D. LOMAS.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

WELL DONE, LADIES!

Dear Sir,—My sincere congratulations to the six ladies who rang the quarter peal of Doubles at Maiden Newton on November 18th.—Yours faithfully,

HENRY J. FORD,
Former Ringing Master of Dorchester Branch of S.D.G.R

P.S.—Keep it up, ladies!—H. J. F.

MEETING PROBLEMS OF THE AGE

Dear Sir—I had the pleasure of knowing and ringing with Phil Corby in the area and at the time of the V2 rockets to which he refers at the beginning of his article. The "stoical nonchalance" of those days differs from the "same endearing trait" of today, however, in that in the 1940's there was determination to carry on despite the dangers—today we just carry on because we cannot be bothered (or are too frightened) to examine ourselves, our bands and our Associations to see if what we are doing is appropriate in the 1960's.

Facts must be faced—we are not the only voluntary organisation with problems of falling membership, irrelevant customs and outdated administration. The root of the problem with many of these organisations is the same as ours—affection and respect for the past clouding the fact that 19th century rules and ideas do not necessarily fit the conditions of the 20th century. The recent reappraisal and reorganisation of the Scout and Guide movements illustrates the sort of action called for.

The last part of Phil Corby's article touches a particular concern of mine—the dreary round of meetings. What are they for? What do they do? Whom do they benefit? I have yet to receive really satisfactory answers. It really is no use ringers complaining that the meetings are poorly attended because "people" cannot be bothered. We are all "people" and the responsibility is ours.

So let us be honest and courageous and support Phil Corby and those like him, who are genuinely concerned about the many problems facing **all ringers.** Don't be petty when experiments fail, don't be small-minded in debate and don't misjudge the motives of those who are trying to achieve what is necessary if we are to survive.

May he keep prodding and provoking so that the rest of us can be stirred up from our smug, comfortable, overfed and too easily satisfied state.—Yours sincerely,

DENNIS L. HALL,
Hon. Sec., Southern Division,
Sussex County Association.

Burgess Hill.

PEAL RINGERS AND SERVICE RINGING

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the "Sacred Cow" article concerning peal ringing, and noted relevant comments in subsequent correspondence. Like any other controversial topic, there must, of course, be much diversity of opinion and legitimate views on all sides of this question.

Following on this, though, I think it would be of interest to readers to read a few views on the position of peal ringing, in relation to what I hope I may be excused for believing to be the prime object of our art, i.e. Sunday service ringing. Undoubtedly most regular peal ringers give of their utmost in this way. Others, perhaps happily in the minority, make little or no contribution at all. Do these latter feel any obligation at all to ring regularly for Sunday service, or do they regard the church bells purely as instruments for their pleasure and entertainment?

Since becoming a District secretary I have been to the length of reading the objects of our Guild, something which I had never thought of doing before. To my surprise I could not find the word "peal" anywhere mentioned in those objects.—Yours sincerely,

RONALD D. HUGHES.

Markfield, Leicester.

RINGERS AND THE P.C.C.

Dear Sir,—During recent weeks we have been reading a lot about sound control. May I point out that any form of sound control or belfry improvements and replacements is bound to cost money? Country parishes have frequently inherited a church like a small cathedral and the upkeep costs are a constant source of worry to parochial church councils.

Ringers generally seem most reluctant to serve on these councils and are generally absent from the meetings which elect them. If this is the case we have no right to complain if belfry needs are at the back of the queue when P.C.C. funds are allocated, or if the councils adopt the attitude that the most effective and cheapest form of sound control is not to ring the bells.

I was most interested in Mr. Corby's suggestion of evening practice meetings. He may remember that such a meeting was arranged at Chiddingstone some two years ago. In spite of the fact that it proved most helpful and encouraging to myself and my fellow novices, the idea was never followed up. I have never been able to understand why.—Yours sincerely,

P. R. EVEREST.

Chiddingstone, Kent.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR'S RUINED CHURCH

Dear Sir, — I would like, through your columns, to make a few comments on the North Herts half-day outing to this part of Cambridgeshire (page 790). I am certain your correspondent has painted a far from satisfactory picture of ringing conditions at Swaffham Prior. The account relates how non-ringers "watched masonry fall amid the ruined church as 45 minutes' ringing flew by," and really, sir, this must be an exaggeration.

There are, of course, two churches in the same churchyard at Swaffham Prior, St. Cyriac's being the ruined church that possesses the tower housing the bells. Apart from some attention by Ely Diocesan Association members in recent years, I doubt whether any substantial work has been done on the bells since they were installed by John Briant of Hertford in 1791 (the bell chamber confirms this!). Despite their somewhat dilapidated condition, the bells go quite well, and bands from Cambridgeshire have rung several peals here in the last two or three years. I have stood in the ruined church while ringing has been in progress and cannot say that I have detected any evidence of falling masonry.

Although there is no local band in the village, visiting ringers are usually made welcome, and the villagers appreciate hearing the bells. Certainly the Church of St. Cyriac is in a decrepit state, but I don't think that reports of outings should attempt to assess the condition of buildings, that is a task for the architect. Perhaps the North Herts writer will exercise a little tact in future reports, or else have the prudence to warn the ringers that the tower is falling around them.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN B. HULLAH.

Ely, Cambs.

HOAX PEALS

Dear Sir,—There appears to be an increase in the number of hoax peals in "The Ringing World." The latest addition to the list is Much Hadham (page 812).

As a member of Much Hadham band, may I say to the person responsible—for goodness sake grow up and act sensibly. **Hoax peals must be stopped.**

G. E. THODAY.
p.p. G. E. Bonham, A. K. Fortin,
R. J. Snack.

P.S.—Hoax peals never boosted anyone's total!!—G. E. T.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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MORE LETTERS

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY PEAL

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to correct and clarify some points in your report of the dispute of the peal at St. Stephen's, Bristol? It is quite beyond me to know how Mr. Parsons knows what went on at our committee meeting on November 2nd since he is very far from being a member. In fact I only decided to cancel the peal on November 4th, because so many of our good ringers were away. I was unable to raise even what I considered was an adequate Triples band let alone a ten-bell band. Mr. Parsons then asked if he could call a peal, so I gave him the bells never dreaming that he would consider going for Caters.

I did **not** compliment the band on its performance; I complimented Mr Parsons on a tremendous feat of conducting, since the people who complained to me said the ringing was so bad that they were unable to distinguish whether the bells were in Tittums or handstroke-home.

A committee meeting was then held at which it was decided that the peal was not of a sufficiently high standard to be recognised by the Society. It is of significance that two of the committee rang in the actual peal and that by now two other members of the band had withdrawn from the peal—by letter to Mr. Parsons. We, of course, had no objection to Mr. Parsons publishing his peal so long as no mention was made of the University Society.

Mr. Parsons then managed to muster enough support—with the aid of three ringers who, quite apart from being bad ringers, have since only been once on a Sunday this term—to call an extraordinary general meeting. If objections were made, the motion passed meant that yet another meeting would have had to be called. After the unpleasant atmosphere of the one just held, at which Mr. Parsons accused the committee of attempting to bribe him, amongst other things, the objectors decided it just was not worth it; which is why Mr. Parsons has received no written objections.—Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS W. H. SIMON,
Master, University of Bristol Society.

HE HEARD ONE HOUR

Dear Sir,—I would like to comment on the peal rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on November 5th for the University Society. I heard the ringing for nearly an hour, all told, and in my opinion the striking was consistently appalling. It took several minutes' listening before I heard a change containing ten distinct notes and, on many occasions, there were ten bells between successive blows of the tenor. In almost every change there were at least two bells striking simultaneously. At no time was I sure whether the bells were in the Tittums or the handstroke position—there being no clear roll-ups or course-ends.

I made a strong verbal complaint to John Parsons the next day about the quality of the ringing; if he does not accept this then let me formally object through the columns of "The Ringing World."

Mr. Parsons' object in ringing this peal, I believe, was to give as many of our learners as possible a chance to ring a Society peal. To embark on a ten-bell peal when seven members of the band have had little or no experience on ten bells is sheer folly, and does not justify three hours of protracted bad striking.

Finally, I would like to emphasise that this performance is in no day indicative of the general standard of Bristol University ringing. —Yours faithfully,

M. G. R. ZOBEL,
Tower Secretary, U.B.S.C.R.

OBITUARY

THE REV. PETER HOWELL

With very sad hearts we at Twerton heard of the passing at the early age of 35 of the Rev. Peter Howell in hospital at Taunton. While he was with us he rang as often as his duties allowed and became a very good treble and tenor ringer. His proudest ringing moment came on December 20th, 1960, when he completed his only quarter peal along with the Vicar, another curate, the P.C.C. secretary, the organist, a sidesman, a choirman and the Tower Master.

In 1961 we had the honour of ringing a peal for his induction at Stoke St. Mary with Thurlbear and Orchard Portman, three little villages near Taunton.

We shall not only remember him as a ringer but for all the hard work he did for us youngsters in the Youth Club and the church.

We offer our sincere sympathy to his widow and little baby, who was just six weeks old when Mr. Howell died. A. F. L.

PEALS OF THE LATE WILLIAM H. HEWETT

Mr. H. H. Hewett rang exactly 500 tower bell peals, of which he conducted 115, and 41 handbell peals. These were rung for 18 different Associations, Guilds or Societies. He took part in the first-ever peals of Waterloo Reverse Bob Major, Brighton Surprise Major and Middlesex Surprise Royal, and in record length of 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow in 1923 and 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow in 1925

The following are details.

Doubles.—Grandsire 1.

Minor.—Oxford T.B. Kent T.B., Plain Bob 1; Cambridge S. 2.

Triples.—Grandsire 7, handbells 1; Stedman 26 (cond. 5), 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 2, 14; Double Oxford 1; Forward 1; Duffield 1; Waterloo Reverse Bob 1; Double Norwich C.B. 51 (7); Kent T.B. 5; Oxford T.B. 2 (1); Brighton S. 1; Bristol S. 13; Cambridge S. 53 (11); London S. 10; New Cambridge S. 1; New Cumberland S. 5; Norfolk S. 4; Superlative S. 43 (5); Yorkshire S. 5 (2); Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative S. 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 8; Stedman 72 (33), 4;

Royal.—Plain Bob 1, 12; Forward 2; Duffield 2; Double Norwich C.B. 8 (5); Kent T.B. 4 (1), 2; Oxford T.B. 1; Cambridge S. 57 (23); London S. 4; Middlesex S. 5; New Cambridge S. 1 (1); Pudsey S. 1 (1); Yorkshire S. 10 (8).

Cinques.—Grandsire 2, 2; Stedman 40 (6), 3.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, 1; Kent T.B. 7, 1; Cambridge S. 33 (6); Superlative S. 2; Yorkshire S. 2.

Totals.—Tower bells peals 500 (cond. 115); handbells 41.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Mr. Frank Barraclough, the Ringing Master of Manchester Cathedral, has been ill since the middle of October; his many friends wish him well for a speedy recovery. During Frank's absence all correspondence relating to Manchester Cathedral should be addressed to Mr. A. Ward, 7, Dartmouth Road, Besses o' the' Barn, Whitefield, Manchester. (Tel. No. 766-6786 (Std. Code 061.)

MR. WILLIAM GLOVER

Mr. William Glover, who for many years had been a ringer at Chelmsford Cathedral, died suddenly on the morning of October 31st whilst getting ready to go to work. His ringing activities had been considerably curtailed over the last year or so owing to indifferent health, but in spite of this he maintained his interest in the Exercise to the end. He was aged 49 years.

His widow is also a ringer and at her request a quarter peal was rung at the Cathedral with the bells open on Nov. 14th, as follows:—1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: A. R. Groves 1, Ann Edwards 2, Rosemarie Frith 3, Claire Hudson 4, L. J. Clark 5, P. J Eves 6, D. A. S. Symonds 7, A. S. Hudson 8, G. Thoday (cond.) 9, I. R. Panton 10.

MR. F. W. LACK

The funeral service for Mr. F. W. Lack, of Great Staughton, Hunts, whose death was briefly reported in a recent edition, took place at his beloved St Andrew's Church on December 3rd, where for 36 years he had served as churchwarden. The bells, which were half-muffled, were rung before the service by some of his many friends, and also, after the service, a course of Stedman Doubles was rung.

Mr. Lack, who learned to ring about 60 years ago, was a respected member of the Ely Diocesan Association, which he joined in 1921. He had given faithful service to the District and Association, being elected to the committee in 1933, representing the Association on the Central Council from 1951 to 1959, and was Deputy Ringing Master and Ringing Master for the Hunts District for many years. In 1964 he was elected president of the District, a position he held at the time of his death.

For the Ely Diocesan Association Mr. Lack rang 89 peals. Until the past few months he was a most regular attender at meetings, and many members will recall the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Lack when they visited Great Staughton for meetings or peals.

In his active life he served in many spheres. He aided his church as churchwarden, treasurer and secretary and on the Ruridecanal and Diocesan Conferences. For 35 years he was a manager and for 11 years chairman of the village school.

A great number of fellow ringers attended the service and from a wide circle the deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Lack and her family. H. S. P.

MR. W. E. MATTHEWS

With great regret we record the death of Mr. W. E. (Ernie) Matthews, a member of he Cobham, Surrey, band for the past 49 years, on December 11th. He was captain from 1946 to 1955 and for the past 11 years he had served as treasurer.

Ernie will long be remembered for the way he gave his help and support unstintingly to the younger members. He was an ever-present member for Sunday morning service ringing and rang at Guildford Cathedral as a member of the Leatherhead District team. He was perhaps better known outside the band for his leading part in the handbell ringing each Christmas time.

His many friends throughout the parish and diocese extend their heartfelt sympathy to his widow and family.—W. R. H.

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"I was delighted to see crossword, limericks and games. Congratulations! 'The Ringing World' is at last moving with the times." — A. M. Feist, Yorktown.

"I feel that I should put pen to paper and congratulate those concerned with the 'New Look' on a truly wonderful effort."—Jeffrey Brannan, Ashton-under-Lyne.

"I do not like the wishy-washy yellow on the cover. I do like the article by Rod on the long length, which I had not seen before."—Alan Ainsworth, Halesowen.

"I have been quietly and patiently satisfied with the new front page. Congratulations on your wonderful silent silencing of your critics (December 9th)!"—R. Brown, Rothwell, Yorks.

"By far the best, liveliest, most interesting 'Ringing World' ever in my experience. How have people the cheek to say it is like a cut-price third-rate parish magazine?"—E. J. Roberts, Muswell Hill.

"I congratulate all those concerned with the publication of the splendid Christmas issue. In all respects this was a vast improvement and augurs well for the future of our paper."—Howard W. Egglestone, Henley, Suffolk.

"I am writing to express my appreciation of the efforts of 'The Ringing World' Committee. I am in favour of the committee going even further to develop 'The Ringing World' into a glossy magazine even if this means a considerable increase in price." — Paul J. Rigby, Atherstone.

"The general feeling in this area seems to be 'Give us back the spires' on 'The Ringing World' title page, and I agree. But congratulations on this week's cover; obviously the spires would be out of place over a picture. But could we not have them back over the front page when it consists only of a leading article?"—Cyril A. Wratten.

"I would like to congratulate you, sir, and your Editorial Committee on what must surely be the most sparkling issue of 'The Ringing World' published so far. . . . It is clear to me from conversation with ringers in this area that the majority are very satisfied with the front page as it has been for the last few weeks. This now established, it was with complete delight that we unwrapped the latest issue to find a splendid photograph of 'Mancroft' on a tinted background."—James R. Taylor, Whitchurch, Bristol.

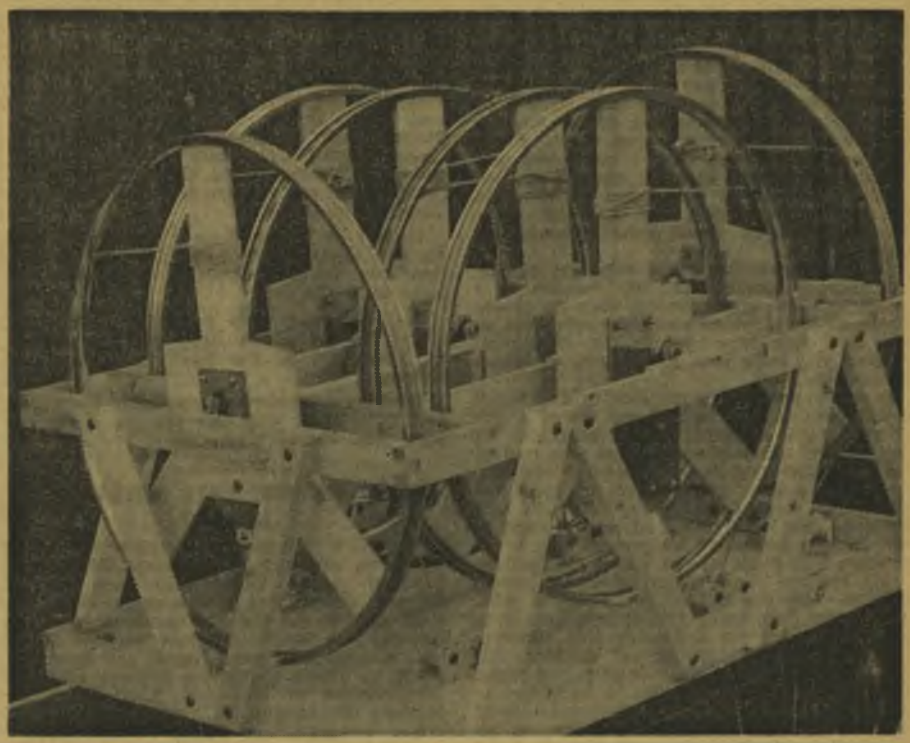
"I wondered long and hard about the new heading of our journal until I received the issue of December 9th with the magnificent picture of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on the front. To have produced this fine photograph under the old-style heading would have been quite incongruous, and the new lettering sets off the illustration very well without drawing the eye away from it. May there be more of these excellent festive issues."—David L. Cawley, King's College, London.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

To complete its activities for 1966 the Marlborough Branch held an evening meeting at Mildenhall on December 3rd. This break with tradition was a popular move, as was shown by an excellent attendance, members being present from Aldbourne, Marlborough, Collingbourne Ducis, Chisledon and Collingbourne Kingston, with one visitor from Wroughton.

Ringing was under the direction of Mr. F. Read, and special emphasis was laid on the practice aspect of the meeting. Besides method ringing there were ample opportunities for learners, in rounds and call changes. The success of the venture was most encouraging and will probably lead to similar efforts in 1967. W. A. E

Do it Yourself Ring of Bells



MR. D. A. KIRK has made what he claims to be the lightest ring of six bells in the world. These bells may be seen at his home, The School House, Stedham, near Midhurst, and he extends through our columns a welcome to visiting ringers. Tel. Midhurst 522.

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The Ropes.—Hemp garden line with french-knitted, rug-wool sallies.

The Frame.—2" x 1" planed softwood—sealed, polished and assembled as a low-sided frame screwed to base-board of 12 mm. plywood.

The Pulleys.—Cotton reels glued to sawn-off coach bolts revolve in polystyrene bearings.

Length 36¼ inches. Width 27 inches. Height 27 inches.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Mr. Alan A. J. Buswell, or 32, Lower Drayton Lone, Cosham, Portsmouth, is collecting as many touches as possible of Grandsire Triples up to 392 changes. Can any reader assist him with touches for 98, 140, 182, 266, 307, 308, 321, 322, 335, 349, 350, 363, 364, 378, 391 and 392 changes.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The last evening meeting of the year was held on a very frosty December 3rd at Offley. However, anyone ringing round the back end soon regained their full circulation. Methods rung included London and Norwich, and a fair number braved the cold.

Next meeting of the Northern District: A.G.M., Hitchin, on January 7th. J. K. O.

CHRISTMAS AND THE OLD FOLK

At Christmas time most people think of the old folk, and John Euston's thoughts go back to those veterans he met at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on June 18th, when many noted personalities were present. And the ringing was good—seven with an average age of 78 with one youngster rang a course of Cambridge Major.

There was the simple and moving service conducted by the Rev. Stanley Moore, during which he read out the names of many "departed." The Rector remembered most of those present from previous years and hoped to see them all next year. He made a special note of the 90 years difference in age between Arthur Reeve (93) and Chris Harbott, who came along with his father, Martyn, and an 85-year-old veteran.

John Euston was not umindful of the many to whom he owed thanks, from the parson downwards, and Leonard Warner, the organist. The catering was again in the hands of Mrs. Davis and her helpers—and those who provided cars were also thanked.

During the evening George Symonds saw for the first time in the St. Margaret Society's peal book a record of a peal he conducted at Westminster over 60 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stenson were also present, and Frank brought best wishes from Ernie Weatherby (ex-Market Drayton), who is now in California, and Dr. H. and Marjorie Whipple, of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Another traveller present was Len Stillwell, of Great Adventure II. The passing of Edith Fletcher was linked with the presence of five members of the Ladies' Guild who rang in the Guild's first peal of Stedman Caters.

There was a comment by Harold Hazell on the many years of devoted service Arthur Barker had given to the Central Council, and in connection with the care of aged parents the services of Mrs. G. Barker and Mrs. J. Kippin were mentioned. Concluding his report, John Euston hopes to meet all again on June 24th, 1967.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Gough 1, Miss M. White 2, Mrs. C. Chennell-White 3, Miss L. Read 4, C. Chennell-White 5, M. Harbord 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, T. E. Sansom 8. First of Stedman 3 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

ALWALTON, HUNTS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Smith 1, Mrs. P. A. Smith 2, G. Davis 3, A. Waller 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. J. Upton 1, A. V. Good 2, F. M. Byrne 3, G. A. Reading 4, K. Sheppard 5, R. E. J. Sheppard 6. A 75th birthday compliment to Walter Ayre.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Bob Triples: D. Rundle 1, Mrs. B. M. Davies 2, Miss M. Jones 3, R. Swift, jun. 4, C. Wyld 5, Dr. J. L. Garraway 6, N. J. Davies (cond.) 7, F. G. Huckstepp 8. To commemorate H.R.H. Princess Margaret's visit to Ashford this day.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Francella 1, Mary Wilkinson 2, Valerie Jones 3, Barbara Shaw 4, D. Ellisdon (cond.) 5, C. Nash 6. Thanksgiving for a successful gift day.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. J. Mitchell 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, A. Swatton 3, D. C. Hawkins 4, P. J. Devrell 5, B. Sarll 6.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: M. W. McEvoy (first on working bell) 1, R. M. Hodister (cond.) 2, Miss B. Pickering 3, R. B. Dorrington 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, J. Wellings 6.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia Armitage (first quarter) 1, C. Holmes 2, A. Ellis 3, D. R. Swann 4, A. Beaumont 5, S. C. Wells (cond.) 6. Durham University Society.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda M. Groves 1, Helen E. Gilbert 2, Rosemarie A. Frith (cond.) 3, P. J. Gibson 4, T. J. Sheahan 5, I. R. Panton 6. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,259 Doubles (three methods): H. Medlock 1, Brenda Redfearn 2, D. Redfearn 3, J. W. V. Sinfield 4, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 5, G. Coleman 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Walter Mooring, 30 years Vicar's warden, who died on November 23rd, aged 93.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Diane Wickens 1, A. W. King 2, A. J. Ede 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6. For Patronal Festival.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Lynn B. Hollingsbee 1, Anne M. Baldwin 2, Carol C. Bunn 3, D. W. Standing 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, H. McKissock 6. First in two methods 2 and 3. For the induction of the new Rector, Rev. Robert J. C. Lloyd, M.A. Also on Nov. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Anne M. Baldwin 1, Beryl M. Hills (first of Minor "inside") 2, D. W. Standing 3, L. H. Bennett 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, K. I. Devis 6. For evening service.

CHISLET, KENT.—On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (13 methods): J. Hedgecock 1, R. Cleaver 2, Miss E. H. Talbot Ponsonby 3, D. J. Baker 4, D. J. Carr (cond.) 5.

COBHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. F. Wren 1, P. Wren (first of Minor) 2, S. Thornton 3, W. R. Hayward 4, W. E. Matthews 5, A. W. Holden (cond.) 6. For Patronal Festival.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Upton (first quarter) 1, R. V. Johnson 2, J. Jeffery 3, Miss R. A. Stevens 4, S. Upton 5, B. Dixon 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Day. Also on Nov. 28th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, A. J. Bull 2, Miss R. A. Stevens 3, G. Charlton 4, J. Jeffery 5, S. Upton 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8.

DEPTFORD, LONDON.—At St. John's, Lewisham Way, on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. Jones 1, R. Jean Henderson 2, Rosemary J. Cotton 3, K. J. Rider 4, C. M. Meyer 5, J. R. Pratt (cond.) 6.

ELY, CAMBS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): T. J. Sandham 1, J. W. Pickett 2, R. P. Turnill 3, B. B. Hullah (cond.) 4, D. F. Murfet 5, F. W. Talbot 6. A farewell to T. J. Sandham, who is taking an appointment in Sheffield.

HILLINGDON, MIDDX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,282 Stedman Caters: Miss R. M. Myllys 1, Miss P. A. Copas 2, J. Hill (cond.) 3, M. W. Seymour 4, R. K. Russ 5, J. Sexton 6, G. R. Marcham 7, W. H. Coles 8, F. W. Goodfellow 9, G. W. Hill 10. First of Stedman Caters 1, 5, 6 and 7. For the service of dedication of Brunel University, Uxbridge.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Vivien Barnes 1, Mrs. P. Harris 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, J. E. Newman 4, W. J. Newman 5, R. Harris 6, J. D. Johnson (cond.) 7, R. Newman 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Newman, on celebrating their silver wedding.

LEEDS, KENT.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Simon Wigg 1, Catherine Raynham 2, Shirley P. Town 3, N. R. Mattingley 4, P. S. Muchlinski (cond.) 5, Q. Partis 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Christopher T. Osenton, of Halling, Kent.

LEEDS, YORKS.—At the Parish Church, on Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sarah Haskins 1, M. Susan Jackson 2, Josephine M. Haskins 3, C. B. Dove (cond.) 4, M. J. Denton 5, W. Haskins 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

LENHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (two trebles leading): P. Town (first quarter) 1, Shirley Town 2, Michael Brann 3, D. Town 4, Janice Appleton 5, K. Appleton 6, N. Mattingley 7, R. T. Powell 8.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Nov. 20th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: T. E. Sone 1, Miss M. A. Ladd 2, P. J. Spice 3, E. J. Ladd 4, R. A. Large (first of S. Caters) 5, M. J. Uphill 6, Miss D. E. Colgate 7, J. Pladdys 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, D. Cawley 10. For Evensong. Also at St. Clement Danes', on Nov. 27th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: D. E. Cobb (cond.) 1, K. Warner 2, I. L. Dear 3, F. V. Gant 4, D. Ellisdon 5, A. M. Faulkner 6, R. Durrant 7, C. G. Wright 8, R. D. Tomlin 9, F. E. Scoones 10. For Evensong.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. L. S. Hulatt (cond.) 1, Mary Garrard 2, N. Garrard 3, G. Hawkins 4, I. G. Newman 5, H. Wood 6, A. E. Rushton 7, C. McCartney 8. Half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Lee 1, S. Body 2, Miss K. Hine (first "inside") 3, I. J. Burroughs 4, J. Creber 5, P. W. Ham 6, F. B. Comer (cond.) 7, G. Puddy (first of Triples) 8.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Strong 1, H. Hardwidge 2, C. Kortwright 3, J. Mitchell 4, L. Derrick (cond.) 5, L. Childs 6. As a farewell compliment to the Rector, Rev. Guy Hammond, on leaving to become Rector of Keinton Mandeville.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Dec. 5th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hall (first quarter) 1, J. Prytherch 2, A. Bainham (first as cond., aged 13) 3, L. Bainham 4, D. Phillips 5. Rung on the 101st anniversary of the birth of the late John W. Jones, who was for nearly 50 years captain of this tower and hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, Mrs. S. G. C. Harrison 2, R. E. Lester 3, H. A. Mitson 4, Dr. S. G. C. Harrison (first as cond.) 5, E. C. Hynard 6. On the eve of the wedding anniversary of the ringers of 2 and 5.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles: A. Brewer 1, F. Oakley 2, How. Meek 3, R. Brewer 4, F. Reynolds (cond.) 5, Har. Meek 6. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of Mr. T. Lloyd, father of the Rector.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. H. Leeson 1, R. J. Cann 2, Merryn Hutchings 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. Harris 5, E. J. Cole 6, C. W. Bragg 7, T. J. Warner (cond.) 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10. For Evensong.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. V. J. Stone 1, J. P. Hill (first of Plain Bob) 2, R. C. Woodward 3, F. W. Sweet 4, M. J. Stone (cond.) 5, E. J. Pope 6.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Judith Evans 1, A. Baldock 2, Susan Harrison 3, L. Tapp 4, Christine Baldock (cond.) 5, J. Evans (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service.

WHITTLEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): E. R. Venn 1, E. G. Jones 2, J. Linnell 3, C. C. Clarke 4, P. J. Heritage (first in 11 methods as cond.) 5.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bastin 1, Mrs. Mack 2, F. Williams 3, D. A. Wills 4, H. L. Crisp 5, G. West 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire), 4, 6, 8 covering: G. West 1, H. L. Crisp 2, D. A. Wills 3, F. Bastin 4, F. Williams 5, F. Clark (first quarter) 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. George E. Thoday, of Cambridge, rang his 100th peal in 1966 at Maldon, Essex, on November 23rd.

The peal of Plain Bob Major rung by the Cambridge University Guild on December 1st was rung entirely by undergraduate freshers.

Mrs. M. M. Legget, of Ridgeover House, Coker Hill, West Coker, is the new hon secretary of the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

With the peal of London Surprise Major at Cuckfield on November 25th, Reginald Johnson, the Master of the Sussex County Association, completed an ambition of many years, to ring 25 peals of London. He had not rung a peal of London since before the war.

Preb H. M. Cannop Price, Rector of St. Giles', Newcastle, Staffs, has been appointed Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral. The Provost-elect is very bell-minded and some of his ringers are hoping to make the journey for his installation on March 4th.

The ladies of the Southwell Diocesan Guild have scored their second peal—Minor in four methods at Babworth, Notts, on December 3rd. The previous peal was at Balderton in 1959. Congratulations!

The ringers of the peal at East Ardsley on December 3rd would like to associate with the peal the name of Mr. Rodney Stephenson, who was unable to take part due to illness in the family, and to thank Mr. Adrian Holliday for standing in at extremely short notice.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

LOST AFTER 5¼ HOURS

The attempt for 25,088 Bob Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry on December 3rd came to grief after almost 11,000 changes and exactly five and a half hours, when one of the band sank back into the window frame and threatened to faint on the spot. Frantically-screamed coursing orders proved useless, confusion ensued and . . . hic finis fandi!

Although a late start was made the ringing had quickly settled down and as the hours rolled by success had seemed assured. Bellack had mastered the Indian rope-trick and most of us had gone through the pain barrier.

Tribute must be paid to Barrie Dove's competence in conducting and the band wish to acknowledge their gratitude to Joy Watkin, who was doing a first-rate job as umpire, though it did seem from the posture she assumed at one stage that the peal would have to be recorded as "in memoriam"!

"All change!" Joy was drafted in to ring the treble; but a course and a half of Putney was enough to prove that Plain Bob was too much in our thoughts. We returned to our own bells and, as some consolation, scored a good, fastish 5,040 with Barrie calling Carter's for the n³ time.

Finally, our sincere thanks to Mr. Paul Taylor for making the attempt possible, and to Mr. and Mrs. Watkin for their handsome entertainment. R. B.

RAVERS' FAREWELL TO THEIR TENOR KING

On the afternoon of Saturday, November 26th, eight members of the Society of Raving Ringers rang a peal of Plain Bob Major at St. Mark's, Swindon, as a farewell to Heather and Tony Mann, who have recently emigrated to Australia.

Tony was a graduate and founder member of the Exning School of Tenor Ringing and, with instruction from people like Pat Cannon, he soon became the "tenor king" of the Society.

It is sad to relate that the now famous East Anglian grin will no longer face you from an English tenor box or that the familiar "baarb" will be heard again on these shores. The method rung at Swindon was aptly chosen, for it was said of Tony that Plain Bob was the only method he could ring well, conduct well and look "intelligent" in when making mistakes.

Tony was also a proficient handbell ringer and while stationed at Bushey often featured in some of the Bushey band's peals. The experience he gained in this country will no doubt be of great value to Australian ringing. On behalf of the whole Society I wish Tony and Heather all the best in their new life in Australia. M. W. C.

GREAT YARMOUTH'S SCOUT AND GUIDE RINGERS

Two 15-year-old Scouts (8th Great Yarmouth), learner members of the St. Nicholas' Company at Great Yarmouth, Roger Newstead and David Wright, were recently examined by Mr. E. R. Goate, of Beccles, and qualified for their bellringer's badge. It is believed they are the first in the immediate locality to do this although Angela McBride of the some Company received her Guide's badge some time ago, prior to gaining her Queen's Guide Badge.

80 YEARS A RINGER



That grand old man of Ipswich, Mr. George E. Symonds, of 57, Mornington Avenue, has this month completed 80 years as a ringer.

It was in December, 1886, that he started ringing on the tiny five at Brome, Suffolk (tenor 7 cwt.), and from this humble beginning worked up to calling peals in 14 different methods of Maximus and three of Cinques. His total of peals rung in the last century was 27, of which he conducted 16, including one silent. The first Royal occasion for which he rang was Queen Victoria's first jubilee, in 1887.

George has also a very good record as a chorister, joining the choir a year or two before he started ringing, but his service had not been continuous. However, he finished as a chorister with over 40 years' service in an Ipswich church under six vicars and the same number of organists.

Mr. Symonds send his congratulations to all long-serving Church workers.

200 PEALS ON 12 BELLS

Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd rang his 200th peal on 12 bells at Evesham on December 3rd. He rang his first at St. Martin's, Birmingham, 42 years ago and the band included some of the fine old Birmingham ringers. Standing in were Tom Russam, James George, John Neal, Samuel Grove and, of course, Albert Walker. Ernest Morris rang the treble and Jim Shepherd (from Swindon) drummed. Edgar writes:

"We finished at 9.50 p.m., and because of the state of the licensing laws at that time there was a glorious scuttle down the stairs!" His list is as follows:

Cinques. — Stedman 138, Grandsire 2, Erin 1

Maximus.—Cambridge 40, Yorkshire 9, New Cambridge 1, Lincolnshire 2, Lindsey 1, Prittlewell 1, Solihull 1, Pontefract 1, Pudsey 2, Spliced (cond. 2) 1.

"OUR" "RINGING WORLD"

"World," not just country, not just yours or mine, "ours," yours and mine. Thank you, our "Ringing World" Committee, for your bold efforts in providing the above with a "new suit"—several, in fact—for our journal, a very specialised journal Last week's was very good; this week's (December 9th), of glorious and happy memories, is smashing. And in any case don't give it drainpipe trousers, or mini-skirts, but the latter long enough to cover the subject but short enough to be interesting.

There seems to be just a few who, no matter what is done for them (and you know well enough) will never be satisfied—so why bother about them?

It is high time that we settled down, accepted and appreciated what is being done for us.

They want, or should do, to listen to a parody on Keith Stolls' signature tune to "Time for Old Time Dancing," with apologies to and acknowledgment of and appreciation for.

TIME FOR OLD TIME

Time for old time "Ringing" in the New Regime,
We'll struggle through a "peal" or two with "sallies" hand in hand,
A "tour" of glamour in the grand old manner,
"Ring" a while in old time style and listen to "the bells";
"A peal" and "a touch" and "a quarter" or two,
"Old and new methods" we know will please you,
"A peal of good Stedman" we know you'll adore,
"Plain Bob and Grandsire" and come back for more;
"Change" with your ladies, "dodge" with your Loo,
There's "quarters" for everyone, "touches" for you;
Will carry you back to the "ringing" romance,
So "ring" all good "methods," "That's all" and then "Stand."

YOUNG BAT-ER.

Crewe.

GUESSING THE PEALS, CHANGES AND RINGERS

The result is announced of a novel competition organised by the North Notts District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild for the benefit of the Diocesan Bell Repair Fund. Competitors were required to forecast the number of peals, the number of different ringers and the number of changes in the peals rung for the Guild during the three-month period from August to October, counting all peals published in "The Ringing World" by December 2nd.

The correct figures were most closely approached by Mr. S. Walklate of Derby—28 peals, 90 ringers, 141,295 changes. Mr. Walklate, who bought the ticket for 6d. when with the Derby Cathedral team at the Oswy Street contest in Retford recently, has thus received the prize of £10.

The total proceeds of the competition were £22.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BATH, Somerset.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BELGRAVE SURPRISE ROYAL

C.C.C. (Plain Bob) No. 14 Tenor 33 cwt. 25 lb. in C.

*John Brain	Treble	Brian J. Wylde	6
Eric Naylor	2	Gwilym G. Salmon	7
George W Massey	3	Trevor A. Cross	8
Diana M. Chapman	4	Peter Bridle	9
*David A. Burt	5	John H. Gilbert	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First of Royal in the method for the Association, and by all the band except the ringer of the sixth bell.

Rung for the beginning of Advent.

COMPTON BISHOP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., Nov. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods/variations, being four extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob and Kennington, three extents each of Eynsham, St. Leonard, Clifford's Pleasure and April Day and six extents of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Raymond Jones	Treble	Stanley Lewis	4
John Coombs	2	John S. Walton	5
*Gilbert Davis	3	*Christopher Avery	Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.

* First peal in 11 methods/variations. First peal as conductor in same.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St Michael.
On Sun., Nov. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods and the following extents: (1) Cambridge S., (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6, 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Helen F. Roberts	Treble	Gillian M. Brearley	4
†Pauline Bligh-Cheesman	2	Michael A. Gilbey	5
Nicholas W. H. Simon	3	Michael G. R. Zobel	Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W H. Simon.

* First peal on six bells. † First of Minor "inside."

Rung to celebrate the restoration of the tower.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

R. A. G. Inglis (Selwyn)	Treble	†R. Dyckhoff (King's)	5
M. J. Pickup (Churchill)	2	R. C. Button (King's)	6
C. W. Daws (Trinity)	3	D. P. Sturge (St. John's)	7
*C. M. Tuckett (Queens')	4	A. F. Scholfield (Clare)	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter Conducted by Robert Inglis.

* First peal. † First tower bell peal. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITCHURCH, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Keith W. Eaton	Treble	John R. Scott	5
Geoffrey A. Edwards	2	George A. Packer	6
Leon A. Perry	3	Frederick S. Sutton	7
John E. Brough	4	Frank R. Morton	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

50th peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Geoffrey A. Edwards.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt

Ian F. Garvie	Treble	Edward Holdsworth	5
Clare F. Dolphin	2	Ian D. Thompson	6
Frank W Perrens	3	L. Michael Callow	7
Percy Stone	4	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis Conducted by Peter Border.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

TYNEMOUTH, Northumberland.—At the Church of Christ, North Shields.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt. in E flat.

*Peter H. Garner (St. Cuth.)	Treble	*M. Alec Beaumont (Van M.)	6
*Janet Cleeve (St. Aidan's)	2	John O. Freeman (Grey)	7
*Charlotte A. Bennett (Trev.)	3	David J. Marshall (Bede)	8
*Stephen C. Wells (Grey)	4	Lawrence R. Pizzey (St. J'ns)	9
*Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey)	5	Wm G. Wilson (St. Ch.)	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First peal of Royal on tower bells. First of Royal on tower bells for the Society.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FENHAM, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At the Church of SS. James and Basil
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

Thomas Sewell	Treble	Thomas Cooke	5
Eric N. Harrison	2	George S. Deas	6
Fred Hodgson	3	Kenneth Arthur	7
Peter Wishart	4	Jack Roach	Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.

First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. E. Yendall, oldest resident of this parish, on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, April Day, Dedworth, Kennington, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8¾ cwt. in A.

*Martin May	Treble	Harold Evans	4
Robert Everest	2	Richard Hayes	5
Graham S. E. Winter	3	David J. M. Cox	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes.

* First peal Most Doubles methods to a peal by all the band and for the Guild.

Rung as a 19th birthday compliment to Graham Winter.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin, St. Peter and St. Cedd.
On Mon. Nov. 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 34 cwt. in C sharp.

*Anne Edwards	Treble	Patrick W Saltmarsh	7
Claire Hudson	2	Peter J. Eves	8
Brian J. Howard	3	Joe E. G. Roast	9
*Christopher K. Cooper	4	†Ian R. Panton	10
*†Peter J. Brown	5	Dennis A. S. Symonds	11
Andrew S. Hudson	6	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Andrew Hudson.

* First peal of Maximus. † 50th peal together.

Rung by members of the S.E. Division of the Association as a compliment to Brian and June Howard upon the birth of their son, Michael John, on November 19th, 1966.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 1,920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Yorkshire and Superlative with 119 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr 5 lb.

Alfred J. House	Treble	Ian R. Panton	5
*Michael J. Hallett	2	James L. Towler	6
Patrick W. Saltmarsh	3	†Joe E. G. Roast	7
Dennis A. S. Symonds	4	††Peter G. Brown	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of eight-spliced. † 50th peal together. ‡ 50th tower for a peal.

DAGENHAM, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt in F sharp.

John W. Stephenson	Treble	Christopher C. Pain	5
*Graham C. King	2	*Paul J. Bloomfield	6
Harry Turner	3	†Roy E. Copleston	7
Michael P. Moreton	4	John Armstrong	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by John Armstrong.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Treble Bob as conductor.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Ian R. Panton	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5
Josephine A. Quilter	2	Peter G. Brown	6
Patrick W. Saltmarsh	3	Joe E. G. Roast	7
Philip J. Rothera	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966 in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

David Sloman	Treble	†Hubert H. Furminger ..	5
*Stephen G. Halliwell ..	2	Bernard C Sadler	6
Frank C. May	3	Michael J. Hallett ..	7
*Janet E. G Hallett ..	4	Alfred J. House	Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Alfred J. House.
* First peal "inside." † 75th peal. Tenor 16 cwt.

ST. OSYTH, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Tues., Nov. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being all different. Tenor 10 cwt.

F. B. Lufkin	Treble	P. Pitt	4
V. Cross	2	N. V. Avis	5
L. Ward	3	S. Humphrey	Tenor

Conducted by S. Humphrey.
First peal as conductor.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BRAY, Co. Wicklow.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*George McGregor	Treble	*Peter W. Brown	4
Gillian E. Lewis	2	*David H. T. Taylor ..	5
*Geraldine G. Winnett ..	3	Colin A. Lewis	Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.
* First peal of Minor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*†Ian H. Oram	Treble	‡Michael H O'Callaghan	5
Judith M. Corby	2	‡D. Paul Smith	6
†‡Richard G. Crosland ..	3	§Stanley Jenner	7
Ann Jenner	4	‡Tony Lewis	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* 150th peal of Surprise Major. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal in the method. § 300th peal. The treble ringer has now "circled the tower." First peal on the bells to this method.

FOBBING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Bruce N. Butler	Treble	Peter S. Muchlinski ..	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Richard Hayes	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Christopher T Osenton ..	7
*Anthony J. Leeves	4	Andrew J. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G.

GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St George.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, comprising 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 576 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 142 changes of method.
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr 6 lb. in E.

Ian H. Oram	Treble	*D. Paul Smith	5
*Tony Lewis	2	Thomas Cullingworth ..	6
*Judith M. Corby	3	Ralph Bird	7
Ann Jenner	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* First peal of eight-spliced Surprise Major.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, being 1,728 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, and 1,600 Superlative, with 107 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

Phyllis R. Chidwick ..	Treble	Monty W. Gilbert	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Martin L. Howe	6
Rev. Peter N. Bond ..	3	Christopher T. Osenton ..	7
*Peter S. Muchlinski ..	4	Bernard F. L. Groves ..	Tenor

Arranged by N. Smith. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal of spliced "inside." First of spliced as conductor.

PETHAM, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being five different extents and 1,440. Tenor 7 cwt.

Rachel J. Sinden	Treble	*John W. Drage	4
James Hedgcock	2	Cyril W. J. Beeching ..	5
Pamela E. Powell	3	Derek J. Carr	Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Carr.
* First peal.
Rung in memory of A. J. Jarvis, a ringer at this church for over 50 years and captain for over 40 years, who died on November 14th, 1966.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Nov. 27, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

Frank Osbaldiston	Treble	Basil Jones	7
Robert B. Smith	2	Richard S. Starkie	8
Gillian M. Hunt	3	Derek Butterworth	9
Jack L. Millhouse	4	Jeffrey Brannan	10
Geoffrey R. Parker	5	D. John Hunt	11
Christine Andrew	6	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

Lawrence Walmsley ..	Treble	†Richard Palmer	6
Stanley Walmsley	2	Christopher L. Watson ..	7
*Jane Reynolds	3	Dennis H. McCormick ..	8
John Ascroft	4	Cyril Crossthwaite ..	9
Betty Faunch	5	Roger Barnes	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* First peal of Caters. † First in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
4ths place bobs. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

James W. Belshaw	Treble	Neil Bennett	5
Christine Andrew	2	Denis Latham	6
Derek Butterworth	3	Edward Jenkins	7
Peter J. Wycherley	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor

Composed by J. R Mayne. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Peter J. Wycherley, who is shortly leaving the district.

SOUTHPORT, Lancs.—At Christ Church.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Stanley Livesley	Treble	*Eric Cook	5
*Denis Jones	2	*Thomas Hesketh	6
Ronald Kenrick	3	*Edwin C. Birkett	6
*Martin Snape	4	Joseph Ridyard	Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in memoriam Jack Gartside, of Chorley.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Nicholas M. Newby ..	Treble	John Bagnall	4
*Mary W. Whalley	2	†William Kenyon	5
*Joseph Whalley	3	Kevin M. Price	Tenor

Conducted by Kevin M. Price.
* First peal on tower bells. † First peal, first attempt. First as conductor on tower bells.

FLOOKBURGH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*Susan Gregson	Treble	Stanley Anderton	4
James E. Dickinson ..	2	Nicholas M. Newby, jun.	5
James E. Burles	3	Thomas F. Metcalfe ..	Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
* First peal of Minor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb in B.

G. Ronald Edwards ..	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
Samuel J. Haines	2	Martin Green	7
Richard J. Clifton ..	3	Gordon H. Lane	8
*Paul J. Rigby	4	Howard C. Palmer	9
Arthur E. Rowley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by J. Edward Cawser. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Pudsey Royal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SEMPRINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Norfolk and Primrose, (2) Hexham and Berwick, (3) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (4) York and Durham, (5) Cambridge and Ipswich, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Norwich. Tenor 7 cwt. 22 lb. in G sharp.

Joan Gilbert .. .. .. Treble		Denis R. Woods 4	
Edwin T. Chapman 2		Alan G. Payne 5	
R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 3		Cyril R. Burrell .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

TATTERSHALL, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.

Daphne P. Brown .. .. Treble		Harry Barnes 4	
James A. D. Woolford .. 2		Leslie H. Squires 5	
William H. Dale 3		James H. Musson .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by James H. Musson.

Rung on the occasion of the 21st birthday (November 26th) of Desmond K. B. Penny, only grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnes; also as a farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. J. Woolford, shortly leaving to reside in Hertford.

FISHTOFT, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Guthlac.
On Mon., Nov. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 18 methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (2) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (3) Hexham and Berwick, (4) York and Durham, (5) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Norwich. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Joan Gilbert .. .. .. Treble		Denis R. Woods 4	
Edwin T. Chapman 2		Alan G. Payne 5	
R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 3		Cyril R. Burrell .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

FISHTOFT, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Guthlac.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) London, (2) Norwich, (3) Primrose, (4) Ipswich, (5) Beverley. (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Charles Hudson .. .. Treble		Robin R. Churchill 4	
Janet E. Hubbard 2		J. Martin Thorley 5	
R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 3		Roger D. Bailey .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

The conductor's 200th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Angela South and Dick Gilbert, whose wedding took place at the church prior to the peal.

QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) D. Oxford B, (2) Cambridge S., (3) S. Oxford B., (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's C.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain B. Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Janet E. Hubbard .. .. Treble		Charles Hudson 4	
Roger D. Bailey 2		J. Martin Thorley 5	
R. Arthur Goldsmith .. 3		Alan G. Payne .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

The ringer of the second has now "circled the tower."

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

Raymond J. Hosking .. Treble		Benjamin J. Williams .. 4	
Edmund J. Morris 2		William J. Thomas 5	
D. R. Llyn Jones 3		Gwyn I. Lewis .. .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

Rung for the centenary of St. David's Church, Neath.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Nov. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Vivienne M. Rigby .. .. Treble		Joseph W. Cotton 6	
Gordon H. Lane 2		Howard C. Palmer 7	
Richard J. Clifton 3		Samuel J. Haines 8	
Martin Green 4		G. Ronald Edwards 9	
Arthur E. Rowley 5		R. Kingsley Mason .. .. Tenor	

Composed by J. Edward Cawser. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

First peal of Royal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the ninth, and for the Guild.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

*Phillip A. Beckett .. Treble		‡David J. Midgley 5	
Norman Sherratt 2		Gerald Parsons 6	
T. Felicity Webber .. 3		Raymond J. Ballard .. 7	
†F. Hector Bennett 4		Dennis Latham .. .. Tenor	

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Dennis Latham.

* First peal of Major. † 300th peal. ‡ First of Rutland. First in the method as conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1966, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in G.

David Heighton .. .. Treble		George Sayer 6	
Stanley W Gall 2		Nolan Golden 7	
Peter M. Adcock 3		H. William Barrett 8	
Clifford Bird 4		Martin Cubitt 9	
David Cubitt 5		Leslie F. Bailey .. .. Tenor	

Composed by Edward M. Tyler. Conducted by David Heighton.

First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Norwich Ringers' Purse.

SAXLINGHAM-NETHERGATE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

Albert E. Pegg .. .. Treble		Frank Sutton 5	
David Heighton 2		Herbert H. Howlett .. 6	
*Colin Shearing 3		Nolan Golden 7	
Leslie F. Bailey 4		†Thomas R. Simmons.. Tenor	

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by David Heighton.

* First peal. † 100th peal.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. George Poyntz, of Saxlingham-Nethergate.

SALLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

Frank Sutton .. .. .. Treble		Owen P. Claxton 5	
Sidney Marshall 2		Frank C. J. Arnold .. 6	
*William Clover 3		Henry Tooke 7	
Thomas E. Spight 4		*Leslie F. Bailey .. .. Tenor	

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

* 50th peal together.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Ethelbert.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

J. Roger Mitty .. .. Treble		Austin T. Wingate 6	
Frederick A. H. Wilkins 2		Frederick C. White 7	
Norman H. Leslie 3		Brian R. White 8	
Dennis A. Leslie 4		Francis A. White 9	
Cyril A. Wratten 5		George T. Cousins .. .. Tenor	

Composed by Clement Glenn. Conducted by Brian R. White.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
WASHINGTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb. in G.

H. Jillian Pike .. .. Treble	Roger B. Pike 4
Kay Winterbourne 2	Michael J. Church 5
*Ann S. Woodhouse .. 3	Clifford J. Garlick .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.
* First peal.

TETSWORTH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Cambridge, and two extents each of Plain Bob and Kent T.B. Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

A. Keith Poole .. .. .. Treble	J. Richard Poole 4
Melvyn J. Hiller 2	David J. H. Salter 5
Graham J. N. Colborne .. 3	Christopher I. Rowson .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher I. Rowson.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
RAUNDS, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
(27-Course Block Reduced.) Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

*Sheila J. Staley .. .. Treble	*Richard J. Cowley 5
*Arthur Gibbs 2	*John E. Skerritt 6
*Dennis G. Pearson .. 3	Geoffrey E. Watson .. 7
*John G. Mitchell 4	*Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
* First peal in the method.

WILBY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt approx.

*Stephen F. Leaberry .. Treble	Frank E. Coales 4
*Jane M. Barber 2	Terry G. Smith 5
Sheila J. Staley 3	Richard J. Cowley .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Cowley.
* First peal.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
SUTTON COLDFIELD, Warks.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

Edward W. Colley .. .. Treble	*John R. Insley 5
Francis Cole 2	*James Insley 6
Peter J. Morton 3	Michael Elson 7
Paul L. McEvilly 4	John McDonald .. .. Tenor

Arranged by J. R. Insley. Conducted by John McDonald.
* 50th peal together.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
CORSLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966 in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten different callings). Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Edgar C. Shepherd .. Treble	†David J. Stoater 4
*Charles P. Quartley .. 2	Frederick S. Slatford .. 5
Raymond E. J. Baker .. 3	Norman G. N. Knee .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HIGH OFFLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 30 extents of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

Ian Friend .. .. .. Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother .. 3
Ruth A. E. Fairbrother .. 2	Richard J. Warrilow .. 4
Frank Beech .. .. .. Tenor	

Conducted by Frank Beech.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Janet Fisher.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 11 methods, viz.: Four extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, and two of Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*Patricia Kent .. .. Treble	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
Ruth Blackshaw 2	F. William Midwinter .. 5
†Margaret E. Chilton .. 3	Charles J. Copp .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Margaret E. Chilton.
* First peal, first attempt.. † 25th peal on the bells.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Doreen Metcalfe .. .. Treble	Eleanor Rose 4
Katharine Burchnall .. 2	Grace Burchnall 5
*Linda M. Wilkinson .. 3	Mary C. Poyner .. .. Tenor

Conducted by Grace Burchnall.
* First peal in four methods.
The ringers of 2, 4 and 5 took part in the only previous peal by ladies for the Guild, which was rung in 1959 at Balderton.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HASTINGS, Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt 1 qr. 21 lb.

*Phyllis R. Chidwick .. Treble	Monty Gilbert 5
Peter S. Muchlinski .. 2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6
John A. Howard 3	Martin L. Howe 7
Ernest J. Ladd 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a welcome to the parish priest, the Rev. F. R. Long, who was to be inducted during the following week.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Tues., Nov. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

David D. Smith .. .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
*Christopher B. Fynes .. 2	Tom Page 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
C. Martin Press 4	W. Leslie Weller .. .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Edgar R. Rapley .. .. Treble	*David D. Smith 5
Alison M. Mann 2	Stanley G. Ponting 6
*Christopher B. Fynes .. 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Reginald V. Johnson .. 4	George Francis .. .. Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun. Nov. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Caroline V. Harris .. Treble	Robert N. Harris 5
Frank I. Hairs 2	Richard Hayes 6
Arthur F. Lewry 3	*Colin A. Osbon 7
*R. Jean Osbon 4	Ernest J. Ladd .. .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* First peal in the method.

ROTHERFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Denys.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Doris E. Colgate .. .. Treble	Ralph Bird 5
*John Faircloth 2	Stanley Jenner 6
*Tony Lewis 3	Ian H. Oram 7
*Michael H. O'Callaghan 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by John L. Morris. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Mrs Morris, tower captain at this church, and Mr. Morris on the occasion of their silver wedding this day.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
TETTENHALL, Staffs.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sun., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 1,824 Rutland, and 1,632 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 101 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Richard J. Warrilow .. Treble	J. Dennis Holden 5
*Hilary F. Pardoe 2	Ian Friend 6
*Richard B. Dorrington .. 3	Philip G. K Davies .. 7
*A. Elizabeth Timmins .. 4	Eric E. Speake .. .. .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. First of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
SHARESHILL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1966, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*Martyn Matthews	Treble	Harry Butler	4
John D. R. Smith	2	Bernard D. Sims	5
†Graham Manning	3	Robert Foster	Tenor

Conducted by Bernard D. Sims.
* First peal. † First "inside." Rung for Harvest Festival.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PORTSMOUTH, Hants.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB CATERS
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*W. Arthur Riddington	Treble	†Geoffrey J. Gammon	6
*Ernest Treagus	2	†K. Paul Gilliver	7
*Charles E. Bassett	3	*Andrew Howard	8
*Derek Slater	4	*John H. Hunt	9
*Alan A. J. Buswell	5	*Arthur E. Hoodless	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by John H. Hunt.
* First peal of Caters in the method. † First on ten bells. First of Caters as conductor. First peal of Plain Bob Caters on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
EAST ARDSLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Alan Newbould	Treble	Eric Robinson	5
*Charles S. Naylor	2	Irvin Slack	6
Patricia Lockwood	3	Alan Clifton	7
*Adrian R. Holliday	4	Ian North	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Ian North.
* First peal. Tenor 20¾ cwt. in E.

FELKIRK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Nov. 28, 1966 in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 80 methods, viz.: (1) Forncett, Fundenhall, Itchingfield, Knapton, Oakley, Ockham, Intwood, Haddiscoe, Chipstead, Ellingham, Thornborough, Longford, (2) St. Alkmund, Pleasley, St. Denys, (3) Kirkthorpe, Wragby, Chapel Allerton, (4) Selby, Sherburn, Rothwell, (5) Leeds, Lightcliffe, Lyneham, (6) St. Ninian, St. Felix, St. Austell, (7) Horsley, St. Cecilia, St. Cleer, (8) Clifford's Pleasure, St. David, Little Aston, (9) April Day, Litchurch, Seighford, (10) Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, (11) Wychbold, Dumbleton, Honeysuckle, (12) Dedworth, Snodsbury, Primrose, (13) St. Richard, St. Werburgh, (14) All Saints, Rushall, (15) Campion, Hudibras, (16) Plain Bob, Southrepps, (17) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kennington, (18) Stedman, (19) St. Jude, (20) Somerville, (21) Elford, (22) St. Albans, (23) Eynsham, (24) St. Simon, (25) St. Mary, (26) Nuffield, (27) Shareshill, (28) St. Nicholas, (29) Lapley, (30) St. Giles, (31) St. Laurence, (32) Magdalen, (33) Austrey, (34) St. Paul, (35) St. Leonard, (36) St. Martin, (37) St. Crispin, (38) Wadham, (39) Ryton, (40) Winchendon, (41) St. John, (42) St. Miles. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

*Harold Chant	Treble	Robin Brown	4
John Potts	2	Ronald R. Warford	5
C. Barrie Dove	3	Ronald H. Dove	Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Doubles. Greatest number of methods of Doubles by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Quickest peal on the bells.

(Beverley and District Society)
HOLME-UPON-SPALDING MOOR, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents, C.C.C. Nos. 1, 13, 17, 27, 28, 29 and 30.
Tenor 6 cwt. 94 lb. in A.

Lynne I. Clowe (13)	Treble	Jennifer E. Pearce	4
*A. Shirley Beanland (13)	2	A. Colin Banton	5
Susan Mitchell (13)	3	Christopher J. Groome	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung by members of the Huntington (York) Guild of Bellringers. Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

F. Charles Hobson	Treble	Michael Maughan	7
Vivian Nutton	2	Geoffrey Randall	8
Patricia Rogers	3	Steven P. Darvill	9
Robin Shipp	4	Ronald Ducker	10
Ellis N. Thomas	5	Richard Inglis	11
Frederick Ross	6	David S. Johnson	Tenor

Conducted by F. Charles Hobson.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Remembrance Sunday, Nov. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Rung half-muffled. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

Harold Armstead	Treble	*Wyn Pugh	4
Lesley M. Wilson	2	*Alan P. Ogden	5
*Ivan Pass	3	Derek Sanderson	Tenor

Conducted by Derek Sanderson.
* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
(The Winchester College Society)
CAMBRIDGE.—In R4a, North Court, Emmanuel College.
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1966, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

*R. H Youdale (Emmanuel) 1-2	N. R. Tumber (Emmanuel) 3-4
C. W. Daws (Trinity, cond.) 5-6	

* First peal "in hand."

CAMBRIDGE.—In G2, New Court, Trinity College.
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1966, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

C. M. Tuckett (Queens') 1-2	A. F. Scholfield (Clare) 3-4
C. W. Daws (Trinity, cond.) 5-6	

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
PRESTBURY, Cheshire.—At "West Pines," Dale Brow.
On Tues., Nov. 22, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan A. Potts	1—2	Neil Bennett	7—8
†David Atkinson	3—4	Gerald Moorhouse	9—10
Robert B. Smith	5—6	John Worth	11—12

Composed and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal on 12 handbells. † First peal on 12 bells.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.
On Tues., Nov. 29, 1966, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 11 in G.

Alan McFall	1—2	Giles B. Thompson	5—6
Robert B. Smith	3—4	Herbert M. Heaton	7—8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5124 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In five methods, comprising 3,360 Plain Bob, 468 Gainsborough Little Bob, and 432 each of Double Bob, Fulbeck Bob and Cleatham Imperial, with 213 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1—2	Hugh N. Evans	5—6
Valerie Willard	3—4	Cyril A. Wratten	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At 48, Willersey Road.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5004 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR
In seven methods, comprising 2,800 Plain Bob, 832 Double Bob, 432 each of Fulbeck Bob and Cleatham Imperial, 180 Wellington Little Court, 168 Gainsborough Little Bob and 160 Little Bob, with 268 changes of method. Tenor size 12 in F.

Frances Fairbank	1—2	Hugh N. Evans	5—6
Valerie Willard	3—4	Cyril A. Wratten	7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Mon., Nov. 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1-2	Martyn L. J. Jordan	7-8
Julia A. Fellows	3-4	Roger Baldwin	9-10
Gerald Penney	5-6	Christopher W. Woolley	11-12

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
First peal of Kent T.B. Maximus by all the band. First handbell peal of Maximus in the method for the Association.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.
On Fri., Nov. 18, 1966, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Geoffrey R. Parker	1—2	George E. Feirn	5—6
*Margaret A. Parker	3—4	*Jack L. Millhouse	7—8

Composed by Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Double Oxford "in hand."

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ENGAGEMENT

BROWN—ELLSMORE. — The engagement is announced on December 24th between Peter J. Brown of Stourbridge and Miss M. Irene Ellsmore of Halesowen. 575

DEATHS

MORETON.—On December 11th, 1966, the Rev. Canon Harold Albert Moreton, D.ès Lettres, M.Litt., F.R.Hist.S., aged 77, Canon Residentiary of Hereford Cathedral from 1935 to 1965. 573

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DODDS.—The address of Geoffrey and Joyce Dodds will be, from January 1st: 18, Sandfield Road, St. Albans, Hertfordshire. Telephone: St. Albans 55848. 557

WOODLEY. — The address of Joyce and Patrick is now: Stowford Lock, Harford, near Ivybridge, South Devon. We wish all our ringing friends a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. 553

PERSONAL

What—about Kenel-worth ringing with a mad Bull on the loose? Anyone interested in a peal there? Only matadors need apply.—I. B. A. Noyed, Skraw. 574

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."—Isaiah vii, 14.

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED to increase set, odd handbells. B flat size 9, E flat sizes 6 and 13.—Write stating price to Miss L. Deebank, 65, Stonebridge Road, Coleshill, Birmingham. 556

HANDBELLS.—Secondhand set of 16 handbells wanted.—Shaw, 30, Coneydale, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. 524

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AN IDEAL PRESENT.—"The Sound of Bells," Edgar C. Shepherd. Still obtainable from Record Books Ltd., 21, Ashburn Place, London S.W.1. 26s. 6d. post free. 529

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MISCELLANEOUS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Members are reminded that nominations and notices of motion for the A.G.M., 1967, should reach the secretary by February 1st, 1967. (Rules VI and IX.)—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LOST, STOLEN OR STRAYED.—The first peal book of the Oxford Society, with a first entry dated 1733, has been missing since early 1964. Extensive inquiries have not revealed its whereabouts. Will anyone having infomation please contact P. Walker, 152, Headley Way, Headington, Oxford. 527

Christmas Greetings

To all our friends, old and new, wherever you may be, a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. HOLMES and Andrew, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs. 566

St. Mary's, Rougham, ringers wish all their ringing friends a very happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year. 565

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all my ringing friends from Herbert W. KNIGHT, 6, Church Road, Redhill, Wrington, Bristol 559

To all my friends a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—From the Swansea General Hospital. — J. Arthur HOARE. 554

1957 DIARIES

We apologise to certain of our ringing friends who may not now receive their Diaries before Christmas. Production was in advance of normal when, unfortunately, binding was delayed owing to machine trouble, and as no alternative arrangements could be made we had to accept the fact that the Diaries would at first only be available in reduced quantities. Even now the production rate is slow, which may mean disappointment for some who ordered in good time. We are despatching in rotation and hope that all will receive their copies before 1967.

W. VIGGERS, M. HODGSON.

P.S.—If you have not yet ordered, do not let the above deter you—but do not delay or the Diaries may be "sold out."—W. V. and M. H. 578

OXFORD.—To avoid unnecessary duplication and difficulties for ringing in the City of Oxford, please send all applications to P Walker, 152, Headley Way, Headington, Oxford. 528

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS
ANNUAL DINNER
will be held at the Grand Hotel, Northampton, on February 25th, 1967. Tickets (23s. 6d.) obtainable from: R. Kingsley Mason, 446, Welford Road, Knighton, Leicester. **Please send S.A.E.** Ringing Arrangements later 571

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Annual Dinner
on February 25th, 1967, at Church House, Westminster
Tickets (price 25s.) available from:—
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Make this your ringing event of the year. 552

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MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Surprise Major practice at Feltham, Wednesday, January 4th. Ringing 7.30–9 p.m. All standard methods. — W. S. Deason. 530

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Annual meeting, Bromham, Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by 4th, to Miss K. Rivett, 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham. 526

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern District.—The A.G.M. will be held at Colchester on Saturday, January 7th. Service at All Saints', Shrub End, 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at St. Cedd's Hall, Paxman Avenue, off Gosbecks Road. Ringing: St. Leonard's and All Saints' before tea, St. Peter's and All Saints' 7-9 p.m. 536

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District —A.G.M. will be held at Writtle on Saturday, January 7th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827). 562

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 7th, at Tunbridge Wells. Bells available at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Service at 6.45. Names for tea to Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, by Thursday, January 5th.—W. H. D. 555

LADIES' GUILD. — Sussex District. — A.G.M. at Southover, Lewes (10), January 7th. Ringing from 3 till 4.30 p.m. and 6 till 8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. G. Elphick, 66, Priory Street, Lewes. — K. Earl, Sec. 577

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Annual meeting in St. Martin's Hall at 4.30 p.m. on January 7th. Cathedral bells (12) available 3 p.m. St. Martin's (12) after meeting. The Guild's new badge will be on sale at the meeting.—G. E. Fearn. (Phone SPR1025.) 572

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting at Wimborne, Saturday, January 7th. Bells (10) 2.30 and 7 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.45. Names for tea to C. Bishop, Denham, Wimborne Road West, Wimborne, by January 5th. 576

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—A.G.M. at St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, January 7th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting in St. Mary's Church Hall, Barker Gate, for those who notify Mrs. D. Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, by January 4th.—S. Adams. 551

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SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jean Sanderson 1, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 2, W. H. Aley 3, B. J. Couzens 4, W. Pye 5, E. W. Pye 6, C. E. Slade 7, L. Turner 8. Rung after losing a peal in memory of William H Hewett.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At St. Leonard's, on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Rea 1, Anne Horsford 2, W. Marlow 3, C. Starbuck 4, J. Pratt 5, N. Edwards 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, Mary Potten 8. For Patronal Festival.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the St. David's Diocesan Guild was held at Llanbadarn Fawr, the most northerly tower in the diocese, on December 10th.

Members were present from Cardigan, Carmarthen, Fishguard, Llanbadarn Fawr, Llanelli, Pembroke, St. Florence and Tenby. Ringing included Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples and Plain Bob, Little Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Choral Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Davies) and the lessons were read by the Rev. R. W. Thomas (Master of the Guild), and the organist was Mr. A. Pateman.

The Vicar of Llanbadarn Fawr presided at the business meeting, which followed tea. After the opening prayer the ringers were warmly welcomed by the churchwardens, and the customary touch on handbells was rung. Apologies for absence were then received, the minutes of the last meeting read and approved and the venues for the 1967 meetings arranged.

A proposition that a board recording the peal rung to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the Guild be placed in St. David's Campanile was accepted. It was reported that there is now only a small amount of work required to be done before the bells of Llandovery will once again be ringable. A grant of £15 was made to Llanelli for bell restoration work. Ringing was then resumed until 8.15 p.m.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The light ring of eight at Lyme Regis provided some good ringing at the annual general meeting of the West Dorset Branch on November 19th. Methods heard were Grandsire, Stedman, Yorkshire and Double Norwich, and the welcome hospitality of the local ringers was appreciated by the representatives of the seven towers present. The Guild Master (the Rev. R. Longridge) and Guild secretary (Mr. T. T. Barrett) also attended.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. A. Charles) conducted the service and an excellent tea was provided in the Church House by the local company and their wives. Mr. C. W. Powell presided at the business meeting and tributes were paid to two past members—Messrs. W. J. Bailey (Beaminster) and F. Norris (Burton Bradstock). The annual reports and accounts were presented by Mr. J. Davis and adopted with thanks for his services.

Officers elected were: Chairman, C. W. Powell; vice-chairman, Rev. O. L. Willmott; hon. secretary and treasurer, J. Davis; committee, T. T. Barrett, D. Ellery; Ringing Masters, D. Bishop, H. Keeley and F. Knight. Lists of meetings and practice meetings were adopted subject to confirmation and the next practice meeting is at Bradpole on Jan. 10th.

Under any other business the new heading of "The Ringing World" was discussed. The alteration was regretted and a request made to return to the original design. J. D.

SECRETARYSHIP OF BATH AND WELLS

We learn that Mr. G. Salmon is retiring from the post of general secretary of the Bath and Wells Association at Easter, 1967. The Chew Branch has nominated Mr. G. Gilbert, of Long Ashton, for the office.

METROPOLIS OF MINOR RINGING

Congratulations to the village Sunday service band at Chilcompton, who recently rang a peal of 14 Spliced Surprise Minor.

Affectionately known as the metropolis of Minor ringing in the Bath and Wells Association and well known for a high standard of striking, this recent feat is an achievement which few service bands in the country will have emulated. Members of the Frome Branch are proud of them.

LATE NOTICE

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—A.G.M., Eardisland, January 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. J. Preece, Stones, Walton, Presteigne, Rads, by January 2nd. 581

QUARTER PEALS

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Dec. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: V. Stedman (first on eight) 1, Valerie Perrott 2, Beryl Astridge 3, Caroline Gibbs 4, Felicity Hamilton 5, T. Skilton (cond.) 6, R. D. Mills 7, J. L. Hayns 8. First om Major "inside" 2 and 4. A welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. John F. W. Watson, and birthday compliments to Felicity Hamilton (15) and Roy Mills (21).

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,275 Stedman Caters: P. W. Cave 1, J. Dafters 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, Miss F. Cannon 5, A. R. Ling 6, Mrs. C. Shiers 7, S. Nicholls 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, J. Powell 10. For Confirmation service.

BRINKLOW, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathleen F. French 1, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 2, J. G. Edgson 3, W. E. Burnell 4, B. Elliot 5, D. Mountford 6. First quarter 1, 5 and 6. A welcome to Rev. G. E. Cooke, inducted Rector this day, and his family.

BRISTOL. — At St. Michael's Church, on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Williams (first of Minor) 1, Susan Evans (first "inside") 2, B. Walter (first "inside") 3, J. Keddie (first of Minor) 4, M. Zobel (cond.) 5, D. B. Williams 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Dunstan's, on Nov. 22nd, 1,240 Plain Bob Minor: P. Richards 1, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 2, J. Drage 3, J. Stockbridge 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, D. J. Carr 6. Rung on the golden wedding day of the Rev. and Mrs. R. D. Trevor-Roper.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Atkins 1, V. Hurt 2, W. Young 3, Richard Edgley 4, Roger Edgley 5, W. Seekings (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

EALING, MIDDX. —At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. N. Felton 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Miss J. Murphy 4, C. H. Rogers 5, F. Bishop 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, N. F. Felton 8. For morning service.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,296 Little Bob Major: D. Targett 1, E. C. Wadman 2, R. G. Beck 3, V. Savage 4, J. Mages (first of Major) 5, B. Stirland 6, P. H. D. Jones 7, D. Mackay (cond.) 8. First in the method by all the band.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with cover): A. Richardson 1, A. Warren 2, I. Campbell 3, P. Taylor 4, L. Tubb 5, B. Watson (cond.) 6, W. Harwin covering. For Evensong.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob: Miss V. A. Hall 1, Mrs. F. E. Crosier 2, J. Mills 3, Miss A. B. Harlow 4, D. Mills 5, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 6. For Evensong, on Bible Sunday by members of the Scripture Union.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. J. Orman 1, V. A. Hales 2, D. M. Andrews 3, H. F. Pike 4, E. E. Davey 5, J. M. Besant 6, G. N. Orman 7, A. R. Andrews 8.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Smith 1, M. Pettit 2, P. Morley 3, E. Edmondson (cond.) 4, G. Austin 5, S. Huckle 6, R. A. Cochrane (cond.) 7.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Rule 1, D. Lilley 2, L. Lilley 3, E. Flitton 4, Rev. J. Bellamy Hall 5, R. Griggs 6, G. Lilley 7, L. Flitton 8. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rev. J. B. Hall.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Kirk 1, Miss B. A. Taylor 2, I. G. Goldthorpe 3, K. Kirk 4, A. B. Cooper 5, M. J. Wilson (cond.) 6.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Wright (first of Minor) 1, S. Smith 2, C. Hagger 3, K. Seymour 4, C. Meakes 5, W. Avery (cond.) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Oct. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Barnes 1, Audrey Alexander 2, G. Parsons 3, B. Burrough 4, R. Bowes 5, C. Starbuck 6, B. Mathews (cond.) 7, J. Euston 8. For "In Memoriam" service, London Rifle Brigade.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Cuckson 1, M. Soper 2, T. Pink 3, R. Fraser 4, C. King 5, W. Bradbrook 6, C. Ward (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. For Evensong by Guild of Ringers.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, KENT. — On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Madge Tempest (first quarter) 1, Mary Munt 2, Pamela Court 3, Dilys Eastmead 4, A. Eastmead (cond.) 5, K. Butler 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Susannah Young, who died suddenly on November 23rd at the age of 2½ years.

OXFORD.—At St. Giles' Church, on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Frances Munby (first quarter) 1, Carol Cooke 2, D. Palmer (first quarter) 3, P. Walker 4, D. J. Roaf (cond.) 5, J. H. Gardner 6. For Evensong.

PAUL, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Carter (first quarter) 1, Miss B. J. Duck 2, G. W. Tasome 3, W. R. Curtis 4, J. J George (first as cond.) 5, J. Troon 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Tipper 1, K. Sansom 2, Mary White 3, H. deCombe (first "inside" of Triples) 4, K. Tipper 5, A. Betsworth 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, D. Hatherly 8. For Evensong.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Michael's, on Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Joyce 1, M. M. Powell 2, Susan E. M. Davis 3, A. J. Luxford 4, R. A. Partridge 5, D. C. Jackson 6, D. J. Forder (cond.) 7, R. W. Price 8. By S.U.G.C.R. as a farewell to the Rev. Mr Pibworth.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss G. Reeve 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, N. Watson 4, H. Ivings 5, J. Paul 6, H. Fuller (cond.) 7, E. Middlediltch (first on eight) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. G. Blaydon, Thetford's only freeman, age 91 years.

WORCESTER.—On Nov. 29th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. Tailby (first on ten) 1, D. R. Morris 2, D. G. Franklin 3, D. R. Sayers 4, L. J. Haines 5, J. J. Stanier 6, P. Cattermole (cond.) 7, D. Beacham 8, T. W. Lewis 9, R. W. Sheppard 10. The annual quarter peal in memoriam Archdeacon Goodman.



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THE PROFESSOR MOVES AROUND

IT BEING a long time since the Exercise had had the benefit of the Professor's opinions and comments, I visited him recently so that any erudite extracts might be passed on to a grateful public.

After the usual preliminaries he meandered (metaphorically) around the whole gamut of what he called "current campanological claptrap."

He was, it appears, not entirely dissatisfied with the recent "face-lift" of "The Ringing World," although somewhat sad to see the last of the "residual relic of Victoriana" on the front page. He confessed, however, that in its new guise of Spartan nakedness the format "grew on him", whilst at the same time reminding him, somewhat uneasily, of the heading of the financial section of a popular newspaper which he refrained from mentioning "for reasons of national security."

What had surprised him, he maintained, was the comparative mildness of the change. After the "fanfares and multitudinous discussions and dissertations" he had expected at least a colour section with strip cartoons, crossword puzzles and the like. (I suspected a bit of Professorish sarcasm here.) The final result was something of an anticlimax. There was nothing wrong with the old paper, he said, that a little thought and a few good articles could not cure.

(I argued with him here, as nothing stifles discussion so quickly as agreement.)

He had noticed, with regret, the demise of the College of Campanology. In the few years that it had existed it had served a useful purpose, and although he, the Professor, had been at times somewhat critical, not to mention sceptical, of the institution, he was always pleased to see evidence of individuality and initiative in an era in which both were being strangled. The College had, among other things, drawn attention to, and devised, a system of teaching bell-handling to beginners, and its most recent publication was, he understood, a useful contribution to ringing literature.

At this point, with an air of anticipation and expectancy that must have been displayed in uncovering Tutankhamen's tomb, he revealed a tape-recorder which had been buried under a collection of bric-a-brac on a sideboard in the corner. This surprised me, as I was aware of his abhorrence of what he was pleased to term "modern diabolical contraptions," and indeed his childlike helplessness with any mechanical device. I firmly believe he allowed his beard to grow because of his inability to insert a blade into a safety razor without placing attachment of finger to hand in jeopardy. He believes that a cultured mind is incompatible with technical aptitude, and regards me as an insensitive moron because of my dexterity with a screwdriver.

After I had helped him to unravel the tape which had become entangled with a set of handbells he kept on the sideboard, we managed to get the machine working and the sound of church bells came forth: there were eight and they were ringing Grandsire Triples. There were street noises, so that the recording had evidently been made in the open. Suddenly voices. Apparently the Professor had been doing a B.B.C.!

Professor: "How many bells do you think are being rung?"

Answer (after a long pause): "Fourteen?"

P.: "No, there are eight."

A.: "Sounds to be more."

P.: "Do you like the sound of bells?"

A.: "Oh, they're all right, y'know, so long as they don't waken me up of a Sunday morning, y'know. They don't play no tunes, do they?"

P.: "No, they ring changes."

A.: "I wish they'd play tunes."

P.: "Have you ever heard of Grandsire Triples?"

A.: "No, who's he?"

P.: "It's not a he, it's a system of ringing changes. A sort of arrangement of permutations."

A.: "Oh aye, like the pools."

P.: "Have you ever actually seen bells being rung?"

A.: "Yes; my wife's half-brother's uncle's a ringer. I've bin with him."

P.: "Oh, indeed; and where does he ring?"

A.: "St. Luke's in Crossgate."

P.: "I'm not familiar with the church; how many bells are there?"

A.: "Two. The wife's half-brother's Uncle Bill rings 'em both at once; one with his hands and the other with his feet."

After this startling revelation the interview finished. It was followed by a succession of similar recordings ranging from Doubles to Maximus. Most of these recordings were accompanied by the interview. The Professor shut off the machine.

"What," I asked, "do you hope to gain by these interviews?"

"Quite a lot. I have spread my net far and wide and am at the moment in the process of tabulating and classifying the information I have gained. You will have noticed in the short time you have been listening that most of the interviewers have little idea of the number of bells being rung, many have little or no notion of the mechanics of the actual ringing, others would like the bells to play tunes. Many like to hear the bells, others are indifferent, whilst a minority are actually opposed to bellringing."

"It is natural," he continued, "that in small villages and isolated communities the residents should be familiar with the local ringers, often knowing each one by name. Often they are, to a surprising extent, quite knowledgeable with regard to change ringing itself. In towns the people interviewed often showed abysmal ignorance. I did, however, find one or two exceptions. Listen to this recording made in quite a large town."

He again switched on the tape-recorder. Bob Major was being rung, partially drowned by much traffic noise. Voices:

P.: "Could you tell me how many bells you think are being rung?"

A.: "I should say eight."

P.: "And you would be right. Do you like the sound of bells?"

A.: "Yes, I am very fond of them."

P.: "Good! Have you ever heard of Grandsire Triples?"

A.: "Er--yes. Isn't it certain changes rung on seven bells?"

P.: "Excellent! Perhaps you have relatives who are ringers?"

A.: "No."

P.: "I don't suppose you have any idea what the bells are ringing now?"

A.: "It sounds like Bob Major."

P.: "Amazing!"

A.: "Not really. I'm the head-ringer here and that's what they were ringing when I came down from the tower a few moments ago!"

The Professor will have his little joke. H. C.

YORKSHIRE SCHOOL MA'AM TELLS HER METHOD

By Margaret E. Wilkinson

SOUTHAMPTON is a long way from Yorkshire. Perhaps Mr. D. C. Jackson does not realise many of us would feel it presumptuous to try to add anything to Mr. Chaddock's knowledge and experience. However, I will mention a few points I have found useful and ask Norman's forgiveness if he knew them all before I saw a bell rope.

For about ten years I have been teaching girls from Queen Margaret's School to ring the 13 cwt. eight at Escrick. Most of the time I have no more help than can be given by the senior girls who are just managing indifferent rounds. I use the back six open and keep the two trebles silenced most of the time.

Each summer, of course, the seniors leave school and in the autumn there may be 20 beginners again. We have rather less than one hour per week, and alternate Sunday ringing for Evensong.

I have tried most methods of teaching. The important thing to remember is that no two pupils are alike: one must always be seeking new ways of explaining or trying other methods if the pupils do not respond. On the whole I find the following best:—

1. Show them the bells and explain how they work.

2. To the whole group of beginners, demonstrate the ringing of a bell and explain every detail—position of feet, body, balance of body, use of weight of shoulders (more necessary for girls than boys), arms, wrists, hands and grip. The most difficult part in this demonstrating is getting them to watch one's hands the whole time insteading of looking one in the face!

3. Teach backstroke, usually a dozen pulls or so.

4. Teach handstroke. First teach them when to let go. I take the tail end in my left hand and grip the sally with my right at approximately the right height for the pupil. I then make her grasp **my hand** so that when I open my fingers she must let go, too. After two or three pulls like this I say "Now catch it yourself." Another dozen or so pulls should be sufficient.

5. Put the strokes together. Give the pupil the tail and start as in (3), but instruct: "As soon as you feel you can do it, start catching. Take no notice of my hand. I am keeping out of your way." Usually by the third pull they will catch, untidily at first, but after a time or two they are ringing the bell with, of course, the instructor keeping control.

This (3, 4 and 5) will have taken about five minutes, longer than I can give each pupil each week.

As soon as I judge it to be safe they may practise with one of the senior girls supervising. It is impressed on **everyone** that if a stay is broken at this stage it is the instructor's fault, not the pupil's. It seldom happens.

I feel it is very important that the instructor should watch the rope so keenly that every error is corrected before its result appears, but yet **not** touch the rope unless an error is made.

I take the beginners, a car load at a time, to York Minster on Sunday mornings to see the ringing and the bells. Then I take them to my home for coffee and teach them a little about change ringing and usually get them plain hunting on six handbells. Most of them leave school before going beyond plain hunt on six tower bells. A few have rung 720 Bob Minor. York Minster ringers give me what help they can, but the girls' time is when most people are at work, so this is confined to Sundays.

VARIOUS TIPS AND TRICKS

Dropping the bell off balance so that the rope goes slack is almost universal. If the pupil rides, tell her to keep contact with the bell as with the horse's mouth. Or tell her not to pull at all above her head, only below her waist level. Make sure your own pull on the other stroke is sufficient to bring the bell to balance.

Most of the time the instructor's hand, when needed, should be on the pupil's hand rather than the rope, so that the pupil feels what is needed.

I like to teach raising a bell at an early stage, and lowering soon after; they are safer when they can do this.

As a precaution I tell them if they are in trouble and no one is free to help, just to step back and keep hold of the tail end. I demonstrate this.

Give an exercise in lifting the bell up to balance and back to set several times, just feeling its weight.

Use the two silenced bells for following as though ringing rounds while actually more advanced work is being done on the other six. This is nearly as good as ringing rounds.

Competition in consecutive setting both at hand and back.

Liken the use of body weight to rowing a boat.

To cure pushing the rope forward with straight arms, make them lift a chair at arms length and compare that with lifting it under the arm.

On rare occasions when I just have one or two pupils for an extra ten minutes, I make them follow me as in rounds, but I count aloud and vary the speed as though ringing changes.

I keep a mirror in the ringing chamber. I can say: "You are doing so-and-so, take the mirror and get it right."

Try and get them to watch critically.

Use the tenor to demonstrate the difference between checking and lifting and what happens if you do one without the other.

Always show the contrast; copy the pupil's fault and show the difference between that and what is required.

Always explain the reason, and danger if applicable. Never allow a swinging rope or moving feet.

If I have a beginner at the Minster the first stage will take longer because of the conditions, but then it become a more normal teaching situation.

Mr. Michael King, in his reply to Mr. Jackson, raises the question of standards. Let no one suppose I am satisfied with our efforts on Sunday evenings, although the Rector comes up almost every time and tells us how nice it sounds. We are doing our best and trying to improve. Without us the bells would be silent. This is very different from claiming to have achieved a peal or quarter peal which was not, in fact, of acceptable standard.

We were all beginners once.

I sometimes wish some experienced ringers in the teaching profession could find it suitable to take appointments at Queen Margaret's School.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Chew Branch

The annual meeting of the Chew Branch was held on December 3rd at Wraxall (8). In the absence of the Rector the service was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Young, from Failand, and afterwards about 50 members and friends, together with visitors from Axbridge and Bath, enjoyed tea at the Rectory.

In his annual report, the secretary, Mr. D. G. Yeo, reported a membership of 170 plus four honorary and three associate members. Subscriptions were still expected from a further six towers, who were invariably late in paying up.

Officers elected were as follows: Chairman and Ringing Master, H. W. Knight; vice-chairmen, C. Bishop, J. Brain and L. Derrick; secretary and treasurer, D. G. Yeo; reporter, J. Brain.

Meetings were fixed, subject to permission, as follows: Quarterly (March), Long Ashton; practice meetings: Easton-in-Gordano (January), Chew Stoke (February). The 1967 striking competition will probably be held at Clapton-in-Gordano in May. Nine new members were elected, five from Chew Magna, one from Long Ashton and three from Portishead. Mr. K. Lewis, of Backwell, was re-elected.

Mr. J. Gilbert, of Long Ashton, was nominated by the Branch to serve as general secretary in place of Mr. G. Salmon, who was retiring at Easter, 1967. Mr. Gilbert also asked for members' reactions to an organised course of instruction, either for a week-end or for a day or half-day only, similar to those already held by various other Associations. Response was lukewarm, and from the spirited discussion that followed it was obvious that members' interests lay first and foremost in increasing the scope of methods rung at meetings. Mr. Lee pointed out that a monthly Surprise practice was held at selected towers in the Deanery on the first Wednesday of each month, to which all were welcome.

After the usual votes of thanks, ringing continued at the Parish Church until shortly before 9 p.m. J. B.

Ilminster Branch

The annual general meeting of the Ilchester Branch took place on December 3rd at Martock, Somerset.

Ringing took place from 3 p.m. on the lovely 25 cwt. eight at the Parish Church of All Saints and varied from rounds to Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major. The service at 4.30 p.m. was conducted by the Rev. C. Norris, who regretted the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. Cartwright). The organist was Mr. Alan Richards. Between 50 and 60 sat down to the excellent tea provided by the ladies.

It was with regret that members heard Mr. Roger Fox resign from the post of hon. secretary, and a "big hand" was given in recognition of his services in the past. A vote of thanks was passed to all retiring officials and also to the Martock members for their hospitality.

Officials elected for 1967 were as follows: Chairman, the Rev. C. J. B. Marshall, Long Sutton; vice-chairman, the Rev. J. M. Cartwright and Mr. T. J. Setter; Diocesan representative, Mr. Roger Fox; Ringing Master, Mr. W. E. Turner, Hardington Mandeville (Tel. West Coker 359); Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. H. Gaylard; hon. secretary, Mrs. M. M. Legget, Ridgeover House, Coker Hill, West Coker (Tel. West Coker 208).

It was decided to carry on with the monthly practices at towers in the Branch in rotation as this arrangement had proved quite successful and the number of members had increased.

A plea for help came from more than one tower where the problem was that they had "competent rounds and call change ringers and others willing to learn," but "how do they learn method ringing?" It was suggested that method ringers willing to do so should form a group to go to any tower wanting them and try to instruct as far as they were able. This situation seems fairly common, and any help would be welcome.

After the meeting ringing was resumed until 9 p.m. M. M. L.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Schafle 1, Miss H. McArthur 2, D. Cobb 3, R. Stephenson 4, A. Semken 5, K. B. Good (cond.) 6. In honour of the birth of a son, Simon, to Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Good, both ringers at Shrub End, Colchester.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: P. Sadler 1, S. Halliwell 2, P. Sloman 3, M. Hallett 4, B. Sadler 5, K. Warner 6, D. Sloman 7, A. House (cond.) 8, C. Wright 9, B. Howard 10. A compliment to June and Brian Howard on the birth of a son.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

More than 40 ringers with guests and friends assembled for the annual dinner of the St. Albans District at St. Michael's Manor Hotel, St. Albans, on December 3rd An excellent turkey meal provided a most satisfactory start to the proceedings. The company, mellowed with good food, stood to drink the loyal toast, which was proposed by Mr. R. D. R. Brown, District secretary, who was also a very capable toastmaster.

Mr. R. W. M. Clouston then showed, by stating some rather disturbing statistics, that the Church was not in as strong a position as it would like to be. He urged ringers to give all the support that they could and called for everyone to rise and toast "The Church."

The Rev. D. G. Harper of St. Michael's, St. Albans, replied in a somewhat light-hearted vein. Three arguments, he thought, could be put forward to show that ringing is a good thing; it gives pleasure and friendship to ringers, it pleases most non-ringers and it also pleases the Vicar. He thanked the District for inviting both himself and his wife and also for its service to the Church.

A toast to "The Hertford County Association" was proposed by Mr. A. P. Cannon, introduced as "Tenor King," corrected by heckling visitors to "Ex-Tenor King." In his own inimitable style he presented a history of the Association as detailed, if not more so, than any known by the members present. He also raised several points concerning its more recent activities, which ranged from peal ringing to the less glamorous task of teaching learners.

Mr. K. R. Dunstan, the president, said but a few words in reply, the reason being that he had been asked to propose the very toast that had just been drunk! This was a most unfortunate error, which set him at a definite disadvantage.

A final toast, to "The Visitors," came from Mrs. L. Coburn, who echoed the words of Mr. Harper by emphasising the camaraderie that exists among ringers. P. T. D

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

Over 60 members attended the Rochester Branch meeting on December 3rd at Stockbury, where under the watchful care of Miss J. Hayward, District Ringing Master, various Doubles methods were rung on the five bells (tenor 15 cwt. in F).

The Rev. S. M. Evans, Vicar of Bredgar, conducted the ringers' service and the collection was devoted to the Bredgar Bell Fund. The excellent tea was kindly given by Stockbury ringers. An announcement was made by Mr. L. Mitchell concerning the rehanging of Newington bells and the opening of a fund for this purpose. Mr. T. Barton, District secretary, proposed the vote of thanks.

HIS FIRST GRANTLEY HALL COURSE

Attending the seventh Grantley Hall week-end bellringing course was Mr. H. N. Thompson, a retired schoolmaster and a newcomer to ringing. He writes that he was urged to intrude on the course by the thought of the three silent bells in his own parish church and the almost silent bells up Dales.

"In my freshness to this study I was very much on the fringe of a firmly coherent body of students, all so resolute in learning and practice—8 a.m. was not too early or 11 p.m. too late.

It came as a shock to me that of the 38 on the course I could not, at first, tell who were ringers and who were not—guessed one young lady was accompanying someone on the course, to find her ringing competently amongst the most advanced, and the "schoolgirl" who was never behind when volunteers for a new experience or a difficult task were called for. And one seemingly elderly lady who stepped into the thick of the learning and ringing during the practical session in the tower. One's perception needs training as well as one's ringing.

One cannot but speak with delight and profit of the patient instruction on mental and physical techniques and of minute and detailed exploration on muted bells, leading to correct and competent ringing.

It is delightful to recall the detailed and profound explanations Mr. Frederick Sharpe was able to give from personal acquaintance of the founding and tuning of bells and the theory behind all this and his wonderful collection of bells.

As I held on to the elementary fringe of the course, I saw all too little of Mr. N. Chaddock, but appreciated how alert he was to every detail of organisation. I was absorbed by Mr. W. F. Moreton's facility in making bell control more easy to grasp and his patience when one was "slow on the uptake."

Truly I gained from this week-end course more than I had dared to anticipate, and the experience among ringers has been a joy, which, by the way, was the opinion expressed by the Lace Makers' course running side by side with the ringers'.

CORRECTIONS

Mr. George E. Bonham sends us the following corrections to peals through inaccuracies in copy submitted:—

Barton-le-Cley, Bedfordshire, Association, issue August 12th, page 529.—Date July, not June.

Stevenage, Herts County Association, issue November 11th, page 746.—Treble ringer Julia A. Fellows, second C. Martin Press.

Barkway, Herts, issue November 11th, page 746.—25th together Geoffrey Pearson and George E. Thoday, 75th together Philip Mehew and George E. Thoday.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

At the annual general meeting of the North Dorset Branch held at Sturminster Newton on December 10th it was reported that the standard of ringing in the Branch was at a comparatively high level. Total membership of 140 included 20 under 17, and finances were felt to be sound.

One healthy sign for the future was the election of two young Ringing Masters—Messrs. T. Bleathman and J. Longridge, to serve with two experienced ones—Messrs. W. C. Shute and A. E. Woods. Other officers elected for 1967 were: Chairman, the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore; vice-chairman, the Rev. R. A. Wells; hon. secretary, Mrs. A. F. Godley; assistant hon. secretary, Miss R. M. Julius; committee members, Miss H. M. Julius and Mr. E. C. Chant.

The Rev. R. N. Longridge was sincerely thanked for his untiring work as hon. secretary for the past eight years, as was Mr. Ben Ridout, who had been Ringing Master for a very long time. The towers of Durweston and Zeals were welcomed back into the Branch, and proficiency certificates were presented to Messrs. C. Corry, M. Corry and R. Jeans and Miss S. Corry, all of Durweston. New members elected were Miss S. Sheppard, of Mere, and the Rev. P. F. Tambling and Mr. P. G. Lugg, of Zeals.

The meeting, which was under the chairmanship of the Rev. R. A. Wells, followed a generous tea served by the local Young Wives' Group A service had been conducted by the Rev. R. H. Longridge (Guild Master), the Lesson being read by the Rev. R. A. Wells, and an address which included a very warm welcome was given by the Rev. R. J. Messenger, Vicar of Sturminster Newton. Well over 40 members and friends attended, and methods rung ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor. Childe Okeford bells were also available.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S WAR MEMORIAL

The memorial commemorating those members of the Essex Association who fell in World War II was dedicated in Chelmsford Cathedral at Choral Evensong on November 29th. About 45 ringers and friends attended the service, which was conducted by Canon Hewitt of Chelmsford Cathedral. The guest choir came from St. Laurence's, Barkingside.

After tea in the Girls' Friendly Society Hall, Mr. R. C. Heazel, Master of the Association, thanked Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harrison, who unfortunately due to illness could not be present, for arranging the splendid tea, and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hudson and other helpers for standing in at the last moment ot serve the tea. He also expressed the gratitude of the Association to Messrs. J. E. G. Roast and P. J. Came for their voluntary work on the memorial.

Ringing continued on the Cathedral bells till 8 p.m.

TELEVISION

The film "RINGERS REQUIRED" will shortly be televised in its shortened 14 minutes television version, by the following Independent TV Stations:

Television West and Wales: Friday, December 30th, 1966, Time 11.15 p.m.
Scottish Television: Not received at time of going to press.

To obtain the 28 minutes FULL-LENGTH version (30/- per day), write to: Film Librarian, The Grasshopper Group, 24 Shelton Street, London, W.C.2.

Letters to the Editor

DODD AND DODDS COMBINE

Dear Sir,—At last we've done it! We've proved we are two different people! We really blame ourselves for the start of it. Geoffrey K. called the first peal of Minimus and Geoffrey (.S) wrote an article about the whole business. Thereafter, confusion reigned. Geoffrey K. found he was supposed to be a handbell ringer and occasional composer, and Geoffrey (.S) was supposed to ring many odd Doubles methods in peals—and we rang in "Hampfordshire."

We each chose our own witnesses to prove our independent existences. Geoffrey (.S) gathered his brother (dug out of ringing retirement for the occasion), his wife and his daughter; Geoffrey K. brought a second to his surname. The place chosen was neutral ground, the delightful church at Cranford, Middlesex. Geoffrey (.S) was given first say, for the first three and a half 720's, when Geoffrey K. took over the argument for the remainder.

Everything went so well that we are now thinking of trying for a Major peal together. You see, Geoffrey has a daughter, aged ten, who is learning to ring; each of us has. So it is perfectly clear that we must have them both in with us—if only to clear up the confusion that is bound to arise.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODDS,
GEOFFREY K. DODD.

HOAX—AN EXAMPLE OF NASTINESS

Dear Sir,—I should like to protest in the strongest possible terms against the recent hoax peals that have appeared in "The Ringing World." It is a great pity that whoever is responsible has nothing better to do than make a public display of his (or her) malicious and mean sense of humour. A great deal of ill-feeling and suspicion has already been created by that which has already appeared in print, and quite without reason or necessity.

Sufficient bad feelings already exist in some quarters, and when people are trying to resolve their differences amicably the sort of abomination just published hardly makes for an improvement in the situation. Most ringing "politics" seem to come under the heading of "dirty linen," and the present examples are typical. This sort of nastiness in the columns of "The Ringing World" not only goes down very badly and gives the wrong impression of ringing as a whole to newcomers to the Exercise who may only be recent subscribers to "The Ringing World," but it also is totally unnecessary. Keep your petty little squabbles and differences out of "The Ringing World" and either keep quiet altogether or else at least keep them confined to the area and people concerned.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. HARDY.

Elstree, Herts.

THE CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

A ringer named Ronald Dove,
Whose crossword most do for love.
His clues minus three, dim the hope
Of Tenbob without Revelstoke!
Nineteen down we cannot see.
Try a heavy Wilts six in D!
If you know the largest county,
It's a stage nearer the bounty!
We have no wish to reprimand,
Thanks for the fun, Don't call "Stand."

H. J. R.

A FEW WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Dear Sir,—It is clear to me from conversation with ringers in this area that the majority are very satisfied with the new front page as it has been for the last few weeks. This now established, it was with complete delight that we unwrapped the latest issue to find a splendid photograph of "Mancroft" on a tinted background. The new heading was just right in this setting, whilst the old one could never have been. Let us hope you will in future see fit to place photographs of topical interest on the front page as well as some more of the purely decorative type.

The variety of interest of the contents of this week's issue was so great that tower captains should have little difficulty in persuading more of their learners to become subscribers, using it as a sample. To maintain this standard you will need many more contributions of letters and articles than have been coming in lately. It would be a good idea to publish an eye-catching appeal for more copy as a regular feature.

Finally, although I support the general nature of the changes you have made recently, I suggest that the committee ought to reconsider the method of presentation of the peals. My own view is that the layout is tasteless and untidy. Alphabetical classification by Associations is the wrong way to do it: any other way would be better, provided that it had a logical basis. The most sensible way to classify is firstly by the number of bells changing, i.e. Maximus, Cinques, Royal, Caters, Major, Triples, Minor, Doubles, Minimus, with the handbell peals included with the tower bell peals; and then to subclassify alphabetically by Associations.

To readers who disagree with the above assertion I point out this week's example, the recent record peal of Stedman Cinques. Effectively camouflaged by being sandwiched between peals of Doubles and Bob Major, how would anyone find it who did not know which Association it was rung for?—Yours faithfully,

JAMES R. TAYLOR.

Whitchurch, Bristol.

Note.—Other readers have shared Mr. Taylor's views on the printing of peals, particularly St. Martin's Guild, who feel that their many 12-bell peals should have greater prominence. If it is the wish of readers to devote more space to peals we will revert to it.—Ed.

GOOD SHOW, GIRLS

Dear Sir,—Quite a long showing of girl ringers in action appeared in the B.B.C.'s East Anglian News, "Look East," on Wednesday, December 7th, featuring one of the Whittlesey (Cambs.) towers, I think St. Mary's.

The eight bells (tenor 18 cwt.) were being rung, and the B.B.C.'s interviewer had a conversation with three of the girls while they were ringing. Two of them were on the lighter bells, but the other, Lesley, was on the tenor.

I think all three did well to answer questions while ringing—especially Lesley, who was "on view" a long time— and I would offer congratulations to them for the show they gave.

The item was to have been included in the news of December 6th but had to be postponed a day because time had run out.—Yours sincerely,

CLAUDE RUSH.

Felixstowe.

COME TO BEVERLEY, MR. CORBY!

Dear Sir, — Thank goodness for the "stirrers" of the Exercise! Apathy has always been the worst enemy of progress in any field, and it was with considerable delight that I read the leading article in which Philip Corby resumed his attack on our poor conduct and ringing standards.

Splendid, Mr. Corby! I agree with nearly all you say, but I do feel that you must have been just a little unlucky in your choice of ringing meetings. Venture into Yorkshire, sir, and visit a meeting of the Beverley and District Society. I could guarantee you courses of Surprise containing one or two comparative novices, and no unusually elevated noses; Grandsire Triples, in which the stay-benders are kept to a minimum, and expertly advised; and perhaps even a good tea and a (usually!) brief and efficiently-run business meeting.

But you hit the nail squarely on its obvious head when you say that the formation of territorial Associations in many cases brought ringers from neighbouring towers together for the first time. Sadly, the Association meetings remain all too often the only occasions when such bands come together, a sign that they are not only unwilling to help their neighbours, but that they also have little idea of how to help themselves. For instance, I have been doing a little research, armed with map and "Dove" on an area not very far from Sevenoaks. I found three towers, all on the same four-mile stretch of main road, and all having the same practice night, if "Dove" is to be believed. Within a ten-mile radius there were seven towers with the same practice night, while two weekday evenings remained completely unused. Does this encourage inter-tower assistance?

I also recently saw in "The Ringing World" that seven Districts of the Gloucester and Bristol Association were to hold meetings on the same day, thus losing, presumably, any support that they might have gained from border-line members of other Districts.

Coming as I do from an area in which some of us are prepared to travel nearly 20 miles and back for a practice night, or 80 for a meeting, this appears to me to be a very serious state of affairs. If such towers as I have mentioned were prepared to pool their time and resources, your university-type practices (and what a fine idea they could prove, Mr Corby!) might take place two or three times each week.

May we ask "The Ringing World" to make a first step? We hear complaints that practice nights are not well enough publicised. Why not encourage tower secretaries to publish changes as soon as they occur? Even keeping "Dove" up to date is at present a haphazard job; let us know, at least, where and when our help might be used.

Let us see a little action in all these matters—we could serve each other much better than we do at present.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER J. EASTON.

Scalby, Yorks.

MR. GEOFFREY K. DODD'S FEAT

Dear Sir,—We have recently read in "The Ringing World" of many feats and records. In your edition of February 9th a feat in the peal of Pink's Doubles at Longparish, Hampshire, on Wednesday, November 23rd, 1966, appears to have passed unnoticed.

I do not know of the placings of the ropes in this church but I note that Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd not only conducted the peal but also rang the second and the fifth.—Yours faithfully, C. J. CASTELL.

Charney Bassett, Berks.

Note.—The copy was published as submitted.—Ed.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

THE CHANGE IN 20 YEARS

Dear Sir.—There are several things in Mr. Corby's leading article in "The Ringing World" of December 2nd which require further comment.

He may well be correct in saying that ringers today seem to be smug, comfortable, overfed and too easily satisfied—but this is not a symptom peculiar to ringers and ringing organisations. The least that can be said in their defence is that in their youth they did at least enliven the Exercise with their enthusiasm. The years immediately following the last war produced a large number of young and enthusiastic ringers. Four years of wartime silence meant that everyone could start from "scratch." Not all of them "stayed the course" but this initial burst of enthusiasm has carried many of them on for 20 years to become the backbone of our Guilds and Associations.

Today we have an entirely different situation. The young person being taught to ring is presented with a very clearly defined structure. His instructor will probably be one of the good and faithful majority, whose own ability does not go beyond the occasional course of Cambridge, who has been somewhat forgotten by the younger ringers in their pursuit of more intricate methods. We cannot expect he will retain all his old enthusiasm, the ringing meeting has become his main interest outside his own tower. Like Mr. Corby, I have serious doubts that our present system of ringing meetings is the best than can be devised, simply because the enthusiasm has gone out of them. Most of the ringing at meetings seems to have little more purpose than the idle chatter that goes on far too long between the touches. If this situation is allowed to further deteriorate it will be worse than useless to take a beginner to a Branch meeting and, in time, this will defeat all the purposes of our Guilds and Associations.

There is still enthusiasm in the Exercise; for evidence of this has any one issue of "The Ringing World" before that of December 9th been able to report a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 120 methods and a record peal of 15,699 Stedman Cinques? Somehow we must find a way to bring the enthusiasm of the few back into the activities of the many.

One point of disagreement I have with Mr. Corby, and that his unnecessary remarks of the efforts of those people who provide tea at ringing meetings. How do the people in a small country village cope with those who will not send in their names for tea? The obvious answer is to let them go without, but, Christian charity being what it is, one or the good ladies will find a loaf from somewhere, and the local tower captain will have to go without sponge sandwich for Sunday tea. More elaborate arrangements will have to exclude those who just "turn up."

This criticism apart, there is much good sense in Mr. Corby's article, and we will await his comments on the Central Council!—Yours sincerely,

E. G. ORLAND.

Gayton Rectory, Northampton.

PEN FRIENDS WANTED

Today we read of many schoolboy ringers. Two of them in Australia. Philip Goodyer, age 11¼, and his brother, Andrew, age 9½, want pen friends. Philip rings standard methods on six and eight bells and also likes cycling and making models. Andrew has just started plain hunt and likes Rugby Union football, archery and reading. Address letters c/o Mrs. R. Goodyer, 16, King Edward Street, Roseville, N.S.W.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

COMPLAINT OVER DRAYTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the recent correspondence regarding the length of present-day peals and also the inconvenience it causes to local inhabitants and business houses of many towns where the bells are not sufficiently shuttered

To show that this is not also a recent problem I enclose an extract from "Highways and Byways in Berkshire" by Frederick L. Griggs, written and published during 1906, and concerning the delightful bells at Drayton, Berkshire. I trust that this may be of interest to your readers.—Yours faithfully,

C. J. CASTELL.

Charney Bassett, Berks.

"BELLS, BELLS, BELLS . . ."

"Also Drayton possesses an undoubtedly loud peal of eight bells on which according to records preserved under the tower 'astonishing campanological exploits' have been achieved. But if the truth may be told, active campanology is not always an unmixed delight to the passive audience. There was a certain farmer in Wales who, interrogated on the subject of an absentee landlord, observed that he had no objection to absenteeism in moderation. 'I would rather see him in his riding boots than in his slippers,' was his homely way of putting it. In the like manner, a peal of bells capable of 'astonishing campanological exploits,' which are not suffered to lie idle, are better five miles than 500 yards off. They charm the occasional visitor, but to the constant resident four hours of them at a stretch on a summer evening that might have been quiet are a weariness of the flesh. The 'sweet church bell' is in its right place when it 'sounds over hill and dell,' but clanging and crashing at short range for hours together, it distinctly palls even on the ear of the robust while to those who have headaches it appears to cause unmitigated agony. Moreover, lest I be accused of airing an individual fad, be it added that when the campanological professors go on tour to neighbouring villages, as happily they do on occasions, similar opinions are expressed there. In fact bell-ringing seems really to appeal, like many other noises, principally to those who cause this din."

Note.—Readers will remember that Drayton was the Rev. F. E. Robinson's tower, the scene of many long length exploits.—Ed.

GEOFF'S GLOUCESTER GRAB—III

THE Romans had a ford across the mile-wide River Severn but we were able to make use of that beautiful piece of engineering, the new Severn Bridge. On October 29th, a fresh autumn day, a convoy of cars carrying 23 ringers from Frampton Cotterell, Alveston, Westerleigh, Churchill, Bridgwater, Cossington, Panteg, Rumney, St. Werburgh, Bristol, and Taunton set out to enjoy some of the bells on both sides of the river between the bridge and Gloucester. It was interesting to notice the "local" bellfounders, Evans of Chepstow and Rudhall of Gloucester, although some Evans bells have been transported across the Severn by boat.

Lydney (8) was a good beginning, then to Awre (a nice six), where were were mistaken for a wedding party. On discovering her mistake, the lady said: "Oh well, I need not cut the grass till next week, then."

After lunch, on to Littledean (a snappy six but with uncomfortably long ropes). Here we ventured off the standard methods for a course of London. Blaisdon was next (a light six which needed a surprising amount of pulling), and methods up to Cambridge were successfully brought round. Our last stop before tea was at Minsterworth; brand new ropes provided a challenge to the ringers but the bells went well and sounded good outside.

So to tea in Gloucester. It was a pity that it was dark at this time, as we were retracing our path within sight of the earlier towers, but on the opposite side of the meandering river. The chancel ring at Hempsted was rather hard to hear, but we managed touches of Single Oxford, Little Bob and Stedman Doubles, and also rang at Hardwicke (another nice six) where Double Oxford was included.

The last church was at Arlingham, again miles off the beaten track; it is reputed to have a ghost but we saw nothing.

Our thanks to incumbents and tower captains and to Geoff Marchant for organising such a good outing. P. J. E. S.

SUTTON-IN-HOLDERNESS, YORKS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Maris C. Stephenson (first quarter) 1, Vivien Richardson 2, Linda Sherwood 3, T. W. Thirkell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. For the visit of the Archbishop of York, and Confirmation service.

Daventry Ringers Revisit Cotswolds

So impressed were the ringers at the Church of the Holy Cross, Daventry, by their outing to the Cotswolds on October 1st that a second outing was arranged before fog and frost made travel difficult. This took place on November 19th and just after midday two carloads of ringers left for Woodstock. On arrival we were joined by friends from Southam, and the bells were rung to Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge.

The next tower was at Witney, and as the route lay through Bladon, opportunity was taken by the writer and his passengers to visit the churchyard and the grave of Sir Winston Churchill. The only sound here was that of the wind in the trees and the spade of the local sexton planting roses. We were joined at Witney by Mr. and Mrs. Speed and family, and rounds, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Superlative were rung on the pleasant eight.

The highlight of the day was at the tower at Bampton, one of the few in this area not previously visited by the writer. Messrs. White have, as usual, done a very fine job on the seventh and tenor, and some excellent ringing was enjoyed on the fine bells, including a course of London. At Faringdon, where Mr. Price awaited us, a first-class rise followed by an excellent touch of Stedman was voted the best ringing of the day. The bells are a nice musical Taylor eight.

Tea followed at a local café before proceeding to Lechlade. The bells here, recently rehung, are an easy-going six for their weight.

Our last tower was at Burford, where we arrived strictly on time to find Mr. Dixon awaiting us. It was here in 1950 on the occasion of the rededication of the bells that the writer recollects the then Bishop of Dorchester, during tea, announced the winner of the Grand National, run that day. The ringing included a nice musical touch of Stedman called by Mr. Dixon.

Our thanks are due to all the clergy and to those who met us. K. R. H.

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WAR VETERAN OF THE CRIMEA

IF you've ever been on Cape Khersones at Sevastopol you will probably have seen the bell that is there. It hangs from a metal beam between two stone uprights and faces the half-ruined monastery It is darkened with age and covered with verdigris.

There are two bands of ornament around its shoulder, and below them an inscription that is damaged in several places: "SEJ KOLOKOL VYLIT . . . NIKOLAYa ChUDOTVORTs . . V TAGANR . . . IZ TURETSKOJ . . . ARTILLERII VESOM . . . PUDU 1778 GODA LETA AVGUST . . . ChISLA." ("This bell was cast by Nikolaj Chudotvorets in Taganrog from Turkish connon. Weight . . . poods. .. August 1778.")

For many years this bell hung in one of the towers of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

In 1854, during the Crimean War, Khersones Monastery was occupied by French troops. There were powder magazines and trenches, and from there French artillery bombarded Sevastopol. When the French left, they took the monastery's bell as a trophy. In Paris it was placed in one of the towers of Notre Dame.

In the Sevastopol municipal archives there is a blue-covered file: File No. 41. Return from France of the bell captured in the Crimean campaign and hung in a church tower in Paris. Opened 1898."

The first paper in the file is dated 1898. It records that a search had started for the Russian bell. A lively correspondence ensued between the authorities of the port of Sevastopol and the French Government concerning the return of the bell to Khersones. The French Consul in Sevastopol, Louis Gal, and Divisional General Nioxe, director of the Army Museum in Paris, played a particularly active part in the negotiations. Then, on November 23rd, 1913, the bell was returned to its original home at Khersones. Louis Gal, the French Consul, was decorated with the Order of Anna, 2nd Class, and the Order of Vladimir, 4th Class, "for his assistance in obtaining the return of the bell to Sevastopol."

The bell was set up in a new wooden campanile, where it was also used as a warning signal. As soon as fog began to settle it was rung as a warning to shipping, just as it had been before the Crimean War. Some of the older inhabitants still remember it being used as a warning during fog in the 1920's.

The success of the venture has encouraged plans for another festival next year.

On one side the bell is pitted by bullets, splinters and shrapnel. During the second siege of the city (i.e. by the Germans during the Second World War) the bell was there, on its hill, open to all sides, just as it had been during the earlier siege. Like a war veteran.

Now the fog warning has been modernised. But the Khersones bell is still in position, acting as a stand-by for the siren. Should the fog-horn suddenly fail, the old bell will start to ring. Its note is high and clear, just as it was 150 years ago.

Translated by C.A.W. from an article by V. Teplukhin in the November, 1966, issue of the Russian magazine "Ogonek.")

STRATTON RINGING FESTIVAL

For many months the idea of a ringing festival at Stratton, Cornwall, had been in the minds of the organisers, notably of Harry Stacey, and this was held in conjunction with the Church Gift Day and Patronal Festival on December 3rd.

All towers within a ten miles radius of Stratton were open for ringing from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and ringers from Devon, Cornwall and Somerset enjoyed a good variety of ringing from rounds to Stedman Triples.

The Rev. A. S. Roberts was the preacher at the evening service, which was attended by the majority of ringers (about 140).

Two striking competitions were held. At Marhamchurch the six-bell competition was won by Truro with a beautifully struck 120 Grandsire Doubles. Tavistock "B" were second, and Emmanuel, Plymouth, third. In the eight-bell competition Bridgerule were placed first, Tavistock second and St. Austell third. Judges for both competitions were Messrs. Thorne, Way and Vanstone, of the Devon Association. A draw for a chicken dinner was won by the Vicar of Calstock.

MEASURING SUCCESS IN 1966

By E. G. H. Godfrey

The end of the calendar year is the traditional time for taking stock—for preparing balance sheets and profit and loss accounts. Since bellringing has no close season, this may be a good time for us to assess how well or how badly we are doing. It is essential that we sit back from time to time and look at what we are doing, why we are doing it and how we are going about it, realising that conditions change and that there is always room for improvement.

The following is a list of questions for your band. They are not in order of importance, but I hope that they may be helpful in making the band think and that the answers you give may show you where greater effort is needed in 1967:—

Has the striking improved?
Have you rung for Sunday services regularly throughout the year?
How many services have you missed ringing for, and why?
Do you have good relations with the Vicar and the churchwardens?
Do you take part in church activities such as fetes, clearing the churchyard?
Do all the ringers attend church at least once each Sunday?
Are you punctual for service ringing and for practices?
How many new ringers have you taught?
How many ringers have you lost, and why?
How many ringers have rung their first quarter peal/first peal?
In concentrating on beginners have you ignored the experienced ringers or vice versa?
How many outings have you attended?
Do you help other towers?
Do you join in Association/Guild activities, and are all the band members?
Is there a fine team spirit or is there friction in the band?
Do you give visitors a warm welcome?
What new ideas has the band produced?
What new methods have you rung?
How many ringers have learned to conduct?
Is the church satisfied with the ringing?
Have the bells been properly cared for?
Is it clear who the leader is or is there divided leadership with a tower captain in name only?
How many weddings have you rung for and how does this compare with previous years?

Many of us have a long way to go yet before we are satisfied and a lot of hard work seems to lie ahead in 1967. May we have the courage and determination to attempt it, remembering that our ringing is to the glory of God and for the benefit of His Church.

OBITUARY

MR. J. E. GRENSTED

A number of present members—particularly the older ones—of the Kent County Association will have happy memories of Mr. Joe Grensted who, at the age of 85, died at his home at Borden on December 5th.

To his memory a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for Evensong at Borden Church, near Sittingbourne, on December 11th. Those taking part were: Wendy Austin 1, Doris Dobbie 2, G. Kenward 3, E. Barton 4, G. Naylor (conductor) 5, B. J. Jemmett 6, S. Dobbie 7, T. J. Clark 8.

Joe took up ringing at an early age in the Sittingbourne area prior to emigrating to Canada some 55 years ago. He returned from Canada about ten years ago and made his home at Borden. He lost no time in visiting the local towers at which he used to ring in his early years, to take a rope for Sunday service ringing and, on occasions, to stand in for a peal. This gave immense pleasure not only to Joe but also to his many friends. He will be missed. G. H. S.

MR. MICHAEL H. R. KING

The tragic death of Michael H. R. King, of South Newington, Oxon, who was aboard the Greek ship "Iraklion" when it sank on December 8th, will be received with deep regret by all those who knew him. Michael had been a ringer at South Newington for the past two years and was a regular member of the band.

He had just left Oxford University and was studying to be an architect. At the time of the tragedy he was on his way home from Greece, where he had been studying Greek architecture.

On December 16th the regular North Oxon Doubles band rang a half-muffled peal at South Newington as a token of respect and to his memory. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his parents and his brother, Timothy, in their bereavement. M. W. C.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Central District

Quality rather than quantity was the general feeling after the quarterly meeting of the Central District held at St. Mary's Church, Willesden, on October 29th. Although during the afternoon the attendance was poor, we were able to maintain a high standard of ringing both in methods rung and in striking. We were pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. John Jelley of Leicester.

Following the service, conducted by the Rev. C. S. Day, we sat down to an excellent tea prepared by the Willesden ringers, who had forfeited their afternoon's wedding money in order to give us, free of charge, a wonderful spread.

At the business meeting Miss Gillian Brearley, of Wheathampstead, was elected a member. After discussion, it was decided, as the next fifth Saturday falls on New Year's Eve, not to hold a meeting on that day. The next meeting will therefore be the annual District meeting on April 29th, 1967, at All Saints' Church, Harrow Weald.

Several visitors came for the evening ringing, when methods rung included Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major, Stedman and several Surprise Major methods.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. J. Ridgman 1, B. F. Sims 2, P. E. Wells 3, R. F. Baker 4, J. H. Bluff 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung after the interment of F. W. Lack.

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QUARTER PEALS

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Ashby 1, K. Dunstan 2, J. Southey 3, R. Clouston 4, A. Wootton 5, L. North 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, W. Inwood 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Cecil Evans, tower master and member of Hertford County Association for over 50 years.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Doone (first of Minor) 1, W. R. Chandler (first of Minor "inside") 2, Miss B. Fisher 3, Miss S. Bird 4, R. J. Brown (cond.) 5, F. Southwood 6. For Matins.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Mullins (first quarter) 1, J. G. Flint 2, A. H. Smith 3, Sheila I. Smith 4, D. G. Carr (first as cond.) 5, F. H. Briscoe 6, A. S. Smith cover.

BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, KENT.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): E. Clifton (first of T.B.) 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Brenda Davies 3, B. Johnson (100th quarter) 4, D. C. Manger 5, N. J. Davies (cond.) 6. 50th quarter together 2 and 5.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: E. Clifton 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Brenda Davies 3, P. Richardson 4, H. Deacon 5, D. Manger 6, N. J. Davies 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothea Robotham 1, Pauline Bligh-Cheesman 2, Helen Roberts 3, W. Willans 4, P. Kingscote 5, J. Stallard 6, A. Tyler 7, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 8.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Diane Wickens 1, A. W. King 2, Carol Gosling 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 7th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: T. Roast 1, Claire Hudson 2, Rosemarie Frith 3, J. E. G. Roast 4, L. J. Clark (cond.) 5, H. A. Shadrack 6, A. R. Groves 7, D. A. Symonds 8, P. J. Eves 9, I. R. Panton 10. For Confirmation service.

CHERITON, KENT.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): A. Binstead 1, Pamela Court 2, R. Surrage (first quarter) 3, Dilys Eastmead 4, A. Eastmead (cond.) 5, K. Butler 6.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Bailes (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Catlin 2, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 3, W. Nicholson 4, I. V. Wintrip 5, P. D. Wenham 6, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 7, C. Mordue 8.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jill Dunmall 1, Olive D. Tester 2, C. A. Tester 3, Jenny Brunger 4, Susan Nicholson 5, E. J. Brunger 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, Anne Tremain 8. First of Stedman by 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8, and first by a local band since before the last war. For Evensong.

DORNEY, BERKS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 Wells, 576 Cambridge): S. G. Scott 1, Susanne Sargeant 2, Joan A. Rance 3, K. Davenport 4, A. J. Rance 5, F. C. Price (cond.) 6.

FALLOWFIELD, MANCHESTER.—On Oct. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. S. Taylor 1—2, C. R. Calton 3—4, J. W. Gander 5—6, A. Burbidge (cond.) 7—8. First "in hand" for all except ringer of 5—6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with cover): P. Taylor 1, A. Richardson 2, A. Warren 3, I. Campbell 4, L. Tubb 5, B. Watson (cond.) 6, W. Harwin cover. For Confirmation.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. J. Chapman 1, K. J. Chapman 2, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 3, D. G. Pearson 4, E. C. Buckby 5, J. G. Mitchell 6, R. J. Cowley 7, F. E. Coales 8. Rung in memoriam John R. Main.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Cook 1, Miss S. Edwards 2, L. Duffield 3, Miss M. Edwards 4, J. Cook 5, J. Edwards (cond.) 6. In honour of the wedding of Debora and Tony Bishop.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK. — On St. Nicholas' Day (Dec. 6th), 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret McBride 1, A. G. Wigmore (cond.) 2, Angela McBride 3, A. J. Moy 4, A. Stimson 5, P. G. W. Newstead 6, W. B. Duncan 7, F. Broomfield 8. First in method 1 and 3. For Patronal Festival.

HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDX.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. James 1, D. G. Pickett 2, Miss D. Mullins 3, J. Britchford 4, C. Stevenson (cond.) 5, P. Venn 6.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Oament (first quarter) 1, Judith A. Southwood 2, Rosemary Tilling (first quarter) 3, T. G. Fox (cond.) 4, E. R. Rapley 5, J. Smith 6, M. Reed 7, L. Bourne 8.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (74 singles, three bobs): A. C. Banton (cond.) 1, Lynne I. Clowe (first in method "inside") 2, Jennifer E. Pearce 3, R. Aldington 4, Susan Mitchell 5, C. J. Groome 6.

KIRKHEATON, YORKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Hargreaves 1, W. Sykes 2, A. Bennett 3, M. Holmes 4, K. Davison 5, J. R. Senior (cond.) 6.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Willmington 1, K. Warner 2, Miss P. Fox 3, C. Hughes 4, A. White 5, R. Smith 6, A. Faulkner 7, L. Fox (cond.) 8. First in method 3 and 5.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Tompsett 1, Heloise Leleux 2, Jean Thomas 3, J. Thomas 4, A. Walters 5, J. B. Wilson 6, Gwyn Thomas (cond.) 7, T. Caudron 8. A 21st birthday compliment to John Cole. Also on December 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mary Trent 1, Heloise Leleux (first of P.B. Major) 2, Dianne M. Bird 3, I. Pickard (first quarter) 4, M. Tompsett 5, J. B. Wilson 6, T. Caudron 7, H. L. Hatfield (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 5 and 7. A 21st birthday compliment to David Watkins, and as a farewell to the retiring Master, Dianne M. Bird.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Payton 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, H. Hazell 3, W. Prockson 4, A. Warren 5, D. Gates 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, T. Hawkins 8. In co-operation with the pageant to commemorate the Great Fire of London.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Judith Brooks 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, R. F. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson 5, B. Butcher 6. For Family Communion. Also 1,320 Doubles (five methods): B. Butcher 1, R. P. Brotherston 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

MARTIN, WILTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Mundy 1, C. Kimber 2, N. Bush 3, D. Kerly 4, P. Waterman (cond.) 5, Pauline Poore 6. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Pocock, and family on departure for Ringwould Deal, Kent.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): S. D. Holdaway 1, Miss J. Hills (100th quarter) 2, H. Smith 3, F. V. Gant 4, Rev. P. N. Bond (cond.) 5, D. Peate (first quarter) 6. An engagement compliment to Elizabeth Mason and George Hull, both members of the local band. Also a farewell quarter for David Peate.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Pickering 1, Miss P. Hill 2, Miss J. Collins 3, J. Collier 4, P. Privett 5, M. Church (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Kirkman 1, A. Simpson 2, N. Handley 3, A. Newell 4, D. Oliver 5, G. Fisher 6, R. J. Stretton (cond.) 7, S. Adams 8. First of Major by all except the conductor.

REDGRAVE, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. W. Foreman 1, T. G. Boast 2, R. Filby (first "inside") 3, D. Boast 4, A. W. Foreman (cond.) 5, S. Flatman (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. T. G. Boast and D. Boast.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's, on Nov. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Thelma Willis (first quarter) 1, C. Forster 2, Frances Dodds 3, B. C. Johnson 4, J. D. Duggan 5, J. E. Ewer 6, R. W. Darvill 7, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

SUTCOMBE, DEVON.—1,380 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. M. Taylor 1, D. J. Ley (cond.) 2, P. J. Daniel 3, J. L. Queen 4, J. P. Coad 5, J. M. Schiller (first quarter) 6. By Shebbear College Society.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Dec. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Thompson 1, T. J. Milsom 2, A. F. Lee (cond., 100th quarter on bells) 3, Shirley A. Cox 4, I. P. Cox 5, R. L. Coles 6, D. J. Barnett 7, D. A. Burt 8. Rung by the local band in memoriam Rev. Peter Howell, curate at Twerton, 1957-60.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Churchill 1, Suzanne Sargeant 2, Joan A. Rance 3, Sandra L. Goodship 4, K. Davenport 5, S. G. Scott 6, A. J. Rance 7, F. C. Price (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major for all except 5 and 8.

WITTON, Northwich, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Bentley 1, C. J. Jones 2, H. Parker 3, R. W. Worrall 4, A. C. P. Pugh 5, G. P. Green (cond.) 6, S. W. Bracegirdle 7, J. Statham 8. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. T. J. Lock is now "Ringing Towers" agent in U.K. Copies, 5s. per annum, available from him.

A fund has been started for rehanging the ring at St. Mary the Virgin's, Newington-next-Sittingbourne.

The first quarter peal on the recently rehung bells at St. Botolph-without-Aldgate was rung on December 11th, conducted by John Pladdys.

The bells of Manchester Cathedral will be heard on I.T.V. on Christmas Day, when the service will be televised live at 10 a.m.

The peal of Bob Minor at Thames Ditton on December 10th was rung by past and present officers of the Chertsey District as a farewell compliment to Dennis Blows and Roy Collins, who are leaving the district. With this peal Roy Collins has rung a peal in every tower in the District, and becomes the first person to do so.

Mr. Robert H. Vigor, who stood in a peal of Stedman at Baldock on December 17th, rang his last peal before the 1939-45 war. Quite a few of his peals had been rung with Pat Cannon. We are informed that he rang very well, especially in the light of the fast time recorded (2 hours and 54 minutes, with 26¼ cwt. tenor), as he had not had experience of this speed previously.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

WHERE THERE'S A WILL . . .

Drayton Church, near Norwich, possesses three bells, historic but small, but with the ever-increasing population something more inspiring is needed, writes Gilbert Thurlow in "The Norwich Churchman."

"How easy it would be to say 'We cannot afford bells' without even trying to discover what is possible. How easy to make one of the "with it" cliches an excuse for doing nothing! But retreat and retrenchment are not good enough for Drayton.

"Money is not the only way to success. Enthusiasm, technical "know how" and the spirit of self-help are at least as important. Drayton possesses such qualities in abundance in Michael Frost and his helpers.

"A first need was to obtain bell metal. Contacts were made with various possible sources. Redundant bells at Wood Dalling, together with the three ancient bells from Drayton itself, have formed the main source of metal.

"The frame for properly rung bells is a complicated affair, requiring skill in its construction. But there is enough skill in Drayton to do much of the work involved, and this is being done by local people who combine enthusiasm with skill and technical knowledge, as a spare time job, under the supervision of the bellfounders, together with kindly help from nearby ringers.

"'It is no use to have bells, we haven't any ringers,' drone some church authorities. Drayton had no ringers. So they have done the obvious thing. A team of would-be learners has gathered together. They have been learning the art from experienced ringers equally enthusiastic to teach them at St. George's, Colegate, whose bells we made into a delightful ring of six in 1950 for just this kind of purpose."

And now the date of dedication of the bells has been fixed for Sunday, February 5th, and, according to information told to Canon Thurlow, enough Drayton people have come forward to form two six-bell bands.

"ENGLAND—BELLS FOR SOME"

Under this alluring title Betsy Proctor, with two other Washington Cathedral ringers, tells of her trip to England last summer in "National Cathedral School News." She writes:—

"Early in our stay, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Staniforth took us on a ringing week-end to Exeter for the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild. We were elected members and invited to ring in the Cathedral with its 12 bells.

"That was the first of many experiences in strange towers. Of the 34 towers we rang in during our six weeks' stay we encountered several towers that shook with the bells and some so small that we could lean against the walls while we rang. Three nights we rang a full peal, which is made up of over 5,000 different combinations or changes and takes almost three hours of steady ringing. We were made life members of three Diocesan Guilds and grew accustomed to badly blistered hands. . . . We shall never forget the kindness and fellowship of the many British ringers, who accepted as friends and ringers in their towers three teenage girls from the tower of Washington Cathedral."

CONDUCTING MINOR

By E. G. H. GODFREY

Much has been written about the calling side of conducting. Little has appeared, however, about the conductor's other task of keeping people right. Many conductors seem to be able to correct slips by instinct, but for the benefit of those who, like myself, have little instinct, the following hints may mean less lost peals and quarters.

Before the peal or quarter:

1. Learn by heart the coursing orders.
2. Examine the construction of the methods in detail and try to anticipate the slips.
3. Know where the treble meets all the other bells.
4. Note whether the bells follow their coursing order to the front or back or how they vary from it.
5. Learn by heart what each bell does at each bob and single.
6. Train yourself to think and act quickly.

During the peal or quarter:

1. Use standard callings.
2. Note which bell is on the front.
3. Remember which place bell you are. Knowing the coursing order, you can then work out which place bell the other ringers are.
4. Never relax your concentration even if all seems well.
5. Keep calm in emergencies and try to think.
6. Do **not** shout at the ringers, but give advice and make corrections calmly and confidently.
7. Demand a high standard of ringing. Do not nag any ringer—it is better to stop.
8. Ignore the clock. You have enough other things to worry about.

MISSED HIS 75th BIRTHDAY PEAL

For several years a peal has been arranged at St. Mary's, Apsley, early in December, as a birthday compliment to Walter Ayre. This year's was to have been a special occasion, being his 75th birthday, but unfortunately Walter was indisposed. His friends at Apsley could not let this slip by and a quarter peal was rung with all good wishes. The peal, we trust, will be rung in the near future.

THREE 13-YEAR-OLDS FROM HUNTINGTON

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Holme-on-Spalding Moor on December 3rd realised a long-awaited ambition for the conductor. When Shirley Beanland, Lynne Clowe and Susan Mitchell learned to ring at Huntington in 1965 and made rapid progress, it was hoped to arrange their first peal attempt together. However, illness and other circumstances prevented this, and the first to ring one was Susan—ringing the second at Easingwold to a peal of Bob Minor on the back six, and to date has a total of eight peals to her credit. Next was Lynne, who rang the treble at Huntington on August 28th—the one at Holme being her second. Now that Shirley has rung a peal, all three have rung one peal whilst still 13 years of age, and also one with all three taking part.

Huntington are proud of the performances put up by these 13-year-olds, and we trust that they will long continue the well-established tradition of good ringing in Huntington.

A. G. B.

WEM BELLS GO TO THE FOUNDRY

The bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Wem, Salop, which have been silent for over four years, are now in the hands of Messrs. John Taylor and Co at Loughborough. A serious crack developed in the 14th century tower in 1962 and a £7,000 restoration scheme, which includes the bells, has been embarked upon.

There is to be a steel frame to replace the old oak frame, and the bells are to be tuned and turned. Wem bells range from 5 cwt. to 13 cwt. each. Six were cast in 1768 and two more added in 1897.

Mr. Walter Thorold, who has been with Messrs. Taylors for 40 years, supervised the removal of the bells. "This has been a small job," he said, regarding lowering the bells 60 feet through three floors to ground level. He has done similar work all over the country and in such Cathedrals as Lincoln, York and Winchester.

I REMEMBER

Mr. T. R. Flint, of Lynwood, 17, Central Avenue, Warsop, recalls when a choirboy of 12 he committed an offence which came to the notice of his headmaster and organist, who after administering a mild penalty concluded, "Flint, you'll be hanged yet!"

That was before World War I. The prediction nearly came true in 1952, when Mr. Flint was tolling the third while the choir walked to their places. To observe their movement he peeped through a hole in the floor through which the rope passed when the church had a ground-floor ring. Suddenly there was a nasty jerk from the rope around his neck, which left him sore for days. Vividly the words of his old schoolmaster came to mind, "Flint, you'll be hanged yet."

This is Mr. Flint's 60th week in bed. He writes cheerfully that he is improving rapidly but cannot walk yet.

HARD LUCK, BOYS!

Four boys—Mike Swain (14), John Williams (14), Peter Chambers (13) and Andrew Bainham (13)—had hard luck at All Saints' Church, Newport, on All Saints' Eve. They were in an attempt for a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by David Phillips (17), which went the full distance of 1,260 changes but failed to come round as two bells had crossed over. The boys were not involved.

NORTH DORSET'S HAPPY MEETINGS

The following appeared in the secretary's report of the North Dorset Branch of the Somerset Diocesan Guild:

"Members' thanks are due, as always, to those concerned with the local arrangements where meetings and practices are held. Those who read the editorial in 'The Ringing World' of December 2nd will, I am sure, have been struck by a sharp contrast between our own experiences and those of the writer of that article, as least as far as our bodily and spiritual refreshment is concerned. And I dare to hope that neither our officers nor the rest who attend our meetings deserve quite the tone of censure used by that writer; but that the atmosphere within the Branch is one of common effort helped on by advice and encouragement."

M. M. G.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

David P. Hilling	Treble	Christopher H. Rogers	7
John Hill	2	Ralph G. Edwards	8
Noel J. Diserens	3	John S. Mason	9
Frederick R. Scott	4	Michael P. Moreton	10
Alan J. Frost	5	Frank C. Price	11
Andrew N. Stubbs	6	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
BARTHOMLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bertoline.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*Richard B. Dorrington	Treble	F. Hector Bennett	5
†Hilary F. Pardoe	2	Gordon H. Lane	6
†Philip R. Johnson	3	†Clive M. Smith	7
†Elizabeth Timmins	4	Philip G. K. Davies	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* 25th peal. † First peal in the method. First in method as conductor.
A farewell to the Rev. J. R. Butterworth, on the eve of leaving the parish to take up the living of Madeley, Staffs.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EAST COKER, Som.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

*P. John Hall	Treble	§Roy W. Rice	5
†Peter J. England	2	†Edgar T. Skipsey	6
†Walter S. Rice	3	†Michael G. Bartlett	7
‡Richard C. Taylor	4	George W. Massey	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by George W. Massey.
* 25th peal and first of Surprise Major. † First of New Cambridge. ‡ First of Surprise. § First of Major. First in the method on the bells.

GLASTONBURY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Benedict.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

Ronald G. Beck	Treble	*H. David Mackay	4
*Max Heymann	2	*Adrian P. Beck	5
Trevor A. Cross	3	*Robert E. Beck	Tenor

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck.
* First peal of London Surprise Minor.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Wed., Nov. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Richard J. Parker	Treble	John R. Insley	5
†Ruth E. Gay	2	*Rupert A. Clarke	6
Christopher S. Nokes	3	James R. White	7
‡Michael B. Jefferyes	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Graham C. Paul.
* 25th peal together, † First of Surprise Major. ‡ First peal.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1966, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Ruth E. Gay	Treble	Christopher S. Nokes	5
Rupert A. Clarke	2	James R. White	6
John R. Insley	3	Richard J. Parker	7
Robert M. Chambers	4	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
TEWKESBURY, Gloucestershire.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 21 cwt.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	John T. Parsons	7
*Susanna Poppleston	2	Derek M. Sawyer	8
Angela Newing	3	Patrick J. Bird	9
*Michael G. R. Zobel	4	John C. Baldwin	10
Michael T. Sprackling	5	Nicholas W. H. Simon	11
†Arthur R. Wright	6	Ian C. Maycock	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal on 12 and in the method. † First of Stedman Cinques.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Clifford Bird	Treble	John Worth	6
Derek Yates	2	Edward Jenkins	7
Robert J. Warrilow	3	Frank Osbaldiston	8
Harold C. Lonyon	4	Basil Jones	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Brian Harris	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
Rung as a compliment to Miss Carol Fernley on her engagement.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

Robert B. Smith	Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
John Worth	2	Frank Osbaldiston	6
Derek Yates	3	Arthur E. Whiting	7
William H. Dowse	4	Basil Jones	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In 14 methods/variations, being 360 each, of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychbold, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Old and Dedworth. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

R. John Burrell	Treble	Frank R. Morton	4
Terence E. Trickett	2	Geoffrey A. Edwards	5
John R. Scott	3	Gordon K. Green	Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.
Rung as a welcome to the Rector, the Rev. Edward Heaton Williams, who was inducted on December 2nd, 1966.

LOWER PEOVER, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of London and Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Sidney Hough	Treble	Denis Mottershead	4
David Vincent	2	*Alan Sharples	5
Geoffrey R. Gardner	3	Neil D. Lomas	Tenor

Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.
* 50th peal.
Rung to mark the 70th birthday, on November 21st, of the ringer of the second.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
THORVERTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Thomas à Becket.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's 12-part. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Frank Wills	Treble	*William Ford	5
George Skinner	2	Clive G. Bryant	6
Horace T. Butt	3	Frederick Wreford	7
John Longridge	4	Norman Mallett	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick Wreford.
* 25th peal.
Rung by special request before the thanksgiving service for the restoration of the bells.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HEDON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

C. Duncan Davis	Treble	*Richard D. Gibson	5
Geoffrey W. Randall	2	James Crowther	6
William Davidson	3	Michael Maughan	7
Alan H. Bridges	4	Rev. Frederick Ross	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sun., Dec. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in A.

C. Duncan Davis	Treble	*George A. Dawson	5
Geoffrey W. Randall	2	William Davidson	6
Peter Church	3	James Crowther	7
Alan H. Bridges	4	†Michael Maughan	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael Maughan.
* 125th peal. † 100th peal of Major and 50th as conductor. The first peal on the "light eight" and of Surprise Major on the bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TITCHMARSH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

Ruth A. Elmes	Treble	*Graham W. Elmes	5
*Mary E. Elmes	2	David E. Rothera	6
George E. Bonham	3	George E. Thoday	7
John W. Blackwood ..	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal in the method.

EATON SOCON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

*Christopher Dalton ..	Treble	George E. Bonham	5
Mary E. Elmes	2	David E. Rothera	6
Graham W. Elmes	3	Philip Mehew	7
John W. Blackwood ..	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal of Major.

LONG SUTTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

George E. Thoday	Treble	Robert L. Piron	5
Robert D. Bellamy	2	Anthony K. Fortin	6
George E. Bonham	3	C. Michael Orme	7
Ronald J. Snack	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

*Robert J. Mann	Treble	Kathleen A. Jordan	4
*Valerie B. Jamson	2	Henry C. Foster	5
Carol E. Diver	3	Michael Hawes	Tenor

Conducted by Michael Hawes.
* First peal.

HOLYWELL, Hunts.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Durham, Norwich, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

George E. Thoday	Treble	Robin J. Trebilcock ..	4
Robert D. Bellamy	2	Ronald J. Snack	5
Anthony K. Fortin	3	George E. Bonham	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Nov. 23, 1966, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Ian Foster	Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	5
*Anne Edwards	2	Joe E. G. Roast	6
*Josephine A Quilter ..	3	George E. Thoday	7
Richard J. Harrison ..	4	James L. Towler	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 100th peal (1966), rung in 86 different towers with 187 different ringers for 18 different Associations and Guilds.

GREAT WALTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, viz.: 1,120 Rutland, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 1,440 Yorkshire, with 69 changes of method.
Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Yvonne A. Murray ..	Treble	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Josephine A. Quilter ..	2	James L. Towler	6
Dennis A. S. Symonds ..	3	Peter G. Brown	7
*George E. Bonham	4	George E. Thoday	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First of Spliced Major.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THAMES DITTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966 in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

Frank E. Hawthorne ..	Treble	P. John King	4
Christopher D. J. Webb ..	2	Dennis G. Blows	5
Rupert Caporn	3	Roy Collins	Tenor

Conducted by Roy Collins.
First of Minor as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BODENHAM, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In ten methods/variations, being two extents each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Old, Kennington, St. Columb and Southrepps Bob Doubles, four extents each of Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 12 extents and three 240's of Grandsire.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*Claudia A. Sherwood ..	Treble	Michael V. Powell	4
Gillian Sims	2	Marcus C. W. Sherwood ..	5
George T. Cousins	3	Gillian M. Fanshaw ..	Tenor

Conducted by Marcus C. W. Sherwood.
* First peal, first attempt (age 12).

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BORDEN, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

David L. Cawley	Treble	D. Paul Smith	5
Lucile M. Corby	2	Richard Hayes	6
Judith M. Corby	3	Andrew J. Corby	7
*John Pladdys	4	Philip A. Corby	Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Corby, niece of the conductor.

TONBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 TONBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Vernon J. Benning	Treble	Paul J. Dye	5
Sheila M. Dobbie	2	Lawrence T. Pope	6
Hilary A. Swallow	3	Walter H. Dobbie	7
Ann Jenner	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor

Composed by J. Platt. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
First peal in the method.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

TONBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR (H. and M. No. 4540)
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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1966, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*Carol M. E. Johnson ..	Treble	Christopher L. Watson ..	5
Raymond D. Helliwell ..	2	Alan H. Bridges	6
Roger Barnes	3	Rupert A. Clarke	7
Dennis H. McCormick ..	4	James R. White	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by James R. White.
* First peal of Major.

HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., Nov. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Carol M. E. Johnson ..	Treble	Christopher L. Watson ..	5
Jane Reynolds	2	Roger Barnes	6
Dennis H McCormick ..	3	James R. White	7
Rupert A. Clarke	4	Richard J. Parker	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

GISBURN, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1966, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*Carol M. E. Johnson ..	Treble	*Michael J. Alletson ..	4
Jane Reynolds	2	Rupert A. Clarke	5
Dennis H. McCormick ..	3	James R. White	Tenor

Conducted by James R. White.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLE-ORTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5055 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Martin Green	Treble	Samuel J. Haines	5
Howard C. Palmer	2	A. Maxwell Lindsey	6
W. Ernest Rawson	3	William A. Lacey	7
Roland H. Cook	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by William A. Lacey.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St Leodegarius, Old Basford
On Sat., Dec. 10. 1966, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 HASELBECH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.

Christine L. J. Mills	Treble	R. Brian Mills	5
Martin Green	2	A. Maxwell Lindsey	6
William A. Lacey	3	Samuel J. Haines	7
W. Ernest Rawson	4	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Guild.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley W. Mason parents of the conductor, on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., Dec. 12, 1966, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Christopher M. Sturgess	Treble	William Johnson	4
*J. Harry Dove	2	Gerald Johnson	5
†Robin A. Gilliver	3	K. Paul Gilliver	Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.
* First peal "inside." † First in the method.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

Eric Dodds	Treble	John A. Dodd	4
Joyce Dodds	2	Geoffrey Dodds	5
Frances Dodds	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds and Geoffrey K. Dodd.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
27-course block reduced. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	†Anthony K. Fortin	5
*††‡George E. Bonham	2	††§David E. Rothera	6
§George E. Thoday	3	C. Martin Press	7
†Jonathan S. N. Porter	4	Philip Mehew	Tenor

Conducted by C. Martin Press.
* 125th peal, and 50th (1966). † First in the method. ‡ 25th together. § 25th together

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., Dec. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*John K. Smith	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	6
†Martin Green	2	Samuel J. Haines	7
*Richard J. Clifton	3	*Howard C. Palmer	8
*Gordon H. Lane	4	*G. Ronald Edwards	9
*Arthur E. Rowley	5	R. Kingsley Mason	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † First of Royal in the method "inside." First peal of Lincolnshire Royal for the Guild.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LOWESTOFT, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 77 lb. in F sharp.

Anthony H. Roberts	Treble	John Knights	5
George W. Howlett	2	William B. Duncan	6
Janet Dagley	3	Nolan Golden	7
Angela Wright	4	H. William Barrett	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

KESSINGLAND, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sun., Dec. 4, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Diane Toone	Treble	Michael J. Howes	4
Thomas J. Brock	2	Roger E. Peckham	5
J. Barry Pickup	3	Stephen F. High	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

SOUTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 20 cwt. 98 lb. in E.

Albert G. Driver	Treble	Wilfred G. Saunders	4
Alfred W. Foreman	2	Henry Tooke	5
Owen Claxton	3	Frank C. J. Arnold	Tenor

Conducted by Frank C. J. Arnold.
Rung in honour of the birth of the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Foreman.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

Barry E. Saunders	Treble	Frederick Vickers	6
Christopher C. Clarke	2	Charles E. Truman	7
Raymond A. Vickers	3	*Barry R. Eglesfield	8
James Linnell	4	George W. Holland	9
Herbert H. Alexander	5	William A. Yates	Tenor

Composed by George T. Daltry. Conducted by George W. Holland.
* First peal of Caters.

NEWBURY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21¼ cwt. in D.

William Hibbert	Treble	Cyril J. Hibbert	6
Patricia E. Hibbert	2	John W. T. Hibbert	7
Kathleen E. Chilcott	3	Michael V. Chilcott	8
Gillian R. Parsons	4	Dennis Randall	9
Joyce A. Parsons	5	John Chilcott	Tenor

Composed by D. Parsons. (No. 5.) Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

David P. Hilling	Treble	*Anthony K. Fortin	5
Frederick R. Scott	2	John N. Diserens	6
Alan R. Patterson	3	Ronald F. Diserens	7
Sydney M. Bailey	4	Noel J. Diserens	Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by David P. Hilling.
* First in the method and 75th peal.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

D. Kay Adkins	Treble	Frederick W. Soden	5
*Terence J. Hester	2	Frank Reed	6
Michael R. Rose	3	*Brian W. Hall	7
*Peter Pearce	4	*Bertram J. Coggins	Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal in the method
Rung to mark the 60th anniversary of the dedication of St. John's, Curbridge. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

ISLIP, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., Dec. 6, 1966, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 ISLIP SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Ernest G. Jones	Treble	Brian W. Hall	5
D. Kay Adkins	2	Christopher C. Clarke	6
Frederick W. Soden	3	Peter J. Heritage	7
Sydney M. Bailey	4	Alan R. Pink	Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all and on the bells.
Rung on the Feast of St. Nicholas.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EMBERTON, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Nov. 27, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

George E. Thoday	Treble	David E. Rothera	4
Robert E. J. Dennis	2	*Anthony K. Fortin	5
*Ronald J. Snack	3	George E. Bonham	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 25th peal together.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 4 Hours and 8 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 49½ cwt. in B.

George E. Fearn	Treble	Basil Jones	7
Roderick W. Pipe	2	Michael J. Fellows	8
John R. Insley	3	Martin D. Fellows	9
Ann E. Fellows	4	Clifford A. Barron	10
James Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
John C. Eisel	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Dec 1, 1966, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	Michael J. Fellows	7
John C. Eisel	2	*Edward W. Colley	8
Graham C. Paul	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
John R. Insley	4	George E. Fearn	10
James Insley	5	John A. Anderson	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Londinium.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
On Thurs., Dec. 8, 1966, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Peter J. Stretton	Treble	Graham C. Paul	7
John C. Eisel	2	Edward W. Colley	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	George E. Fearn	9
John R. Insley	4	Michael J. Fellows	10
James Insley	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Aston.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. 102 lb. in D.

David J. Purnell	Treble	Clifford A. Barron	7
Graham C. Paul	2	Michael J. Fellows	8
Ann E. Fellows	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
John R. Insley	4	John C. Eisel	10
James Insley	5	Martin D. Fellows	11
Roderick W. Pipe	6	J. Alan Ainsworth	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

PRESTWOLD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb in F.

Edward H. Willows	Treble	†David Oliver	5
*Carol Patey	2	†Maurice W. Harrison	6
†Neil Handley	3	Reginald J. Stretton	7
John Eborall	4	†Graham Fisher	Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Reginald J. Stretton.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Ronald Dumbleton and Margaret Isset, married at this church this day.

CODDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

*Jean Moore	Treble	Frederick G. Hooper	4
Harold Stevenson	2	F. William Midwinter	5
Paul Raithby	3	Margaret E. Chilton	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung to commemorate the installation in Southwell Minster this day of the Rev. E. J. Kingsnorth, R.D., as Honorary Canon.

LOWDHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Wed., Dec. 7, 1966, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in 11 methods/variations: Eight extents Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, four extents each of All Saints, Rushall, St. Columb, Marchington, Little Aston, Southrepps and Plain, and two extents each of Old, Kennington and Seighford. Tenor 9 cwt. 14 lb.

H. Geoffrey Wells	Treble	George A. Dawson	3
Ruth Blackshaw	2	Maurice W. Harrison	4
Simon Humphrey	Tenor		

Conducted by George A. Dawson.
Rung as a compliment to Pat and David Osbourne on the birth of a son, Nathan Jude.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BENHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In seven methods, being two extents of Stedman, six extents each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, St. Simon and St. Martin, with ten extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Adrian Knights	Treble	Thomas J. Brock	4
Vernon Bedford	2	J. Barry Pickup	5
Norman P. J. Cossey	3	Harry Archer	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

COPDOCK, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Dec. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 12 methods: (1) Buxton, Pinehurst, Childwall, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Court, (5) Single Oxford, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G sharp.

Adrian G. Semkin	Treble	Stephen D. Humphrey	4
*Michael J. Howes	2	J. Barry Pickup	5
Neil V. Avis	3	Brian J. Vaughan	Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* Most methods to a peal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LEATHERHEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

John R. Ketteringham	Treble	Jonathan S. N. Porter	6
C. Martin Press	2	†David E. Rothera	7
Gillian M. Brearley	3	Philip Mehew	8
*George E. Bonham	4	George E. Thoday	9
Keith J. Walpole	5	‡A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal of Royal in the method. † 50th of Surprise. ‡ 1,100th peal.

BLETCHINGLEY, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Roy Dyckhoff	Treble	Peter J. Munday	5
*Janet E. Crane	2	Keith G. Game	6
Tony Skilton	3	Roy D. Mills	7
†Martin Morris	4	Christopher W. Daws	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Christopher W. Daws.
* First peal. † First on eight "inside." First on eight as conductor.

IGHTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge S., St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*Jean Henderson	Treble	Paul A. Brand	4
†Rosemary J. Cotton	2	†Jeremy R. Pratt	5
†Sandra C. Thexton	3	Michael J. Uphill	Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.
* First peal. † First of Minor. The conductor's 25th peal of Minor.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LEIGH, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent Oxford T.B., 2,160 Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Edward R. Fairbrother	Treble	†Ruth A. E. Fairbrother	4
*Richard J. Warrilow	2	Ian Friend	5
*Frank Beech	3	Ernest F. Wilcox	Tenor

Conducted by F. Beech.
* 25th peal together. † First of three methods "inside."

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In three methods, comprising 1,728 each of Yorkshire and Cambridge and 1,600 Superlative with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Phyllis R. Chadwick ..	Treble	Ernest J. Ladd	5
Robert H. Harris	2	Peter S. Muchlinski	6
Frank I. Hairs	3	Martin L. Howe	7
Bernard F. L. Groves ..	4	Christopher T. Osenton ..	Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SHERFIELD ENGLISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay ..	Treble	*Jeffrey L. Claughton ..	5
*I. Ann Abrahams	2	*Michael B. Tyers	6
Rev. Roger Keeley	3	Lewis F. Cobb	7
*John W. Blackwood ..	4	Ronald N. Marlow ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.
Rung in memoriam George Pullinger.

(The Winchester College Society)
WONSTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Tues., Dec. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being one extent each of Stedman, New Bob, Antelope, St. Cross, St. Swithin, Jacobstow, Harbury, Gresford, St. Valentine, Freeland, St. Margaret, Allestree, St. Frideswide, Quintin, Keysoe, Pink's, Ladbroke, St. Helen, Longparish, Grandsire, St. Simon, St. Jude, St. Martin, St. Laurence, St. Osmond, Eynesbury, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, Winchendon, St. Miles, St Remigius, Huntley, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's, Royston, St. Columb, Southrepps, April Day, May Day, Old, Kennington and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

Katharine J. Maundrell ..	Treble	Richard H. Youdale ..	4
Barry R. M. Johnson ..	2	Christopher W. Daws ..	5
Richard L. Underwood ..	3	*John F. Butler	Tenor

Conducted by Richard Underwood.
* First peal. First of Doubles by all. Most methods to a peal by all the band and for the Guild Fastest peal on the bells.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

R. Joy Watkin	Treble	Ronald R. Warford	5
Maurice F. Edwards ..	2	James W. Belshaw	6
Ronald J. Snack	3	Robin Brown	7
George Pluckrose	4	C. Barrie Dove	Tenor

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

THORNER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1966, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Frederick A. Munday ..	Treble	Alan E. Hartley	5
Stephen R. Munday	2	Vernon Bottomley	6
Peter Scholfield	3	W. Eric Critchley	7
Jeanne E. Bottomley ..	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

(Also York Minster Society)
ESCRICK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Sedman H. Steel	Treble	Harold Walker	5
*Terence W. Brighton ..	2	Bert Sutton	6
Michael Staniforth	3	A. W. Alan Leggett	7
*Margaret E. Wilkinson ..	4	Alan E. Hartley	Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde. Conducted by Alan E. Hartley.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise for the York Minster Society. Rung by the regular Sunday service ringers.

HOWDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Minster Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E flat.

M. Susan Jackson	Treble	J. Henry Fielden	5
Gibson Jackson	2	John Robinson	6
W. Eric Critchley	3	*John S. Seager	7
Kathleen M. Higgins ..	4	Richard E. Price	Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Richard E. Price.
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 200th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

(Sheffield and District Society)
SOUTH ANSTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Michael King	Treble	Neil Donovan	5
Richard J. Tibbetts	2	Michael R. Meadows ..	6
David Nichols	3	Stuart Armeson	7
Arthur F. Lewry	4	Harry Parkes	Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
Rung in memory of Herbert Turner, for over 70 years a member of the local company. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

(Sheffield and District Society)
WENTWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1966, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

Harry Parkes	Treble	Arthur F. Lewry	4
Richard J. Tibbetts	2	David Nichols	5
Neil Donovan	3	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Kathleen M. Higgins.

(Beverley and District Society)
HUNTINGTON, York.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sun., Dec. 11, 1966, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob, with seven different callings.
Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*Simon P. D. Burnett ..	Treble	Terrence W. Brighton ..	4
A. Colin Banton	2	Susan Mitchell	5
*Michael Pickup	3	Jennifer E. Pearce	Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.
* First peal in three methods. Rung for Evensong.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Students' Union, Edgbaston.
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1966, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 16 in C.

Rupert A. Clarke	1–2	Richard J. Parker	5–6
John R. Insley	3–4	Graham C. Paul	7–8
James R. White	9–10		

Arranged by James R. White. Conducted by Rupert A. Clarke.

BIRMINGHAM.—At High Hall, Edgbaston.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1966, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 8 in C.

*Richard J. Parker	1–2	*Graham C. Paul	5–6
Rupert A. Clarke	3–4	James R. White	7–8

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.
* 25th peal together.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.
On Tues., Nov. 15, 1966, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

Robert B. Smith	1–2	C. Kenneth Lewis (cond.) ..	3–4
Gerald Moorhouse	5–6		

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
NEWNHAM, NORTHANTS.
On Tues., Dec. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 14 in D.

*Charlotte A. Bennett (Trev)	1–2	*Stephen C. Wells (Grey)	3–4
David J. Marshall (cond.)	5–6		

* First peal "in hand."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrook Lane.
On Tues., Dec. 6, 1966, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Geoffrey R. Parker	1–2	George E. Feirn	5–6
*Margaret A. Parker	3–4	Jack L. Millhouse	7–8

Composed by J. W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First handbell peal of Double Norwich.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SKEWEN, Neath, Glamorgan.—At 15, Foundry Row.
On Sun., Nov. 13, 1966, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way	1–2	J. Arthur Hoare	5–6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3–4	Edmund J. Morris	7–8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
Rung in memory of Mrs. N. B. Whitworth, of Sketty, Swansea.

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ENGAGEMENT

LEE—HOULTON. — The engagement is announced between Robin J. Lee, only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Lee, of Prestwood, Bucks, and Susan Houlton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Andrews, of Dover, Kent. 607

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

HARDY—MAYLOTT. — The marriage between Robert and Katherine will take place at St. Albans Abbey on Saturday, January 7th, at 1.30 p.m. All friends welcome at the church. Future address: 23, Culver Road, St. Albans, Herts. 591

ROSS—BAILEY. — The wedding is to take place at Hessle, East Yorks, on December 31st, at 1 p.m., of the Rev Frederick Ross and Rosemary Ruth Anne Bailey. All ringers and friends welcome. 603

PERSONAL

"Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."—Jude i, 21.

OXFORD.—ST. PETER IN-THE-EAST

Subject to faculty, the ring of eight bells and the saunce in this tower will shortly be sold.

The bells comprise a ring of six cast at the Rudhall Foundry in 1700 (one recast 1753), with the addition of two trebles in 1891 from the Whitechapel Foundry. The tenor weighs approximately 9¼ cwt. (note A). The saunce is a Rudhall bell of 1777 and weighs approximately 1 cwt. The frame and fittings are thought to be useless.

Inquiries and offers should be addressed to: The Secretary, Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd., Diocesan Church House, North Hinksey, Oxford.—A. R. Pink, Sec., Diocesan Trustees (Oxford) Ltd. 609

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED to increase set, odd handbells: B flat size 9, E flat sizes 6 and 13.—Write stating price to Miss L. Deebank, 65, Stonebridge Road, Coleshill, Birmingham. 556

WANTED.—A large set suitable for tune ringing.—G. D. Burroughs, 1, Nickleby Road, Clanfield, near Portsmouth. 590

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MISCELLANEOUS

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.—Subscriptions (ten shillings for each representative) are now due for 1967, and I shall be glad if treasurers of affiliated Societies will remit them to me as soon as possible.—Vernon Bottomley, Hon. Sec., 45, Westercroft Lane, Halifax, Yorks.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

The ringers of Washington Cathedral send their best wishes to all in England for a happy New Year.—Richard S. DIRKSEN, Bellmaster.

The ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, send New Year greetings to all their ringing friends. 595

To all ringing friends everywhere, a prosperous 1967, not forgetting those who helped to make our outings such a success.—Les BRETT, Framsden 600

Greetings and good wishes for the New Year to all ringers, and especially all ringing friends and members of Portsmouth and Sussex Guilds,—From Mr. and Mrs. S. J. HARDING, Catherington. 583

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Members and friends please note 1967 dates as follows: A.G.M., Maidstone, Easter Monday, March 27th. Association Dinner, Odeon Restaurant, Ashford, September 30th. Annual committee meeting, Maidstone, November 25th. —P. A. Corby, 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent. (Phone 52638.) 606

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MEETINGS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday, January 2nd, at 7 p.m. 611

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — Annual meeting, Saturday, January 7th, at St. Michael-with-St. Paul (Broad Street). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Abbey bells available after the meeting. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath, by January 5th, please.—Alan F. Lee, Sec. 586

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Annual general meeting at Spaxton on Saturday, January 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.45, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to J. L. Aldridge, Longstone, Holford, by previous Wednesday, please. Tel. Holford 345. 584

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Practice meeting, Ilchester (5), Saturday, January 7th, 7–9 p.m.—Mrs. M. M. Legget, Hon. Sec., Coker Hill, West Coker, Yeovil. 585

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Annual meeting, Bromham, Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. **Names, by 4th,** to Miss K. Rivett, 117, Stagsden Road, Bromham. 526

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Northwich (8) on Saturday, January 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. 613

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Sawley (8), Saturday, January 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Long Eaton (8) available after meeting. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. Marshall, 52, Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham, by January 4th, please.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 589

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Ely District.—Annual general meeting, Ely, on Saturday, January 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting and ringing until 8.30. Special methods: Little Bob and Double Norwich. 563

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern District.—The A.G.M. will be held at Colchester on Saturday, January 7th. Service at All Saints', Shrub End, 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at St. Cedd's Hall, Paxman Avenue, off Gosbecks Road. Ringing: St. Leonard's and All Saints before tea, St. Peter's and All Saints' 7-9 p.m. 536

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—A.G.M. will be held at Writtle on Saturday, January 7th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to I. R. Panton, 140, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (57827). 562

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Mid-Devon Branch. — A.G.M. at Brixham, Saturday, January 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea.—Pearson, Brennan, Crossparks, Dartmouth. 580

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch. — Annual meeting. Tiverton, Saturday, January 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting after. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by Thursday previous, please. 587

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—A.G.M., Eardisland, January 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. J. Preece, Stones, Walton, Presteigne, Rads, by January 2nd. 581

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A.G.M. on Saturday, January 7th, at Hitchin (8). Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Agg, 76, Wymondley Road, Hitchin, or telephone Letchworth 5015 before Thursday, 5th.—C. M. Orme. 537

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 7th, at Tunbridge Wells. Bells available at 3.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Service at 6.45. Names for tea to Mr. E. J. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, by Thursday, January 5th.—W. H. D. 555

LADIES' GUILD. — Sussex District. — A.G.M. at Southover, Lewes (10), January 7th. Ringing from 3 till 4.30 p.m. and 6 till 8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. G. Elphick, 66, Priory Street, Lewes. — K. Earl, Sec. 577

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Annual general meeting at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, January 7th, to elect officers, Branch committee, etc. Ringing 2.30–5 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. approx., followed by business meeting and further ringing. **Send names for tea, please,** to Mr. M. J. Halliwell, 11, Westminster Road, Darwen, by Wednesday, January 4th.—Brian Tomlinson, Brench Sec.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—The annual general meeting of the Leicester District will be held at South Wigston on January 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by the annual general meeting. Will all District members please make a special effort to attend. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. R. Mildred, 29, Saffron Lane, South Wigston, Leicester, by Wednesday, January 4th. A happy New Year to all.—Ron Hughes 518

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—A.G.M., All Saints', Loughborough, January 7th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to L. W. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough. All welcome. 593

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting at Tichmarsh, January 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to F. E. Coales, Sec., The Gables, Twywell, by Tuesday previous. 597

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